COOPERATION PROGRAMME INTERREG V-A LITHUANIA – POLAND

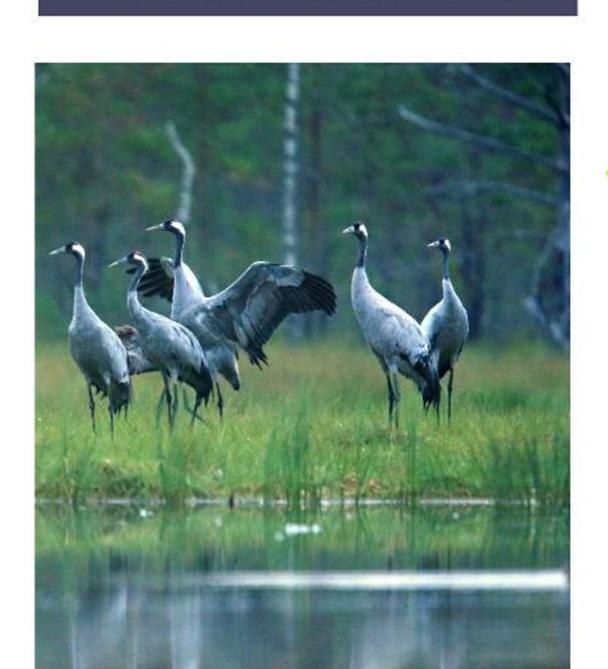




2016 CITIZEN'S SUMMARY

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OVERAL OBJECTIVE



The overall objective of the Programme is to foster smart, sustainable and inclusive growth in the border area through crossborder cooperation.



Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency



Promoting sustainable and quality employment and supporting labour mobility



Promoting social inclusion, combating poverty and any discrimination



Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders and efficient public administration

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.

PRIORITIES

TERRITORY

5 south-western Lithuanian counties and 3 north-eastern Polish subregions

Total size of the Programme area is 49.434 km2.



2016 HIGHLIGHTS: 10 MILESTONES







- 1. 1st Joint Monitoring Committee of the Interreg V-A Cooperation Programme Lithuania-Poland was held on 1 March, 2016, in Vilnius, Lithuania
- 2. Launching conference of the Progamme on 22 March, 2016, in Druskininkai, Lithuania, attracted more than 200 people
- 1st call for proposals was open from 22 March until 9 June, 2016
- 337 persons attended trainings for potential beneficiaries in Augustów, Marijampole, Gyżicko, Kaunas, Vilnius, Białystok
- Joint Secretariat and Regional Contact
 Points also provided individual
 consultations for 74 persons in the regions of Poland and Lithuania
- 6. Within the deadline for the 1st call for proposals 108 projects' applications have been submitted
- 7. The 2nd Joint Monitoring Committee took place in Gołdap, Poland, on 26-27 October, 2016
- 8. During the 2nd Joint Monitoring Committee 29 bilateral projects were selected for funding
- 9. During European Cooperation Day the cross-border Polish-Lithuanian football match took place at the Municipal Stadium in Olecko, Poland, on 24 September, 2016
- 15 December 2016 1 year anniversary of the Programme's adoption by the European Commission

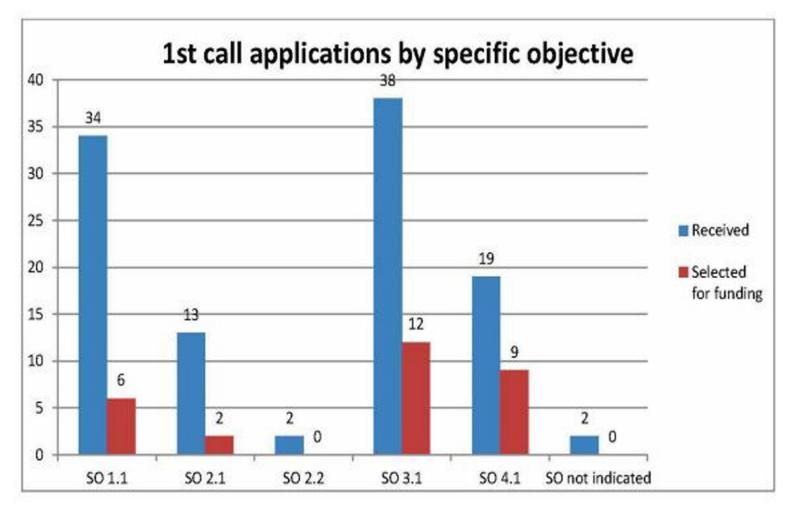
SELECTED PROJECTS IN DETAIL

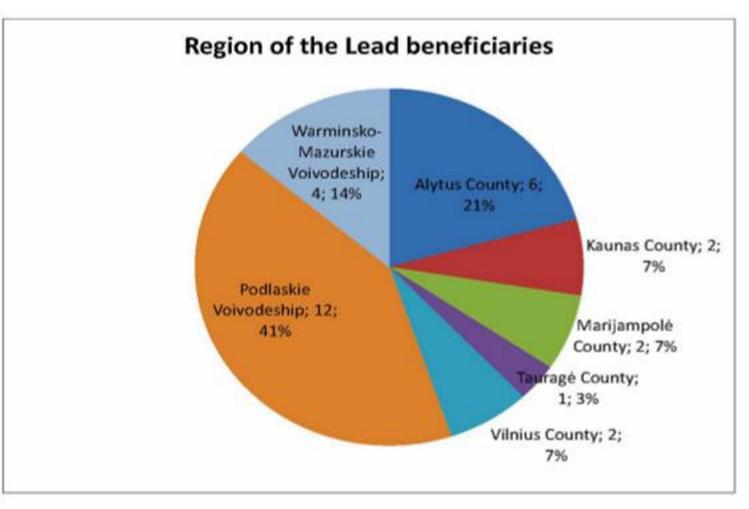
The most popular specific objective of the Programme 3.1 To enhance the access to social and health care services for cross-border inhabitants thus combating social exclusion and poverty resulted in 12 selected for funding project applications. Numerous cross-border initiatives will be implemented by the hospitals, social care centres, municipalities and other public services providers.

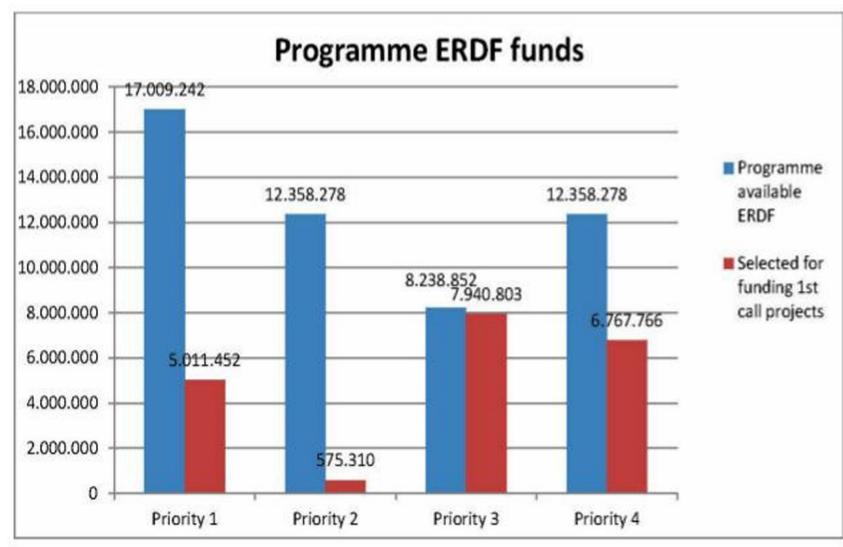
16 projects will be lead by the beneficiaries from Poland, while the Lead beneficiairies of 13 projects are from Lithuania.

The biggest demand of funding was under the specific objective 3.1 To enhance the access to social and health care services for cross-border inhabitants thus combating social exclusion and poverty, where almost all available funding was granted for the projects. Only EUR 575.000 out of more than EUR 12 million ERDF were allocated for projects under the Priority 2. The average of the selected project size is about EUR 823.000. The amount from the European Regional Development Fund to be allocated to the projects value to approximately EUR 20 million.

The total amount of the ERDF co-financing available to the projects in the Programming period 2014-2020 (excluding Technical assistance) is EUR 50 million.







Beneficiaries

The projects selected for funding within the Programme shall include beneficiaries from both countries (i.e. each application shall involve at least two beneficiaries – one from Lithuania and one from Poland). Each operation must be implemented according to the so called lead beneficiary principle.

The partners to be eligible for the projects to be financed by the Programme shall be the following bodies:

- Public authorities (national institutions, regional and local authorities);
- Public equivalent bodies (legal bodies governed by public or private law);
- NGOs.

Funding

The ERDF support to the Programme is 53.153.883 EUR (85 % of total budget). The national counterpart is 9.380.099 EUR (15 % of total budget). Both sources together make 62.533.982 EUR total budget of the Programme.

Management

The Management of the Programme follows the provisions set out for the management in the Cooperation Programme in accordance with the General Regulation. Management structure of the Programme consists of the following bodies:

- Joint Monitoring Committee
- Managing Authority
- Audit Authority
- National Authority
- Joint Secretariat
- Regional Contact Points

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Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodeship http://www.warmia.mazury.pl/

Managing Authority

Regional Policy Department of the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania

http://vrm.lrv.lt/ http://www.esbendradarbiavimas.lt/

National Authority

Territorial Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Republic of Poland http://www.mr.gov.pl/

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