

## Official Dragu: We are looking for solution to support local authorities in co-financing European-funded projects

**The President of the Senate, Anca Dragu, on Sunday stated in Timisoara that she wants to identify an efficient legislative solution to come to the aid of the local authorities in the country that need European funded projects and to be helped to be able to ensure their co-financing.**

"I discussed with the representatives of the Timis County Council about the possibility of offering support to the local authorities for the co-financing of projects with European funds. This co-financing has often been and is difficult and has often been an obstacle to fast and efficient access to European funds. I want to change this and to find an efficient solution for local authorities to get support," Anca Dragu told a press conference.

She added that in her discussions with local and county authorities, technical issues were addressed, including regarding the financing of cultural projects for Timisoara - European Capital of Culture 2023.

"The idea is simple, we need to make legislative changes at the level of the Government and the Parliament to ensure that financial resources are available, and the rules according to which these resources are used to finance investments or cultural projects under the Timisoara 2023 Programme have a very clear and simple circuit. We discussed the need for multi-annual budgeting in this project, so that from now on those involved in the cultural project will know what it is based on," Dragu pointed out.

Asked about the strategy of Parliament in the case of the legal action initiated by 16 former MPs against the law on the annulment of special pensions, Anca Dragu said that she expected such an approach.

"It is a topic that is being discussed at the level of the Parliament. What can we do? We can make sure that we are represented by the specialized services, the Legal Department, and we do it seriously and responsibly," said the Senate President.