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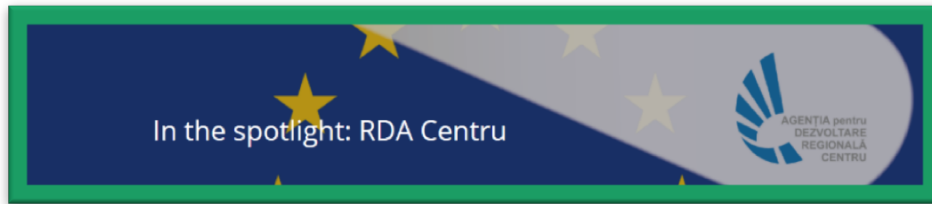


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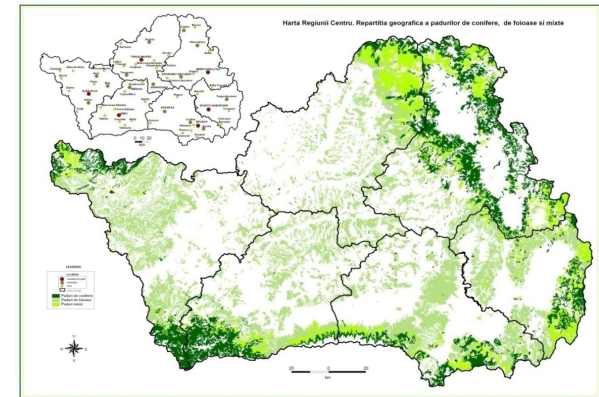
## **Results of the BIO4ECO action plan implementation in Centru Region**



REGIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT  
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CENTRU

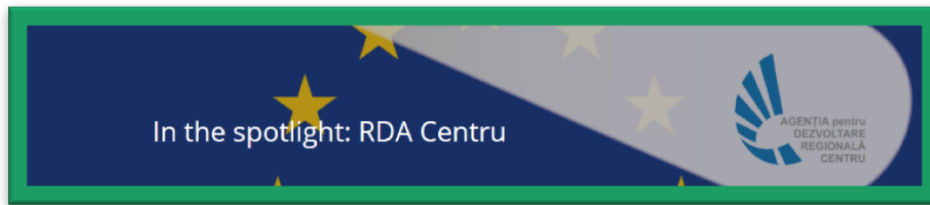


- RDA Centru, the Romanian project partner implemented the BIO4ECO in Centru Region.
- Located in the middle of Romania, this region has an abundant ecosystems and rich in natural resources e.g. natural gas and salt etc.



## FOREST RESOURCES

- Centru Region covers 19,3% of the total forest and wooded land in Romania.
- Forests cover 36.5% of the total surface of Centru Region - valuable resource for the rural communities located in the mountain area of the region.
- Wood processing – important economic sector at regional level.
- The by-products of wood industry are used as fuel for heating production especially in smaller private heating power plants and installations.
- Forestry residues and forest wood represent an important energy resource in Centru Region which is also, traditionally, the most used biomass source for heating purposes in rural areas (90% of the households in the rural areas use biomass - mainly wood - as the main source for heating, usually in ineffective firewood stoves).



- To better approach the existing regional issues, over time, RDA Centru created solid partnerships with European regions.



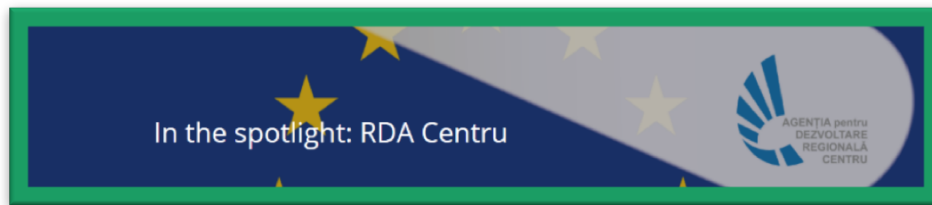
Til now, RDA Centru implemented **34 European projects** which aimed to support transfer of GPs and know how.



- Cooperation is an **essential element of regional development** being also an objective of the Cohesion Policy.
- These past experiences proved that many of the regional issues could be better approached and solved in a relatively homogenous framework provided, inter alia, by regional cooperation formats and initiatives, which ensure a coherent dialogue with other European organisations.

BIO4ECO aimed to **increase the share of renewable energy** in the overall energy mix – an issues tackled from the beginning of phase I of the project: **from the first study visit in Catalonia** (where the project partners presented pioneer projects of using biomass and biomass by-products for heating & cooling including a project related to forest management promotion in order to facilitate the transition to low carbon economy) **to the last visit in France** (where the French project partners shared their views & knowledge on forest management and the use of biomass heating systems) , **each partner shared good practice on how to increase the renewable energy production and the share of RES in the global energy mix in order to facilitate the transition to a low-carbon economy at regional level.** Also during these meetings the **partners assessed the possibilities to improve the current policy instruments taking into account the EU Strategies on energy, biomass, forests and low-carb economies.** Moreover, during the last meeting in Paris, a representative of the DG AGRI, invited at the workshop, outlined the European positions and strategies regarding forest biomass use.





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*With the **SUPPORT OF  
THE REGIONAL  
STAKEHOLDER GROUP**  
An Action plan was  
drafted for improving*

***ROP 2014-2020, P.I. 3.1**  
"Supporting energy  
efficiency, smart energy  
management and the use  
of energy from renewable  
sources in public  
infrastructures, including  
in public buildings, and in  
the housing sector. "*

### **Regional Development Agency Centru**

- **Interdepartamental meetings**
- **Regional meetings**

BIO4ECO project provided a great opportunity for RDA Centru  
**to learn and exchange experience with other organisations.**

# Action plan for improving ROP 2014-2020, PA 3.1

- The regional **action plan** included **4 actions**:

ACTION PLAN



**ACTION 1**- Increasing the applicants capacity of accessing the programme by improving the clarity of required information and by simplifying the accessibility conditions

**ACTION 2** - Increasing the clarity of information related to the evaluation criteria and awarding schemes during the evaluation and selection procedures

**ACTION 3** - Facilitating the access of applicants to raise capacity and knowledge of applicant public authorities regarding the technical solutions for the implementation of investments related to biomass

**ACTION 4** - Increasing energy production from RES by encouraging the implementation of alternative energy systems in RES, especially biomass

- Each project meeting was an opportunity to learn, share experience and to identify solutions for improving the regional RES & EE policies**

# Policy Changes in Centru Region

- During the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the project (2018- 2020) RDA Centru and the local stakeholder group implemented these actions and made the necessary arrangements to ensure the improvement of the policy instrument addressed - ROP 2014-2020, PI 3.1



Training course for the Romanian  
BIO4ECO stakeholder group



Regional Meetings with the regional SG, including a training on project drafting organised with JRC

Based on discussions had with the regional SG and the decisions made during the Regional Council Board meetings, *RDA Centru drafted two letters containing recommendations for improving ROP 2014-2020, PA 3.1, requested a redistribution of the existing funds and the relaunch of a call for proposals under 3.1*



**A new call was launched under 3.1 A**



# Policy Changes in Centru Region



Comunitățile durabile sunt acele comunități locale care planifică, construiesc și se adaptează pentru un mod de viață durabil.

Aceste comunități sunt orientate către durabilitatea energetică și a mediului, a infrastructurii și a activității economice, precum și către o guvernare locală eficientă.

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- EFICIENȚĂ ENERGETICĂ
- ENERGIE REGENERABILĂ
- MOBILITATE DURABILĂ
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### BIO4ECO – EXEMPLE DE BUNE PRACTICI

12 iunie 2020 Exemple de success, Pe prima pagină

Agencia Locală a Energiei Alba – ALEA (expert extern) și Agenția pentru Dezvoltare Regională Centru (partener național în cadrul proiectului BIO4ECO) vă pun la ...

### BIO4ECO – GHIDURI ȘI SOLUȚII TEHNICE

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- projects and GPS database
- Guidelines, technical solutions
- other information



# Policy Changes in Centru Region



## Changes coming in 2020

The policy change was achieved, after the decision no.107/29.03.2019 of the Monitoring Committee of the Regional Operational Programme. This decision approved the eligibility **criteria of the new call for proposals under ROP 3.1**. Before the MC decision, **based on the interregional exchange during the 1st phase** the regional project team drafted some recommendations for improving ROP 2014-2020, PA 3.1. Also taking into account that RDA Centru is the Intermediate Body for ROP, including ROP 3.1, the policy instrument tackled by BIO4ECO project, the regional project team had interdepartmental meetings with other departments of RDA Centru, including the ones in the Programming Department, and outlined the current problems of policy instrument tackled within the project and proposed solutions and a set of recommendations for improving ROP 2014-2020, PA 3.1. These recommendations were included within 2 letters of recommendations (Letter no. 556/08.01.2019 and 8145/04.03.2019) and were sent to the Managing Authority for ROP 2014-2020.

# Policy Changes in Centru Region

- BIO4ECO project also supported us in improving the content of **RIS 3 Sustainable Environment**, the content of **DS4 Environment, Energy and Climate Change** of the Regional Development Plan 2021-2027 and ensure better drafting of the EE measures from **ROP 2021-2027**.



- In post COVID 19 era, when energy use and EE are important challenges for each European region, the lessons learnt within BIO4ECO project more valuable being also of a great importance for Centru Region!

Hope for future projects and collaborations!!

THANK  
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