

Investor report

Romania's north-eastern corner is getting connected. Here is what that means for you.

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INVESTMENT IN THE
COUNTY, ALL
SOURCES

**RON 2.7 bn · ≈
€541 m**

PROJECTS

**70, in 49 of the
78 localities**

UNDER
CONSTRUCTION
NOW

**18 projects ·
RON 785.3 m**

COUNTY COUNCIL,
SINCE OCTOBER
2024

**23 contracts,
decisions and
tenders · 13
handovers and
acceptances**

1. Why Botoșani

01

A location that is becoming an asset

Botoșani is Romania's north-eastern corner, on the European Union's external border with both Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova. A county road being rebuilt with EU funds leads to the Rădăuți-Prut crossing into Moldova, a second crossing operates at Stâncă-Costești, and the Racovăț-Diakivți crossing into Ukraine, currently open to passenger traffic only, is to be upgraded for freight. As Moldova moves towards EU membership and Ukraine rebuilds, the county sits on the route.

02

Power on a scale the county has never had

The new 400 kV Suceava-Bălți transmission line crosses eleven of the county's communes. The county's first 400/110 kV substation, at Bălușeni, is scheduled by the transmission system operator for 2030; in February 2026 the county council approved the partnership protocol with the commune and the two grid companies. Eurowind Energy holds grid-connection approval for 1,188 MW of wind capacity across nine localities in the north: eight communes and the town of Darabani. For the first time, energy-intensive industry becomes possible here.

03

Gas, at last

Săveni, Darabani and Ștefănești have never had natural gas. Three pipelines, declared of national importance by the Government in July 2026, will bring it there; the transmission operator put the pipe materials out to tender in September 2026. Fibre-optic cable will be laid along the same route.

04

The motorway link

The A7 motorway, the north–south backbone of north-eastern Romania, will run just west of the county. The Botoşani–Suceava expressway will connect to it at Salcea, the Botoşani ring road is under construction, and the Dorohoi bypass has an approved feasibility study. A county that was once a detour is becoming a destination.

05

Land and industrial parks

In 2026 the county council and five towns set up a county development company for industrial parks. The first sites are at Săveni, Ştefăneşti, Dorohoi and Darabani, along the route of the new gas pipelines, and six zones have been identified across the county: land where the utilities are on their way.

06

An administration that speaks the language of business

The president ran an engineering group for three decades before entering public office. The council has shifted money from running costs to development, and every project funded under Romania's EU Recovery and Resilience Plan was closed out ahead of the deadline. Investors deal with a single point of contact: the president's office, which brings mayors, utility companies and permitting authorities to the same table.

2. The infrastructure that matters: flagship projects

This page lists all major investments in the county, not only those of Botoşani County Council: national agencies and state companies (CNAIR, Transgaz, Transelectrica, Romanian Waters), municipalities, the water utility and private companies. Each one shows who is behind it.

Planned · led by CNAIR, the national roads company, in partnership with Botoşani and Suceava county councils

Botoşani–Suceava expressway, linking the county to the A7 motorway

Four lanes over 19.8 km, designed for 120 km/h: the missing link between the county and Romania's motorway network.

Under construction · led by the Botoşani Metropolitan Area intercommunity development association

Botoşani ring road, phase 1

Takes heavy traffic out of the city and gives direct access to industrial land. The works contract was signed in July 2026, with 24 months to complete.

Planned · led by Transgaz

Three natural-gas pipelines for the north of the county

The first gas supply for Săveni, Darabani and Ştefăneşti, declared a project of national importance. The pipe materials were put out to tender in September 2026.

Planned · led by Transelectrica and Delgaz Grid

400/110 kV substation at Bălușeni, the county's first high-voltage hub

Today the grid stops at 110 kV, so large energy projects cannot connect. A substation on the new Suceava–Bălți line changes that.

Planned · led by Eurowind Energy

Eurowind Energy's 1,188 MW wind portfolio: nine wind farms in the north

A private investment of over one billion euros by a Danish developer, with grid-connection approval from the transmission system operator.

Under construction RON 339.7 m · ≈ €68 m · led by Botoșani County Council

County road DJ 282 to the Moldovan border at Rădăuți–Prut

48.8 km being rebuilt with EU funds, from Hănești through Săveni to the Rădăuți–Prut border crossing into the Republic of Moldova.

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Planned RON 837 m · ≈ €167 m · led by Nova Apaserv / ADI „Aqua Botoșani”

Regional water and wastewater programme

EU-funded water networks and treatment plants for towns and communes, reaching over 120 towns and villages: the largest single investment in the county.

Planned RON 164.5 m · ≈ €33 m · led by Botoșani County Council

Hănești–George Enescu drinking-water main

A 43 km drinking-water main from Hănești to George Enescu, serving six communes and the town of Săveni. The design is complete and updated; funding is being sought.

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Under construction · 70% RON 78.4 m · ≈ €16 m · led by Botoșani County Council

County road DJ 293, Mileanca–Coțușca

15 km of county road being rebuilt in the north of the county, with four bridges, paid for entirely from the county budget.

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Planned RON 8.5 m · ≈ €2 m · led by Botoșani County Council

County-owned 1 MW solar park at Bucecea

The county's own solar park of almost 1 MW at Bucecea, supplying power to the County Hospital and funded by the Modernisation Fund.

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Dorohoi bypass

12.75 km around the county's second-largest town, with the feasibility study approved by the Ministry of Transport in June 2026.

3. Towns and zones

The county's towns, with their population at the 2021 census, the assets that matter for a new plant, and the number of works under way there. The assets are derived from the projects on this website.

LOCALITY	POPULATION	ASSETS	WORKS UNDER WAY
Botoșani	90,010	Expressway and ring road	8
Dorohoi	22,893	Industrial park being prepared; Along the new gas pipelines	1
Darabani	11,948	Industrial park being prepared; Along the new gas pipelines; Eurowind wind farms	1
Flămânzi	10,561	–	0
Săveni	6,447	Industrial park being prepared; Along the new gas pipelines	1
Ștefănești	5,032	Industrial park being prepared; Along the new gas pipelines; Border crossing	0
Bucecea	4,171	–	0
Rădăuți-Prut (commune)	2,667	Border crossing; Eurowind wind farms	1
Mihai Eminescu (commune)	8,638	Expressway and ring road	1
Curtești (commune)	6,133	Expressway and ring road	1
Hudești (commune)	5,647	Eurowind wind farms	1
Vlădeni (commune)	4,561	Expressway and ring road	1
Bălușeni (commune)	4,441	400/110 kV substation	0
Havârna (commune)	4,193	Eurowind wind farms	0
Păltiniș (commune)	4,145	Eurowind wind farms	0
Coțușca (commune)	4,126	Eurowind wind farms	2
Stăuceni (commune)	3,873	Along the new gas pipelines	1
Suharău (commune)	3,811	Eurowind wind farms	1

LOCALITY	POPULATION	ASSETS	WORKS UNDER WAY
Coșula (commune)	3,152	Along the new gas pipelines	0
George Enescu (commune)	3,104	Eurowind wind farms	0
Pomârla (commune)	2,533	Border crossing	0
Concești (commune)	1,780	Eurowind wind farms	0

County: 392,821 residents, 78 localities.

4. What comes when

2026

Ring road works under way; gas pipeline materials out to tender; regional water programme at the financing stage; industrial-park company up and running.

2027

Gas pipeline construction (the county council president's estimate, not a contractual date set by Transgaz); expressway feasibility study and technical design; first new water and sewerage works.

2028

Ring road phase 1 due for completion (24 months from August 2026).

2029–2031

Water programme completed; 400/110 kV substation in operation (2030, according to the transmission operator); wind farms built in phases.

Dates are taken from contracts, government decisions and the operators' published plans, as cited on the project pages. Where a project has no firm date, we do not give one.

5. Investment portfolio by sector

SECTOR	PROJECTS	VALUE
Water and sewerage	14	RON 1.16 bn · ≈ €233 m
Roads and bridges	12	RON 1.05 bn · ≈ €210 m
Health	16	RON 206.8 m · ≈ €41 m
Culture and tourism	10	RON 143.8 m · ≈ €29 m
Education	5	RON 72.9 m · ≈ €15 m
Administration	3	RON 28.3 m · ≈ €6 m
Energy and environment	7	RON 24.3 m · ≈ €5 m
Social services	3	RON 13 m · ≈ €3 m

6. How to get started

A few lines are enough. You will receive a confirmation with a reference number and, if you request it, the county report. The office replies in English or Romanian.

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