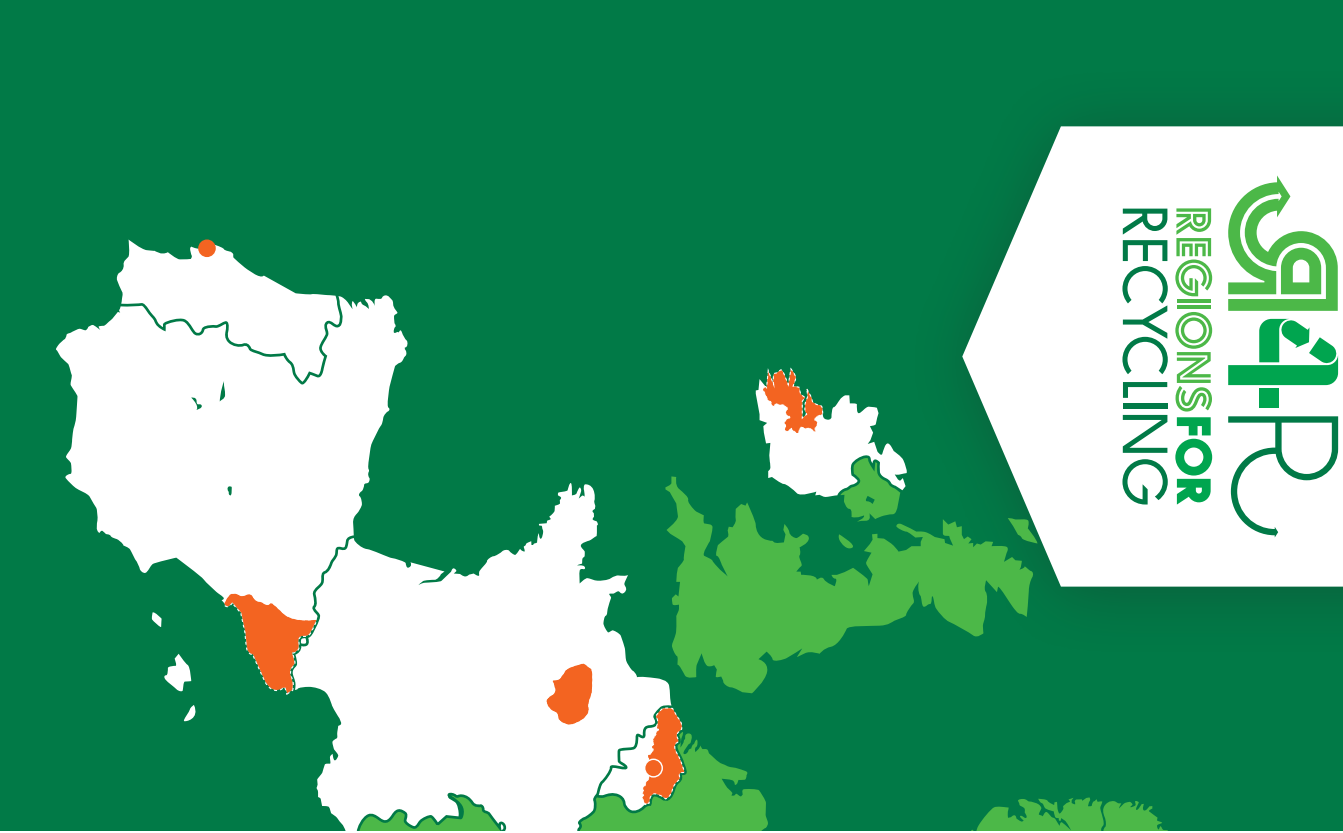


## REGIONS FOR RECYCLING



**R4R**  
REGIONS FOR RECYCLING

## THE PROJECT

Regions for Recycling (R4R) is a 3-year European project (2012/2014) aiming at improving its partners' recycling performances through consistent comparisons and an exchange of good practices.

The EU Waste Framework Directive sets the target of **50% of municipal waste** sent for reuse and recycling by 2020. So far, only 40% of EU municipal waste is sent to recycling. There are also **great differences** in national performances: from 1% to 70%!

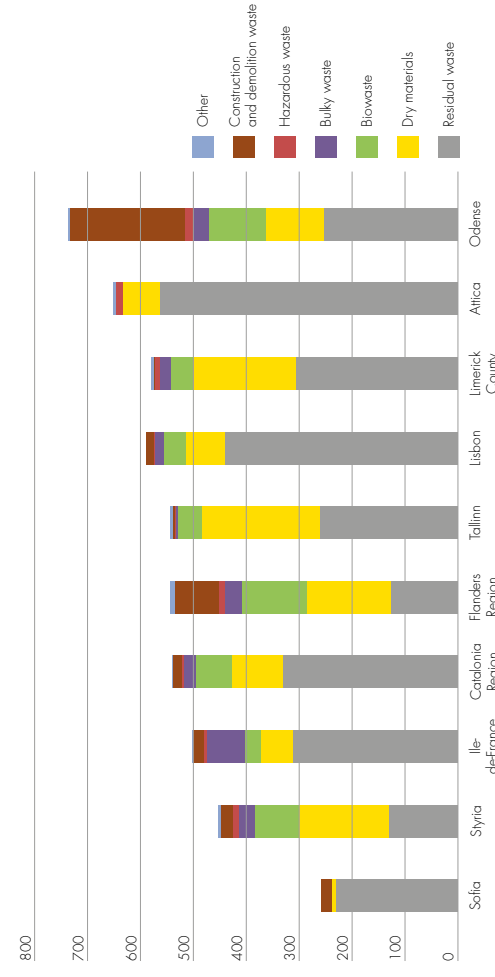
**Comparisons among territories** are difficult due to lack of common monitoring methodologies: the scope of observation, the terminologies in use and the calculation methods may greatly differ. Moreover, **local specificities** have an important impact on waste composition and might limit the effectiveness of selective collection. Regions for Recycling aims at identifying **local and regional instruments** that could lead to high recycling performances within Europe. By easing comparisons among territories, it wishes to help local and regional authorities sharing the same specificities to exchange good practices regarding waste management.

## OUTCOMES

The R4R project partners will:

- Compare recycling performances through a common methodology and common indicators
- Identify and transfer good recycling practices while taking into account their local specificities
- Develop an Online Tool to support the recycling efforts of interested municipalities. This online tool will allow any EU local and regional authority to compare its data with similar territories and identify relevant instruments that could help in optimizing its recycling performances.
- Disseminate the project content and results beyond the partnership through R4R's website, newsletter and conference
- Promote discussions and exchanges among EU territories and waste management stakeholders during regional and European conferences focusing on recycling and waste management

Municipal waste collection in the partnership in 2010 (kg/cap/yr)



Source: R4R project



The energy saved by recycling a single aluminium can will run a TV for three hours. About 17 trees are saved with every tonne of paper recycled.

## OBJECTIVES

R4R has the following objectives:

- To identify legal, financial, technical and educational instruments that will enable optimal municipal waste recycling performances.
- To analyse the transferability of these instruments in Partners' territories while taking into account their local specificities.
- To ease comparisons among European local and regional authorities by proposing a common method to collect and analyse waste management data, thus promoting exchanges of experiences.
- To propose a local and regional contribution to the European Recycling Society and bridge the gap in the implementation of EU targets.
- To develop support tools for local and regional authorities via:
  - An inventory of good recycling practices;
  - An online waste management tool, enabling them to compare their data with similar territories and access to relevant good practices;
  - A virtual library and an online forum on R4R website

Eventually, the project aims at becoming an exchange and optimisation platform about waste management performances for local and regional authorities in Europe.

The tools will be freely available

## STAY IN TOUCH

To learn more about the project and discover its findings, we welcome you to consult the following:

**Website and newsletter** The R4R website [www.regions4recycling.eu](http://www.regions4recycling.eu) has been launched on September 2012. It will be the main centre of resources for the project, where all the news, events and the main outcomes such as publications and technical reports of the project will be posted. Every semester, a newsletter will be issued, presenting the findings of the projects, its upcoming events, and news from the partnership or about recycling in general. You can sign up for it on the homepage of the website.

**Events** R4R partners will organize several events during the lifetime of the project, in order to disseminate its outcomes and bring together local, regional or national stakeholders to discuss about the main issues concerning municipal waste recycling. Several types of events will be organized:
 

- **EU conferences** will bring together every European waste actor around several topics related to municipal waste recycling.
- **Regional events** will allow several partners to disseminate R4R's outcomes to waste management stakeholders from their region or country.
- **Training sessions** will focus on more specific and concrete topics. It will allow waste experts to be trained on specific instruments and tools, such as R4R's online tool for data comparison.

**Contact us!** Do not hesitate to contact us for further information: [info@regions4recycling.eu](mailto:info@regions4recycling.eu)

## TIMELINE 2012/14



**FEBRUARY 2012** OFFICIAL APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT  
**APRIL 2012** LAUNCH CONFERENCE IN PARIS  
**SEPTEMBER 2012** LAUNCH OF R4R WEBSITE IN ATHENS  
**DECEMBER 2012** NETWORKING EVENT IN ATHENS



**APRIL 2013** REGIONAL EVENTS IN LISBON AND LEVOT COUNTY  
**MAY 2013** EU CONFERENCE ON WASTE MANAGEMENT IN ORENSE  
**OCTOBER 2013** EU CONFERENCE IN BRISSES  
**OCTOBER 2013** LAUNCH OF THE WEBSITE ALLOWING COMPARISONS AMONG TERRITORIES  
**NOVEMBER 2013** REGIONAL EVENT IN CATALONIA AND LIMERICK COUNTY  
**NOVEMBER 2013** INTERNATIONAL TRAINING SESSION ABOUT WASTE MANAGEMENT MONITORING IN TALLINN

**APRIL 2014** 39 FACTSHEETS ON GOOD RECYCLING PRACTICES  
**APRIL 2014** INTERNATIONAL TRAINING SESSION RESINING THE WEBSITE AND THE WEBSITE AND GOOD PRACTICES IN GAZ  
**MAY / JUNE 2014** REGIONAL EVENT IN FLANDRES AND ZAGREB  
**JUNE 2014** FINAL REPORT ON GOOD PRACTICES  
**OCTOBER 2014** 12 INNOVATION PLANS PRESENTED BY THE PARTNERS  
**OCTOBER 2014** FINAL CONFERENCE

[www.regions4recycling.eu](http://www.regions4recycling.eu)

**REGIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN RECYCLING SOCIETY**



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01 ORDIF

**ORDIF** Ile-de-France region waste management observatory  
 Non-profit organisation  
 Lead partner  
 Ile-de-France Region, France

Population: 11 700 000 inh  
 Density: 976 inh/km<sup>2</sup>

02 ACR+

**ACR+** Association of Cities and Regions for Recycling and sustainable Resource management  
 Non-profit organisation  
 Responsible for the external communication  
 International network based in Brussels, Belgium

ACR+ brings together 100 members: local and regional authorities as well as networks of local authorities, representing around 1400 municipalities

03 OVAM

**OVAM** Public Waste Agency of Flanders  
 Regional authority  
 Responsible for the technical work  
 Flanders, Belgium

Population: 6 307 000 inh  
 Density: 456 inh/km<sup>2</sup>

04 ODENSE RENOVATION

**Odense Renovation**  
 Public company  
 City of Odense, Denmark

Population: 190 000 inh  
 Density: 611 inh/km<sup>2</sup>

05 LISBON CITY COUNCIL

**LISBON CITY COUNCIL**  
 Local authority  
 Lisbon, Portugal

Population: 548 000 inh  
 Density: 6 450 inh/km<sup>2</sup>

06 EGTC EFXINI POLI

**EGTC EFXINI POLI**  
 Network of European cities for sustainable development  
 Attica, Greece

Population: 3 800 000 inh  
 Density: 987 inh/km<sup>2</sup>

07 LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL

**LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL**  
 Local authority  
 Limerick County, Clare County and Kerry County, Ireland

Population: 454 500 inh  
 Density: 40 inh/km<sup>2</sup>

08 STYRIAN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

**Das Land Steiermark**  
 Provincial Government  
 Regional authority  
 Styria, Austria

Population: 1 210 700 inh  
 Density: 74 inh/km<sup>2</sup>

09 TALLIN CITY

**TALLIN CITY**  
 Local authority  
 City of Tallinn, Estonia

Population: 412 000 inh  
 Density: 2 600 inh/km<sup>2</sup>

10 ARC

**ARC** Waste Agency of Catalonia  
 Local authority  
 Regional authority  
 Catalonia, Spain

Population: 7 556 000 inh  
 Density: 240 inh/km<sup>2</sup>

11 SOFIA MUNICIPALITY

**SOFIA MUNICIPALITY**  
 Local authority  
 City of Sofia, Bulgaria

Population: 1 205 000 inh  
 Density: 2 450 inh/km<sup>2</sup>

12 ZAGREB CITY

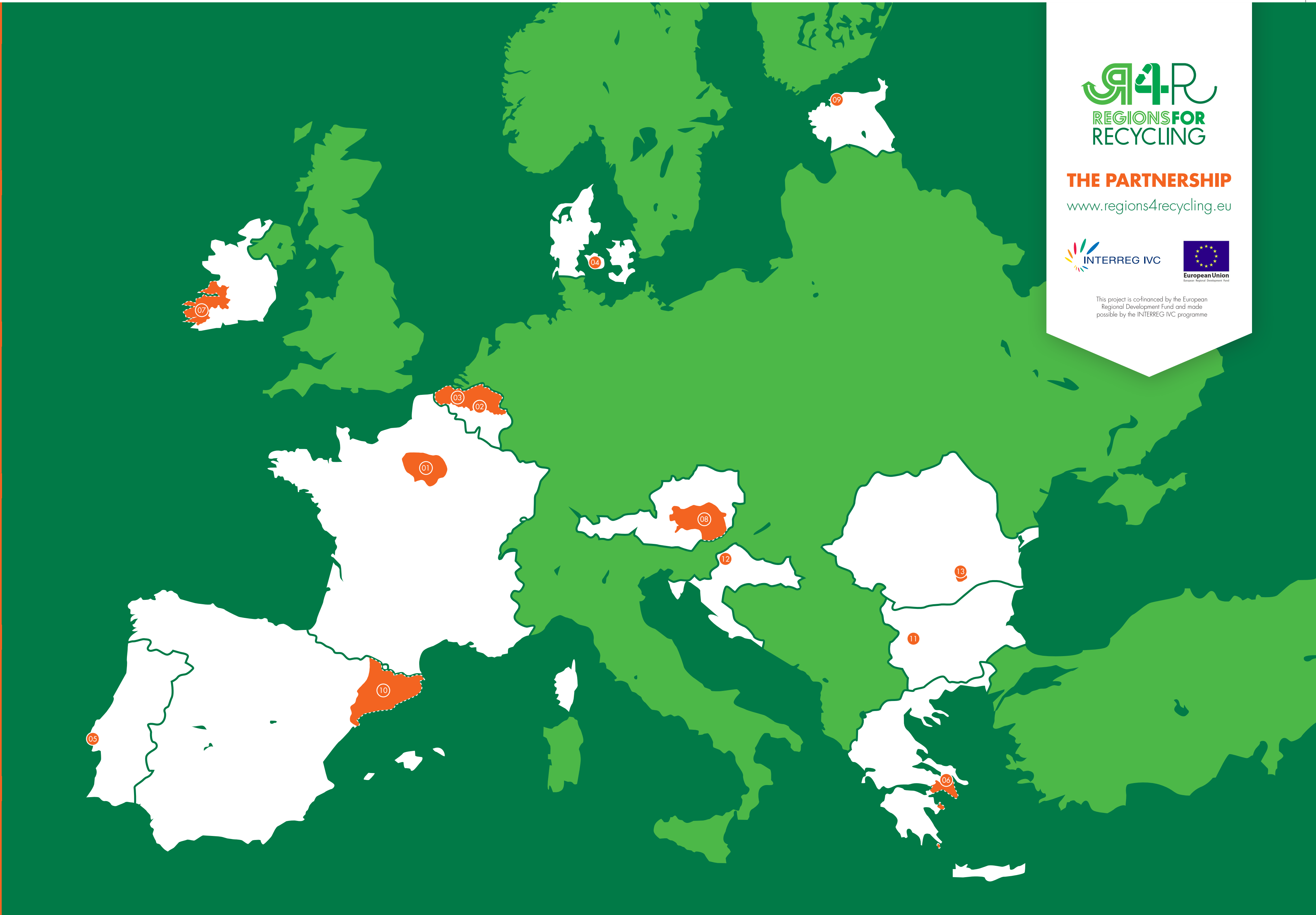
**ZAGREB CITY**  
 Local authority  
 City of Zagreb, Croatia

Population: 793 000 inh  
 Density: 1 200 inh/km<sup>2</sup>

13 ILFOV COUNTY COUNCIL

**ILFOV COUNTY COUNCIL**  
 Local authority  
 Ilfov County, Romania

Population: 364 241 inh  
 Density: 230 inh/km<sup>2</sup>



THE PARTNERSHIP

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