

Interreg V-A Lithuania-Poland cooperation Programme – general information

**Trainings for potential beneficiaries during
4th call for proposals**

Suwałki
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Programme in few words

<p>Main objective</p>	<p>To foster smart, sustainable and inclusive growth in the border area through cross-border cooperation</p>
<p>Managing and implementing bodies</p>	<p>Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC)</p>
	<p>Managing Authority (MA) Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Lithuania</p>
	<p>National Authority (NA) Ministry of Investment and Economic Development of the Republic of Poland</p>
	<p>Audit Authority (AA) Internal Audit Service of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Lithuania</p>
	<p>Joint Secretariat (JS) Public Institution Joint Technical Secretariat in Vilnius</p>
	<p>Regional Contact Points (RCPs) Marshal Offices in Białystok and Olsztyn</p>
	<p>First Level Controllers (FLCs)</p>

Eligible area of the Programme



On the Lithuanian side:

- Alytus county,
- Kaunas county,
- Marijampolė county,
- Tauragė county,
- Vilnius county (except for Vilnius city).

On the Polish side:

- Ełcki subregion,
- Suwalski subregion,
- Białostocki subregion.

4th call Finances

Priority	Indicative allocations for 4 th call (EUR)
1. Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency	10.300.000
2. Promoting sustainable and quality employment and supporting labour mobility	11.700.000
3. Promoting social inclusion, combating poverty and any discrimination	3.400.000
TOTAL	25.400.000

Priorities to be selected during 4th call



**Environment and
resource efficiency**



**Employment and labour
mobility**



Social inclusion



Institutional capacity



Priority 1



<p>Specific objective 1.1</p>	<p>To increase the sustainable use of natural and cultural heritage for tourism in the cross-border area</p>
<p>Examples of beneficiaries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Local, regional and national authorities; ✓ Public bodies and bodies governed by the public law; ✓ NGOs (including churches, religious associations)
<p>Possible activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ development of joint tourism routes based on natural and cultural heritage; ✓ joint activities targeted at promotion of a region as a single tourism destination; ✓ implementation of joint cultural, artistic, educational activities for tourists in natural and cultural heritage sites; ✓ conservation, preservation, adaptation and sustainable development of natural and cultural heritage; ✓ transfer of good practices between beneficiaries, joint training of staff and exchange of staff aiming to increase capacities of natural and cultural heritage management and other related capacities.



<p>Specific objective 2.1</p>	<p>To promote business creation, development and cooperation through improved business support services</p>
<p>Examples of beneficiaries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Local, regional and national authorities; ✓ Public bodies and bodies governed by the public law; ✓ NGOs; ✓ Business support organisations (e.g. business incubators, science and technology parks, business advice centres, chambers of commerce) – financing will be provided for public organisations and NGOs
<p>Possible activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ cooperation activities between business support organisations; ✓ joint development and implementation of business acceleration, entrepreneurship and apprenticeship programmes; ✓ joint development and implementation of youth entrepreneurship projects; ✓ activities supporting business cooperation; ✓ transfer of good practices, joint trainings and exchange of staff between beneficiaries to increase capacities of business support organisations management; ✓ joint trainings, seminars and other events for youth, entrepreneurs, small and medium business and its personnel.



<p>Specific objective 2.2</p>	<p>To decrease unemployment through coordinated cross-border employment initiatives</p>
<p>Examples of beneficiaries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Local, regional and national authorities; ✓ Public bodies and bodies governed by the public law; ✓ NGOs
<p>Possible activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ provision of information and counselling on the labour market to increase cross-border mobility; ✓ joint development and implementation of local employment initiatives and joint trainings; ✓ joint development and implementation of joint employment initiatives for youth and older people and implementation of exchange programmes; ✓ networking of educational and labour market institutions and joint programmes for better match between skills and the needs of labour market; ✓ exchange of experience and joint trainings for beneficiaries, unemployed people, also people seeking changes in career, youth and communities, aimed at strengthening capacities.

Priority 3



<p>Specific objective 3.1</p>	<p>To enhance the access to social and health care services for cross-border inhabitants thus combating social exclusion and poverty</p>
<p>Examples of beneficiaries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Local, regional and national authorities; ✓ Public bodies and bodies governed by the public law; ✓ NGOs
<p>Possible activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ joint development of social and health care services and networks, including NGOs and volunteers serving the needs of vulnerable persons and groups; ✓ engagement of different groups at risk of poverty and social exclusion in cross-border cooperatio; ✓ joint sports activities for social integration and healthy lifestyle promotion; ✓ joint implementation of social and health programmes; ✓ investments in social services and health care infrastructure for cross-border use; ✓ joint training and exchange of staff between beneficiaries; ✓ joint training for vulnerable groups, in order to strengthen their motivation and capacities to actively engage in social and economic activities.

Priority 4

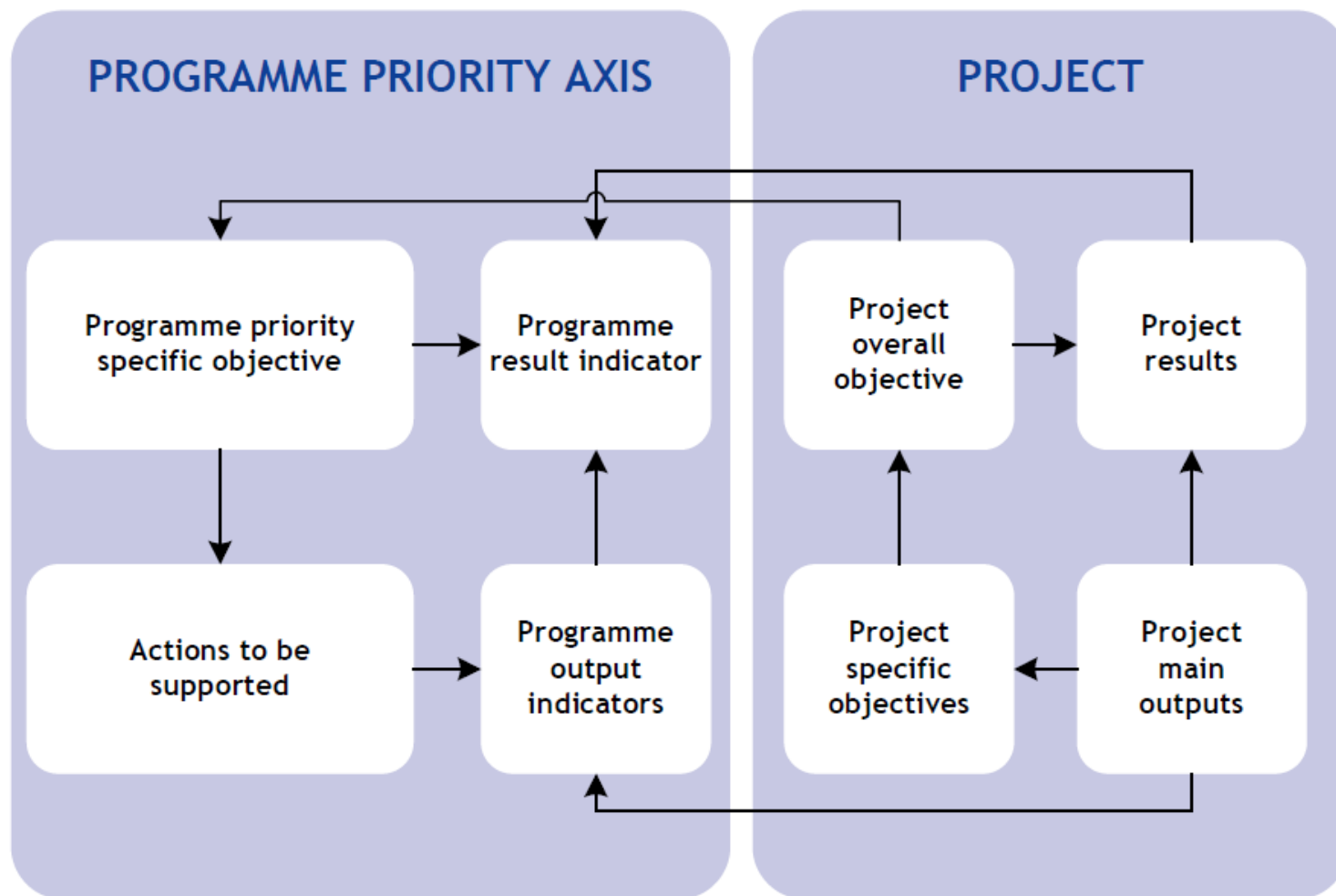


Institutional capacity

IMPORTANT!

**Priority 4 is closed
as funds allocated for this Priority have been
distributed during the three previous calls for
proposals.**

Intervention logics



Output indicators

Priority	Indicator
Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency	Number of heritage sites developed or adapted
	Number of joint tourism routes developed
	No of natural and cultural heritage objects and related products promoted
Promoting sustainable and quality employment and supporting labour mobility	Number of new or upgraded joint (or promoting cooperation) services for business
	Number of persons having participated in joint trainings and events
	Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training (common)
	Number of participants in cross-border mobility initiatives (common)
Promoting social inclusion, combating poverty and any discrimination	Number of participants in projects promoting gender equality, equal opportunities and social inclusion across borders (common)
	Number of NGOs involved in cross-border cooperation for combating poverty and social exclusion
	Number of new or upgraded health care services and prevention programmes

4th call for proposals

NEWS

Latest update: 2019.06.10

4TH CALL FOR PROPOSALS IS OPEN!



The 4th open call for proposals of Interreg V-A Lithuania-Poland cooperation programme supporting bilateral cooperation projects is launched on 10th June 2019 with the deadline for the project submission on 30th September 2019, at 16:00 (GMT + 02:00). The applications must reach the public establishment Joint Technical Secretariat physically by the address Konstitucijos av. 7, LT-09308, Vilnius, Lithuania, including the e-version of the application on that time at the latest.

The overall objective of the Programme is to foster smart, sustainable and inclusive growth in the border area through cross-border cooperation. The Programme seeks to contribute to regional growth and quality of life through closer cross-border cooperation between people and institutions of the Programme area.

During the 4th open call for proposals applications including activities which contribute to the following **priorities** are awaited:

Priority 1. Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency;

Priority 2. Promoting sustainable and quality employment and supporting labour mobility;

Priority 3. Promoting social inclusion, combating poverty and any discrimination.

IMPORTANT! Funds allocated to the Priority 4 “Enhancing the institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders and an efficient public administration” have been distributed during three previous calls, therefore this Priority is **closed** during the 4th call.

Applicants are particularly welcome to submit bilateral projects, contributing to the Programme Specific objective 2.2. **To decrease unemployment through coordinated cross-border employment initiatives**, and achieving output indicators:

2.2.O.1. Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training (common);

2.2.O.2. Number of participants in cross-border mobility initiatives (common).

4th call for proposals

- Duration: June 10th – September 30th, 2019
- Place of submission of the applications: Public establishment Joint Technical Secretariat, Konstitucijos av. 7, Vilnius, Lithuania – till September 30th, 2019, 16:00 Lithuanian time.
- Information providers:
 - Joint Secretariat (Vilnius),
 - Regional Contact Points (Białystok and Olsztyn).

Application package



- 4th call Programme Manual,
- Digital Application Form,
- Model form of the Partnership agreement (Annex 1 to the Programme Manual),
- Detailed project budget (Annex 1 to the Application Form).

Available on www.lietuva-polska.eu.



Specific requirements for the 4th call for proposals

- Application contributes to the Priorities 1, 2 and 3,
- Minimum and maximum values of the total budget are kept: min is more than 50.000,00 euro, max is 1 million euro,
- At least one Result indicator and Output indicator relevant to the chosen Priority and Specific Objective is selected,
- Only 100% of all planned works (meaning scope and value of the object) which are included into the technical project attached to the project application can be co-financed by the Programme.

Eligible beneficiaries

INSTITUTIONS:

- having legal personality,
- being non-profit seeking

National, regional and local authorities and their organisational units having legal personality

Associations formed by regional or local authorities

Bodies governed by public law

Associations formed by bodies governed by public law

Non-governmental and non-profit seeking entities having legal personality, not having an industrial or commercial character

Partnership requirements



- minimum 2 applicants,
- maximum 6 applicants,
- at least 1 applicant from each country,
- ensured 3 or 4 ways of cooperation:
 - Two ways of cooperation are obligatory: joint development and joint implementation;
 - One or two more ways should be introduced by applying projects: joint staffing and/or joint financing.

Lead beneficiary principle

- Each project must be implemented according to the lead beneficiary principle.
- One institution can act as a lead beneficiary **only in one approved project of the relevant Priority** within the given call for proposals.
- None institution from outside Programme area can act as a lead beneficiary in the project, except for Lithuanian and Polish state funded organizations (in case they are acting in the Programme area and their actions in the project will impact the Programme area).
- Lead beneficiary shall have additional responsibilities during application, contracting and implementation of the project.

Partnership agreement

- The aim of the PA is to ensure that every beneficiary has a good understanding of the project.
- All beneficiaries of the project have to sign PA before applying and afterwards submit a copy of the document to the JS as an annex to the application.
- Original Partnership Agreement with annexes should be submitted during the conditions fulfilment phase after the approval by JMC for financing.

4th call projects

	Open call project	Open call investment project
Total budget: ERDF (85%) + beneficiaries contribution (15%)	More than 50.000,00 EUR; maximum – 1 mln EUR	
Investment component	Up to 60% of the total project budget	More than 60%, but not exceeding 85% of the total project budget
Duration	Up to 18 months	Up to 24 months
Location	Eligible Programme area with exceptions described in the sub-paragraph 3.1.1 of the Programme Manual	Only eligible Programme area
Lead beneficiary	All institutions as described in the sub-paragraph 3.1.3 of the Programme Manual	Only national, regional and local authorities and their organisational units, having legal personality, located in the Programme area
Number of beneficiaries	At least 2 and not more than 6	
Relevant priority and specific objective	Regular projects including those having investment component are foreseen under Priorities 1, 2, 3 and related Specific objectives of the Programme.	

Project budget

- 85% of eligible costs - ERDF co-financing; 15% of eligible costs - own contribution,
- no advance payments,
- introduced several simplifications:
 - for the budget category No 1. *Staff cost* one option must be selected: real costs or a flat rate of 10% of the direct project costs (the budget categories No. 3-6)
 - a flat rate for the budget category No 2. *Office and administrative expenditure* (automatically counted of 15% of the eligible costs in the budget category No 1. *Staff cost*);
 - the lump sum of fixed 2.000,00 EUR is assigned as *Preparation costs*.

Assessment and selection

- 4 stages of assessment:
 - Admissibility check (JS),
 - Eligibility check (JS),
 - Quality assessment (JS),
 - Strategic impact assessment (JMC).
- The maximum score is **100** points.
- The applications which fail to score (after the quality and strategic assessments) at least **70 points out of 100 in total** will not be recommended for financing.
- Selection of the projects for funding by the Joint Monitoring Committee.

Final approval

- The JMC selects the project for financing directly or under certain conditions.
- The term for accepting the conditions and/or correcting the application shall be decided by the JMC.
- The earliest project start date is the first day of the month following the JMC decision.
- In case project fails to fulfil conditions set by the JMC within the deadline or conditions are not fulfilled properly, the decision of JMC on project funding **is automatically cancelled**.

Support for applicants

Joint Secretariat in Vilnius

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in Poland**

**Marshal Office in Olsztyn:
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A word of advice

- Read the Programme documents carefully.
- Find a partner in the neighbouring country – Lithuania or Poland.
- Agree on the common objectives and tasks to be performed and sign the Partnership Agreement.
- Prepare the necessary documentation to be submitted along with the Application Form.
- Take part in the trainings for applicants.
- Ask the Programme institutions for help if you have any questions or concerns.
- Follow the deadlines set out in the call for proposals.

Planning sketches

- Projects should evaluate very carefully their financial capacities and to prove their own contribution to receive Programme co-financing.
- Human resources should be seriously considered by applicants
- Way of project funding – reimbursement of expenditure – should be seriously appraised.
- No advance payment is foreseen to be paid for the open call projects.

The post address for submitting applications:

Public establishment Joint Technical Secretariat
Konstitucijos av. 7 (24th floor),
LT-09308 Vilnius, Lithuania

Applicant package and other information is available at
www.lietuva-polska.eu
under the Section “Application”

Thank you for attention
and please remember
the deadline of the 4th call for proposals, which is

SEPTEMBER 30th, 2019
16:00 Lithuanian time.