

**Press Release** 

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## Rețele Electrice Banat invests almost 70 million lei in energy infrastructure in Caras Severin

**Bucharest** -Rețele Electrice Banat has launched, through the computerized public procurement system, a procurement procedure for the modernization of medium and low voltage networks in Caras-Severin County. The total value of the tender is almost 70 million lei, while the value of the project is 74 million lei, of which 57.7 million lei will be provided by the Modernization Fund, a special fund aimed at improving the energy infrastructure and supporting the transition to a more efficient and sustainable distribution system.

"Investments in modernizing electricity grids are essential to give consumers the confidence that their electricity supply will be uninterrupted, regardless of extreme weather conditions. For us, the distribution operators, this means complex technical solutions - from moving infrastructure underground to fully digitizing the network so that faults are automatically detected and resolved. These upgrades not only increase the resilience of the grid, but also contribute to a more sustainable integration with the environment and the local community" stated Mihai Vangu, Director Rețele Electrice Banat.

This modernization project will contribute to a safer and more efficient electricity infrastructure, improving the quality of the electricity supply service and reducing the risk of accidents. In addition, investments in underground networks and the modernization of transformer substations will facilitate better management of energy consumption and help to reduce individual consumption and network losses.

The works will be carried out in Berzovia, Bocșa, Duleu, Remetea-Poganici and Valea Mare, with the support of local authorities and with a positive impact on consumers in these areas.

In Berzovia, the project will upgrade 59.6 km of 20 kV overhead lines and 6.2 km of low voltage overhead lines, a significant part of which will be undergrounded for greater safety and reliability. In addition, 21 transformer substations will be modernized, thus facilitating the implementation of a modern remote control and automation system for the network.

In the villages of Duleu, Remetea-Poganici, Valea Mare and Bocșa, the modernization works will also include the low-voltage network, improving the quality of electricity supply for 4,700 customers. These interventions will ensure more reliable distribution, reduce network losses and contribute to lowering the local carbon footprint.

The deadline to submit bids is October 22, 2024, with a contract duration of 42 months.

**Rețele Electrice** companies operate networks with a total length of aproximately 134,000 kilometers in three important areas of the country: South Muntenia (including Bucharest), Banat and Dobrogea, covering a third of the local distribution market, and are developing an investment program to improve quality services, safety and performance of networks and local implementation of environmental standards of the PPC group. The electrical networks operated by the three companies Rețele Electrice count 289 transformer stations and over 25,000 transformer stations.

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