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1. IDENTIFICATION

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2. KEEP DATABASE¹

Information and statistics concerning grant contracts signed within the Programme are available on the Programme website <https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/projects2020>.

Once the KEEP database is available for the introduction of the ENI projects, the relevant data will be provided for the PBU 2014-2020.

3. OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME

3.1 Executive summary

The main achievement of the Programme implementation during the reporting period was approval of the Full Application Forms selected within the 1st Call for Proposals (CfP).

The 1st CfP was launched during the conference opening the 2014-2020 edition of the Programme on 11th of October 2016. The CfP was opened for all Thematic Objectives of the Programme: HERITAGE, ACCESSIBILITY, SECURITY and BORDERS and all their priorities. The call was divided into two stages: Concept Notes (CN) and Full Application Forms (FAF). In the first stage all applicants had to submit their project ideas to the JTS until end of the year 2016. As a result of this stage 749 CNs with requested EU financing for a sum of 1 129,48 mln EUR were submitted to the JTS. 416 CNs from all three TOs were selected for the second stage of the CfP. The deadline for submission of FAFs was 30th of June 2017 in case of TO HERITAGE and SECURITY – 306 such FAFs were submitted and on 4th of September 2017 for TO ACCESSIBILITY and BORDERS – 77 such FAFs were submitted to the JTS (383 FAFs in total).

Within the reporting period the employees of the JTS performed administrative/eligibility/quality assessment of submitted applications (CNs – only JTS, FAFs – along with external experts). The 1st

¹ A limited number of statistics are requested from you in this report based on the assumption that most data are available in the KEEP database - hence the importance of maintaining KEEP up to date.
<http://www.keep.eu/keep/>

meeting of the Project Selection Committee (PSC) dedicated to selection of applications submitted within the TO HERITAGE took place on 4-5 October 2017 in Warsaw. During the meeting the PSC recommended the following:

- Reallocations within the multiannual TA budget and Programme budget where savings were identified in the budget are to be shifted to the TO HERITAGE in order to support approved projects;
- The value of all selected projects shall be modified;
- The JTS shall review all the projects' budgets in terms of their transparency, value and the necessity of particular items;
- 17 FAFs were recommended for a grant;
- 64 FAFs were recommended for the reserve list;
- 43 FAFs were not recommended for a grant;
- 1 FAF was recommended as non eligible due to detected potential state aid elements.

The 2nd and 3rd meeting of the PSC, dedicated to the TO ACCESSIBILITY and TO BORDERS, took place on 23-24 November 2017 in Warsaw. During the meetings the PSC recommended the following:

- The value of all selected projects within the TO ACCESSIBILITY and the TO BORDERS shall be modified;
- The JTS shall review all the projects' budgets in terms of their transparency, value and the necessity of particular items;
- 18 FAFs from the TO ACCESSIBILITY were recommended for a grant;
- 29 FAFs from the TO ACCESSIBILITY were recommended for the reserve list;
- 11 FAFs from the TO ACCESSIBILITY were not recommended for a grant;
- 13 FAFs from the TO BORDERS were recommended for a grant.

The last meeting dedicated to the TO SECURITY was organised on 6th March 2018 in Warsaw. During the meeting the PSC recommended the following:

- In order to increase the number of supported projects, the PSC recommended to increase the allocation available for the Call in this particular TO – the amount of 201 921,54 EUR was recommended to be shifted from the overall TA budget of the Programme;
- The value of each project and the EU co-financing for each project shall be reduced by 22% (the maximum EU co-financing rate for all projects was 90%);
- The maximum grant value for projects no PBU1/0704/16 shall be reduced to 1 408 921,12 EUR ENI (the ENI support for activities of the Beneficiary 4 shall be limited to 100 000,00 EUR). Additional recommendations to the budget were included in the project assessment grid;
- The grant value for the project no PBU1/0077/16 shall be reduced to 1 670 293,83 EUR ENI (the ENI support for activities implemented by all Polish Beneficiaries shall be no more than 919 490,79 EUR);
- 17 FAFs from the TO SECURITY were recommended for a grant;
- 97 FAFs from the TO SECURITY were recommended for the reserve list.

As a consequence, 65 projects have been selected by the JMC for a total amount of co-financing over 113 million EUR. The decisions were taken by the JMC during its three meetings:

- on 17th October 2017 in Minsk, Belarus;
- on 7th December 2017 in Lviv, Ukraine;
- on 22nd March 2018 in Białystok, Poland.

At the same time, implementation documents for projects selected within the 1st CfP were approved by the JMC in the written procedure finalised on 31st July 2017 and the selected project entered the contracting phase. 24 grant contracts were signed by both parties (Managing Authority and Lead Beneficiaries) within the reporting period. The contracts were signed with a suspensive clause, which says that projects must not start before the EC decision in line with Article 25 of the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 897/2014 laying down specific provisions for the implementation of cross-border cooperation programmes financed under Regulation (EU) No 232/2014 (IR).

In parallel, works on the preparation and launch of the 2nd CfP dedicated to microprojects within the TO HERITAGE were conducted. Following the decision of the JMC a special Working Group (WG) on elaboration of the application package for the 2nd CfP was set up. The meeting of this WG was organized on the 1st March 2018, in Warsaw. The WG recommendation were presented and approved during the JMC meeting on 22nd March 2018 in Białystok, Poland. The 2nd CfP was officially launched on 1st August 2018.

Large Infrastructure Projects (LIPs) were approved by the JMC during the written procedures (11th September 2017 – 5 LIPs, 25th October 2017 - 2 LIPs, 21st November 2017 - 1 LIP, 28th November 2017 – 1 LIP, 18th December 2017 – 1 LIP). After acceptance of documents by the JMC, the application documents for LIPs were submitted to the European Commission for its approval. On 10th July 2018 the Programme received note from the European Commission that all ten large scale projects are now officially approved by the European Commission which closed their selection procedure. As the next step, the JTS started preparing the grant contracts for these projects.

3.2 Progress achieved in implementing the Programme and its Priorities

Within the reporting period the following key performance indicators were achieved:

- 65 Full Application Forms were selected for financing by the Joint Monitoring Committee of the Programme;
- 24 grant contracts for projects selected for financing were signed (with a suspensive clause) between the representatives of the Managing Authority and the Lead Beneficiaries;
- 3 meetings of the Joint Monitoring Committee took place;
- 4 meetings of the Project Selection Committee were organised;
- 2 trainings for Beneficiaries on projects implementation and reporting were organised by the JTS and BOs;
- 1 Working Group meeting dedicated to elaboration of the Application Package for the 2nd CfP;
- 1 Application Package dedicated to the 2nd CfP was approved by the JMC;
- 10 Large Infrastructure Projects were submitted to the European Commission for its approval (which took place after the end of the reporting period, i.e. on 10th July 2018).

Results and outputs by thematic objective and priority

TO Heritage – Promotion of local culture and preservation of historical heritage

Priority: Promotion of local culture and history

Expected results*	Result Indicators (RI)*	RI units*	RI Baselines*	RI [1 st measure]**	RI [2 nd measure]**	RI [final measure]**
			RI Targets*			
Increased number of visitors of the historical heritage and cultural sites	Increased number of visitors of the historical heritage and cultural sites	[%]	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
			16,60			

Result Indicators (RI)*	Output indicators (OI)* (common OI to be included in grey shaded cells)	OI units*	OI [cumulative figure from previous reports]	OI [current report]	OI [Total cumulative figure]
		OI targets*			
Increased number of visitors of the historical heritage and cultural sites	Number of improved cultural and historical sites as direct consequence of programme support (ENI/CBC 7)	[cultural and historical sites]	0	0	0
		30			
	Number of cross-border cultural events organized using ENI support (ENI/CBC 8)	[events]	0	0	0
		97			

* as specified in the JOP or as measured before the 1st call for proposals

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Priority: Promotion and preservation of natural heritage

Expected results*	Result Indicators (RI)*	RI units*	RI Baselines*	RI [1 st measure]**	RI [2 nd measure]**	RI [final measure]**
			RI Targets*			
Increased number of visitors of the natural heritage sites	Increased number of visitors of the natural heritage sites	[%]	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
			13,10			

Result Indicators (RI)*	Output indicators (OI)* (common OI to be included in grey shaded cells)	OI units*	OI [cumulative figure from previous reports]	OI [current report]	OI [Total cumulative figure]
		OI targets*			
Increased number of visitors of the natural heritage sites	Number of cross-border events organized using programme support	[events]	0	0	0
		63			
	Number of promoted and/or preserved natural sites as direct consequence of programme support	[natural sites]	0	0	0
		15			
	Number of persons participating in actions and awareness raising activities promoting preservation of natural heritage	[persons]	0	0	0
		5 993			

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TO Accessibility – Improvement of accessibility to the regions, development of sustainable and climate-proof transport and communication networks and systems

Priority: Improvement and development of transport services and infrastructure

Expected results*	Result Indicators (RI)*	RI units*	RI Baselines*	RI [1 st measure]**	RI [2 nd measure]**	RI [final measure]**
			RI Targets*			
Decrease of travel/transportation time in the regions	Decrease of travel/transportation time in the regions	[%]	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
			7,50			

Result Indicators (RI)*	Output indicators (OI)* (common OI to be included in grey shaded cells)	OI units*	OI [cumulative figure from previous reports]	OI [current report]	OI [Total cumulative figure]
		OI targets*			
Decrease of travel/transportation time in the regions	Total length of newly built roads (ENI/CBC 26)	[km]	0,00	0,00	0,00
		5,60			

	Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads (ENI/CBC 27)	[km]	0,00	0,00	0,00
		102,90			
	Number of districts benefitting from modernized/created transport services and infrastructure	[districts]	0	0	0
		28	0	0	0
	Number of partnerships established in order to modernize/create the environmentally friendly transport systems or services	[partnerships]	0	0	0
		14	0	0	0

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Priority: Development of ICT infrastructure

Expected results*	Result Indicators (RI)*	RI units*	RI Baselines*	RI [1 st measure]**	RI [2 nd measure]**	RI [final measure]**
			RI Targets*			
Increase in usage of ICT	Increase in usage of ICT	[number of districts]	0	0	0	0
			18			

Result Indicators (RI)*	Output indicators (OI)* (common OI to be included in grey shaded cells)	OI units*	OI [cumulative figure from previous reports]	OI [current report]	OI [Total cumulative figure]
		OI targets*			
Increase in usage of ICT	Number of partnerships established in order to develop the ICT	[partnerships]	0	0	0
		7			

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TO Security – Common challenges in the field of safety and security

Priority: Support to the development of health protection and social services

Expected results*	Result Indicators (RI)*	RI units*	RI Baselines*	RI [1 st measure]**	RI [2 nd measure]**	RI [final measure]**
			RI Targets*			
Enhanced access to health care and social services	Enhanced access to health care and social services	[%]	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
			36,20			

Result Indicators (RI)*	Output indicators (OI)* (common OI to be included in grey shaded cells)	OI units*	OI [cumulative figure from previous reports]	OI [current report]	OI [Total cumulative figure]
		OI targets*			
Enhanced access to health care and social services	Population covered by improved health services as direct consequence of the support (ENI/CBC 30)	[persons]	0	0	0
		7 890 573			
	Population benefiting from the newly created or improved social services	[persons]	0	0	0
		27 960			

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Priority: Addressing common security challenges

Expected results*	Result Indicators (RI)*	RI units*	RI Baselines*	RI [1 st measure]**	RI [2 nd measure]**	RI [final measure]**
			RI Targets*			
Reduction of waiting time for safety and security services response	Reduction of waiting time for safety and security services response	[%]	13,20	0,00	0,00	0,00
			18,40			

Result Indicators (RI)*	Output indicators (OI)* (common OI to be included in grey shaded cells)	OI units*	OI [cumulative figure from previous reports]	OI [current report]	OI [Total cumulative figure]
		OI targets*			
Reduction of waiting time for safety and security services response	Population benefiting from fire protection measures services as direct consequence of the support	[persons]	0	0	0
		3 689 232			

	Number of security institutions cooperating across the borders.	[security institutions]	0	0	0
		22			

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TO Borders – Promotion of border management and border security, mobility and migration management

Priority: Support to border efficiency and security

Expected results*	Result Indicators (RI)*	RI units*	RI Baselines*	RI [1 st measure]**	RI [2 nd measure]**	RI [final measure]**
			RI Targets*			
Acceleration of passengers and cars border clearance	Acceleration of passengers and cars border clearance	[%]	39,50	0,00	0,00	0,00
			40,00			

Result Indicators (RI)*	Output indicators (OI)* (common OI to be included in grey shaded cells)	OI units*	OI [cumulative figure from previous reports]	OI [current report]	OI [Total cumulative figure]
		OI targets*			
Acceleration of passengers and cars border clearance	Number of border crossing points with increased throughput capacity (ENI/CBC 35)	[BCP]	0	0	0
		7			

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Priority: Improvement of border management operations, customs and visas procedures

Expected results*	Result Indicators (RI)*	RI units*	RI Baselines*	RI [1 st measure]**	RI [2 nd measure]**	RI [final measure]**
			RI Targets*			
Increased efficiency of border clearance	Increased efficiency of border clearance	[%]	32,50	0,00	0,00	0,00
			41,00			

Result Indicators (RI)*	Output indicators (OI)* (common OI to be included in grey shaded cells)	OI units*	OI [cumulative figure from previous reports]	OI [current report]	OI [Total cumulative figure]
		OI targets*			
Increased efficiency of border clearance	Increased throughput capacity of persons on land border crossing points (ENI/CBC 38)	[persons/24 hours]	0	0	0
		10 200			

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3.3 Problems and achievements reported by project applicants and beneficiaries

3.3.1 Summary of issues reported

Minor issues reported by the applicants with relation to the e-application software usage.

Not applicable in case of beneficiaries, no projects started implementation during the reporting period.

3.3.2 Success stories

Not applicable, no projects started their implementation during the reporting period.

3.4 Implementation of Large Infrastructure Projects (LIPs) (if applicable)

Not applicable, LIPs were not implemented in the reporting period (grants for LIPs have not been signed).

3.5 Financial implementation

3.5.1 Cumulative figures of previous reports:

Thematic objectives	EU allocation*		Total amount of eligible expenditure accepted by the MA		Absorption rate in %	
	Standard projects	LIPs selected via direct award	Standard projects	LIPs selected via direct award	Standard projects	LIPs selected via direct award
HERITAGE	32 272 159,47	0	0	0	0	0
ACCESSIBILITY	28 315 660,59	27 540 000,00	0	0	0	0
SECURITY	29 050 782,82	15 220 000,00	0	0	0	0
BORDERS	23 789 650,72	9 310 000,00	0	0	0	0

* as specified in the JOP.

3.5.2 Figures for the reporting period:

Thematic objectives	EU allocation*		Total amount of eligible expenditure accepted by the MA		Absorption rate in %	
	Standard projects	LIPs selected via direct award	Standard projects	LIPs selected via direct award	Standard projects	LIPs selected via direct award
HERITAGE	38 447 469,40	0	0	0	0	0
ACCESSIBILITY	35 624 784,59	21 744 000,00	0	0	0	0
SECURITY	23 901 701,36	21 021 003,00	0	0	0	0
BORDERS	20 279 216,79	9 360 000,00	0	0	0	0

* as specified in the JOP (data set as EU allocation include reallocations accepted by the Joint Monitoring Committee during its meetings in Minsk – October 2017, Lviv – December 2017 and Białystok – March 2018).

3.5.3 Total cumulative figures of previous and current reports:

Thematic objectives	EU allocation*		Total amount of eligible expenditure accepted by the MA		Absorption rate in %	
	Standard projects	LIPs selected via direct award	Standard projects	LIPs selected via direct award	Standard projects	LIPs selected via direct award
HERITAGE	38 447 469,40	0	0	0	0	0
ACCESSIBILITY	35 624 784,59	21 744 000,00	0	0	0	0
SECURITY	23 901 701,36	21 021 003,00	0	0	0	0
BORDERS	20 279 216,79	9 360 000,00	0	0	0	0

* as specified in the JOP (data set as EU allocation include reallocations accepted by the Joint Monitoring Committee during its meetings in Minsk – October 2017, Lviv – December 2017 and Białystok – March 2018).

4. PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

4.1 Summary of main activities

➤ Main activities performed by JMC

During the reporting period 3 meetings of the JMC were organized:

- 16-17 October 2017 - Minsk, Belarus;
- 7 December 2017 - Lviv, Ukraine;

- 22 March 2018 - Białystok, Poland.

During the 1st meeting (Minsk) the following decisions were made:

- Approval of the evaluation report of the PSC for the TO HERITAGE including main (17 projects) and reserve lists (64 projects) of recommended projects, list of projects not recommended for financing, budget reallocations proposal as well as additional conditions for projects' support according to the PSC evaluation report;
- Approval of the budget reallocation suggested by the PSC, MA as well as TA sheet of the JTS and Polish CCP for years 2018-2021 and introducing of relevant modifications to the JOP;

During the 2nd meeting (Lviv) the following decisions were made:

- Approval of the evaluation report of the PSC for the TO BORDERS including list of recommended projects (13 projects), list of projects not recommended for financing and budget reallocations proposal;
- Approval of the evaluation report of the PSC for TO ACCESSIBILITY including main (18 projects) and reserve lists (29 projects) of recommended projects, list of projects not recommended for financing, budget reallocations proposal as well as additional conditions for projects' support according to the PSC evaluation report;
- Transferring to the TO ACCESSIBILITY the amount of 1 513 124,00 EUR – which remains not allocated in the TO BORDERS.

During the 3rd meeting (Białystok) the following decisions were made:

- Approval of the evaluation report of the PSC including main and reserve lists of recommended projects, list of projects not recommended for financing;
- Increasing the allocation available for the Call in TO SECURITY with the amount of 651 921,54 EUR – to be shifted from the Programme TA budget;
- Reduction of the value of each project and the EU co-financing for each project by 22% (the maximum EU co-financing rate for all projects is 90%);
- The maximum grant value for project no. PBU1/0704/16 shall be 1 658 921,12 EUR ENI (the ENI support for activities of the Beneficiary 4 Regional Headquarter of the State Fire Service in Rzeszów shall be 350 000,00 EUR).
- Approval of the Application Package documents for the 2nd Call for Proposals with recommendations.

Additionally, decisions concerning Programme implementation were made by JMC members via written procedures. List of the JMC decisions taken by the written procedures (approvals):

No.	LAUNCH DATE	END DATE	SUBJECT of the approved change/document
1	01-06-2017	08-06-2017	Approval of pool of assessors
2	28-06-2017	04-07-2017	Approval of the updated TA overall budget

3	21-07-2017	31-07-2017	Approval of the implementation documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grant Contract; - Beneficiaries Reports (including Request for payment, Start-up Report, Brief Narrative Report, Interim Progress Report – narrative and financial parts and Final Report – narrative and financial parts); - Programme Manual Part II – Implementation Manual
4	25-07-2017	01-08-2017	Approval of the pool of State Aid Experts
5	09-08-2017	16-08-2017	Approval of the pool of State Aid Experts
6	25-08-2017	08-09-2017	Approval of amended LIP Application and Implementation Process
7	31-08-2017	07-09-2017	Approval of tender dossiers for the service contracts to be operational in 2018-2021
8	04-09-2017	11-09-2017	Approval of the first package of LIP Full Application Forms (LIP/0001, LIP/0002, LIP/0003, LIP/0004, LIP/0007)
9	12-09-2017	14-09-2017	Approval of updated composition of the Project Selection Committee
10	19-10-2017	25-10-2017	Approval of LIP Full Application Form LIP/0008, LIP/0006
11	31-10-2017	07-11-2017	Approval of minutes from the second JMC meeting
12	13-11-2017	15-11-2017	Appointment of the Project Selection Committee composition
13	14-11-2017	21-11-2017	Approval of LIP Full Application Form LIP/0010
14	21-11-2017	28-11-2017	Approval of LIP Full Application Form LIP/0018
15	29-11-2017	04-12-2017	Approval of MA TA budget
16	04-12-2017	11-12-2017	Approval of the Grant Contract template
17	19-12-2017	27-12-2017	Approval of minutes from the third JMC meeting in Lviv
18	12-12-2017	18-12-2017	Approval of the Full Application Forms of the LIP/0015
19	25-01-2018	31-01-2018	Approval of updated TA documents and new ToRs for BOs in Lviv and Brest
20	25-01-2018	31-01-2018	Approval of amended Guidelines for expenditure verification
21	01-02-2018	09-02-2018	Approval of the second Annual Implementation Report
22	14-02-2018	16-02-2018	Approval of updated composition of the Project Selection Committee
23	26-02-2018	01-03-2018	Approval of updated composition of the Project Selection Committee
24	28-02-2018	06-03-2018	Approval of changes in project PBU1/0090/16

25	05-03-2018	05-03-2018	Approval of updated composition of PSC
26	13-03-2018	16-03-2018	Approval of changes in the project PBU1/0667/16
27	30-03-2018	06-04-2018	Approval of the minutes - 4th JMC meeting, Bialystok, 22.03.2018
28	18-05-2018	22-05-2018	JMC written procedure on setting a final deadline to provide all the documents necessary to sign the grant contracts- TO HERITAGE
29	24-05-2018	01-06-2018	JMC written procedure on introduction of significant changes in projects No. PBU1/0205/16, PBU1/0206/16 and PBU1/0239/16
30	28-05-2018	04-06-2018	JMC written procedure on approval of TA documents (TA sheet of the Managing Authority for the years 2018-2021 and updated version of the overall TA budget for the years 2018-2024)
31	15-06-2018	09-07-2018	JMC written procedure on approval of changes in the project PBU1/0195/16

➤ **Main activities of the MA undertaken in the reporting period:**

- preparation (with the assistance of the JTS-IB) Programme documents submitted for the approval of the JMC;
- overall co-ordination of the evaluation process of the project proposals and chairing the Project Selection Committee;
- submission to the EC the Full Application Forms for Large Infrastructure Projects
- participation in events/seminars/workshops/meetings on the Programme implementation organized by TESIM, INTERACT, European Commission;
- participation in Programme events (Programme conference and events celebrating the 15th anniversary of PL-BY-UA cross-border cooperation, seminars and trainings for the applicants;
- being subject to commissioned by EC MA designation systems audit carried out by Ernst and Young,
- conducting a systemic control of the JTS's performance and realization of entrusted tasks.

➤ **Main activities of the JTS and Branch offices**

During the reporting year the structure of the JTS has changed comparing to the previous year. The whole team was divided into four units – the Programme Unit, the Project Unit I (established for implementation of regular projects and LIPs), the Project Unit II (established for implementation of projects with a small budget) and the Financial and Administrative Unit. Such organization is aimed at ensuring of the high management performance and best quality of the JTS work. In comparison to the previous year the JTS has remained its staff at the level of 20 people.

With regard to Programme 2014-2020 implementation the JTS within reported period organized and financed the following events:

- Annual conference of the Programme on 24-26 October 2017 in Rzeszów (Poland);
- Meeting of the Project Selection Committee on 03-05 October 2017 in Warsaw concerning project's selection under TO Heritage;
- Meeting of the Project Selection Committee on 23-24 November 2017 in Warsaw concerning project's selection under TO Accessibility and TO Borders;
- Meeting of the Project Selection Committee on 06-07 March 2018 in Warsaw concerning project's selection under TO Security;
- Meeting of the Joint Monitoring Committee on 22-23 March 2018 in Białystok (Poland);
- Meeting of the Working group concerning elaboration of the application pack for the call for proposals for projects with a small budget which took place in Warsaw on 1 March 2018;

Within the reporting period, the JTS and BOs employees took active part (presentations, panels, information stands etc) in several events organised national (Polish, Belarusian or Ukrainian) organizations. These were *inter alia* the following events:

- Polish-Belarusian conference on water protection on 18 July 2017 in Brest (Belarus);
- Economic Forum in Krynica (Poland) on 5-8 September 2017;
- Network meeting on financial issues in ENI CBC Programmes on 13-14 September 2017 in Budapest;
- Congress of Eastern European Initiatives on 25-26 September 2017 in Lublin (Poland);
- V International Water Forum "Water resources and climate" on 5-6 October 2017 in Minsk;
- Lviv International EcoForum "Water and Energy" on 5-6 October 2017 in Lviv (Ukraine);
- XVII International Economic Forum on 26-27 October 2017 in Lviv (Ukraine);
- Local Government Day on 8-9 December 2017 in Plavie (Ukraine);
- Meeting concerning cross-border cooperation organized by Lviv National University on 7-9 February 2018 in Lviv;
- Meeting organized by the Sub-commission of Inter-regional Cooperation, operating within the framework of the Polish-Belarusian Intergovernmental Co-ordination Commission for Cross-Border Cooperation, on 22-23 February 2018 in Ciechanowiec (Poland);
- How to improve and finance innovative transport practices, Cross-border cooperation meeting under Transport Week on 8 March 2018 in Gdańsk (Poland);
- XI Ukraine-Europe Forum on 13-14 March 2018 in Rzeszów (Poland);
- IV European Congress of Local Governments on 26-27 April 2018 in Kraków (Poland);
- Study visit of Ukrainian local government officials in Poland on 22-28 April 2018 in Rzeszów and Kraków (Poland);
- Meetings concerning EU Funds organized by Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University on 8 May 2018 in Ivano-Frankivsk (Ukraine);
- Conference Polish borderlands in the process of change on 23-24 May 2018 in Wrocław (Poland);
- Conference Cross-border cooperation in the Carpathians on 7-9 June 2018 in Uzhhorod (Ukraine);
- Local Development Forum on 23-26 June 2018 in Truskavets (Ukraine);

Within the reporting period, the JTS employees took part also in several events organised by TESIM and INTERACT:

- Interreg Finance management Camp on 14-17 November 2017 in Lille (France);
- Meeting concerning cross-border cooperation along the EU external borders: lessons learnt and ways forward from 29 November 2017 to 1 December 2017 in Tallinn;
- Meeting on spending funds and settlements under EU programs organized by INTERACT on 22 February 2018 in Nice (France);
- Meeting concerning Annual Implementation Report and Performance Review organized by INTERACT on 6-7 March 2018 in Lisbon;
- Interreg communication network meeting organized by INTERACT from 28 February to 01 March 2018 in Bucharest;
- Workshop on simplified cost options in practice organized by INTERACT on 5-6 April 2018 in Turin (Italy);
- Network event on monitoring and evaluation in ENI CBC Programmes organized by TESIM on 12-13 April 2018 in Brussels;
- Network Meeting of ENI CBC Communication Managers 2018 organized by TESIM on 09-10 May 2018 in Brussels;
- Workshop on evaluations organized by INTERACT on 28-29 June 2018 in Edinburgh (United Kingdom).

In the reported period from the beginning of July 2017 until end of February 2018 all employees of the JTS assessed the Full Application Form under the 1st CFP. Additionally the JTS financed salaries for the 24 external experts that were involved in the assessment process.

Immediately after each JMC meeting related to the projects' selection the JTS employees prepared the grant contracts providing numerous individual consultations for the beneficiaries of the selected projects. Additionally two trainings on projects implementation were organized in May 2018 in Rzeszów and Białystok (both Poland).

With regard to preparation the 2nd CFP which will take place in the second half of 2018, the JTS organized in May-June 2018 individual consultations with potential applicants on their demands and the 2 days Partner Search Forum in Lublin (Poland) on 25-26 June 2018 was organized with more than 200 participants.

In addition, several working meetings of the JTS staff with the BOs staff were organized regarding the Programme and projects related issues.

Besides, the JTS employees as usual took part in various trainings improving their professional qualifications as well as foreign languages skills.

BOs in Poland, Belarus and Ukraine continued performing their tasks in the reporting period under the service contracts signed between them and MA. Main activities carried out by BOs, except for

providing consultations regarding participation in the Programme and assistance to the JTS in daily tasks implementation, included:

- organization and assistance in conducting of trainings for projects within 1st CfP (on Polish side),
- organization of the JMC meetings in Minsk (Belarus) and Lviv (Ukraine);
- organization of the Annual Programme Event in Lviv (Ukraine);
- assistance to the JTS in organization of JMC meetings in Bialystok (Poland);
- assistance to the JTS in organization of the Programme events e.g. Summer Youth Academy 2017, II Cross-border Academy of Development, CBC school competitions, Scientific Conferences in Rzeszów and Lviv; co-organizing the study visit of Ukrainian self-government representatives to Poland; providing the Programme informational stands during important events like XI Forum Europe-Ukraine in Rzeszow, Local Development Forum in Truskavets, VII Eastern Europe Initiatives Congress in Lublin, V Eastern Economic Congress in Białystok;
- monitoring of approval and registration of projects in Belarus and Ukraine;
- assistance to the JTS in translation, proof-reading of documents, drafting of news for Programme web-site.

➤ **Main activities of the CCPs and NAs**

The Guidelines on expenditure verification were jointly drafted by all CCPs and approved by the JMC on 31st January 2018. The Belarusian CCP has set up the list of auditors entitled to verify the project expenditures incurred by Belarusian beneficiaries. Belarusian auditors were also trained in Minsk on 25th December 2018 on the Programme and national costs eligibility requirements. The Ukrainian list of auditors was under elaboration during the reporting period. Few meetings with Ukrainian NA and (to be set up) UA CCP took place to finalise the list of requirements the Ukrainian auditors have to meet and to discuss issues related to the establishment of the management and control system in Ukraine (5-6th December 2017, 13th February 2018 and 29-30th May 2018 in Kyiv).

Problems related to the Programme management activities were not identified. Regular working contacts between the MA, JTS-IB, BOs, CCPs and NAs can be assessed as very useful for managing the Programme.

The NA in Poland organized a first meeting of the self-assessment team for the risk analysis for the *Cross-border Cooperation Programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine 2014-2020*. The meeting took place on 20th November 2017, with participation of the MA, Polish NA (responsible for coordinating the programme management and control system) and the JTS. The main goal of the meeting was to conduct the risk analysis of the programme. The analysis was carried out in line with the assumptions of the *European Structural and Investment Funds Guidance for Member States and Programme Authorities "Fraud Risk Assessment and Effective and Proportionate Anti-Fraud Measures"*. The scope of the analysis consisted of:

- identifying and describing of risk,
- defining control instruments in each risk category,
- defining likelihood of risk appearance and the risk gross impact – reflecting the actual state of play and the experiences from previous programming perspective 2007-13,

- defining impact of the selected control instruments on the risk and the likelihood of its appearance,
- identifying of documents constituting a legal base for the control instruments.

The analysis was carried out for each process identified by the team as fragile for the risk appearance, i.e. selection of project proposals, verification of reports, certifying expenditures, programme management, awarding public procurement.

The analysis and meetings of the team take time on annual basis. The next analysis is planned for autumn 2018.

➤ **Main activities of the AA**

During the reporting period the Audit Authority consulted the MA regarding the designation process.

Between August 2017 and February 2018 the Audit Authority, acting in a role of the Independent Audit Body, carried out a designation audit in line with Article 25 of the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 897/2014.

The Audit Authority assessed the compliance of the management and control systems with the designation criteria laid down in Annex I to the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 897/2014.

As a result of the audit an unqualified opinion has been issued by the Audit Authority.

4.2. Management of the calls for proposals

Within the 1st CFP 749 Concept Notes were submitted to the JTS. The total value of submitted projects' budgets was 1 258,73 mln EUR while the total value of requested co-financing - 1 129,48 mln EUR – 14 times higher than the allocation of funds for the CFP. More than 2 300 organisations from three countries declared being ready to implement the projects. Within the reporting period 65 Full Application Forms were selected for financing by the JMC and 24 grant contracts for the above projects were signed between the representatives of the MA and the lead beneficiaries. Detailed information on the number of projects submitted and contracted from each priority, number of lead beneficiaries and their partners from all the regions etc. is illustrated in the below tables and map.

Table A: Projects by call and priority

Thematic objective HERITAGE		Call n°1			Call n°2			Total		
		N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant
Promotion of local culture and history	Submitted	233	329 681 985,87	295 896 105,56	0	0	0	233	329 681 985,87	295 896 105,56
	Contracted*	10	23 084 050,61	19 722 124,18	0	0	0	10	23 084 050,61	19 722 124,18
Promotion and preservation of natural heritage	Submitted	119	205 519 639,02	184 110 025,28	0	0	0	119	205 519 639,02	184 110 025,28
	Contracted*	7	16 328 974,45	13 525 345,22	0	0	0	7	16 328 974,45	13 525 345,22
Total	Submitted	352	535 201 624,89	480 006 130,84	0	0	0	352	535 201 624,89	480 006 130,84
	Contracted*	17	39 413 025,06	33 247 469,40	0	0	0	17	39 413 025,06	33 247 469,40

* Figures are provided for the projects selected for funding.

Table B: Projects by call and country of lead applicant/beneficiary

Thematic objective HERITAGE		Call n°1			Call n°2			Total		
		N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant
POLAND	Submitted	264	417 055 253,51	374 497 725,47	0	0	0	264	417 055 253,51	374 497 725,47
	Contracted*	14	32 640 778,39	27 457 198,49	0	0	0	14	32 640 778,39	27 457 198,49
BELARUS	Submitted	21	31 874 984,36	27 923 358,43	0	0	0	21	31 874 984,36	27 923 358,43
	Contracted*	1	2 763 605,00	2 362 882,28	0	0	0	1	2 763 605,00	2 362 882,28
UKRAINE	Submitted	67	86 271 387,02	77 585 046,94	0	0	0	67	86 271 387,02	77 585 046,94
	Contracted*	2	4 008 641,67	3 427 388,63	0	0	0	2	4 008 641,67	3 427 388,63
Total	Submitted	352	535 201 624,89	480 006 130,84	0	0	0	352	535 201 624,89	480 006 130,84
	Contracted*	17	39 413 025,06	33 247 469,40	0	0	0	17	39 413 025,06	33 247 469,40

* Figures are provided for the projects selected for funding.

Table A: Projects by call and priority

Thematic objective ACCESSIBILITY		Call n°1			Call n°2			Total		
		N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant

Improvement and development of transport services and infrastructure	Submitted	103	221 952 222,36	199 126 024,50	0	0	0	103	221 952 222,36	199 126 024,50
	Contracted*	17	41 501 702,44	33 258 837,18	0	0	0	17	41 501 702,44	33 258 837,18
Development of ICT infrastructure	Submitted	22	22 593 888,06	20 296 284,63	0	0	0	22	22 593 888,06	20 296 284,63
	Contracted*	1	2 767 190,00	2 365 947,41	0	0	0	1	2 767 190,00	2 365 947,41
Total	Submitted	125	244 546 110,42	219 422 309,13	0	0	0	125	244 546 110,42	219 422 309,13
	Contracted*	18	44 268 892,44	35 624 784,59	0	0	0	18	44 268 892,44	35 624 784,59

* Figures are provided for the projects selected for funding.

Table B: Projects by call and country of lead applicant/beneficiary

Thematic objective ACCESSIBILITY		Call n°1			Call n°2			Total		
		N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant
POLAND	Submitted	94	188 643 681,41	169 643 053,70	0	0	0	94	188 643 681,41	169 643 053,70
	Contracted*	15	38 417 667,77	30 621 988,46	0	0	0	15	38 417 667,77	30 621 988,46
BELARUS	Submitted	4	8 124 275,19	7 310 847,67	0	0	0	4	8 124 275,19	7 310 847,67

	Contracted*	1	2 623 935,00	2 243 464,41	0	0	0	1	2 623 935,00	2 243 464,41
UKRAINE	Submitted	27	47 778 153,82	42 468 407,76	0	0	0	27	47 778 153,82	42 468 407,76
	Contracted*	2	3 227 289,67	2 759 331,72	0	0	0	2	3 227 289,67	2 759 331,72
Total	Submitted	125	244 546 110,42	219 422 309,13	0	0	0	125	244 546 110,42	219 422 309,13
	Contracted*	18	44 268 892,44	35 624 784,59	0	0	0	18	44 268 892,44	35 624 784,59

* Figures are provided for the projects selected for funding.

Table A: Projects by call and priority

Thematic objective SECURITY		Call n°1			Call n°2			Total		
		N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant
Support to the development of health protection and social services	Submitted	172	303 913 003,25	273 060 652,68	0	0	0	172	303 913 003,25	273 060 652,68
	Contracted*	11	22 225 665,76	15 302 639,15	0	0	0	11	22 225 665,76	15 302 639,15
Addressing common security challenges	Submitted	76	141 868 083,92	127 115 301,82	0	0	0	76	141 868 083,92	127 115 301,82
	Contracted*	6	12 475 408,34	8 599 062,21	0	0	0	6	12 475 408,34	8 599 062,21

Total	Submitted	248	445 781 087,17	400 175 954,50	0	0	0	248	445 781 087,17	400 175 954,50
	Contracted*	17	34 701 074,10	23 901 701,36	0	0	0	17	34 701 074,10	23 901 701,36

* Figures are provided for the projects selected for funding.

Table B: Projects by call and country of lead applicant/beneficiary

Thematic objective SECURITY		Call n°1			Call n°2			Total		
		N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant
POLAND	Submitted	178	338 691 403,57	303 895 361,19	0	0	0	178	338 691 403,57	303 895 361,19
	Contracted*	14	30 034 560,10	20 784 363,54	0	0	0	14	30 034 560,10	20 784 363,54
BELARUS	Submitted	14	19 561 930,92	17 565 580,02	0	0	0	14	19 561 930,92	17 565 580,02
	Contracted*	1	1 221 310,00	857 359,62	0	0	0	1	1 221 310,00	857 359,62
UKRAINE	Submitted	56	87 527 752,68	78 715 013,29	0	0	0	56	87 527 752,68	78 715 013,29
	Contracted*	2	3 445 204,00	2 259 978,20	0	0	0	2	3 445 204,00	2 259 978,20
Total	Submitted	248	445 781 087,17	400 175 954,50	0	0	0	248	445 781 087,17	400 175 954,50
	Contracted*	17	34 701 074,10	23 901 701,36	0	0	0	17	34 701 074,10	23 901 701,36

* Figures are provided for the projects selected for funding.

Table A: Projects by call and priority

Thematic objective BORDERS		Call n°1			Call n°2			Total		
		N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant
Support to border efficiency and security	Submitted	13	17 729 707,00	15 955 929,60	0	0	0	13	17 729 707,00	15 955 929,60
	Contracted*	7	12 240 240,35	11 015 852,65	0	0	0	7	12 240 240,35	11 015 852,65
Improvement of border management operations, customs and visas procedures	Submitted	11	15 466 956,76	13 920 260,28	0	0	0	11	15 466 956,76	13 920 260,28
	Contracted*	6	10 298 767,35	9 263 364,14	0	0	0	6	12 475 408,34	8 599 062,21
Total	Submitted	24	33 196 663,76	29 876 189,88	0	0	0	24	33 196 663,76	29 876 189,88
	Contracted*	13	22 539 007,70	20 279 216,79	0	0	0	13	22 539 007,70	20 279 216,79

* Figures are provided for the projects selected for funding.

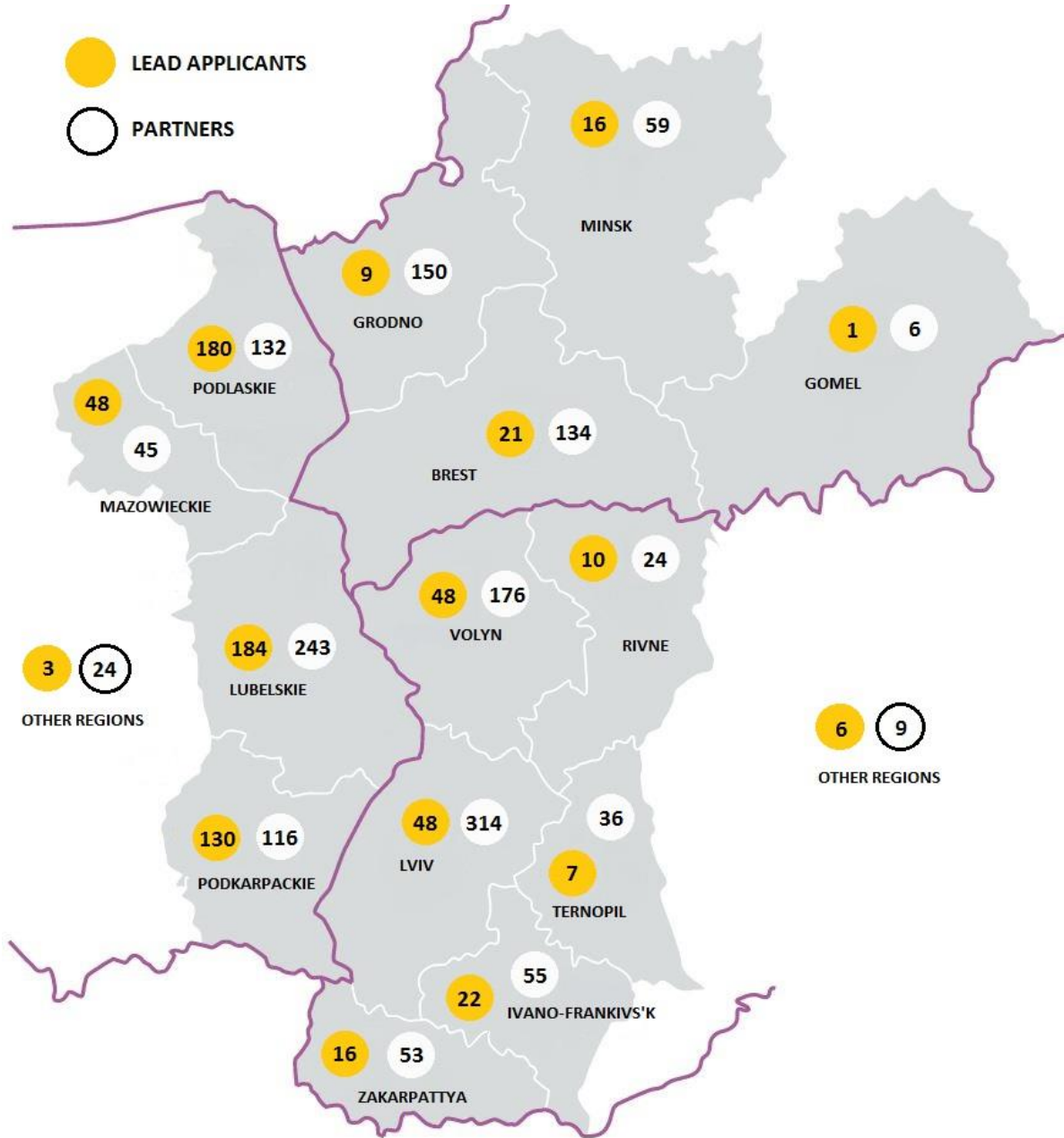
Table B: Projects by call and country of lead applicant/beneficiary

Thematic objective BORDERS		Call n°1			Call n°2			Total		
		N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant
POLAND	Submitted	9	14 723 630,76	13 251 267,28	0	0	0	9	14 723 630,76	13 251 267,28

	Contracted*	6	11 169 601,46	10 047 200,40	0	0	0	6	11 169 601,46	10 047 200,40
BELARUS	Submitted	8	4 563 721,00	4 106 542,60	0	0	0	8	4 563 721,00	4 106 542,60
	Contracted*	3	1 578 238,00	1 420 414,00	0	0	0	3	1 578 238,00	1 420 414,00
UKRAINE	Submitted	7	13 909 312,00	12 518 380,00	0	0	0	7	13 909 312,00	12 518 380,00
	Contracted*	4	9 791 168,24	8 811 602,39	0	0	0	4	9 791 168,24	8 811 602,39
Total	Submitted	24	33 196 663,76	29 876 189,88	0	0	0	24	33 196 663,76	29 876 189,88
	Contracted*	13	22 539 007,70	20 279 216,79	0	0	0	13	22 539 007,70	20 279 216,79

* Figures are provided for the projects selected for funding.

Map A: Organisations involved in projects proposals submitted for funding



Map B: Organisations involved in grant contracts

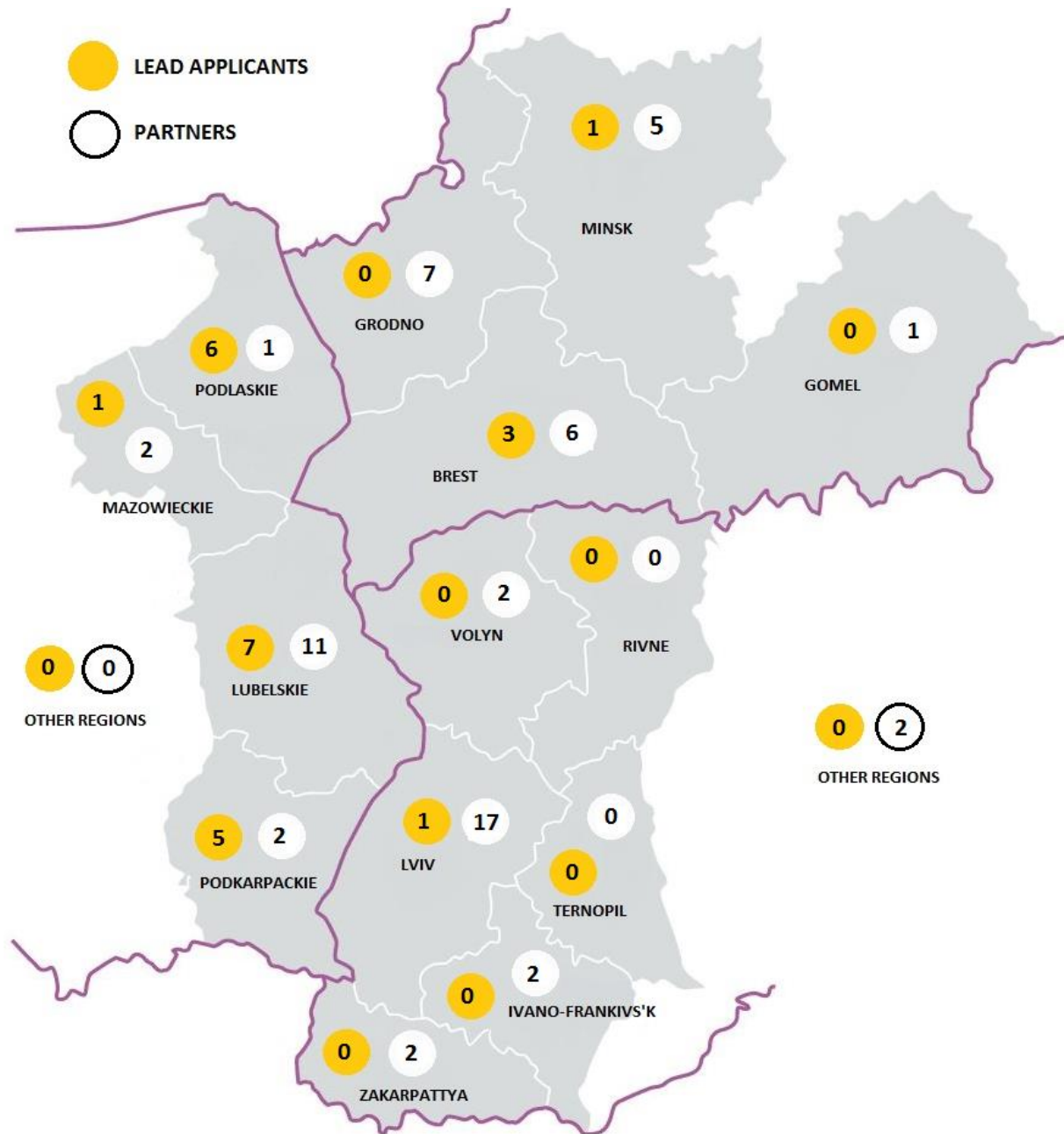


Table C: Organisations involved in projects proposals submitted for funding and in grant contracts

Country	Eligible regions	N° of Lead applicants	N° of partners	N° of lead beneficiaries	N° of partner beneficiaries
POLAND	Lubelskie	184	243	7	11
	Mazowieckie	48	45	1	2
	Podkarpackie	130	116	5	2
	Podlaskie	180	132	6	1
	Other regions	3	24	0	0
BELARUS	Brest	21	134	3	6
	Gomel	1	6	0	1
	Grodno	9	150	0	7
	Minsk	16	59	1	5
UKRAINE	Ivano-Frankivska	22	55	0	2
	Lvivska	48	314	1	17
	Rivnenska	10	24	0	0
	Ternopilaska	7	36	0	0
	Volynska	48	176	0	2
	Zakarpatska	16	53	0	2
	Other regions	6	9	0	2
TOTAL		749	1 576	24	60

4.3 Monitoring and evaluation (max 2 page)

In the reporting period 24 Grant Contracts were signed.

JTS received six Start-up reports from beneficiaries. These reports shall be submitted to the JTS within 3 months after the Grant Contract has entered into force. They include the information about setting up all necessary project management structures and procedures and let the JTS project managers to monitor the initialization stage of the projects implementation. No precaution measures need to be enforced following these first reports.

Data on signed contracts are included in SL 2014 for monitoring purposes.

4.4. Technical Assistance activities: Information and communication activities

The activities undertaken in the reported period in relation to the ENI Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine 2014-2020 (i.e. information and communication activities, activities concerning the Programme website or the Programme publications) were financed from:

- 1.07 – 31.12.2017 - Technical Assistance of the ENPI Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine 2007-2013 (according to the Commission Implementing decision of 18 December 2015 no. C(2015) 9197)
- 01.01 – 30.06.2018 – Technical Assistance of the ENI Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine 2014-2020

4.4.1 List of information and communication activities (part of them financed from TA 2007-2013)

Activity title and location	Aim of the activity	Target group	Message	Output	Results	Measures to ensure EU visibility
Summer Youth Academy (two editions), Sokołów Podlaski 10-14/07/17, Iwonicz Zdrój 7-11/08/17 (Poland)	To reach new audience – youth, and communicate values of the CBC	Youth from 3 countries	Connecting new generations beyond the border	- promotional materials - photo documentation	- youth from three countries exchanged ideas, knew each other	Visibility according to the requirements
II Cross-border Academy of Development, Lviv, Ukraine (19/09/17)	To inform about the Programme, attract new audience	Potential applicants, people interested in the Programme	Wider information and scientific background for Heritage TO	- publication summarising the I and II Academy	- TO Heritage more explained - people informed about the Programme and it's opportunities	Visibility according to the requirements
EC Day celebrations in three countries: • 15-16/09/17 "Karpaty	Informing the general audience about	Young generation, general public	EU funds improving the local life,	- movie from Karpaty Fest - promotional materials	- general public informed about EU ENI funds	Visibility according to the requirements

<p>Fest” event in Mukachevo (Ukraine)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/09/17 “Cross-border atmosphere” event in Sanok (Poland) • 19-21/09/17 final event of CBC School Competition in Ozery (Belarus) 	<p>EU funds</p>		<p>bringing communities together</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - young generations from neighbouring countries brought together (during final of school competition) 	
<p>„Orły Wprost” Awards Gala in Lublin, Poland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 07/11/17 – awards for projects - 05/06/18 – awards for personalities 	<p>To award best projects and personalities of the Programme, promote the Programme</p>	<p>Beneficiaries of the Programme, general audience</p>	<p>Exceptional initiatives realised under the Programme</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - awards - article 	<p>Best projects awarded Most notable personalities of the Programme awarded</p> <p>General audience informed about the Programme</p>	<p>Visibility according to the requirements</p>
<p>Annual Conference 2017 “Cross-border Warm up”, Rzeszów, Poland (24-25/10/17)</p> <p>Annual Conference 2018 (together with final event in Ukraine related to the PBU 15 years celebration)</p>	<p>Organisation of the annual conferences as planned</p>	<p>Beneficiaries, potential applicants, people interested in the Programme, Programme bodies’ representatives, people involved in the implementation of the three Programme editions</p>	<p>First steps and successes of the new Programme, summarizing of the three Programme editions’ implementation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - press conference of the vice-minister and press coverage of the event - promotional materials - conference presentations - movie from the event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - audience informed about first successes of the Programme, first grant award decisions and about next plans - audience involved in the interchange of success stories, summarizing of the three Programme editions 	<p>Visibility according to the requirements</p>

Scientific conference “Contemporary Socio-economic Issues of Polish-Ukrainian Cross-border Cooperation”, Rzeszów (Poland) – Lviv (Ukraine), 15-17/11/17	Bringing scientific environment of Poland and Ukraine closer	Scientists, academics from Poland, Ukraine and Belarus, audience interested by the subject	Connecting scientific environment to work together on shared issues of the cross-border region	- two publications from the event: the collection of abstracts and the publication of scientific papers by Polish and Ukrainian scholars	- exchange of experiences and ideas regarding the subject of the conference	Visibility according to the requirements
Signing grant contracts for projects from the 1 st Call for Proposals (several events between December 2017 and March 2018)	Official signature of first contracts with beneficiaries	Beneficiary, public audience	Importance of the grant award decision and grant contract	- press coverage of the event	- promotion of information on the first grant contracts signed within the Programme	Visibility according to the requirements
Study-visit of Ukrainian local government representatives, Poland 22-27/04/18	Sharing best practices in applying for EU funds for local development	Ukrainian local government representatives	EU funds as an opportunity for local governments	- promotional materials	- exchange of experiences and ideas regarding the implementation of EU funds in the region	Visibility according to the requirements
Trainings for beneficiaries of projects from 1 st CfP in Poland (Rzeszów 17/05/18 and Białystok, 22/05/18)	To train on the implementation issues and procedures	Beneficiaries of the 1 st CfP	Importance of correct implementation of projects	- presentations	- beneficiaries informed about requirements and clarified doubts	Visibility according to the requirements
Celebrations of 15 th anniversary of PL-BY-UA cooperation within the EU funds “Cross-border Melodies” (15 concerts in PL, BY, UA). 4 events in Poland:	Celebrating 15 years of PBU cooperation	General audience	For 15 years the EU is supporting the cooperation through the border	- 10 events – concerts in Poland and Ukraine (4 in Belarus were organised in the next reporting period) - CD with regional music - report about the history	- General audience informed about the Programme and its history	Visibility according to the requirements

<p>27/05/18 Sokółów Podlaski, 16/06/18 Lublin, 24/06/18 Hajnówka, 30/06/18 Polańczyk 6 events in Ukraine: 02/06 – Lutsk 03/06 – Rivne 08-09/06 – Uzhorod 16/06 – Ternopil 17/06 – Ivano-Frankivsk 19-20/06 – Lviv</p>				<p>and results of 15 years of the Programme - leaflets, posters, flyers, promotional materials</p>		
<p>External events where the Programme was a partner of the event with its own discussion panel or/and its representatives acted as panellists: • Economic Forum in Krynica Zdrój, Poland (5-7/09/2017) and information stand • Transport Week 2018 Gdańsk, Poland, 8/03/18 • XI Forum Europe- Ukraine Europa-Ukraina Rzeszów, Jasionka, Poland 13-14/03/18 and information stand on Eastern Fairs</p>	<p>To inform about the Programme and its opportunities and impact</p>	<p>General audience</p>	<p>Example of EU support of cross-border cooperation on its eastern border</p>	<p>- own discussion panel - brochures, leaflets, promotional items - articles - presentations</p>	<p>General audience informed about the Programme</p>	<p>Visibility according to the requirements</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IV European Self Government Congress, Kraków, Poland, 26-27/04/18 • Development Forum, Truskavets, Ukraine, 21-23/06/18 						
<p>External events with participation of Programme representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18/07/17, Polish-Belarusian conference on waters, Brest, BY • 25-26/09/17, Congress of Eastern Europe Initiatives, Lublin, PL • 28-29/09/17, Eastern Congress, Białystok, PL • 5-6/10/17, conference on waters and climate, Minsk, BY • 5-6/10/17, conference on waters and energy, Lviv, UA • 26-27/10/17, XVII International Economic Forum, Lviv, UA • Participation in TESIM Project „Crossing borders” (13-17/11/17) 	<p>To inform about the Programme and its opportunities and impact</p>	<p>General audience</p>	<p>Example of EU support of cross-border cooperation on its eastern border</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - brochures, leaflets, promotional items - articles - presentations 	<p>General audience informed about the Programme</p>	<p>Visibility according to the requirements</p>

<p>students' visit in the Project)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13-15/11/17, II Podkarpacie Road Forum, Rzeszów, PL • 8-9/12/17, Local Self-government Day, Plavie, UA • 05/02/18, meeting with EU funds, Pułtusk, PL • 7-8/05/18 meeting with EU funds, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, UA 						
<p>Programme website</p>	<p>Communicate with beneficiaries and general audience</p>	<p>Beneficiaries, authorities, general public</p>	<p>Updates from the life of the Programme</p>	<p>- updated website - new documents to download</p>	<p>Applicants provided with practical information</p> <p>General public informed about the Programme</p>	<p>Visibility according to the requirements</p>
<p>Social Media – opening of FB funpage and YouTube channel</p>	<p>Communicate with beneficiaries and general audience</p>	<p>Beneficiaries, authorities, general public</p>	<p>Updates from the life of the Programme</p>	<p>- most interesting information shared - videos from events shared</p>	<p>Applicants provided with practical information</p> <p>General public informed about the Programme</p>	<p>Visibility according to the requirements</p>

4.4.2 Summary of review by applicants/beneficiaries

Not applicable, no such activities within the reporting period.

4.4.3 Participation of EU Delegations

n/a

4.4.4 Programme website and social media

The website for the Programme 2014-2020 is constantly updated in 4 languages, there is event calendar, documents to download, database of contracted projects etc.

FB account and YouTube channel of the Programme were launched.

4.4.5 Publications

Following publications have been published (not counting articles, press releases etc.):

- publication summarising the I and II Academy of Development;
- two publications from the scientific conference “Contemporary Socio-economic Issues of Polish-Ukrainian Cross-border Cooperation”: the collection of abstracts and the publication of scientific papers by Polish and Ukrainian scholars;
- report about the history and results of 15 years of the Programme distributed during the annual conference 2018 in Lviv;
- leaflets about the Programme prepared and distributed during the concerts in Poland in June 2018.

4.5. Other Technical Assistance activities

No other specific Technical Assistance activities (beside those described in other parts of the Report) were performed in the reporting period.

5. FORECAST FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR

5.1 Programme and beneficiaries' activities

5.1.1 Summary of main programme activities

Within first six months of the next reporting period (1.07.2018 – 31.12.2018) the following main activities took place:

- internal training in Kazimierz Dolny (Poland) presenting general rules of the 2nd CfP for the Programme bodies (JTS, BOs, MA, CCP), 11-12 July,
- 2 meetings (in Suwałki and Rzeszow, Poland) presenting general information on the 2nd Call,
- Partner Search Forum in Brest (Belarus) on 21-22 August,
- opening of the 2nd CfP on 1 August,
- trainings for applicants of the 2nd CfP organised in 30 locations (in three Programme countries) in September,
- individual consultations for applicants of the 2nd CfP in October,

- assessment of the application forms submitted in the 2nd CfP (starting from November)
- preparation and signature of grant contracts for regular projects within 1st CfP;
- preparation and signature of LIPs grant contracts,
- conducting trainings for auditors of projects contracted within the 1st CfP,
- conducting trainings for projects contracted within the 1st CfP,
- organizational and training meeting with BY CCP and TESIM experts – Minsk 10-11 September,
- conducting by the MA a system control over the JTS and the Polish CCP with regard to their performance of the entrusted tasks.

Moreover following decisions were taken via JMC written procedures:

- on approval of changes in several projects chosen for financing within the 1st Call for Proposals;
- on approval of Annual Implementation Report for the year 2017,
- on overall TA ENI budget for the years 2018-2024 and the JTS TA sheet for the year 2018-2021
- on modification of the Programme Manual Part 1 (1st CfP)
- on approval of PSC Rules of procedures for the 2nd CfP

Full list of the JMC written procedures is available on the Programme website at.

Within the period from January to June 2019 the following main activities are forecasted:

- 1st CfP projects
 - auditors approval (Polish CCP)
 - trainings for auditors
 - management over the implementation
 - verification of reports/payments to the projects
 - on-the-spot/monitoring visits
- 2nd CfP:
 - JTS assessment of the applications
 - Project Selection Committee on the applications' selection
 - JMC meeting approving the results of the selection
 - Trainings for selected beneficiaries
 - Contracting
- Audit Authority audit to the Programme
- Information/communication and capitalisation activities are presented in 5.6 Annual Information and Communication Plan

5.1.2 Summary of main project beneficiaries' activities

Main beneficiaries' activities shall include:

- Grant Contract signature,

- partnership agreements signature;
- concluding contracts with external auditors,
- project implementation,
- participation in trainings organised by the JTS,
- submission of first Start-up reports,
- submission of the first requests for advance payments within the projects.

5.2 Updated Audit Strategy² - enclosed

5.3 Detailed Work Programme of the MA³ - enclosed

5.4 Financial plan and planned use of the technical assistance - enclosed

5.5 Annual Monitoring and Evaluation Plan - enclosed

5.6 Annual Information and Communication Plan - enclosed

² Depending on the date of submission of the Audit Strategy (as per article 28.5 of the IR) the update may not be needed in the report for the year ending by June 2017, unless there has been a change or unforeseen event that needs to be reported.

³ In accordance with 24(a) and 24(b) of ENI CBC IR