

THE ENI CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME
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I. Technical part

Article 77(2) of the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 897/2014

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

BO	Branch Offices
CBC	Cross-border Cooperation
CCP	Control Contact Point
CfP	Call for Proposals
EC	European Commission
ENI	European Neighbourhood Instrument
EU	European Union
FAF	Full Application Form (in case of restricted CfPs) or Application Form (open CfPs)
JMC	Joint Monitoring Committee
JOP	Joint Operational Programme
JPC	Joint Programming Committee
JTS	Joint Technical Secretariat
IR	Implementing Rules
LIP	Large Infrastructure Projects
MA	Managing Authority (Territorial Cooperation Department, Ministry of Economic Development, as of 12/01/2018 Ministry of Investment and Economic Development, as of 15/11/2019 Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy)
NA	National Authorities
Programme	Cross-border Cooperation Programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine 2014-2020
PSC	Projects Selection Committee
RoP	Rules of Procedures
SL2014	Polish National Information System SL2014
TA	Technical Assistance

1. IDENTIFICATION

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2. KEEP DATABASE¹

The table with information on projects and calls is provided to the KEEP managers. The KEEP database has been filled in with data on the PBU 14-20 started projects and can be found [HERE](#)

Information and statistics concerning direct awards LIPs and calls organized within the Programme as well as the projects selected are available on the Programme website under the links:

CfPs/LIPs: <https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/pages/283>

All projects: <https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/projects2020>.

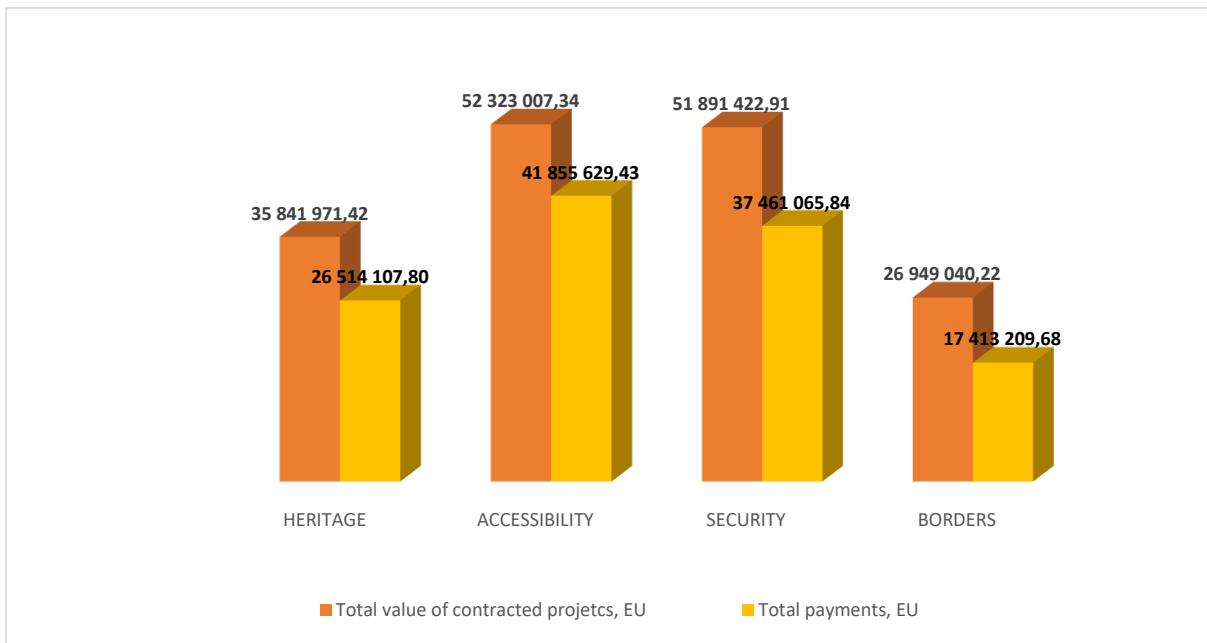
3. OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME

3.1 Executive summary

In the reporting period, the Programme entered into the advanced stage of implementation with all 10 LIPs and 64 regular projects from the 1st CfPs being implemented as well as 89 micro-projects within the 2nd and 3rd CfPs (12 of the approved projects resigned from implementation) contracted, out of which 48 have started implementation of their activities. 8 micro-projects from the 2nd CfPs have already completed their actions.

The total amount of projects contracted by the end of the reporting period makes 188 178 297,14 EUR (with 167 005 441,89 EUR of EU-funding). The Programme budget allocation (EU-funding) to contracted projects and payments in division to specific thematic objectives is presented below:

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/>



JTS team was involved in day-to-day implementation of the Programme, coordination of the projects implementation, contracting of micro-projects, communication and preparation of the new Programme edition.

In the reporting period, the Joint Programming Committee for the preparation of the Interreg Poland-Belarus-Ukraine Programme 2021-2027 continued its work via e-mail and on-line meetings communication.

Recalibration measures toward Belarus within PBU 2014-2020:

Following the Council Conclusions of 12 October 2020, the Programme adopted numerous measures in order to recalibrate Programme EU assistance to Belarus to ensure it benefits the population at large notably by directing it to the maximum possible extent away from central authorities and towards non-state, local and regional actors. All the measures were in line with DG REGIO guidance (letter of 9 June 2021) and included:

1. a systematic and careful screening of all operations in order to exclude any person or entity (including their shareholders) subject to EU restrictive measures, at any level. Whenever needed, the contractual instruments to protect the integrity of the EU budget must be used. This includes the application of the notional approach and the recovery of disbursed funds.

All PBU projects implemented within Polish-Belarusian partnership were monitored in terms of the participation of the central authorities of Belarus and their regional branches as beneficiaries. Monitoring included also contracts awarded as part of projects in terms of the participation of people and companies from sanctionsmap.eu. The JTS reviewed the list of companies with sanctions. The scope of their activities does not coincide with the activities of the beneficiaries of the Poland-Belarus-Ukraine program in the financed projects.

2. a case-by-case assessment of already contracted projects to identify and exclude risk of misuse;

All projects were reviewed and the list of high risk projects were established.

Table: PBU list of high risk projects (BY recalibration)

Project no.	Title	BY Beneficiary	Grant for the Beneficiary (EUR)
PBU1/0497/16	The new approach to the cross-border emergency management system	GRODNO DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	8 218,80
		GRODNO REGIONAL DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS	557 497,80
LIP/0002/16	Construction of the infrastructure of the rail border crossing in Siemianowka	STATE CUSTOMS COMMITTEE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS	0,00
LIP/0006/16	Polish-Belarusian Cross-Border Safety. Strengthen of fire and rescue services potential	GRODNO REGIONAL DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS	610 546,20
		BREST REGIONAL DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF EMERGENCY SITUATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS	3 310 614,99
LIP/0015/16	Construction of the relocatable X-ray scanning control system of vehicles at the border checkpoint Berestovitsa	GRODNO REGIONAL CUSTOM HOUSE	4 049 460,00
PBU1/0062/16	Joint initiatives of border guards on increasing the effectiveness of border checks and state border protection	STATE BORDER COMMITTEE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS	789 877,51

PBU1/0067/16	Record Use Observation Keeping - cross-border cooperation of regional hospitals in Siedlce and Minsk for mother and child health	MINSK REGIONAL CLINICAL MATERNITY HOUSE	899 823,60
PBU1/0077/16	Shared initiatives for increasing security of the cross-border area in the event of ecological and chemical disasters	Grodno Regional Department of the Ministry for Emergency Situations of the Republic of Belarus	750 803,04
PBU1/0572/16	Improvement to the capacity, control and security of the road border crossing in Kuznica Bialostocka	STATE CUSTOMS COMMITTEE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS	0,00
PBU1/0629/16	Strengthening the capacity of the dog service of the Customs authorities of the Republic of Belarus and Republic of Poland	GOMEL CUSTOM HOUSE	0,00
		STATE CUSTOMS COMMITTEE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS	0,00
		GRODNO REGIONAL CUSTOM HOUSE	95,10
		MINSK REGIONAL CUSTOM HOUSE	114,22
		BREST CUSTOM HOUSE	1 805,32
PBU1/0683/16	Improvement of border management operations at road border crossing points BRUZGI and BERESTOVITSA	STATE CUSTOMS COMMITTEE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS	0,00
		GRODNO REGIONAL CUSTOM HOUSE	992 212,00
		MINSK CENTRAL CUSTOM HOUSE	124 543,36
PBU1/0687/16	Improvement of customs control efficiency at the road border checkpoint DOMACHEVO	STATE CUSTOMS COMMITTEE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS	0,00
		BREST CUSTOM HOUSE	228 510,00

All high risk projects were inspected on site by the Brest Branch Office of the Joint Technical Secretariat and the Belarusian Control Contact Point. During the checks, particular emphasis was placed on checking the use of equipment purchased under the projects. The checks did not reveal any irregularities. The most frequent identified shortcomings include delays in the implementation of tasks and insufficient visualization (poorly visible labeling of EU funding).

Additional JTS support for Polish beneficiaries concerning the correct implementation of projects on the Belarusian side were provided.

The Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs received a list of projects with the participation of Belarusian partners to submit it to the EU Delegation in Minsk in order to obtain confirmation by the central Belarusian authorities of the intention to fully implement the current PBU projects.

- amending grant contracts whenever justified and in line with the legal provisions in order to re-orient the assistance away from central-level beneficiaries to activities benefitting the Belarus population, and with no risk of misuse;

All projects were reviewed to assess a possible termination of the contracts or necessity of changing of the scope of activities. This assessment were performed after obtaining the results of on-the-spot checks of high risk projects. In projects involving partners from Belarus the possibility of amending, extending the project implementation period and using project savings was limited to the necessary minimum.

- the set-up of continuous monitoring systems for all projects involving Belarusian central authorities, in particular for Large Infrastructure Projects;

Regular monitoring of high risk projects and Large Infrastructure Projects is established within the Programme. This includes the Brief Narrative Reports (submitted for each 6 month period), Project Interim Report (financial and narrative), on the spot checks, and contact on a daily basis in order to obtain valid information on projects implementation (ad hoc reports for the MA and other Programme bodies).

11 high-risk projects were identified in which central institutions from Belarus or their branches participate. In accordance with the recommendations of the National Bank of Poland, when making payments, verification of the purpose for which the funds were allocated (including the economic purpose of the transaction, whether the payment is related to military activities, the delivery of which goods the transaction concerns).

- the cancellation of all selected, but yet not-contracted projects when a risk of misuse exists;

The Programme did not decide to suspend the implementation of projects or terminate the contracts. Risky projects are subject to constant monitoring, and additional checks on the result of which we make the payment of funds dependent.

- a reorientation of programme activities, as much as possible, towards actions in direct support of the people of Belarus.

Since no new calls for proposals were held in the reporting period the possibility to reorientation of Programme activities is limited.

All information and promotion activities of the Programme focused on maximizing public participation (events open or targeted at specific social groups, e.g. students, the elderly etc.). Contacts with the central authorities of Belarus were limited to the necessary participation in the meetings of the JMC and the programming group.

3.2 Progress achieved in implementing the Programme and its Priorities

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

a) Contracting/implementation of projects

Regular projects:

- 64 were being implemented,
- 1 grant contract signed,
- 19 finished their implementation by 30 June 2021,
- 4 closed (final reports approved).

LIPs:

- 10 were being implemented,
- 1 finished its implementation by 30 June 2021,
- 1 closed (final report approved).

Micro-projects:

- 49 were being implemented,
- 89 grant contracts signed,
- 9 finished their implementation by 30 June 2021,
- 5 closed (none of the final reports approved by 30 June 2021),
- 24 micro-projects contracted in the reporting period.

JMC written decision on selection of projects for financing within 3rd CfP – 26 micro-projects have received EU funding, other 11 were placed on the reserve list. Eligibility check of all beneficiaries has been carried out. 24 micro-projects have been contracted within reporting period.

b) Reporting

Regular/LIPs Reports:

- 107 brief narrative reports,
- 40 financial reports checked and approved.

Micro-projects:

- 30 brief narrative reports,
- 5 final reports received, none approved by 30 June 2021.

c) Trainings for beneficiaries

- 3 on-line trainings on implementation for regular projects/LIPs (PL, UA and BY beneficiaries);
- 1 training on implementation for regular projects/LIPs;
- 1 on-line training on procurements below 30.000 EUR for micro-projects (PL beneficiaries);
- 5 on-line tailor-made workshops on reporting and closing issues for micro-projects (PL, UA, BY beneficiaries who were finalizing their projects);
- 7 on-line trainings on implementation micro-projects (PL, BY, UA beneficiaries);
- Individual consultations for contracted micro-projects.

d) Projects modification

- 71 Addendums signed for regular projects/LIPs and 40 for micro-projects;
- 52 minor modifications introduced in regular projects/LIPs and 22 in micro-projects.

e) Other

- To strengthen the measures already taken by the PBU Programme to support its beneficiaries in fighting the COVID-19 outbreak, the Programme introduced the possibility to make use of the Programme savings and enable the Programme to cover up to 100% of the eligible costs for selected projects (12 healthcare projects);
- On-line materials, FAQ section, instructions for beneficiaries were published on the Programme website.

Results and outputs by thematic objective and priority

By the end of the reporting period 62 projects under implementation have submitted/settled their interim or final reports. The progress in achievement of results and outputs indicators is presented below in the tables.

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	0,3	0,3
		30			
	Number of cross-border cultural events organized using ENI support (ENI/CBC 8)	[events]	0	13	13
		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	Number of cross-border events organized using programme support	[events]	2	6	8
		63			

natural heritage sites	Number of promoted and/or preserved natural sites as direct consequence of programme support	[natural sites]	0	1	1
		15			
	Number of persons participating in actions and awareness raising activities promoting preservation of natural heritage	[persons]	81	403	484
		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 Targets*	RI [1 st measure]**	RI [2 nd measure]**	RI [final measure]**
Decrease of travel/transportation time in the regions	Decrease of travel/transportation time in the regions	[%]	0,00	65,48	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]	0,66	0	0,66
		5,60			
	Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads (ENI/CBC 27)	[km]	33,10	23,88	56,98
		102,90			
	Number of districts benefitting from modernized/created transport services and infrastructure	[districts]	6	2	8
		28			
	Number of partnerships established in order to modernize/create the environmentally friendly transport systems or services	[partnerships]	4	4	8
		14			

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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]	312 000	1 795 382	2 107 382
		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]	1 812 877	201 469	2 014 346
		3 689 232			
	Number of security institutions cooperating across the borders.	[security institutions]	14	75	89
		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	62,50	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	2	2
		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	120 628	120 628
		10 200			

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3.3 Problems and achievements reported by project applicants and beneficiaries

3.3.1 Summary of issues reported

The biggest problem that affected beneficiaries was COVID-19 pandemic and its restrictions which were especially visible in implementation of soft actions gathering larger number of participants. The requirement of social distancing, limitations regarding the public meetings and events and other introduced administrative anti-COVID measures significantly decreased the pace of projects implementation and resulted in numerous prolongations of projects' schedules.

Main issues reported by the beneficiaries were connected with COVID-19 pandemic:

- Administrative limitations regarding organisation of events and meetings,
- Temporarily closed borders and restrictions regarding traveling,
- Lack of workers due to illness and quarantines.

Some beneficiaries still complained about effects of the Ukrainian Administrative Reform and necessity of adaptation to new internal Belarusian regulations like changes in partnership composition or new project starting date.

Moreover, current situation in Belarus clearly affected PL-BY projects – e.g. lack of contact between partners, unexpected decisions of particular Belarusian partners concerning resignation from project implementation, problems with money flows – all these factors resulted in postponements in implementation of many projects and some cancellations of grant contracts implementation.

3.3.2 Success stories

Although it was a difficult time for beneficiaries of micro-projects, mainly due to the pandemic situation and political climate (lack of possibilities to organise people-to-people initiatives, limitations in participation in public events, difficulties in crossing of the borders etc.), only part of them decided to resign from project's implementation from that reason. Many of them postponed the initial project start date or extended duration of micro-projects but also tried to implement their activities. Some of them changed stationary events into on-line meetings, put more emphasis on virtual promotion (films, workshops, guides etc). They managed to overcome the obstacles and implement the activities, even if in many cases they had to be adjusted to the new conditions.

Definitely, projects consider it successful that they are able to implement their actions in the current situation, highlighting the flexibility of the Programme that helps implementation of activities during these days.

Selected success stories:

CBCpaths (PLBU.01.01.00-20-0794/19) – a joint tourist product of 10 communes is being created and promoted (“Bialystok Functional Area Pearls” route), a common calendar of cultural events of the region was published for the first time and the Beneficiaries will continue to publish it in the future, moreover, Belarusian events are promoted on the Polish Beneficiary’s website and Polish events on the Belarusian partner’s website. The Beneficiaries are proud of the common initiatives and satisfied with a very good cooperation.

MountainTaste (PLBU.01.01.00-UA-0802/19) – the cookbook was very much appreciated by the recipients; workshops on Boyko cuisine are continued after the project’s end, even in September 2021, the festival "Master-Classes of Boyko cuisine" will be held with the co-financing of Skhidnytsia village council. Local housewives share recipes and owners of cafes and restaurants already have local dishes in their menus.

4_SEASONS (PLBU.01.02.00-UA-0813/19) – a competition for ideas of tourist routes for 4 seasons of the year has been organized in PL and UA and, as a result, 8 new tourist routes invented by inhabitants and local activists and further developed by the experts have been created on both sides of the border to promote the cross-border regions.

WoodenRoute (PLBU.01.01.00-18-0834/19) – a cycle of concerts and guided tours in the wooden churches promoted the route, modernization of the webpage on wooden architecture route together with creation of 4 VR, as well as its positioning, helps to attract visitors and tourists.

East_promotion (PLBU.01.01.00-06-0880/19) – among many activities implemented by eight project partners, "Multicultural Borderland" in Wojslawice together with concerts in the synagogue nearby has been considered a real festival of the three cultures: Polish, Ukrainian and Jewish and a symbol of friendship among the nations. The Beneficiaries have also designed and marked two bike routes which are a tangible result of the project.

SlowRivers (PLBU.01.02.00-18-0889/19) – the inventory and development of strategy for water tourism on San and Strwiaz rivers helped to rediscover the huge potential of this type of tourism. Promotional events, i.e. kayaking and rafting trips have shown great interest and need for such activities – the Beneficiaries could invite only one third of the persons willing to take part in each event.

GAMPOL (PLBU.01.02.00-06-0914/19) – three versions of the “Game of Polesie”: LARP game, board game and online game are being prepared to promote the most valuable places of Polesie.

Traditions (PLBU.01.01.00-20-0825/19) – started during the summer and managed already to organize sculptural and pottery plain-air gathering local artists.

MATSYK (PLBU.01.01.00-UA-0852/19) – international gastronomic conference in Lublin, Gastronomic festival in Rivne with a great coverage of the target audience in combination with the culinary guide/catalogue MATSYK has brought the popularity not only to the dish itself but the regional gastrotourism. As one of results is the Cooperation agreement between the city administrations for Rivne and Lublin in field of joint promotion of common culinary heritage has sealed the sustainability effect on the action.

ETHNOTOUR (PLBU.01.01.00-UA-0929/19) – folk craft clubs established for Polish and Ukrainian children in Perechyn and Lezajsk are serving the promotion of the common cultural features of Lemkos and Lasowiacy traditions on the borderland and have a substantial popularity and demand among young audience that is quite actual and crucial for keeping the pulse of local culture in conditions of the modern mass culture involvement.

Some of micro-projects from the 3rd CfPs have already started. One of them – *VetHeritage* (1055) has already organized a training on digitalization of archive data, necessary for further implementation of project activities, related to veterinary medicine.

3.4 Implementation of Large Infrastructure Projects (LIPs)

[Please provide an overview of large scale projects: describe the status of implementation of each project including the level of works undertaken (e.g. tenders launched/awarded, amounts contracted, works ongoing/certified, payments made to project partners, eligible expenditure accepted by MA, achievement of indicators etc.).]

Thematic objectives	Total amount for LIPs contracted	EU share of total amount for LIPs contracted	Total amount of eligible LIPs expenditure (EU share) accepted by the MA	Absorption rate % (total amounts)
TO1	24 246 079,64	21 744 000,00	10 352 243,40	48%
TO2	23 421 670,00	21 021 003,00	4 613 876,67	22%
TO4	10 400 000,00	9 360 000,00	847 787,41	9%

In the reporting period all 10 LIPs were within their implementation phases. By the end of reporting period 1 project finished its implementation, submitted Final Project Report, were settled and closed. Next projects submitted their interim reports and received 2nd tranches of prefinancing.

The main problems identified in projects were connected with COVID-19 pandemic. The requirement of social distancing, limitations regarding the public meetings and events and other introduced administrative anti-COVID measures significantly decreased the pace of projects implementation.

LIPs state of play

LIP	Total amount for LIPs contracted	EU share of total amount for LIPs contracted	Total amount of eligible LIPs expenditure (EU share) accepted by the MA	Absorption rate %
PLBU.02.01.00-06-0004/17-00*	6 486 079,64	5 494 358,05	5 494 358,05	100%
PLBU.02.01.00-14-0003/17-00	5 100 000,00	4 590 000,00	1 366 743,56	30%
PLBU.02.01.00-18-0001/17-00	7 500 000,00	6 750 000,00	2 250 126,81	33%
PLBU.02.01.00-BY-0007/17-00	5 160 000,00	4 644 000,00	1 241 014,98	27%
PLBU.03.01.00-UA-0010/17-00	6 400 000,00	5 760 000,00	1 392 297,24	24%
PLBU.03.01.00-UA-0018/17-00	6 450 000,00	5 805 000,00	2 147 166,89	37%
PLBU.03.02.00-BY-0006/17-00	4 571 670,00	3 931 179,03	1 074 412,54	27%
PLBU.03.02.00-UA-0008/17-00	6 000 000,00	5 400 000,00	0	0%
PLBU.04.01.00-20-0002/17-00	5 900 000,00	5 310 000,00	0	0%
PLBU.04.02.00-BY-0015/17-00	4 500 000,00	4 050 000,00	847 787,41	21%

* Settled and closed

Reference number: PLBU.02.01.00-18-0001/17-00

Title of the project: Extension/rebuilding of the regional road No. 885 Przemyśl - Hermanowice - State Border in km 3+642 - 10+257

Lead Beneficiary: Podkarpackie Regional Road Management

Budget: 7 500 000.00 EUR

ENI co-financing: 6 750 000.00 EUR (90%)

The objective of the LIP885 project is to support cross-border development processes in the borderland of Poland and Ukraine by improving transport accessibility and the condition of road infrastructure. This will be achieved through the modernization of almost 7 km of the regional road No. 885 on the state border, between Przemyśl and Hermanowice, which is the main activity of the LIP885 project. As a result, the project will allow for communication accessibility at the designed Polish-Ukrainian border crossing Malhowice-Nyzhankovychi.

The implementation of the project will increase the accessibility from the Podkarpackie Voivodeship into Western Ukraine and vice versa. The effect of the planned modernization will be the creation of a new road connection between the two countries, an alternative to the existing Przemyśl–Medyka–Lviv connection. It will reduce discrepancies in infrastructure and will result in the creation of a new investment area in the vicinity of the expanded road as well as an increase in international traffic mobility.

In the reporting period the contracts necessary for project implementation were concluded with STRABAG Spółka z o.o, Contract Engineer - KDI Sp. z o.o. Krosno., Project architects' supervision.

On 03/09/2019, the construction site was officially handed over to the Contractor of construction works. Since signing the Agreement, the STRABAG has been carrying out the works under the Contract in the full range. Contractor completed construction designs - executive designs, preparatory works, works on the M1 and M2 bridges are underway, pavements, bus bays and road construction are under construction. During the construction works, archaeological sites were discovered.

The first installment 2 362 500 Eur was paid on October 3, 2019.

Reference number: PLBU.04.01.00-20-0002/17-00

Title of the project: Construction of the infrastructure of the rail border crossing in Siemianowka

Lead Beneficiary: Podlaski Voivode

Budget: 5 900 000.00 EUR

ENI co-financing: 5 310 000.00 EUR (90%)

The project aims at improving the security and mobility on the external border of the European Union through modernization of the rail border crossing in Siemianówka – i.e. Polish side of the border crossing point with Belarus, Siemianówka–Svislach. The modernization of this transition will entail, among others, the construction of the administrative building for the needs of passage service, a helicopter landing pad, an observation footbridge and assembly of devices – railroad scale, equipment for the control of cisterns and railway carriages, equipment for monitoring the tracks and the area of passage.

The objectives of actions foreseen in the project are to prevent and combat illegal migration and smuggling, fight organized crime as well as counteract and eliminate illegal trade of rare and endangered species. Project implementation will be beneficial to the Border Guard officers, Customs Service officers, employees from the Border Crossing Service Department, as well as entrepreneurs and local government authorities. In the long-term perspective, the positive effects of the project are expected to be noticeable also to citizens living in the region due to its social and economic development fostered by the project's results.

In the reporting period the tender procedures for conducting construction works has been finalized and contract for construction works has been concluded. The implementation of the project is realized without delays. A railway scale for weighing wagons was installed and launched. The decision of the Podlaskie Voivodeship Construction Supervision Inspector to use the railway was obtained. Furthermore, the permit of the Poviast Construction Supervision Inspector to use buildings 3 and 4 as well as helicopter landing area was obtained. On 30/06/2020 the construction site was officially handed over to the Contractor of construction works.

Reference number: PLBU.02.01.00-14-0003/17-00

Title of the project: Improvement of accessibility of the border region via upgrading of the regional road No. 698 including renovation of the bridge on the Toczna River in Łosice

Lead Beneficiary: Mazowieckie Voivodeship (Województwo Mazowieckie)

Budget: 5 100 000,00 EUR

ENI co-financing: 4 590 000,00 EUR (90%)

The scope of the DW698 project includes reconstruction of the provincial road No.698, construction of traffic lights and renovation of the bridge on the Toczna River in Łosice, as well as the renovation of the provincial road No.698 between Stok Lacki and Mordy. The project shall also include completion of road construction, electricity, telecom, rainwater and sanitary installations and bridge construction works.

The project is expected to boost the transport accessibility of the region which in turn shall lead to strengthening of cross-border economic, touristic and social links. In the aftermath of the project implementation, the conditions for entrepreneurship development in the area and the life quality of its inhabitants will be improved. As a result of the improved road system, starting new relations, including business relationships, will be substantially facilitated. The upgrade of technical parameters of the roads provides a chance to prompt local inhabitants to increase their social and economic engagement.

In the reporting period the tender procedures for conducting construction works has been finalized and contract for construction works has been concluded. The implementation of the project is realized without delays. The construction work is well under way. The road in the town of Mordy is being renovated, including replacement of curbs and reconstruction of the cobblestone pavements and creation of rainwater drainage system (the latter is almost complete). A section of the road from the bridge over the Liwiec river in Wyczółki to the city center has been renovated (works completed, excluding the payment of stripes). The construction works on the bridge over the Toczna river in Losice are almost finished. The works on the town streets (renovation of the crossing of Narutowicza and 11 Listopada streets, equipping the intersection with traffic lights, changing the surface along Bialska Street, including the parking places) are in process.

Reference number: PLBU.02.01.00-06-0004/17-00

Title of the project: Extension of the voivodeship road No 812 on the section Korolowka - Wlodawa

Lead Beneficiary: Lubelskie Voivodeship (Województwo Lubelskie)

Budget: 6 653 700,00 EUR

ENI co-financing: 5 636 349,27 EUR (84,71%)

The strategic objective of the project is to improve the quality of the transport infrastructure and accessibility to the region. This is planned to be achieved through the reconstruction of almost 5 km of the voivodeship road No.812, on the Korolówka–Włodawa section.

Voivodeship road No.812 is one of the roads with the highest traffic intensity in the Lubelskie Voivodeship, with average daily traffic in the Włodawa area reaching 5 727 vehicles (2015 data). This road is also characterized by a high number of accidents (which in 2011 accounted for 6.7% of all accidents taking place on Lubelskie regional roads). The RDW812 project implementation will contribute to improving the overall road-traffic conditions, thus reducing the number of road accidents. The investment shall shorten the travel time between the planned road border crossing of Zbereże–Adamczuki and the TEN-T network (national road No.17) by about 5 minutes. The modernized infrastructure will provide faster, more comfortable access to the region and will strengthen its investment and tourism potential.

Construction works related to the extension of the voivodeship road No 812 have been fully completed and the newly reconstructed road of approximately 5 km have been commissioned. The road was equipped with pedestrian sidewalks and bike paths in the built-up area and with bike paths with permitted pedestrian traffic outside built-up area. The modern vehicle with a special equipment for winter and summer road maintenance was purchased.

Due to the spread of Covid-19 the international Conference planned to be conducted during the summer time had to be cancelled.

The partnership tied up during the joint implementation of the project served as a basis for signing an Cooperation Agreement between Regional Road Administration in Lublin (a body responsible for the project implementation) and Volyn Regional State Administration.

All project results and achievements have been widely promoted via radio spots, press advertorials and articles, project's website and info printed in the media web portals as well as via the video spot distributed among main project stakeholders and a promotional film published on Youtube platform.

Reference number: PLBU.03.02.00-BY-0006/17-00

Title of the project: Polish-Belarusian Cross-Border Safety. Strengthen of fire and rescue services potential

Lead Beneficiary: Brest Regional Department of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Belarus

Budget: 4 716 670,00 (increased by the Beneficiary)

ENI co-financing: 4 056 003.00 (85,99 %)

The project supports the creation of an efficient joint system of monitoring and prompt responses to various emergency situations in the cross-border territories of Belarus and Poland. As part of the project, the fire station in Kamianets will be reconstructed and two training centers for the rescuers in Brest and Hrodna will be created and equipped. Special equipment for fire stations in Brest and Kamianets will be also purchased. Moreover, the partners will organize a cycle of thematic trainings for firefighters-rescuers and will raise awareness among the population of the regions.

Achievement of the project results will improve the populations' quality of life through the reinforcement of people's property and ecological safety in the cross-border territories of the Polish-Belarusian borderland. The project will create a more attractive region for inhabitants, tourists and investors.

The project is on a final stage of implementation.

Reconstruction of the fire station in Kamianets was completed earlier, technological equipment has been installed in it. Creation of a Safety Centre on the basis of the fire station (additionally introduced activity) is completed. Reconstruction of the Training and Educational Centre in Brest is completed.

Implementation of purchases for the training center in Hrodna are on the final stage. Due to the Covid-19 the joint training exercises of the rescuers of Belarus and Poland have not been held.

As a part of the awareness-raising campaign, various activities with the target group were held: two open days on the basis of the fire units of the Brest and one seminar. Educational brochure "Main Emergency Situations, Actions for Liquidation" was published.

Beneficiary 1 has increased own contribution, thus the percentage of the ENI co-financing has changed from 90,00% to 85,99%. The project was twice prolonged. Current project implementation period end – 31/08/2021.

Reference number: PLBU.02.01.00-BY-0007/17-00

Title of the project: Improvement of border region road infrastructure ensuring sustainable access to the border region (modernization and construction of road P-16)

Lead Beneficiary: Public Unitary Enterprise of Motorway Roads "Brestautodor"

Budget: 5 160 000.00 EUR

ENI co-financing: 4 644 000.00 (90%)

The project aims to make the cross-border region more accessible by improving public transport links through modernization (3,85 km) and construction (9,46 km) of road P-16. After reconstruction, the road P-16 will be upgraded from IV category to III category (with a width of 7 m). Limitation of speed will change from 40 to 90 km/h and as a result, throughput will increase while ensuring less time for transportation.

Due to implementation of the project road, P-16 will be used for the international movement of buses and trucks directly to the border crossing, without the necessity to pass through populated areas. Implementation of the project will improve the accessibility of the regions, development of communication networks and systems, including development of transport services and infrastructure. Sustainable access to the border region and taking care of the environment make the regions more attractive to residents, tourists and investors.

The project is on a final stage of implementation. Modernization and construction works on the road P-16 ("Highway P-16 Ciuchiničy – Vysokaje – border of the Republic of Poland (Piasčatka), km 20,000 – km 41,000") were completed in September 2020. The act of commissioning the site was approved on October 13, 2020. Two memorial boards with program logos and EU symbols were installed at the entrance and at the exit of construction site.

Soft activities were conducted in October and November 2020 (seminar "Exchange of experience in the road section", conference "Innovations in the road sector", conference "Impact of the project on the socio-economic indicators of the region").

Beneficiary has used generated savings for the purchase of additional road equipment (tractor, mower, loader, brush), that will be used for the maintenance of the road P-16, preserving the achieved technical and economic indicators for a long period and will increase the safety of road users.

The project ends in July 2021.

Reference number: PLBU.03.02.00-UA-0008/17-00

Title of the project: Establishment of the system of dynamic response to information of crimes and other events in Lviv

Lead Beneficiary: Lviv Regional Board of Administration of the National Police

Budget: 6 000 000.00 EUR

ENI co-financing: 5 400 000.00 EUR (90%)

The objective of the project is to tackle the problem of long waiting time for help requested for crimes and other incidents in Lviv. The average waiting time is 20 minutes but can even reach 40 minutes. Everybody including residents and visitors, need to feel safe, protected and be able to get help in a timely manner. The project will help regional and local authorities to respond to the common challenges in the field of safety and security.

According to a sociological survey conducted in Lviv, 76% of inhabitants feel safe in the city during the day and only 40% at night. The project implementation aims to increase these numbers to 85% during the day and 60% at night. The waiting time for help will decrease from 15 to 5 minutes. To achieve this goal the new administrative building will be completed and equipped with a system that gathers data received from CCTV city cameras, six police stations located in Lviv will be reconstructed, and a new administrative building will gain an integrated multiservice telecommunication system. Moreover, the emergency communication subsystem, based on operative information and monitoring response of crimes, will improve, as well as a data transmission network with CCTV cameras will be created. The main objective is to coordinate the cooperation of emergency services to provide security and required help to the citizens and visitors of Lviv.

Through the achievement of the planned actions, the project will affect development of the region, significantly reduce the number of crimes committed in public places and create conditions for prevention thereof. This will increase tourist flow and allow Lviv citizens and visitors to feel safe and receive timely and accurate help in situations of threat.

Initially the project implementation was delayed, due to the long process of signing of Memorandum between the National Police of Ukraine, Lviv Oblast Council and Lviv Oblast State Administration to ensure own co-financing within the project, and also getting necessary approvals, further complicated with COVID-19 situation. To overcome negative epidemic consequences, the project implementation period was extended until January 22, 2022. Also, the issue was brought to the highest level of national authorities on the meeting on 9 March 2021, with the participation of Prime-Minister of Ukraine. As a result, the monthly project reporting was established at the highest national level and the project is currently in the active implementation phase. Lead Beneficiary has completed all preparatory activities, related to the infrastructure, such as getting necessary permissions, purchasing project design and architectural supervision services for all buildings. The construction of the new administrative building and re-construction works for 6 police stations is ongoing. Also, the following equipment for the new space has been purchased: 100 tablets, 80 laptops and 25 printers. The procurement process ongoing for diesel generator, 580 body-worn cameras, 170 automated workplaces with analytic equipment, equipped vehicle for operative sudden action, crime scene car, and mobile command dispatching station vehicle. The development of communication network, aimed at integrating the video surveillance system into a single unit and allow police officers to access video surveillance networks for the needs of operative management of special operations, search of criminals on hot tracks, implementation of preventive functions, is 85% completed. The remaining equipment – CCTV cameras, analytic traffic control complexes and server equipment will be procured after receipt of the 2nd tranche.

Reference number: PLBU.03.01.00-UA-0010/17-00

Title of the project: Reducing of the risk of TB epidemic in the border areas of Ukraine and Poland through the construction of tuberculous hospital for 100 beds in Zakarpattya Oblast and introduction of innovative methods of tuberculous monitoring, prevention and treatment

Lead Beneficiary: Health Department of the Regional State Administration of Transcarpathian Region

Budget: 6 400 000.00 EUR

ENI co-financing: 5 760 000.00 (90%)

The overall objective of the project is to reduce the number of TB incidences in the Programme area which will be achieved primarily by building the TB hospital in Nyzhnya Apsha village (Zakarpattya, UA) equipped with modern medical equipment and innovative approaches to TB detection, prevention and treatment. Improvement of medical equipment in the Frederic Chopin Regional Clinical Hospital No.1 in Rzeszów is also foreseen in the project. As a result of the implementation of cost-effective treatment and raising the quality of medical services in the field of TB the project will increase the effectiveness of TB detection up to 5%, reduce the long-term incidence by 1.5 times and improve the epidemic situation of tuberculosis in the border areas. These actions will affect the final beneficiaries of the project – 75 000 citizens covered by improved health services. Closer cross-border cooperation and exchanging experience between medical institutions of Ukraine and Poland shall lead to the achievement of the project's goals.

In the reporting period the Lead beneficiary has completed preparatory activities for the infrastructure and is carrying construction of tuberculosis hospital for 100 beds in Nyzhnia Apsha. As reported, the approximately ¼ of the works has been finished. At the same time, works on artesian well and heating networks on individual buildings are nearly finished. The readiness of utility and disinfection buildings and external water supply networks is over 50%. Beneficiary 1 (Frederic Chopin Regional Clinical Hospital No. 1 in Rzeszow) purchased video-bronchoscope and bronchoscope. The Beneficiary 2 (Communal non-profit enterprise "Regional clinical phthiopulmonology treatment and diagnostic center" of the Transcarpathian regional council) purchased 2 mobile X-ray diagnostic rooms, 4 oxygen generators and a minibus. The delivery of 2 specialized medical vehicles is expected in fall of 2021.

Work is underway to develop a pilot model for tuberculosis detection based on an assessment of the baseline status of tuberculosis detection in at-risk groups, and also guidelines for "Organization of outpatient infusion therapy rooms". The consequences of COVID-19 epidemic were particularly unfavorable for the project, since the Beneficiaries 2 and 3 were overwhelmed as COVID-hospitals, and to overcome epidemic negative consequences, the project implementation period was extended until December 31, 2021.

Reference number: PLBU.04.02.00-BY-0015/17-00

Title of the project: Construction of the relocatable X-ray scanning control system of vehicles at the border checkpoint Berestovitsa

Lead Beneficiary: Grodno Regional Custom House

Budget: 4 500 000.00 EUR

ENI co-financing: 4 050 000.00 (90%)

The challenge is to improve safety and increase transit location that will lead to further improvement of external economic relations and increase the competitiveness of the region. The project shall contribute to the solution of the above problem, by implementing the new technology of „non-intrusive“ (without the need to open vehicles or unload) inspection at the border crossing-point “Berestovitsa”. The project involves the construction of the X-ray scanning control system, including scanning equipment, a shed building for it and a building for personnel, utility systems, passageways, parking for vehicles, training for experts to work with the scanning equipment and organization of speeded up inspection of vehicles. To gain on the cross-border project implementation, project partners plan the exchange of experiences, particularly on the application of the X ray data. Thus carriers and people crossing the border at the check-point “Berestovitsa”, as well as officers of the border guard, customs and other services will benefit from the project implementation. Using the technology of non-intrusive customs inspection will create necessary conditions for prompt and safe border crossing in both directions.

After the significant delay the project entered the active phase of implementation. Construction works on the object of a stationary X-ray scanning complex are in process. The interior decoration works in the administrative and dispatch building has been completed, plumbing equipment has been installed. Drainage devices, ventilation and fire-protection systems in the hangar building for X-ray scanning complex were installed. Currently, works are being completed on the installation of concrete pavement for driveways platforms, sealing of expansion joints and installation of drainage devices. Equipment for the complex has been purchased and delivered.

Reference number: PLBU.03.01.00-UA-0018/17-00

Title of the project: Improvement of the environment within the Shatsk National Natural Park by building sewer systems in rural settlements around Lake Svityaz

Lead Beneficiary: Shatsk District State Administration of Volyn Region

Budget: 6 450 000.00 EUR

ENI co-financing: 5 805 000.00 EUR (90%)

The overall objective of the project is to prevent the spread of human and animal diseases in Volyn Oblast (Ukraine) and Lubelskie Voivodeship (Poland). The cross-border approach is aimed at combining efforts of beneficiaries to improve the sanitary and epidemiological situation of the biosphere reserve “Western Polissia”. The project will do so by building the sewage system in rural settlements around Lake Svityaz. Thanks to the development of sewer networks and sewage treatment plants in the settlements flow of polluted sewage to subsoil waters will decrease by 80%, which will reduce the pollution of Shatsk National Natural Park lakes and basins of the Western Bug and Prypiat.

In the reporting period the project was implemented according to the schedule. The Lead Beneficiary continued construction of the sewer networks and sewage treatment plants. In particular, sewer network and system of sewage treatment in Gajivka and Melnyky and Svityaz village were installed and connected to relevant sewage pumping stations. Electrical installation works, street lighting and installation of air duct were performed in Pulmo. The readiness of infrastructure is over 95%. Water and sewage damage restoration truck was purchased. The training and visit of Ukrainian staff to Polish plants was postponed to due to COVID. Also, it should be noted, that during the reporting period, the LB - Shatsk District State Administration of Volyn Region, was subject to liquidation due to the administrative reform in Ukraine, and regional state authority took over to coordinate the process of LP legal succession to Kovel district State administration. The transformation process lasted few months in spring 2021 and the project implementation slowed down during this period, as the project accounts were closed and staff released, therefore the regional state authority stepped in to coordinate the process. The necessary documents regarding LP legal succession and also project extension until December 31, 2021, were submitted to and approved by the Joint Monitoring Committee in the end of June 2021.

3.5 Financial implementation (N/A)

Financial information should be provided in the Financial Part of the Annual Report.

3.6 Summary of non-substantial changes of the JOP

The JOP was modified in reference to:

- the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/879 of 23 June 2020 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 897/2014 as regards specific provisions to align the provisions for the implementation of cross-border cooperation programmes financed under the ENI with specific measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic (including new timeframe for implementation of the Programme);

- the possibility of financing up to 100% of the total eligible costs of the PBU healthcare projects;
- updated names of institutions (MA, UA NA).

4. PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

4.1 Summary of main activities

➤ Main activities performed by JMC

During the reporting period, 6th JMC meeting was organized on-line on 10.12.2020 and related following issues:

1. Situation in Belarus
2. Implementation of LIPs and regular projects
3. Implementation and contracting of micro-projects
4. Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on programme implementation and adaptive measures undertaken

The EC representative was present at the meeting.

Moreover, the following important decisions were made via written procedures during the reporting period:

- Approval of final results of the 3rd Call for Proposals project selection process
- Approval of modified templates of PBU Beneficiaries' financial reports
- Approval of change in the settlement of the infrastructure component in micro-projects (PBU2 and PBU3)
- Approval of the possibility of financing up to 100% of the total eligible costs of the 12 PBU healthcare projects
- Approval of updated version of the Joint Operational Programme (4th revision)
- Approval of changes in TA budget of the ENI PL-BY-UA 2014-2020 Programme
- Approval of the Annual Report of the ENI CBC Poland-Belarus-Ukraine Programme 2014-2020 for the period 1.07.2019 - 30.06.202
- Approval of waiver of recovery for the ENPI Cross-border Cooperation Programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine 2007-2013 projects (receivables up to EUR 30,000)

The full list of the JMC decisions taken by the written procedures is published on the Programme website at <https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/pages/512>

➤ 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 submitted within the 3rd call for proposals and chairing the Project Selection Committee;
- handling complaints submitted by the applicants of the 3rd call for proposals;
- participation in events/seminars/workshops/meetings on the Programme implementation organized by TESIM, INTERACT, European Commission;
- participation in Programme events (JPC meeting, seminars and trainings for the applicants/beneficiaries);
- conducting fraud risk assessment for the Programme 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";
- contracting of the projects, signing addendums to the grant contracts;
- developing solutions for beneficiaries of PBU1, PBU2, PBU3 and the LIPs in relation to COVID-19 epidemic threat and political situation in Belarus;
- projects reports verification and paying out of the advance payments to the project beneficiaries;
- updating of the MA Procedure Manual;
- modification of the JTS Procedures Manual and approval of the amended version of the document;
- conducting a systemic control of the JTS's and Polish CCP's performance and realization of entrusted tasks;

- works regarding preparation of PBU programme 2021-2027 – preparation of documents and conducting JPC/NAs consultations regarding i.a. rules for LIPs and microprojects, division of allocation, initial assumptions on financing & reporting system, initial assumptions on audit system;
- drafting solutions/scenarios on the 2021-2027 Programme development in relation to political situation in Belarus and situation on Polish-Belarusian border.

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

With regard to the Programme 2014-2020 implementation the JTS was responsible for day-to-day implementation of the Programme and all standard activities related to that:

- contacts with the Programme institutions, applicants and beneficiaries;
- overlooking grant contracts' and service contracts' implementation;
- assisting beneficiaries of PBU1, PBU2, PBU3 and the LIPs in implementation and communication of their activities;
- the Programme communication (full list of communication and promotional activities can be found in p. 4.4.1).

In that time JTS was and BOs were additionally concentrated on:

- contracting of PBU3 projects (micro-projects from 3rd CfPs);
- organization of various trainings for all beneficiaries in all three countries (full list of communication and promotional activities can be found in p. 4.4.1);
- participation in numerous events summarizing projects implementation;
- assisting beneficiaries of PBU1, PBU2 and the LIPs in relation to COVID-19 epidemic limitations;
- conducting on-the-spot verifications in the projects.

In the reported period, employees of the JTS assisted beneficiaries in the implementation of projects and events, communication activities and provided numerous individual consultations. Since the COVID-19 outbreak, the JTS additionally supports project beneficiaries in relation to difficulties caused by the pandemic. Numerous activities were introduced to diminish the effects of abrupt changes and minimize negative impact on the implementation of the Programme and projects.

With regard to the 3rd CfPs the JTS continued the preparation of grant contracts providing numerous individual consultations to the beneficiaries of the selected projects.

The JTS organized trainings on implementation, procurements as well as communication activities in Poland, Belarus and Ukraine. Necessary materials on project implementation were prepared, the FAQ section on the Programme website was updated.

The JTS and BOs employees took active part (presentations, panels, information stands etc) in several events organised by projects as well as national (Polish, Belarusian or Ukrainian) organizations, in some cases with co-organization and financing from the Programme TA (full list of these activities can be found in p. 4.4.1).

The JTS and the BOs, also in cooperation with the CCPs carried out first on-the-spot verifications in the projects. 32 on-the-spot verifications were conducted in the reporting period. Not all verifications planned in the Annual plan of controls were conducted, mainly due to the restrictions of COVID-19 situations. All the due controls will be finalised in the next reporting period. The JTS/BOs verified implementation of activities planned in the projects, output indicators, compliance of responsibilities on information and promotion and respecting equal treatment rules. The progress of activities declared in the reporting period was verified by the JTS/BOs if it is in line with the Grant Contract. As a result of the afore-mentioned verifications no irregularities were identified.

The JTS employees took part practically in all events organised in that time by TESIM and INTERACT that had any relations with the CBC ENI programme implementation and preparation of the NEXT Interreg programme.

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.

The 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 as well as projects in daily implementation, included:

- assistance to the JTS in organization of most of the Programme events listed in the point 4.4.1;
- assistance to the JTS in translation, proof-reading of documents, drafting of news for Programme web-site;
- preparation of the projects publications, Crossborderer, news on the Programme website as well as organizing FB fanpage.

Relating the preparation of the Interreg PBU 2021-2027 Programme, following activities were carried out:

- Preparation of documents and materials for the JPC decisions;
- 2 meetings of the JPC PBU 2021-2027 held on-line;
 - 1st – 10.12.2020 – related LIPs preparation, Financing & reporting system, control system, IT system 2021-2027. The EC representative participated in the meeting
 - 2nd – 10-12.02.2021 – presentations of each of the direct award LIPs proposals by their partners and JPC discussion over each of them, recommendations to be included in the final project summaries preparation.
- Co-organization of MA / JTS / NA meetings;
- Cooperation with LIPs partners on their project summaries preparation;
- Participation in numerous workshops organized by European Commission, Interact, Tesim;
- Public consultations of the strategic part of the Programme document;
- Modification of the Programme document to include EC recommendations in reference to Belarus (cancellation of Priority Borders);
- Work over the SEA Report and its public consultations;
- Work over many technical aspects necessary for the new Programme such as the grant contract form, e-application system, eligibility of costs, use of SCO, etc.

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

The Belarusian and Ukrainian CCPs have maintained the list of auditors entitled to verify the project expenditures incurred by, respectively, Belarusian and Ukrainian beneficiaries. Some modifications were introduced to the list.

Polish CCP continued to authorise Polish auditors entitled to verify the project expenditures incurred by Polish beneficiaries.

The Guidelines on Expenditure Verifications were updated to include necessary issues.

Generally, no major problems related to the current Programme management were identified. However, political situation in Belarus was negatively influencing the pace of the new Programme preparation.

The NAs of each participating country were in close contact and generally cooperated on the Programme implementation issues.

The CCPs carried out first on-the-spot verifications in the projects. The CCPs verify accounts, expenditures and Auditor's Certificate and Checklist for project control. As a result of the afore-mentioned verifications no irregularities were identified

The MA conducted another fraud risk analysis for the Programme with participation of the Polish NA (responsible for coordinating the programme management and control system), the JTS and Polish CCP. 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 analysis is carried out on annual basis.

➤ **Main activities of the AA**

The Audit Authority carried out audit of operations and the system audit at the level of Managing Authority and Joint Technical Secretariat, between December 2020 and January 2021. Results were presented in the Annual Audit Report.

4.2. Management of the calls for proposals

Within the 1st CfPs during the reporting period due to the termination of 2 contract within previous reporting period and identified savings within the implementation of other projects the JMC took a decision to contract the project from reserve list:

- PLBU03.01.00-06-0217/17-00 The Borderland of Equal Treatment / Step by Step Association for Help to Disabled Children in Zamość (LB). Grant Contract were concluded on 14.07.2020.

Additionally as a response for COVID-19 crisis the JMC approved allocation of additional 3 MEUR for the healthcare cross-border cooperation projects to support them in fighting the pandemic outbreak. There are 12 projects (7 PL-BY, 4 PL-UA, 1 PL-BY-UA) involved including hospitals and social care centres, identified to purchase additional equipment or introduce new activities to better response to the crisis (while still implementing regular project activities).

Out of 3 MEUR, the projects have purchased among others:

- respirators,
- professional R- series defibrillator (support of the work of heart and lung function),
- modular intensive care units with ventilation module,
- video bronchoscope,
- oxygen humidifiers,
- ECG devices,
- resuscitator AMBU,
- cardio monitors,
- laryngoscope sets,
- pulse oximeters,
- sterilizers,
- mobile bactericidal irradiators,
- hospital beds and anti-bedsore mattress,
- diagnostic tests,
- as well as disinfectants and personal protection and other equipment and accessories needed to improve the functioning of medical facilities in the pandemic situation.

During the reporting period the process of signing of addenda increasing of value of the above medical projects were in progress.

To strengthen the above measures already taken by the PBU Programme to support its beneficiaries in fighting the COVID-19 outbreak, the Programme introduced the possibility to make use of the probable Programme savings and enable the Programme to cover up to 100% of the eligible costs for selected projects (12 healthcare projects). Within the reporting period no addendums in the matter were signed.

Within 2nd CfPs, out of 74 micro-projects selected, finally 65 projects decided to sign the grant contracts and 45 started their implementation. 9 projects resigned from funding.

3 micro-projects from the 3rd CfPs already started their activities (out of 24 contracted within reporting period). 3 micro-projects out of 37 (from the main and reserve lists) notified their official resignation. COVID19 pandemic and political situation in Belarus are the major reasons for resignations.

Table A: Projects by call and priority

Thematic objective HERITAGE		Call n°1			Call n°2			Call n°3			Total		
		N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	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	198	12 180 849,48	10 813 339,04	144	8 639 912,68	7 584 162,68	575	350 502 748,03	314 293 607,28
	Contracted	9	19 328 353,96	17 368 363,26	49	2 985 699,45	2 664 002,93	20	1 306 621,87	1 173 364,06	78	23 620 675,28	21 205 730,25
Promotion and preservation of natural heritage	Submitted	119	205 519 639,02	184 110 025,28	52	3 169 415,51	2 821 949,73	34	1 965 486,07	1 766 439,50	205	210 654 540,60	188 698 414,51
	Contracted	7	15 014 992,50	13 513 493,24	16	1 029 008,41	923 073,58	4	222 471,45	199 674,35	27	16 266 472,36	14 636 241,17
Total	Submitted	352	535 201 624,89	480 006 130,84	250	15 350 264,99	13 635 288,77	178	10 605 398,75	9 350 602,18	780	561 157 288,63	502 992 021,79
	Contracted	16	34 343 346,46	30 881 856,50	65	4 014 707,86	3 587 076,51	24	1 529 093,32	1 373 038,41	105	39 887 147,64	35 841 971,42

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

Thematic objective HERITAGE		Call n°1			Call n°2			Call n°3			Total		
		N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	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	161	10 026 188,45	8 855 259,44	117	7 054 229,74	6 274 942,45	542	434 135 671,70	389 627 927,36
	Contracted	13	27 940 506,94	25 119 300,94	39	2 485 019,54	2 211 176,10	14	886 725,64	795 091,84	66	31 312 252,12	28 125 568,88
BELARUS	Submitted	21	31 874 984,36	27 923 358,43	24	1 381 901,25	1 240 343,40	15	777 041,87	699 221,48	60	34 033 927,48	29 862 923,31
	Contracted	1	2 625 334,76	2 362 801,28	6	312 883,17	281 554,25	3	199 196,00	179 276,00	10	3 137 413,93	2 823 631,53
UKRAINE	Submitted	67	86 271 387,02	77 585 046,94	65	3 942 175,29	3 539 685,93	46	2 774 127,14	2 376 438,25	178	92 987 689,45	83 501 171,12
	Contracted	2	3 777 504,76	3 399 754,28	20	1 216 805,15	1 094 346,36	7	443 171,68	398 670,57	29	5 437 481,59	4 892 771,01
Total	Submitted	352	535 201 624,89	480 006 130,84	250	15 350 264,99	13 635 288,77	178	10 605 398,75	9 350 602,18	780	561 157 288,63	502 992 021,79
	Contracted	16	34 343 346,46	30 881 856,50	65	4 014 707,86	3 587 076,51	24	1 529 093,32	1 373 038,41	105	39 887 147,64	35 841 971,42

Table A: Projects by call and priority

Thematic objective ACCESSIBILITY		Call n°1			Call n°2			Call n°3			Total		
		N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	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	0	0	0	103	221 952 222,36	199 126 024,50
	Contracted	15	32 013 576,55	28 336 755,66	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	32 013 576,55	28 336 755,66
Development of ICT infrastructure	Submitted	22	22 593 888,06	20 296 284,63	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	22 593 888,06	20 296 284,63
	Contracted	1	2 628 780,46	2 365 902,41	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2 628 780,46	2 365 902,41
Total	Submitted	125	244 546 110,42	219 422 309,13	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	244 546 110,42	219 422 309,13
	Contracted	16	34 642 357,01	30 702 658,07	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	34 642 357,01	30 702 658,07

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

Thematic objective ACCESSIBILITY		Call n°1			Call n°2			Call n°3			Total		
		N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	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	0	0	0	94	188 643 681,41	169 643 053,70
	Contracted	13	29 329 702,67	25 921 269,16	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	29 329 702,67	25 921 269,16
BELARUS	Submitted	4	8 124 275,19	7 310 847,67	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	8 124 275,19	7 310 847,67
	Contracted	1	2 320 916,23	2 088 824,61	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2 320 916,23	2 088 824,61
UKRAINE	Submitted	27	47 778 153,82	42 468 407,76	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	47 778 153,82	42 468 407,76
	Contracted	2	2 991 738,11	2 692 564,30	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2 991 738,11	2 692 564,30
Total	Submitted	125	244 546 110,42	219 422 309,13	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	244 546 110,42	219 422 309,13
	Contracted	16	34 642 357,01	30 702 658,07	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	34 642 357,01	30 702 658,07

Table A: Projects by call and priority

Thematic objective SECURITY		Call n°1			Call n°2			Call n°3			Total		
		N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	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	0	0	0	172	303 913 003,25	273 060 652,68
	Contracted	13	25 241 818,68	21 437 094,83	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	25 241 818,68	21 437 094,83
Addressing common security challenges	Submitted	76	141 868 083,92	127 115 301,82	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	141 868 083,92	127 115 301,82
	Contracted	7	10 622 708,97	9 558 149,05	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	10 622 708,97	9 558 149,05
Total	Submitted	248	445 781 087,17	400 175 954,50	0	0	0	0	0	0	248	445 781 087,17	400 175 954,50
	Contracted	20	35 864 527,65	30 995 243,88	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	35 864 527,65	30 995 243,88

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

Thematic objective SECURITY		Call n°1			Call n°2			Call n°3			Total		
		N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	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	0	0	0	178	338 691 403,57	303 895 361,19
	Contracted	16	31 079 829,83	26 689 035,84	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	31 013 751,83	26 629 565,64
BELARUS	Submitted	14	19 561 930,92	17 565 580,02	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	19 561 930,92	17 565 580,02
	Contracted	1	1 104 148,80	993 733,92	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1 104 148,80	993 733,92
UKRAINE	Submitted	56	87 527 752,68	78 715 013,29	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	87 527 752,68	78 715 013,29
	Contracted	3	3 680 549,02	3 312 474,12	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3 680 549,02	3 312 474,12
Total	Submitted	248	445 781 087,17	400 175 954,50	0	0	0	0	0	0	248	445 781 087,17	400 175 954,50
	Contracted	20	35 864 527,65	30 995 243,88	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	35 864 527,65	30 995 243,88

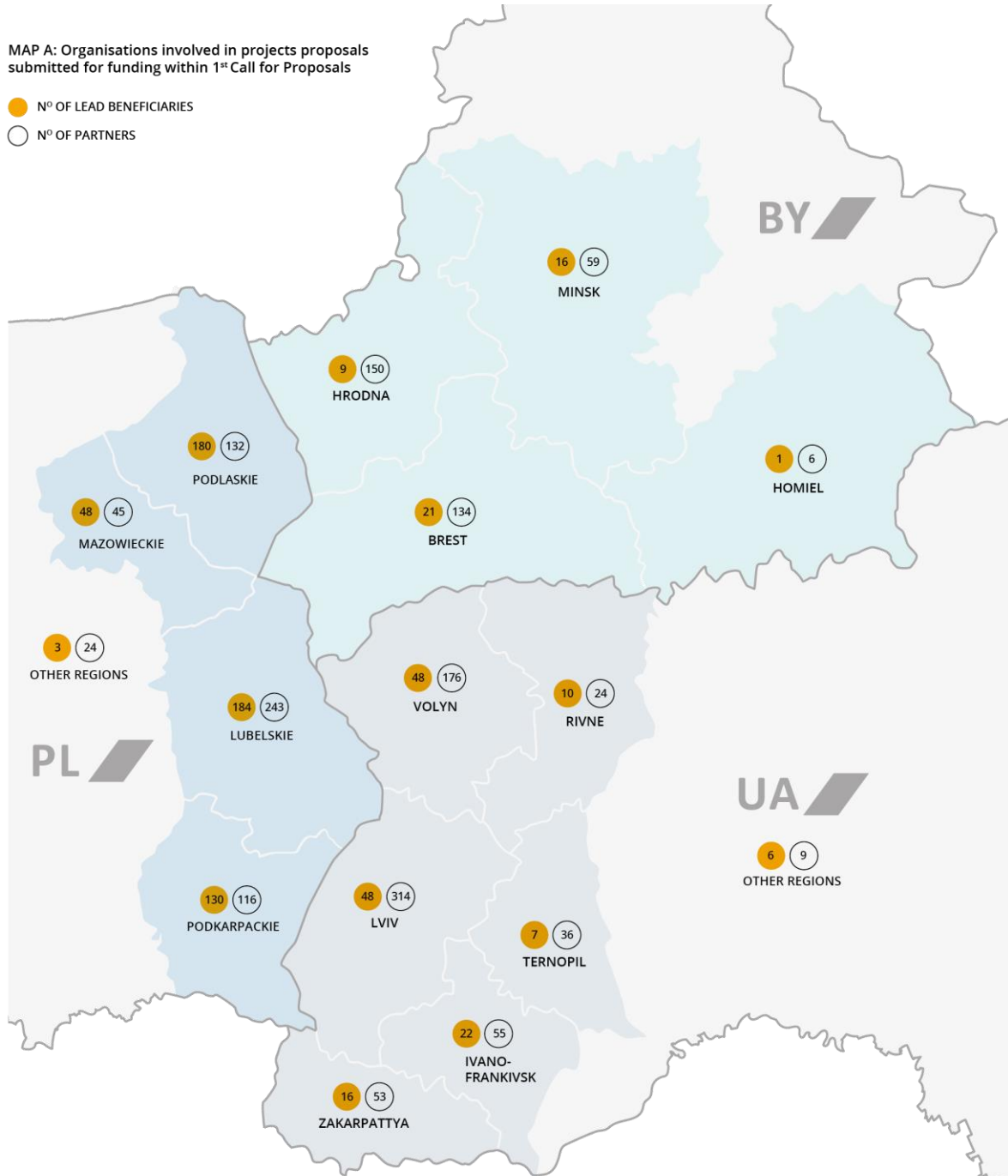
Table A: Projects by call and priority

Thematic objective BORDERS		Call n°1			Call n°2			Call n°3			Total		
		N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	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	0	0	0	13	17 729 707,00	15 955 929,60
	Contracted	6	9 455 982,40	8 510 383,96	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	9 455 982,40	8 510 383,96
Improvement of border management operations, customs and visas procedures	Submitted	11	15 466 956,76	13 920 260,28	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	15 466 956,76	13 920 260,28
	Contracted	6	10 092 912,44	9 078 656,26	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	10 092 912,44	9 078 656,26
Total	Submitted	24	33 196 663,76	29 876 189,88	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	33 196 663,76	29 876 189,88
	Contracted	12	19 548 894,84	17 589 040,22	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	19 548 894,84	17 589 040,22

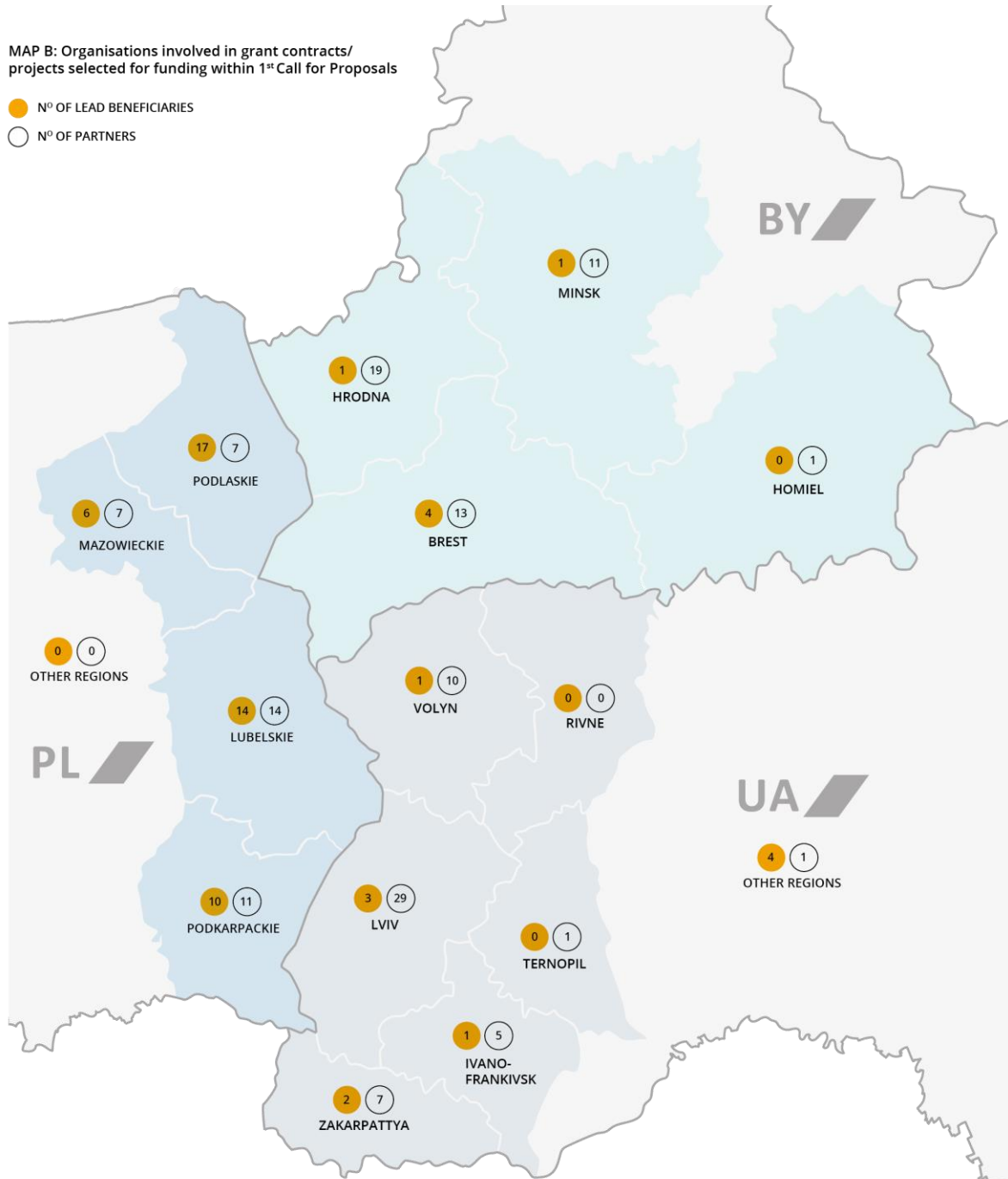
Table B: Projects by call and country of lead applicant/beneficiary

Thematic objective BORDERS		Call n°1			Call n°2			Call n°3			Total		
		N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	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	0	0	0	9	14 723 630,76	13 251 267,28
	Contracted	5	8 213 882,14	7 387 528,99	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	8 213 882,14	7 387 528,99
BELARUS	Submitted	8	4 563 721,00	4 106 542,60	0	0	0	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	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	0	0	0	7	13 909 312,00	12 518 380,00
	Contracted	4	9 756 774,70	8 781 097,23	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	9 756 774,70	8 781 097,23
Total	Submitted	24	33 196 663,76	29 876 189,88	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	33 196 663,76	29 876 189,88
	Contracted	12	19 548 894,84	17 589 040,22	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	19 548 894,84	17 589 040,22

Map A: Organisations involved in projects proposals submitted for funding within 1st CfPs



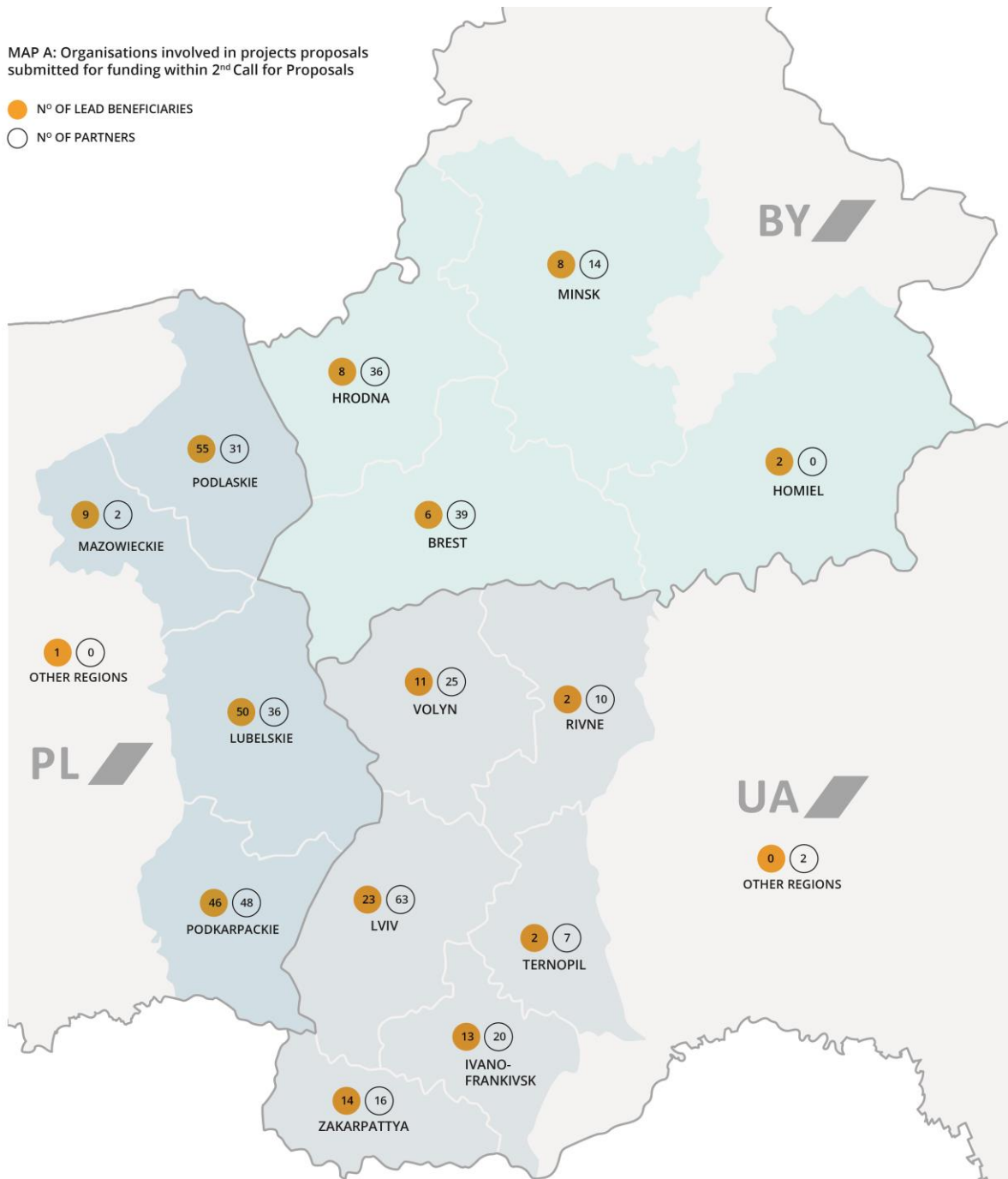
Map B: Organisations involved in grant contracts within 1st CfPs



**Table C: Organisations involved in projects proposals submitted for funding and in grant contracts
– 1st CFP**

Country	Eligible regions	N° of Lead applicants	N° of partners	N° of lead beneficiaries	N° of partner beneficiaries
POLAND	Lubelskie	184	243	14	14
	Mazowieckie	48	45	6	7
	Podkarpackie	130	116	10	11
	Podlaskie	180	132	17	7
	Other regions	3	24	0	0
BELARUS	Brest	21	134	4	13
	Homiel	1	6	0	1
	Hrodna	9	150	1	19
	Minsk	16	59	1	10
UKRAINE	Ivano-Frankivsk	22	55	1	5
	Lviv	48	314	3	29
	Rivne	10	24	0	0
	Ternopil	7	36	0	1
	Volyn	48	176	1	10
	Zakarpattya	16	53	2	7
	Other regions	6	9	4	1
TOTAL		749	1 576	64	135

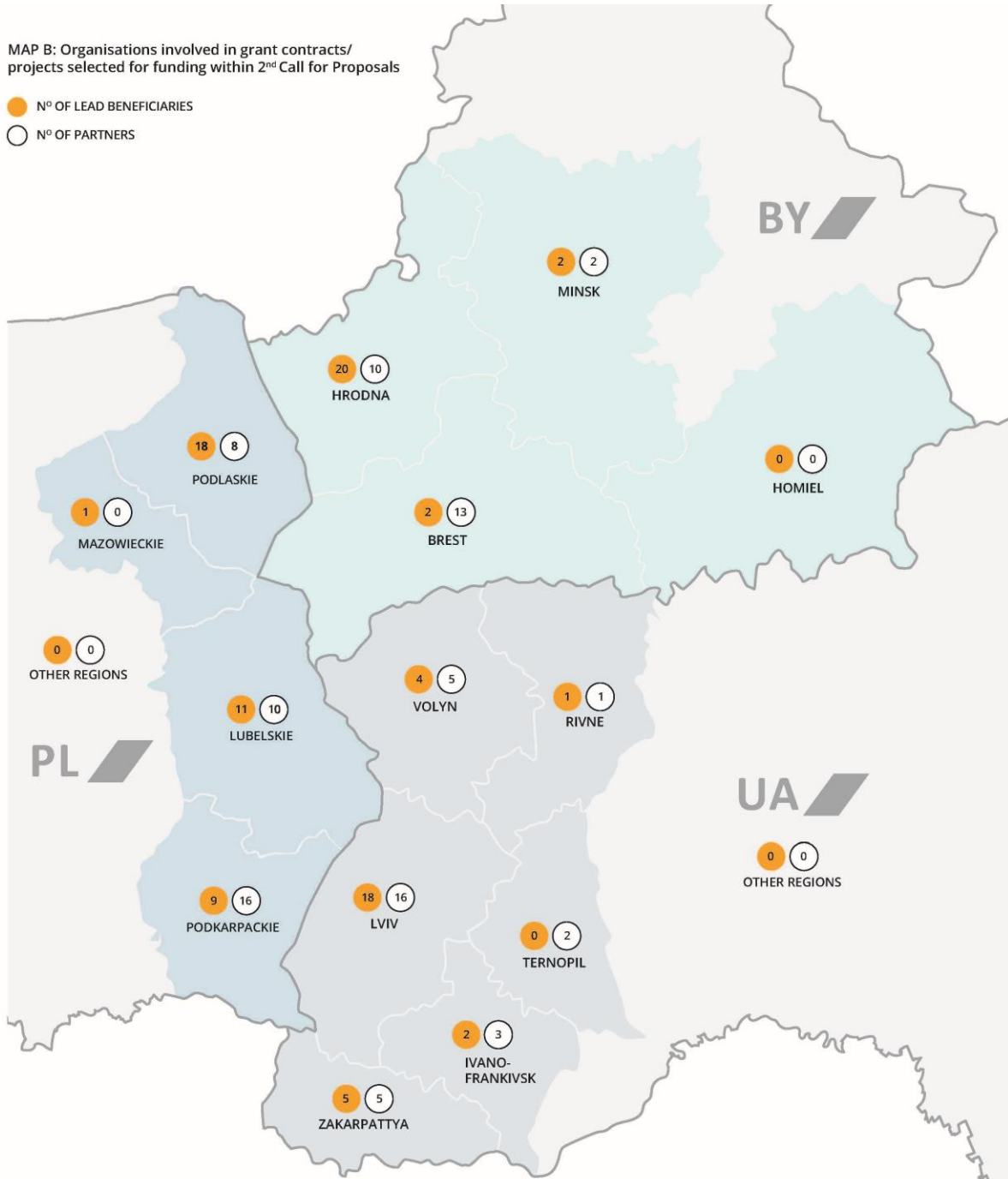
Map A: Organisations involved in projects proposals submitted for funding within 2nd CfP



Map B: Organisations involved in grant contracts within 2nd CfP

MAP B: Organisations involved in grant contracts/
projects selected for funding within 2nd Call for Proposals

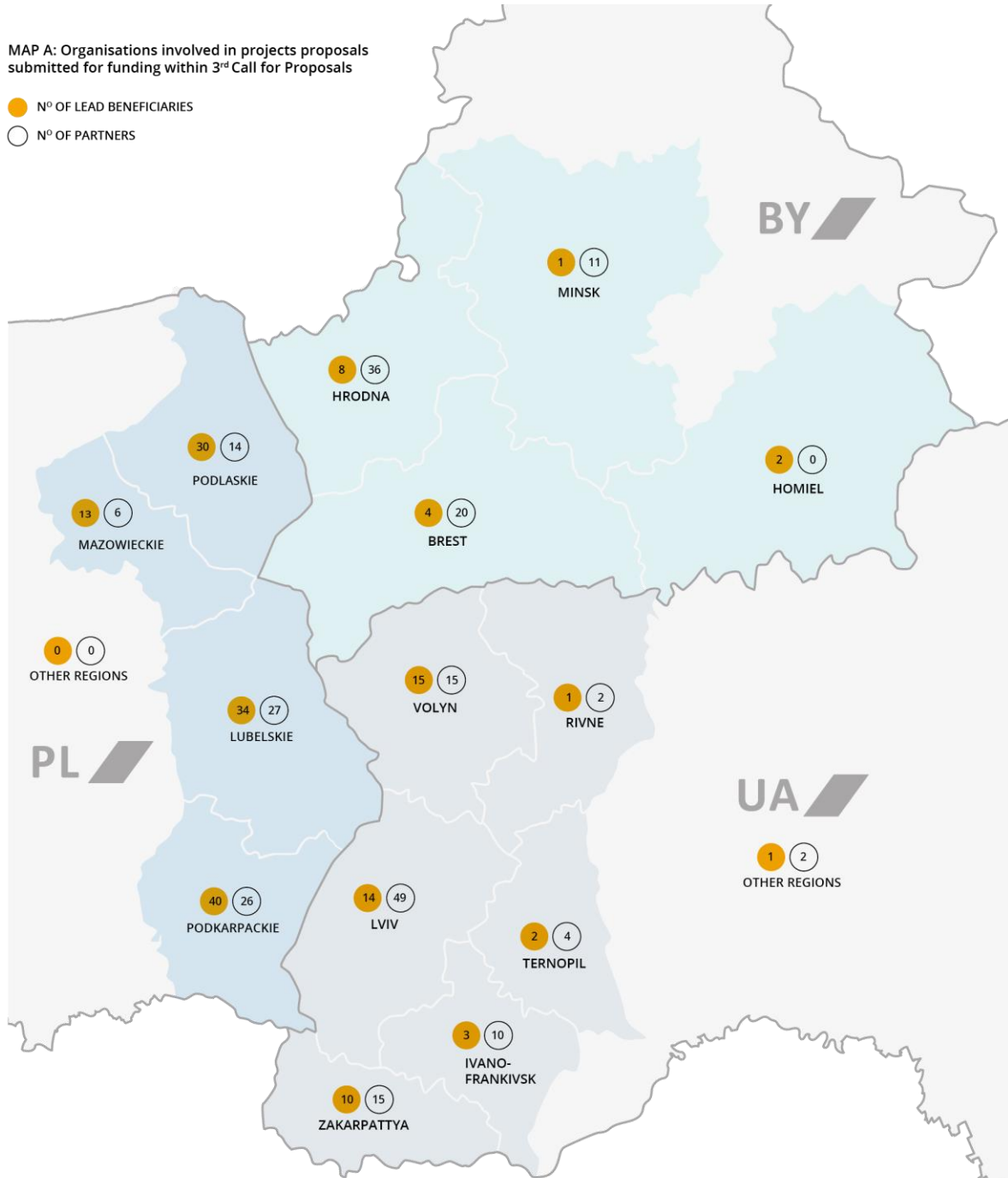
● N° OF LEAD BENEFICIARIES
○ N° OF PARTNERS



**Table C: Organisations involved in projects proposals submitted for funding and in grant contracts
– 2nd CFP**

Country	Eligible regions	N° of Lead applicants	N° of partners	N° of lead beneficiaries	N° of partner beneficiaries
POLAND	Lubelskie	50	36	11	10
	Mazowieckie	9	2	1	0
	Podkarpackie	46	48	9	16
	Podlaskie	55	31	18	8
	Other regions	1	0	0	0
BELARUS	Brest	6	39	2	13
	Homiel	2	0	0	0
	Hrodna	8	36	2	10
	Minsk	8	14	2	2
UKRAINE	Ivano-Frankivsk	13	20	2	3
	Lviv	23	63	8	16
	Rivne	2	10	1	1
	Ternopil	2	7	0	2
	Volyn	11	25	4	5
	Zakarpattya	14	16	5	5
	Other regions	0	2	0	0
TOTAL		250	350	65	91

Map A: Organisations involved in projects proposals submitted for funding within the 3rd Cfp



Map B: Organisations involved in grant contracts within 3rd CFP

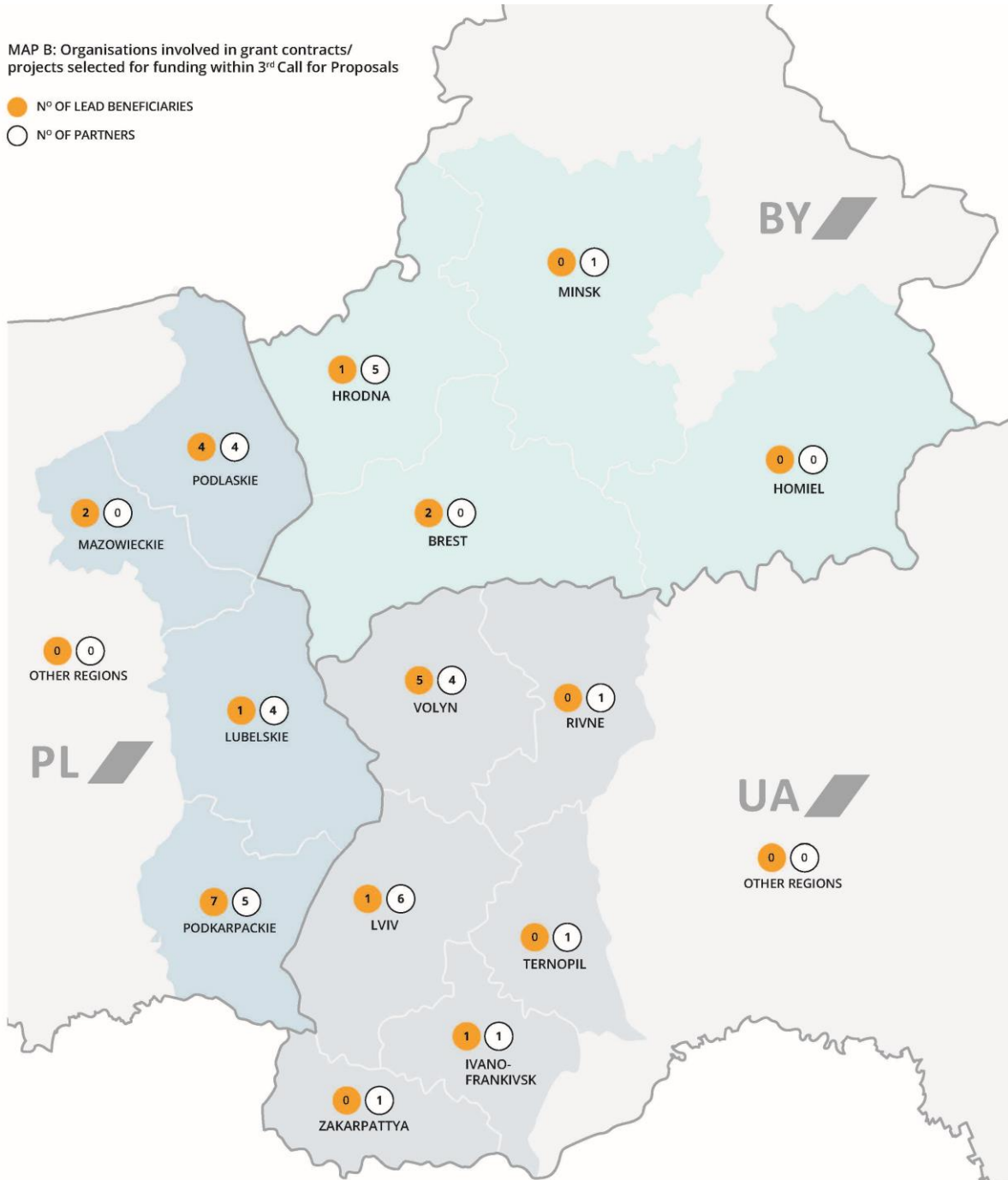


Table C: Organisations involved in projects proposals submitted for funding and in grant contracts – 3rd CfP

Country	Eligible regions	N° of Lead applicants	N° of partners	N° of lead beneficiaries	N° of partner beneficiaries
POLAND	Lubelskie	34	27	1	4
	Mazowieckie	13	6	2	0
	Podkarpackie	40	26	7	5
	Podlaskie	30	14	4	4
	Other regions	0	0	0	0
BELARUS	Brest	4	20	2	0
	Homiel	2	0	0	0
	Hrodna	8	36	1	5
	Minsk	1	11	0	1
UKRAINE	Ivano-Frankivsk	3	10	1	1
	Lviv	14	49	1	6
	Rivne	1	2	0	1
	Ternopil	2	4	0	1
	Volyn	15	15	5	4
	Zakarpattya	10	15	0	1
	Other regions	1	2	0	0
TOTAL		178	237	24	33

4.3 Monitoring and evaluation (max 2 page)

As a general rule, monitoring system for the Programme is based on the information received from the beneficiaries, who are obliged by the grant contract to submit narrative and financial reports to the JTS. The system is based on narrative and financial reports submitted together with payment requests as well as start-up reports and six-months brief narrative reports (in case of regular projects) and brief reports covering half of project implementation period in case of micro-projects, submitted independently from the payment requests. Data received from beneficiaries is compiled at the Programme level in order to prepare annual Programme implementation report and other monitoring information. Additionally, the JTS is authorized to conduct on-the-spot checks and monitoring visits during projects implementation. These activities are conducted in accordance with the yearly plan of checks and ad hoc, if necessary.

During the reporting period the JTS received 107 brief narrative reports from regular projects and LIPs covering the periods of six months of projects implementation and 30 brief reports covering half of micro-project implementation period. The reports indicated proper project realisation in majority of projects, however minor delays in part of projects connected with their launching phase and COVID-19 pandemic were also observed.

During the reporting period 32 financial interim reports from regular projects and LIPs were submitted, verified and approved. In result the beneficiaries received 2nd tranches of pre-financing.

Additionally 5 final financial reports were submitted (4 regular projects, 1 LIP), checked and approved. Therefore the following projects shall be considered as closed:

1. PLBU.02.01.00-06-0004/17 (LIP)
2. PLBU.04.01.00-20-0569/17
3. PLBU.04.01.00-20-0572/17
4. PLBU.02.01.00-20-0039/17
5. PLBU.02.01.00-06-0056/17

5 final reports have been submitted by micro-projects, but due to the fact that none of them has been settled, no on-the-spot checks were conducted. Beneficiaries received 16 prefinancing payments worth 741.288,34 EUR.

Due to the pandemic the process of on the spot verifications were partially delivered. Within the reporting period 32 project beneficiaries/auditors (14 BY, 13 PL, 5 UA) were checked by the respective programme bodies (JTS, Branch Offices, Control Contact Points). No irregularities were detected within these checks. At the same time part of the on the spot checks which were not performed due to COVID pandemic by June 2021, were postponed to the next reporting period.²

Data on signed contracts are included in SL2014 (Polish national IT system for programmes/projects management) for monitoring purposes and provided to KEEP database.

As a result of all monitoring activities, including verification of payment claims, on-the-spot verifications, monitoring visits no irregularities above 10 000 EUR were identified. Irregularities below the afore-mentioned threshold were identified as a result of payment claim verifications and are reported in this annual report (financial part).

In the reporting period the Managing Authority finalised Mid-term evaluation of the programme. The objective of the evaluation study was to conduct a mid-term assessment of the degree to which specific objectives set for each priority axis of the Programme were achieved and to estimate the material and financial progress of the Programme. The study was aimed at the identification of factors influencing the scope of implementation of specific objectives set for individual priority axes. The study included the analysis of the degree to which horizontal policies (equality between men and women, equal opportunities and non-discrimination, and the principles of sustainable development) were implemented, and the assessment of information and promotion activities. Conclusions constituting the result of conducted study should be considered positive, however, most of them require confirmation over a longer period of time. The analysis of existing data and the results of qualitative and quantitative research indicated that the measures undertaken under the Programme were effective.

Summary:

² Report from the on the spot checks available.

The Programme should be considered effective according to the evaluator's assessment. The strengths of the Programme include: its good organization and provided support; completeness and accessibility of the Programme documentation, leading to the efficient and effective implementation of all stages of the Programme starting from the call for proposals, evaluation of project applications and the assistance in finding an appropriate project partner, to enabling the implementation of projects and supervising them. However, the most significant strength of the Programme is the establishment of partnerships between Poland, Belarus and Ukraine, the implementation of joint activities aimed at improving the situation in the border area, and successful cross-border cooperation. The success of the Programme is also evidenced by the fact that it was met with considerable interest from applicants. Its weaknesses mainly consisted of the insufficient budget compared to the scope of interest in the possibility of receiving support. Most of identified difficulties shall be considered external in relation to the Programme, an example of which is the coronavirus pandemic and correlated limitations, or formal and legal barriers in partner countries. Another problem regarded the necessity to physically cross the Polish-Ukrainian and Polish-Belarusian borders, which often would be proven time-consuming and burdensome. However, these difficulties were mostly overcome, with the (often long-term) partnership cooperation minimizing the degree of their impact on the implementation of projects.

4.4. Technical Assistance activities: Information and communication activities

4.4.1 List of information and communication activities from 1st July to 31st December 2020

Aim of the activity (specific objective)	Target group	Tool	Activity and location	Output (value)	OI Target value	Result (cumulative value)	RI Target value	Timing	Responsible body	Measures to ensure EU visibility
Assisting Programme applicants/beneficiaries										
To assist beneficiaries in projects' promotion. To promote the Programme using projects activities.	Beneficiaries , stakeholders , general audience	Online activities: News, Cycles – Project of the week, Project stories, Holidays with PBU projects	Assisting beneficiaries in projects and events implementation. https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1695 https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1744 https://www.pbu2020.eu/pl/news/1659	Publication of up-to-date information's	Approx. 10 news on the Programme website	Beneficiaries, stakeholders, general audience informed about the projects and Programme	20% of new audience and 60% of beneficiaries informed about the projects and Programme	Continuously	JTS	EU flag and logo highly visible; EU contribution to the projects indicated
To assist beneficiaries in projects' promotion	Beneficiaries	Consultations	Organization and providing consultations. Phone, e-mail.	Consultations delivered in all three countries	Consultation given; Numerous supported beneficiaries	Increased knowledge of project beneficiaries on importance of the communication activities	70% of beneficiaries improved their knowledge in regard to communication obligation; clarified doubts	Continuously	JTS, BOs	Visibility according to the requirements

To inform and support beneficiaries of the projects	Beneficiaries	Guidelines useful materials	Preparing and publishing additional guidelines on Programme website https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1631 https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1691	Additional guidelines, materials and documents available on the Programme website	6 news on the Programme website and other published materials	Beneficiaries prepared for various changes in Programme requirements	60% of beneficiaries improved their knowledge in regard to introduced changes	Continuously	JTS, BOs	EU logo used in all documents, guidelines, materials
To show the importance of the project results. To promote the Programme.	Beneficiaries , local stakeholders , general public	Official events closing projects activities	Participating/sharing information - events closing projects activities https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1609 https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1636	Information about the project results	5 news on the Programme website	Promotion of the projects financed by the Programme, general public informed about the Programme	20% of new audience and 60% of beneficiaries informed about the importance of the grant contract decision	Continuously	JTS	EU flag and logo highly visible during the event; Other elements of visibility according to the requirements
To inform and train on the below threshold procurements; sharing of information/ and knowledge	Polish beneficiaries of the 2 nd CfPs	On-line training	Recording and publishing the on-line video training on below threshold procurements https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1781	Tutorial, on-line trainings	1 video trainings on Programme YouTube (available in Polish)	Beneficiaries informed and trained on below threshold procurements	Number of persons that have participate in trainings: PL	10.09.2020	JTS	Presence of the EU flag and logo; Amount of EU contribution to programme properly emphasised
To train on the implementation and closure issues and procedures	Beneficiaries of the 2 nd CfPs	Trainings on implementation and closure	Organizing the on-line trainings in Poland and Ukraine https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1748	Trainings, presentations, on-line workshops	2 trainings: PL 28.09.2020 UA 24.09.2020	Beneficiaries increase knowledge on reporting, sustainability,	70% of training beneficiaries increase their level of	24, 28.09.2020	JTS, LBO	EU flag and logo highly visible during the event; EU contribution to the

						and other project closure related issues	knowledge on implementation issues and procedures			programme highlighted in presentations; Other elements of visibility according to the requirements
To train on the implementation issues and procedures	Beneficiaries of LIPs and 1 st CfPs	Trainings on implementation	Organizing the on-line trainings in Poland, Belarus and Ukraine https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1426 https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1442	Trainings, presentations, on-line workshops	3 trainings: PL – 50 25.11.2020 BY – 35 27.11.2020 UA – 65 26.11.2020	Beneficiaries increase knowledge on monitoring, reporting, expenditure verification, changes and project closure etc.)	70% of training beneficiaries increase their level of knowledge on implementation issues and procedures	November 2020	JTS, LBO	EU flag and logo highly visible during the event; EU contribution to the programme highlighted in presentations; Other elements of visibility according to the requirements
To train on the implementation issues and procedures	Beneficiaries of the 2 nd CfPs	Trainings on implementation	Organizing the on-line trainings in Poland, Belarus and Ukraine https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1868	Trainings, presentations, on-line workshops	3 trainings: PL – 3.12.2020 BY – 35 30.11.2020 UA – 40 2.12.2020	Beneficiaries increase knowledge on project implementation, reporting and audits	70% of training beneficiaries increase their level of knowledge on implementation issues and procedures	November, December 2020	JTS, BBO, LBO	EU flag and logo highly visible during the event; EU contribution to the programme highlighted in presentations; Other elements of visibility according to the requirements

Inspiring young generation										
To reach new youth audience and communicate values of the CBC Programme	Young generation, general public	ECDay campaign	Preparation and delivering events within the ECDay campaign: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECDay competition "Together for Greener tomorrow!" https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1772 "Give a tree to the Carpathians" - event in Skole, Ukraine https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1773 photo contest "Travelling Through Projects" https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1782 	ECDay events for youth	3 organized activities	General public informed about the Programme young generations from neighbouring countries brought together (during final of school competition)	Number of participants: 33 applications 67 participants 37 applications	September 2020	BOs, JTS	EU flag and logo highly visible during the event; Other elements of visibility according to the requirements
COMPETITIONS										
To promote projects implemented under the Programme and their effects	Beneficiaries, youth, general audience (website, facebook)	On-line movie competition	Preparing contest "Following the PBU projects", launching on website https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1674 https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1800	On-line competition for best movie	6 winning movies	To promote the Programme, to encourage beneficiaries/ youth, promotion of the Programme through diversified communication channels	20% of new audience informed about the Programme	Launched on August Results-on October 2020	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements

To promote projects implemented under the Programme and their effects	Professional photographers and amateurs (website, facebook)	On-line movie competition	Preparing contest "Reveal the uniqueness of PBU borderland", launching on website https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1635 https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1859	On-line competition for best photo	16 winning pictures	To promote the Programme, to encourage beneficiaries/ youth, promotion of the Programme through diversified communication channels	20% of new audience informed about the Programme	Launched on July Results-on November 2020	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
To promote projects implemented under the Programme and their effects	Journalists, authors of materials who published them in mass media by 31 st October 2020 (website, facebook)	On-line movie competition	Preparing contest "Let's promote our projects together!", launching on website https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1674 https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1906	On-line competition for best publication in media	8 winning publications	To promote the Programme, to encourage journalists, authors of materials, to publish information on PBU. Promotion of the Programme through diversified communication channels	20% of new audience informed about the Programme	Launched on August Results-on December 2020	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements

To promote Programme and projects	Teenagers from the Programme area (website, facebook)	On-line movie competition	Preparing contest "Borderland Personalities", launching on website https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1819 https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1941 https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1954	On-line competition for story about unique personality from the Programme area	29 winning stories	To promote the Programme, to encourage beneficiaries/ youth, promotion of the Programme through diversified communication channels	20% of new audience informed about the Programme	Launched on October Results-on January	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
Attracting new audience & promoting the concept of cross-border cooperation to the general audience										
ACTING AS ORGANISER										
Promote results of the Programme/ projects, increase awareness of the benefits of the EU funding	Beneficiaries , youth, stakeholders , general audience	Annual event with discussion panels, videos and presentations	To prepare in cooperation with projects and deliver annual event (in the on-line format). Building of contacts/communication within PBU Family (JMC members, stakeholders, beneficiaries https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1929	Annual on-line event "PBU on the air" followed by on-line concert	1 event organized 6 projects involved in the event organization	Participants with increased knowledge on the Programme results, interested in the Programme	100% of participants with increased knowledge on the Programme/projects	18.12.2020	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
ACTING AS PARTNER, PARTICIPANT, SPEAKER, EXHIBITOR AT DIVERSE EVENTS										
To inform about the Programme and its	Stakeholders, (potential) applicants,	Events organized by the	• "East of Culture" festival in: Białystok 20-23.08.2020, Rzeszów 28-30.08.2020, Lublin 3-6.9.2020,	Programme provide various support for	Organized discussion panel or its representatives	Stakeholders, (potential) applicants, general	Participants: approx. 300 000	III/IV quarter of the year	JTS, BOs	Proper EU visualization present during the events,

<p>opportunities and impact, to reach additional audience</p>	<p>general audience</p>	<p>other entities</p>	<p>https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1720</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Funds Open Days 25-27.09.2020 • https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1728 • XXIX Economic Forum in Karpacz, Poland, 8-10.09.2020 • “Cross-border Cooperation Congress” in Lublin 6-9.10.2020, on-line • European Week of Regions and Cities (#EURegionsWeek) 12-15.10.2020, on-line • https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1812 • Research and practical conference "Tourist and natural potential of water objects of Polish-Belarusian borderland" 30.10.2020, Mukhavets (BY) • Conference "Impact of the project on socio-economic indicators of the region" 11.11.2020, v. Tsiukhinichi (BY) • Conference “Macro-regional Strategy – a chance for the development of the 	<p>development of its area</p>	<p>ves acting as a panellists Presence with the promotional Programme stand Brochures, leaflets, promotional items provided Promotional gadgets provided accordingly to the event News on the Programme website Presentations on the Programme and projects implementation provided Photo documentation</p>	<p>audience informed about the Programme, Reaching new audience New audience acknowledge with the Programme activities and values</p>	<p>Participants: approx. 900</p> <p>Participants: approx. 30</p> <p>Participants: approx. 30</p> <p>Participants: approx. 50</p>		<p>EU flag and logo visible in brochures presentations and other promotional materials, Other elements of visibility according to the requirements</p>
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			<p>Carpathians” 19.11.2020 on-line</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roundtable “Improving the European cooperation of local authorities in order to streamline territorial self-government” 8.12.2020 on-line 							
Publications										
To communicate with applicants, beneficiaries, authorities and general audience	Applicants, beneficiaries, authorities, general audience	Publication ‘Crossborderer 2020’ Print&On-line	Preparation and updating information of Programme activities	Printed and online Crossborderer 2020 publication	1 prepared publication, 44 pages on Programme activities; 300 printed copies; 1 on-line publication available on the Programme website	Applicants/beneficiaries provided with information on the Programme; General public informed about the Programme	300 copies of publication distributed during events	IV quarter of the year	JTS, RBO	Visibility according to the requirements
To communicate with the Programme stakeholders (mainly JMC members)	JMC members, EC, other Programme stakeholders	Internal publication – ‘Insider’	Preparation of an overview of inside the Programme activities, informing about the current matters	Publications ‘Insider’	6 issues of on-line brochure	Stakeholders informed about current matters and activities	100% of JMC members and Programme stakeholders informed about the Programme	III/IV quarter of the year	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements

							internal activities			
To communicate with applicants/beneficiaries, authorities and general audience	Applicants, beneficiaries, authorities, general audience	Brochure 'Facts&Figures'	Updating an overview of most important information about the Programme	On-line Facts&Figures publication	updated publication, 12 pages about Programme; 1 on-line publication available on the Programme website	Applicants/beneficiaries provided with information on the Programme General audience informed about the Programme	Easy access document for all visitors of the Programme website.	III/IV quarter of the year	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
Promote the Programme/projects, reach new (future) audience and communicate values of the CBC	General public, beneficiaries, stakeholders	Thematic movies showing PBU projects	Preparation and delivery of thematic movies	Thematic movies	6 thematic movies	Increased knowledge of general public on Programme	general audience informed about the projects and Programme	III/IV quarter of the year	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
Programme website										
To communicate with applicants/beneficiaries, authorities, and general audience	Applicants, beneficiaries, authorities, stakeholders, general audience	Programme website	Preparation of an updates from the life of the Programme	Updates on the Programme website	83 news and information published on the Programme website	Applicants/beneficiaries provided with practical information General audience informed	136 064 enter 26 174 visits 13 346 downloads	III/IV quarter of the year	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements

						about the Programme				
To enable partnerships among projects	Beneficiaries , programme bodies, authorities, general audience	Partner Search database	Posting actual information about possible partnerships	Partner Search Database	Updated and enlarged Partner Search Database	Applicants/beneficiaries provided with practical information	Applicants/beneficiaries able to find a partner for project implementation	III/IV quarter of the year	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
Keep.eu										
To mark the presence of the Programme and promote the Programme	Beneficiaries , programme bodies, authorities, general audience	Keep.eu – Programme and projects search database	Posting actual information about the project in general EU projects' database	Keep.eu database	Updated database of Programme projects	General audience informed about the Programme	Available to general audience information regarding PBU projects	Continuously	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
Social media										
To communicate with beneficiaries, authorities and general audience	Applicants, beneficiaries , authorities, general audience	Social media	Posting actual information from the life cycle of the Programme	Posts on Facebook page and YouTube channel	93 posts on FB published 9 videos on YouTube channel published	General audience informed about the Programme, Keeping old and attracting new audience	FB: approx. 80 openings/post , maximum reach 4193 users; YT: 1168 views in total	III/IV quarter of the year	JTS, RBO	Visibility according to the requirements
Media										

To mark the presence of the Programme and to promote the Programme	General audience	TV, radio	Sharing the updates from the life of the Programme	Television, radio relations	11 TV and radio relations in Poland, Belarus and Ukraine	General audience informed about the Programme	Keeping old and attracting new audience	III/IV quarter of the year	JTS, BOs	Visibility according to the requirements
Other activities										
To communicate with beneficiaries, stakeholders, spreading information/ promoting the Programme	Beneficiaries , authorities, stakeholders	Calendars and gadgets	Designing/choosing the proper materials. Preparation of the tender and supervision of the production.	Calendars and gadgets	3 050 calendars of 5 different types of use; Approx. 1 700 different types of gadgets in different price ranges, i.e headphones for remote learning, carbon monoxide sensors, protective masks, emergency key rings, etc.	Built and maintained relations with beneficiaries, authorities, Programme stakeholders	Beneficiaries, authorities, Programme stakeholders provided with promotional gadgets and calendars	IV quarter of the year	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements

4.4.1 List of information and communication activities from 1st January to 30th June 2021

Aim of the activity (specific objective)	Target group	Tool	Activity and location	Output (value)	OI Target value	Result (cumulative value)	RI Target value	Timing	Res p body	Measures to ensure EU visibility
Assisting Programme applicants and beneficiaries										
To assist beneficiaries in projects' promotion. To promote the Programme using projects activities.	Beneficiaries , stakeholders , general audience	Online activities: News, Cycles – Project of the week, Project stories	Assisting Programme beneficiaries in projects and events implementation. https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2107 https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2096	Publication of up-to-date information's	Approx. 12 news on the Programme website	Beneficiaries, stakeholders, general audience informed about the projects and Programme	20% of new audience and 60% of beneficiaries informed about the projects and Programme	Continuously	JTS	EU flag and logo highly visible; EU contribution to the projects indicated
To assist beneficiaries in implementation process under the pandemic threat, to give guidelines, to clarify doubts	Beneficiaries	Guidelines useful materials	Assisting projects' beneficiaries in relation to Covid-19 epidemic threat https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1970	Additional guidelines, materials and documents available on the Programme website	1 news on the Programme website and other published materials	Beneficiaries informed about the changes in regard to the Covid-19	60% of beneficiaries received support and guidelines	I/II quarter of the year	JTS	EU logo used in all documents, guidelines, materials
To assist beneficiaries in projects' promotion	Beneficiaries	Consultations	Organization and providing consultations. Phone, e-mail.	Consultations delivered in all three countries	Consultation given; Numerous supported beneficiaries	Increased knowledge of project beneficiaries on importance of the	70% of beneficiaries improved their knowledge in regard to	I/II quarter of the year	JTS, BOs	Visibility according to the requirements

						communication activities	communication obligation; clarified doubts			
To train on the communication requirements, how to correctly communicate in and out of the project	Beneficiaries	On-line trainings on communication	Organizing the trainings in Poland, Belarus and Ukraine https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2034 LIPs and regular projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poland – 28, 29.06.2021 Belarus – 1, 6, 20.04.2021 Ukraine – 2, 9, 23.04.2021 Micro-projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poland – 6, 13, 20.04.2021 Belarus – 29, 30.03 and 13.04.2021 Ukraine – 30.03. and 6, 20.04.2021 	Trainings, presentations, workshops	3 organized trainings; Number of participants: PL – 50 BY – 46 UA - 63	Show importance and possible impact of the communication activities	70% of beneficiaries improved their knowledge on communication issues; Beneficiaries informed about methods and channels of proper communication	April 2021	JTS, BOs	EU flag and logo highly visible during the event; EU contribution to the Programme highlighted in presentations; Other elements of visibility according to the requirements
To train on the reporting and closure issues and procedures	Beneficiaries of the 2 nd CfPs	Trainings on reporting and closure	Organizing the trainings in Poland, Belarus and Ukraine https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2061	Trainings, presentations, on-line training	3 trainings in PL - 27.04.2021 BY - 23.04.2021 UA – 22.04.2021	Beneficiaries increase knowledge on reporting, expenses, project closure and visibility)	70% of training beneficiaries increase their level of knowledge on implementation issues	April 2021	JTS, BBO, LBO	EU flag and logo highly visible during the event; EU contribution to the Programme highlighted in presentations;

							and procedures			Other elements of visibility according to the requirements
To train on the implementation issues and procedures	Programme beneficiaries of the 2 nd and 3 rd CfPs	Trainings on implementation	Organizing the trainings in Poland, Belarus and Ukraine https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2091	Trainings, presentations, on-line training	4 trainings: PL – 24, 31.05.2021 BY - 28.05.2021 UA – 1.06.2021	Beneficiaries increase knowledge on reporting, expenses, project closure and visibility)	70% of training beneficiaries increase their level of knowledge on implementation issues and procedures	May, June 2021	JTS, BBO, LBO	EU flag and logo highly visible during the event; EU contribution to the Programme highlighted in presentations; Other elements of visibility according to the requirements
Inspiring young generation										
To reach new youth audience and communicate values of the CBC Programme	Young generation, general audience	Campaign for schools	Organization of the virtual lessons "How are you doing?" https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2113	On-line cross-border lessons for schools	Virtual lessons	General audience informed about the Programme, teenagers from three countries challenging new situation	Schools participated in virtual lessons: PL – 30 BY – 13 UA – 20	April-June 2021	BBO JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
To reach new youth audience and communicate values of the	Young generation	EC Day 2021 – Cross-border Educational	Preparing and launching competition selecting school teams for EC Day Final Event https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2047	EC Day competition for youth	1 organized competition for all 3 countries	General public informed about the Programme young generations	Number of participants: 40 applications	March-May 2021	JTS, BOs	EU flag and logo highly visible during the event; Other elements of visibility

CBC Programme		Campaign for schools!				from neighbouring countries brought together (during final of school competition)				according to the requirements
Attracting new audience & promoting the concept of cross-border cooperation to the general audience										
ACTING AS ORGANISER										
To collect, share and promote the results of PBU projects	Beneficiaries , youths, projects from the outside of the Programme, general audience	Capitalisati on event	Organization of the meeting “Sharing knowledge and experience: Historical and cultural heritage” https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2133	To mark the presence of the Programme and promote the Programme	1 event organized	Increased knowledge of participants on project results use and Programme	Number of participants: 70	23.06. 2021	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
Exchange of knowledge and expertise between projects and scientists. Obtaining scientific analysis of the projects aspects.	academics scientists beneficiaries	Programme scientific conference	To prepare and deliver conference informing about the Programme and attracting new audience https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2100	Scientific hybrid conference (in Lutsk and on-line) delivered	1 event organized	Increased knowledge of participants on Programme and problems it responds	50 scientific analysis on the Programme aspects delivered in the form of articles and/or lectures given	20-21.05. 2021	LBO JTS	Visibility according to the requirements

COMPETITIONS										
To reach professionals, to show the Programme from a different angle, to reach new audience, to show the effects of the Programme and its projects	general audience (website, facebook)	On-line competition	Preparing competition for the best movie from the PBU projects https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2043	On-line movie contest "Following the PBU projects" for best movie from the projects	5 winning movies	To promote the Programme, to encourage journalists to inform about the Programme, promotion of the Programme through diversified communication channels	5 participants, 20% of new audience informed about the Programme	Launched on March Results- on June	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
ACTING AS PARTNER, PARTICIPANT, SPEAKER, EXHIBITOR AT DIVERSE EVENTS										
To reach a new audience (representatives of regional and local governments), to communicate the values of the Programme, to promote the Programme, its effects and projects	Stakeholders (potential), applicants, general audience	Events organized by the other entities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forum for the Bieszczady Mountains, 21.01.2021 (on-line) • "East of Culture" festival in: Lublin 24-27/06/2021, Rzeszów 25-27/06/2021, , https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2124 • "Programme promotion through project results" (Tesim on-line event), 12.05.2021 • "The importance of interreg programs in the development of voivodeships in eastern Poland" 16.06.2021, Lublin 	Participation in events, providing various support for development of Programme area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Own discussion panel or its representatives acting as a panellists • Brochures, leaflets, promotional items • Promotional gadgets accordingly to the event • Articles • Presentations 	Stakeholders, (potential) applicants, general audience informed about the Programme New audience acknowledge with the Programme activities and values	Number of participant: 60% of new audience informed about the Programme	I quarter of the year	JTS, BOs	EU flag and logo highly visible during the events and in brochurespresentations and other promotional materials; Other elements of visibility according to the requirements

					• Photo documentat ion					
Publications										
To mark the presence of the Programme and promote the Programme	Beneficiaries , authorities, general audience	Publication	Brochure with the best works from the 'Borderland Personalities' Contest https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1989	On-line publication collecting the works awarded in the Contest	1 prepared on-line publication;	General audience informed about the Programme	New audience informed about the Programme	February 2021	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
To communicate with applicants/beneficiaries and general audience	Beneficiaries , authorities, general audience	Publication	Update of regular projects publication and preparation of 3 language versions of publication	On-line publication of regular projects	1 updated publication, 3 prepared publications; 4 prepared /updated on-line publication	Beneficiaries provided with information on the Programme General audience informed about the Programme	New audience informed about the projects	I quarter of the year	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
To communicate with applicants/beneficiaries and general audience	Beneficiaries , authorities, general audience	Publication	Update of Large Infrastructure Projects publication and preparation of 3 language versions of publication	On-line publication of the LIPs	1 updated publication, 3 prepared publications; 4 prepared /updated on-line publication	Beneficiaries provided with information on the Programme General audience informed about the Programme	New audience informed about the projects	I quarter of the year	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
To communicate with applicants/beneficiaries and	Scientists Beneficiaries , authorities,	Publication	Preparation of scientific publication "Health security in the cross-border cooperation area of the Poland-Belarus-	On-line publication of scientific papers	1 prepared publication	General audience informed about the Programme	New audience informed about the projects	I quarter of the year	JTS, LBO	Visibility according to the requirements

general audience	general audience		Ukraine Programme 2014-2020”							
To communicate with the Programme stakeholders (mainly JMC members)	JMC members, EC, other Programme stakeholders	Internal publication	Preparation of an overview of ‘inside the Programme activities’, informing about the current matters	On-line publication ‘Insider’	6 prepared on-line publications	Stakeholders informed about current matters and activities	70% of stakeholders informed about the Programme internal activities	I/II quarter of the year	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
Promote the Programme/projects, reach new (future) audience and communicate values of the CBC	General public, Beneficiaries, Internal stakeholders	Virtual tour movies around the project in PL and BY	Preparation and delivery virtual tour movies	Virtual tour movies	2 virtual tour movies	Increased knowledge of general public on Programme	general audience informed about the projects and Programme	1 st half of the year	BBO RBO	Visibility according to the requirements
To mark the presence of the Programme and promote the Programme	General audience	External publications	Preparing content for external publications: - 2 articles in CEP magazine “wCentrum” distributed to Information Points of the European Funds - Contribution to the CPE project album	Articles Project description Photo documentation	Number of distributed publications	General audience informed about the Programme	30% of general audience informed about the Programme internal activities	I/II quarter of the year	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
Programme website										
To communicate with	Applicants, beneficiaries,	Programme webpage	To prepare an updates from the life of the Programme	Update on the Programme website	47 news and information published on	Applicants/beneficiaries provided with	136 064 enter 24 009 visits	I/II quarter	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements

applicants/beneficiaries and general audience	authorities, general audience				the Programme website	practical information General audience informed about the Programme	11 670 downloads	of the year		
To better communicate with beneficiaries, stakeholders, general audience	Applicants, beneficiaries, authorities, general audience	Functionalities and modules on the Programme website	Preparing new functionalities and modules on the Programme website: - thematic module - map module	Upgrading of the Programme website	2 new modules, numerous new functionalities still in preparation	Applicants, beneficiaries provided with practical information General audience informed about the Programme	Accurate and detailed information about the Programme and implemented projects	I/II quarter of the year and still in progress	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
To support beneficiaries, Programme bodies, authorities, general audience with information about the projects	Applicants, beneficiaries, authorities, general audience	Projects database	Providing actual information on projects and from projects implementation	Project database update	1 database engine	Visitors provided with practical/accurate and detailed information about the projects	164 projects available in the database	I/II quarter of the year	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
To enable partnerships among projects	Beneficiaries, programme bodies, authorities,	Partner Search database	Posting actual information about possible partnerships	Partner Search database update	Updated and enlarged Partner Search database	Applicants/beneficiaries provided with practical information	Applicants/beneficiaries finding partner to	I/II quarter of the year	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements

	general audience						implement the project			
Keep.eu										
To mark the presence of the Programme and promote the Programme	Beneficiaries , Programme bodies, authorities, general audience	Keep.eu – Programme and projects search database	Posting actual information about the project in general EU projects' database	Keep.eu database	Updated database	General audience informed about the Programme	To mark the presence of the Programme and promote the Programme	Continuously	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
Social media										
To communicate with applicants/beneficiaries and general audience	Applicants, beneficiaries , authorities, general audience	Social media	Posting actual information from the life cycle of the Programme	Posts on Facebook page	156 posts on FB published PL - 96 BY - 60	General audience informed about the Programme Keeping old and attracting new audience	maximum 5231 reach users	I/II quarter of the year	JTS, RBO	Visibility according to the requirements
Media										
To mark the presence of the Programme and to promote the Programme	General audience	Media–press, TV, radio	Sharing the updates from the life of the Programme	Articles, notes in the press; Television, radio relations	Numerous articles in the press, few TV and radio relations	General audience informed about the Programme	Keeping old and attracting new audience	I/II quarter of the year	JTS, BOs	Visibility according to the requirements

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

The EU Delegations were invited to the Programme events in the reporting period.

The Programme publications in both electronic and paper forms were provided to the Delegations in all three countries. Moreover, the JTS informed EU Delegations about major steps/issues/achievements in the Programme implementation.

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 section, library of all publications prepared by the Programme, easy to navigate database of all contracted projects etc.

FB account of the Programme is regularly updated with posts and the Programme YouTube channel contains movies produced by the Programme bodies, Programme beneficiaries or submitted in the competitions organized by the JTS/BOs.

4.4.5 Publications

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

- Catalogue of Regular Projects – update, translation into PL, RU, UA;
- Catalogue of Large Infrastructure Projects – update, translation into PL, RU, UA;
- publication from the Scientific Conference “Health security in the cross-border cooperation area of the Poland-Belarus-Ukraine Programme 2014-2020” the collection of scientific papers by Polish, Belarusian and Ukrainian scholars under the honorary patronage of the Polish Prime Minister;
- Brochure with the best works from the ‘Borderland Personalities’ Contest - publication collecting the works awarded in the Contest <https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1989>
- Virtual tour movies around the projects in PL and BY
- Newsletter Crossborderer 2020;
- Facts&Figures update;
- Monthly ‘Insider’ addressed at the JMC members.
- Many articles on the Programme website, in the Magazine *wCentrum*, in the publication on projects implemented by the Center of European Projects etc.

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 – 31.12.2021) the Programme bodies dealt mainly with:

- Management of the LIPs, regular projects and micro-project implementation (financial reports submitted to the JTS);
- Contracting of the remaining PBU3 micro-projects and conducting individual consultations in this respect;
- Trainings for beneficiaries of all projects (topics: public procurement, implementation, reporting and finalization of projects);
- Further preparation of the Interreg NEXT PBU 2021-2027 Programme:
 - preparation of the application pack for LIPs;
 - inviting LIPs to submit full application forms, assisting them in their preparation;
 - Programme document preparation;
 - Finalization of the EIA of the Programme, cooperation with the service provide;
 - communication with the JPC, EC, Tesim, LIPs applicants;
 - organization of the public consultation of the final Programme document;
 - preparing methodology for counting the Programme indicators and counting their values to be achieved;
 - developing of the full list of indicators for projects.

The JTS and BOs organized following communication activities:

- Programme annual event – hybrid form;
- Capitalisation meetings – on-line;
- Series of competitions addressed to various groups of recipients: school teenagers, journalists, project's beneficiaries, professionals, general public;
- Youth Voices of PBU! - ECDay Final Event PL – hybrid – Tomaszów Lubelski – 22-25.09.2021;
- Youth Voices of PBU! - ECDay Final Event BY – hybrid – Brześć – 22-25.09.2021;
- Youth Voices of PBU! - ECDay Final Event UA – hybrid – Lwów – 22-25.09.2021.

Due to the pandemic, the participation in external events was limited, nevertheless, the JTS and BOs representatives co-organized or actively participated (with thematic panels organized, speeches, presentations delivered, info-points organized etc.) (in) the following events:

- Ceremonial opening of the renovated Antoni Tyzenhauz tenement house in Sokółka – 25.08.2021
- V Local Development Forum in Truskavets – 2-3.09.2021
- XXX Economic Forum in Karpacz – 7-9.09.2021
- Conference summarizing the *MichaelAndYouth* project – 13.09.2021
- XX International Economic Forum in Lviv – 16.09.2021
- European Funds Open Days 2021 – 17-19.09.2021

- Conference - ceremonial opening of new buildings – *DcbCforAutism* – 24.09.2021
- 2nd Capitalisation meeting on “Sharing knowledge and experience: Natural heritage” – 22.09.2021
- Closing conference – *SECINCARP* – 21-22.09.2021
- Closing conference – *LIP885* – 27-28.09.2021
- Cross-border Cooperation Congress in Lublin – 5-7.10.2021.

The JMC was operating via written procedures. Full list of the JMC written procedures is available on the Programme website at <https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/pages/512>.

Within the period from July 2021 to June 2022 the following main activities are forecasted:

- LIPs/regular projects
 - trainings for auditors/beneficiaries
 - management over the implementation
 - verification of reports/payments to the projects
 - on-the-spot/monitoring visits
- Micro-projects
 - auditors approval (Polish CCP)
 - trainings, workshops, events for beneficiaries and auditors
 - management over the implementation
 - verification of reports/payments to the projects
 - on-the-spot/monitoring visits
 - contracting process of the reserve list projects
- Further programming of the Interreg NEXT PBU 2021-2027 Programme
- 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:

- concluding contracts with external auditors,
- project implementation,
- remaining grant contracts signature,
- partnership agreements signature;
- participation in trainings organised by the JTS,
- submission of start-up, brief, interim and final reports,
- submission of the requests for advance payments within the projects.

5.2 Updated Audit Strategy³

³ 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.

5.3 Detailed Work Programme of the MA⁴

5.4 Financial plan and planned use of the technical assistance

5.5 Annual Monitoring and Evaluation Plan

5.6 Annual Information and Communication Plan

⁴ In accordance with 24(a) and 24(b) of ENI CBC IR