

0.11% GENUINE AID/GNI

0.12% TOTAL AID/GNI

ROMANIA



Romania recognises the role of civil society in identifying the needs of partner states and their development particularities, as well as in promoting the various missions of education, namely to ensure peace, eradicate poverty and support sustainable development.”

2020-2023 Multiannual Strategic Programme for International Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance

MAIN CHANGES IN 2021

In 2021, Romania’s total ODA amounted to EUR 304.7 million (preliminary data), equivalent to 0.12% of GNI. As in previous years, multilateral ODA remained the most significant part of the total ODA budget, more than 90% of it being allocated to the EU budget. In line with the Multiannual Strategic Programme for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance (2020-2023), Romania’s bilateral assistance was directed mostly to countries from the extended Black Sea Region and the Western Balkans, the Republic of Moldova remaining the top recipient.

In 2021, Romania continued to actively support the Team Europe approach and joined the process of regularly reporting to the EU on the activities implemented by the public institutions in the context of the Team Europe response to COVID-19.

In response to the effects of the pandemic, in 2021 Romania reconfigured its development assistance projects by strengthening the institutional capacities of health systems, ensuring food security, sustainable management of water resources and combating fake news. In addition, Romania responded to the call of the Global Humanitarian Response Plan, by adjusting the Romanian Agency for International Development (RoAid) Agency annual approach to allocating voluntary contributions to international organisations able to respond to the urgent situations caused by the pandemic (UNDP, Unicef, UN OCHA, World Food Programme). In addition, due to the travel restrictions imposed by the pandemic, a series of programmes included in the RoAid’s 2021 work plan were cancelled, the funds being reallocated to provide sanitary supplies and medical equipment to



CASE STUDY

RoAid, with the financial support of the EU, through the European Social Fund, and in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania and the National School of Political and Administrative Studies, started the implementation of the project “Building the capacity of Romania as Official Development Assistance and Humanitarian Aid Donor State – RoAid integrated instrument: planning, development, implementation and evaluation.”

The project aims at consolidating the profile of Romania as a donor state, by enabling it to develop effective public policy for international development cooperation and humanitarian assistance, as well as the tools necessary for its implementation.

The instruments created as part of the project will help Romania optimise the allocation of development funds, through strategic and budgetary planning based on common methodologies and tools used by the central public authorities and institutions, as well as by setting out clear mandates, roles and competence for them.

COVID-19 patients, as well as for education campaigns aimed at people in the partner states.

In 2022, Romania joined two regional TEIs and is considering joining more. These are the Green Team Europe Initiative (ASEAN)/South East Asia corresponding to UN SDGs on Zero Hunger, Affordable and Clean Energy, Decent Work and Economic Growth, Sustainable Cities and Communities, Responsible Consumption and Production, Climate Action, Life Below Water, Life on Land; and Water-Energy-Climate Change in Central Asia, corresponding to UN SDGs on Clean Water and Sanitation and Affordable and Clean Energy.

The activities and financial contributions supported in 2021 by the Romanian public institutions in order to fight the effects of the pandemic were integrated in the Team Europe approach.

The costs of COVID-19 vaccine doses donated bilaterally by Romania to developing countries in 2021 amounted to EUR 4.34 million.

TRENDS AND PROJECTIONS FOR 2022 AND BEYOND

One ongoing trend is Romania's difficulty in meeting the 0.33 % of GNI target by 2030. Although a notable increase in ODA volume was recorded in 2021 as compared to 2020, efforts to increase ODA spend need to be stepped up in the coming years, especially given the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and its aggravating associated crises.

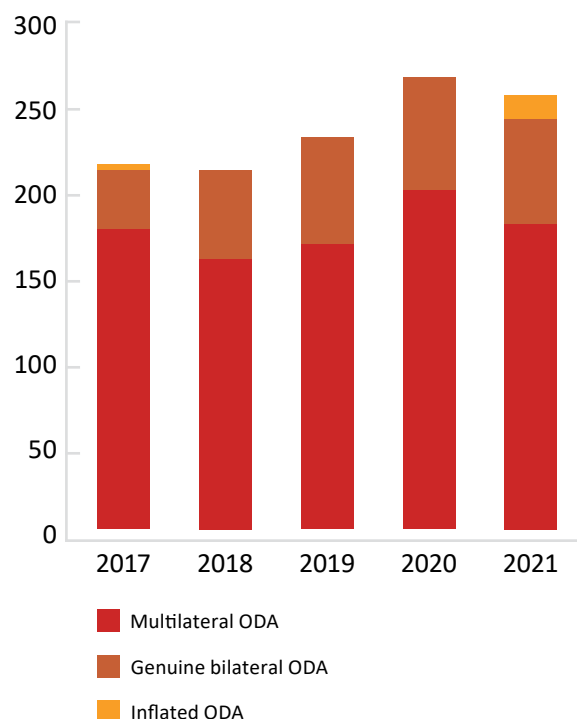
Another trend that has persisted is the extremely low level of NGO financing and involvement in policy and strategic planning. Although the national Multiannual Strategic Programme for International Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance (2020–2023) recognises the role of civil society to ensure peace, eradicate poverty and support sustainable development, and although several calls for proposals addressed to civil society were organised by the RoAid agency in 2020 and 2021, the role of civil society is still marginal and the funds are inconsistent.

One last trend refers to Romania's engagement in the TEIs. The Romanian MFA will continue to be engaged in developing TEIs, by mobilising resources for strengthening the health systems in partner countries and combating the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT

- Continue efforts to increase ODA budgets from 2022 onwards (particularly bilateral ODA).
- Increase the measures aimed at developing the capacity of civil society by appropriate and constant funding, as well as by involving CSOs in all consultation mechanisms and at all institutional levels.
- Increase focus on development effectiveness and impact in partner countries and strengthen systematic monitoring and evaluation in line with the LNOB principle.

ROMANIA – GENUINE AND INFLATED ODA (€ million, constant 2020)



ODA TO LDCS (€ million, constant 2020)

Year	ODA to LDCs	%GNI	% ODA
2017	41.3	0.0	18.9
2018	40.8	0.0	18.8
2019	45.7	0.0	19.4
2020	41.0	0.0	15.1

AID MODALITY (€ million, constant 2020)

Year	Bilateral (gross)	Grants	Loans	Loans (% of gross bilateral)
2017	39	39	0	0
2018	52	52	0	0
2019	60	60	0	0
2020	66	66	0	0

ODA TO CLIMATE FINANCE (€ million, constant 2020)

	ODA for mitigation	ODA for adaptation	Total climate finance	Adaptation finance as % of climate finance	Climate finance as % of ODA
2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0
2018	0.0	0.1	0.1	89.2	0.0
2019	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2020	0.1	0.0	0.2	15.2	0.1

ODA TO SUPPORT GENDER EQUALITY (€ million, constant 2020)

	Bilateral allocable	Total screened	Not screened	None	Significant	Principal	Significant (% of screened)	Principal (% of screened)
2017	37.9	37.9	0.0	6.6	31.3	0.0	82.5	0.0
2018	50.3	49.7	0.6	49.5	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1
2019	58.3	58.3	0.0	58.2	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0
2020	64.5	64.3	0.2	63.6	0.6	0.1	1.0	0.2

ODA TO SUPPORT CSOs (€ million, constant 2020)

	Non-CSO	CSO Earmarked	CSO Core funding	Total bilateral CSO support (% bilateral)	Total bilateral CSO support (% ODA)	Core bilateral CSO support (% bilateral)	Core bilateral CSO support (% ODA)
2017	38.8	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2018	51.7	0.031017	0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
2019	59.6	0.151519	0	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0
2020	65.7	0.377135	0	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0