



## Press Release

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### Selection of the optimal investment variant from the options analyzed in the Feasibility Study and Technical Project for the modernization of the Coșlariu - Cluj Napoca railway line

On 14.09.2023, the National Railway Company "CFR" S.A. and the Consultant represented by the Asociation TPF Inginerie SRL - ISPCF S.A., organized an event for specialised public to present the selection process which lead to the optimal variant from technical and economic perspective for the Feasibility Study and Technical Project for the modernization of the Coșlariu - Cluj Napoca railway line. The event was also attended by representatives of the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure.

During the implementation of the contract, there were identified and analyzed 5 variants and variant no. 3 had been considered the most realistic and optimal in terms of costs, benefits and implementation risks scenario B selected, with the following characteristics:

- the best cost-benefit ratio: 0.64
- the best rate of return: 2.25
- the lowest investment/implementation risks in relation to the other new route variants (consolidation works, hydrotechnical, environmental, roads, expropriations, etc.);
- traffic capacity similar to the rest of the variants
- time savings compared to the existing situation: 43 minutes for passenger trains and 78 minutes for freight trains
- estimated investment cost: 1.41 billion Euro

The payments related to the feasibility study contract and the technical project are provided by the Cohesion Funds (85%) through Connecting Europe Facility (CEF Transport) and from Romanian State Budget.

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