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Three new state aid schemes are driving Romania's move toward zero-emission transport

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The Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure (MTI) in Romania has recently launched three state aid schemes, financed through the Modernisation Fund, to accelerate the transition to zero-emission transport:

- 1. Zero-emission vehicle acquisition (EUR 299 million): support for heavy-duty road vehicles, freight trains, and zero-emission vessels.
- 2. e-MOVE RO (EUR 250 million): development of charging infrastructure, with options for renewable energy generation and storage.
- 3. e-Mobility RO (EUR 299 million): creation of a nationwide charging network along TEN-T corridors and nearby areas.

All schemes are managed by MTI and awarded through a competitive selection process.

e-MOVE RO: EUR 250 million new state aid scheme to support zero-emission charging infrastructure

Romania has launched a major funding programme to accelerate the transition to zero-emission mobility. Through the **e-MOVE RO scheme**, the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure will provide **€250 million (Modernisation Fund – Key Programme 9)** to support the rollout of charging stations, including projects with renewable energy production and storage.

What is the e-MOVE RO programme?

The initiative is designed to help **businesses and communities in Romania** invest in modern charging infrastructure, ensuring long-term access to sustainable mobility.

Who can apply? (Eligible beneficiaries)

- Micro-enterprises, SMEs, large companies, autonomous administrations, and communities in Romania
- Applicants must be registered with ONRC, have no financial difficulties, no recovery orders, and no outstanding debts to the state

What types of projects are supported? (Sub-measures explained)

- **Sub-measure 1**: Construction, installation, upgrading or expansion of charging infrastructure (including connections, usage installations, and on-site adaptations)
- **Sub-measure 2**: Same as Sub-measure 1, plus on-site renewable electricity production and installation of energy storage units

Important: Projects in agriculture, fisheries, coal, and other excluded sectors are not eligible.

Technical requirements for public charging stations

- At least **2 AC points (22 kW), 2 DC points (150 kW), and 1 DC HPC point (350 kW)** where justified by analysis
- Smart charging capability
- Acceptance of electronic payments and widely used EU instruments
- 24/7 public access without discrimination
- On-site renewable production capacity must not exceed station capacity

Funding rules and financial conditions

- Maximum **€25 million per beneficiary** (up to 100% of eligible costs)
- One beneficiary cannot receive more than **40% of the scheme's total budget**
- Stations must remain in operation for **at least 5 years**

How the competitive bidding works

- Aid is granted through **competitive bidding**
- **Sub-measure 1**: 95% of aid based on installed power (€/kW), – the lower the requested state aid, the higher the score, 5% based on renewable energy use
- **Sub-measure 2**: 100% of aid based on installed power (€/kW) – the lower the requested state aid, the higher the score
- Tie-breaker: preference given to projects requesting higher aid

What documents are required?

- Company and project data
- Detailed budget and expenses
- Opportunity analysis (cost-effectiveness and DNSH)
- Technical grid connection approval
- Declaration of state aid received

Timeline and deadlines

- **Entry into force**: 25 August 2025
- **Valid until**: 31 December 2028
- **Payments until**: 31 December 2030

e-Mobility RO: EUR 299 million new state aid programme to expand Romania's EV charging network

Romania is investing in a nationwide EV charging network to connect cities and transport corridors. The **e-Mobility RO programme** provides **€299 million (Modernisation Fund – Key Programme 10)** to develop charging infrastructure along motorways, expressways, national roads, and within 3 km of TEN-T road exits.

About the programme: Building a nationwide EV charging network

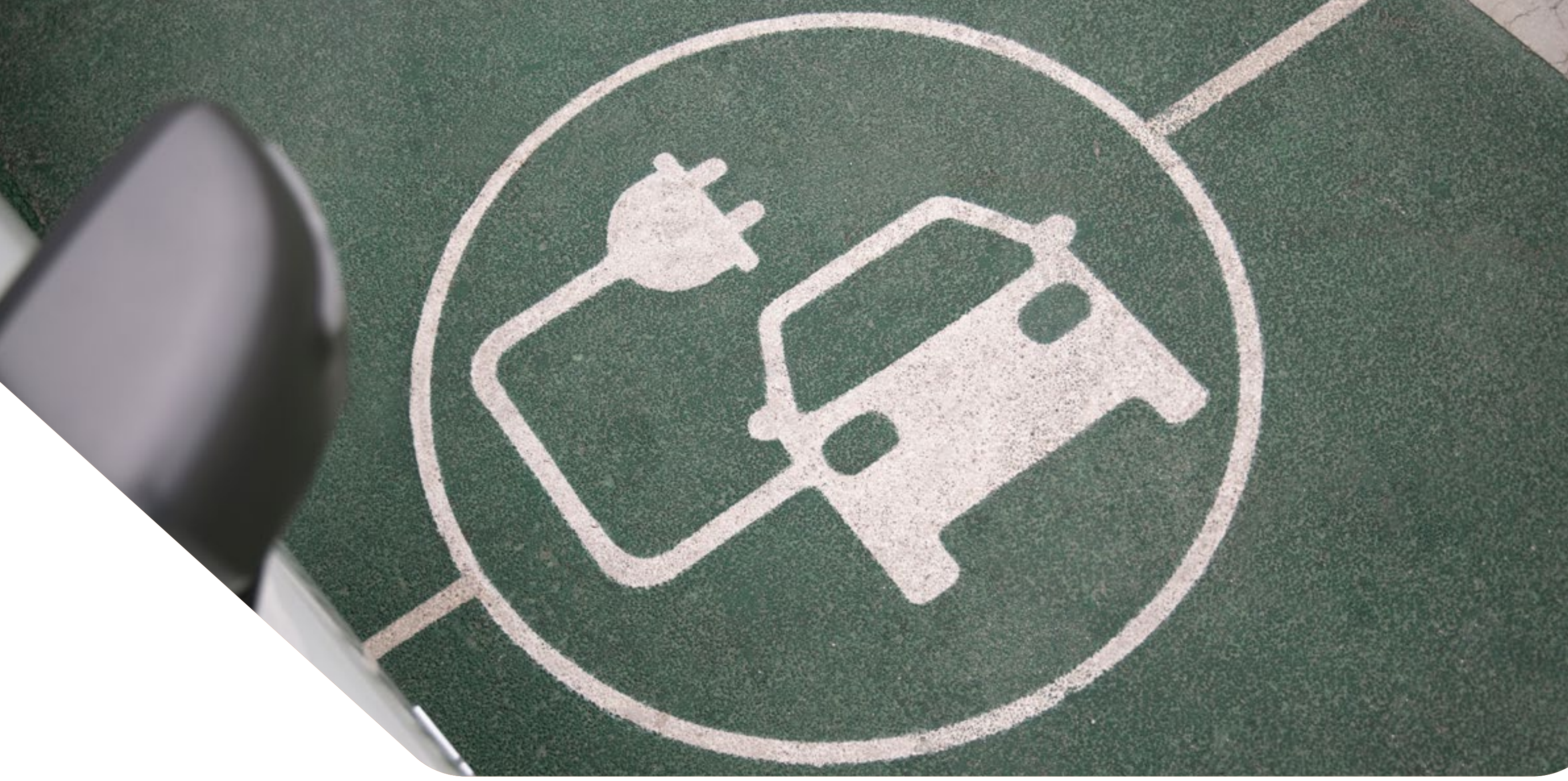
The scheme is focused on large-scale coverage, ensuring that both heavy-duty and light vehicles can rely on a robust, modern charging infrastructure across Romania.

Who is eligible to apply?

- Micro, SMEs, and large companies established in Romania
- Applicants must demonstrate financial and technical capacity, have no outstanding debts, and not be in insolvency

What types of charging infrastructure are supported?

- Construction, installation, upgrading, and operation of **public AC/DC charging stations**
- Eligibility depends on project type (no fixed NACE codes)



Technical standards for heavy and light vehicle charging points

- **Heavy vehicles**: At least 2 charging points ≥ 350 kW each; total installed power ≥ 3,600 kW (central TEN-T) or ≥ 1,500 kW (global TEN-T)
- **Light vehicles**: At least 2 charging points ≥ 150 kW each, total installed power ≥ 600 kW
- Every point must have at least one **CCS Combo 2 connector**
- Stations must provide **24/7 public access** and support transparent tariffs and payments
- Stations must operate for at least **5 years**

Funding amounts and limits per applicant

- Maximum **€30 million per beneficiary** (up to 100% of eligible costs)
- One beneficiary cannot exceed **40% of the scheme's budget**

Competitive bidding: How projects are selected

- Funding granted via **competitive bidding**
- 85% of the score depends on the **requested state aid per charging point (€/kW)** – lower aid means higher score, 15% depends on total installed charging capacity – higher capacity means higher score
- Tie-breaker: priority given to the project requesting higher aid

Application requirements and documentation

- Company and project details
- Budget and list of eligible/non-eligible costs
- Cost-effectiveness and DNSH analysis
- Technical grid connection approval
- Declaration of state aid received

EUR 299 million state aid scheme for zero-emission vehicle purchases in Romania

Romania is also offering direct support for companies looking to invest in clean transport vehicles. The Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure has launched a **€299 million scheme (Modernisation Fund – Key Programme 9)** to encourage the adoption of zero-emission vehicles for road, rail, maritime, and inland waterway transport.

Programme overview: Supporting zero-emission road, rail, and maritime transport

The funding is targeted at reducing greenhouse gas emissions across multiple transport modes by replacing diesel-based fleets with **fully electric or other zero-emission vehicles**.

Who can benefit from this funding?

- Micro-enterprises, SMEs, and large companies in Romania
- Applicants must hold a valid transport licence, be financially sound, and have no outstanding debts

What types of vehicles are eligible?

- Zero-emission heavy road vehicles
- Rail freight vehicles
- Maritime and inland waterway vessels
- Eligible NACE codes: **4920, 4941, 5010, 5020, 5030, 5040**

How much funding is available per company?

- Maximum **€18 million per applicant**
- Up to **10 vehicles per company**
- Funding covers the **cost difference** between a zero-emission vehicle and its diesel equivalent
- VAT is not eligible, and aid cannot be combined with other public funding

Key funding rules and conditions

- Old vehicles must be s**crapped within 30 days** of new vehicle delivery
- Funded vehicles must remain in use for at least **5 years**
- No transfer, sale, or change of use allowed during this period

Competitive selection process: How bids are scored

- Bids are evaluated competitively
- **85% score**: based on aid requested per vehicle
- **15% score**: based on % of kilometres travelled in Romania

Mandatory documentation for applicants

- Company and project details
- Budget and list of expenses
- Valid transport licence and km declaration
- At least 2 offers per vehicle (one for electric, one for diesel)
- Cost-effectiveness and DNSH analysis

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