



Healthcare in Romania

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Despite recent improvements, the health of Romania's population is still below the EU average. The avoidable mortality rate is two and a half times higher than the EU one. Healthcare spending is relatively low and staff shortages remain a problem.

Territorial imbalances in the provision of healthcare services are large and widening.

Primary health care, specialized outpatient health care, hospitals, the public health sector and the social care sector operate in a fragmented manner, obstructing population's access to integrated medical services.

The capacity in primary care, in specialized outpatient clinics is unevenly distributed and underused, so that most medical services continue to be provided in hospitals. The system is due to enter an accelerated reform that will see the market for medical equipment, digital solutions and medical services grow significantly.

Almost 7 billion Euro are allocated from European funds for the modernisation of clinical facilities and the extension of primary and outpatient care in the coming years.

The two main funding sources are the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) and the Healthcare Operational Programme. The list hereunder describes the main NRRP investments in the coming period.

Category

Investment/Activity

1. GP offices or associations of primary care offices

estimated budget: 180 million Euro
completion by: May 2024

- rehabilitation/equipment of GP offices;
- centralized procurement of medical equipment and apparatus;
- procurement will be organized and carried out by the National Office for Centralized Purchases ([ONAC](#)) starting from July 2023;
- the lists of equipment and the proposed minimum specifications are available (in Romanian) on the website of the Ministry of Health: <https://oldsite.ms.ro/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Anexa-2-Echিপamente.docx>

2. Mobile medical units (Caravans)

estimated budget: 4 million Euro
completion by: May 2024

- centralized procurement of at least 10 mobile screening units for cervical cancer and breast cancer;
- procurement will be organized and carried out by the National Office for Centralized Purchases ([ONAC](#)) starting from July 2023

3. Ambulatory healthcare facilities

estimated budget: 120 million Euro
completion by: November 2024

- rehabilitation/extension;
- medical equipment;
- the 69 healthcare units included in this call for projects are available (in Romanian) on the website of the Ministry of Health: <https://oldsite.ms.ro/investitia-specifica-i1-3-unitati-de-asistenta-medicala-ambulatorie/>

4. Integrated community centers

estimated budget: 50 million Euro
completion by: August 2024

- rehabilitation/construction (200 units);
- centralized procurement of medical equipment and apparatus;
- the beneficiaries of this call for projects are available (in Romanian) on the website of the Ministry of Health: <https://oldsite.ms.ro/investitia-specifica-i1-4-centre-comunitare-integrate/>

5. Family planning offices

estimated budget: 10 million Euro
completion by: July 2025

- rehabilitation/construction (57 units);
- centralized procurement of medical equipment and apparatus;
- the beneficiaries of this call for projects are available (in Romanian) on the website of the Ministry of Health: <https://oldsite.ms.ro/investitia-specifica-i1-5-cabinete-de-planificare-familiala/>

6. New public healthcare facilities

estimated budget: 2.1 billion Euro
completion by: June 2026

- rehabilitation/extension of and equipment for 27 healthcare units:
 - o 2294 beds in NZEB buildings
 - o 4263 beds in NZEB-20% (NZEB+) buildings
 - o 6541 equipped beds
 - o 6156 beds with new IT equipment

7. Equipment and materials for reduction of nosocomial infections risk

estimated budget: 210 million Euro
completion by: May 2024

- rehabilitation/extension/establishment of single-bed rooms;
- rehabilitation/expansion and modernization of operating rooms;
- rehabilitation/extension and equipment of microbiology laboratories;
- procurement of medical equipment to reduce nosocomial infections;
- the list of beneficiaries to receive funding under this call is available (in Romanian) on the website of the Ministry of Health: <https://ms.ro/ro/de-interes/apeluri-pnrr-c12-sanatate/investitia-specifica-i24-echিপamente-si-materiale-destinate-reducerii-riscului-de-infectii-nosocomiale/>

8. Neonatal intensive care units

estimated budget: 80 million Euro
completion by: November 2024

- Increasing the capacity and equipping existing neonatal intensive care wards/departments
- Building and equipping 8 training centers
- Procurement of screening facilities, including 12 mobile units

Procurement

Procurement announcements are published by the contracting authorities on the dedicated platform: www.e-licitatie.ro. Dutch companies can register in the system as suppliers, and can get alerts on interesting tenders.

Tenders exceeding certain thresholds are also published on EU's Tender Electronic Daily platform ted.europa.eu.

The Embassy aims to provide up to date information and help with identification of suitable local partners.

Useful links

Ministry of Health

www.ms.ro

National Office for Centralized Purchases (ONAC)

onac.gov.ro

National Agency for Medicines and Medical Devices

www.anm.ro



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