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## Press Release

### The European Commission awarded the Grant for the project "EU-Ukraine Solidarity Lines - improving the rail border crossing at Vicsani (RO) - Vadul Siret (UA)"

On 12.10.2023, the Grant Agreement no. 101122871-22-EU - TG - Rail BCP RO-UA, related to the project "*EU-Ukraine Solidarity Lines - improving the rail border crossing at Vicsani (RO) - Vadul Siret (UA)*", was signed by the National Railways Company „C.F.R.”-S.A. and Joint-Stock Company Ukrainian Railways, as beneficiaries, and the European Climate, Infrastructure And Environment Executive Agency (CINEA), as Granting Authority. The National Railways Company „CFR”-SA is designated as Coordinator of the project.

The objective of this project is to optimise rail traffic across the Romanian-Ukrainian border (BCP) on the TEN-T Core route connecting Romania and the Balkans with western Ukraine.

The scope of the project include:

- (RO) Electrification of the 30,31 km of single railway track between Dărmănești and Vicșani and ancillary track works
- (RO) Upgrading of the bridge over Suceava River in Dornești station, on the line towards Putna
- (UA) Upgrade of tracks in Vadul Siret station
- (UA) Upgrade of track at Hlyboka - Bukovynska station

The total eligible costs of the project grant is 48,761,092 euros of which 24,380,546 euros (50%) represents the maximum amount granted from the Cohesion Fund through the European Interconnection Mechanism - CEF Transport Sector.

The project implementation period is 34 months, respectively between 15.05.2023 and 14.03.2026.

The beneficiary of the Action are the National Railway Company "CFR" S.A. and Joint-Stock Company Ukrainian Railways.

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