

# THE ENI CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME

## POLAND-BELARUS-UKRAINE 2014-2020

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### I. Technical part

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

## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

<b>BO</b>	Branch Offices
<b>CBC</b>	Cross-border Cooperation
<b>CCP</b>	Control Contact Point
<b>CfP</b>	Call for Proposals
<b>EC</b>	European Commission
<b>ENI</b>	European Neighbourhood Instrument
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>FAF</b>	Full Application Form (in case of restricted CfPs) or Application Form (open CfPs)
<b>JMC</b>	Joint Monitoring Committee
<b>JOP</b>	Joint Operational Programme
<b>JPC</b>	Joint Programming Committee
<b>JTS</b>	Joint Technical Secretariat
<b>IR</b>	Implementing Rules
<b>LIP</b>	Large Infrastructure Projects
<b>MA</b>	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)
<b>NA</b>	National Authorities
<b>Programme</b>	Cross-border Cooperation Programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine 2014-2020
<b>PSC</b>	Projects Selection Committee
<b>RoP</b>	Rules of Procedures
<b>SL2014</b>	Polish National Information System SL2014
<b>TA</b>	Technical Assistance

## 1. IDENTIFICATION

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## 2. KEEP DATABASE<sup>1</sup>

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 projects selected is 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>.

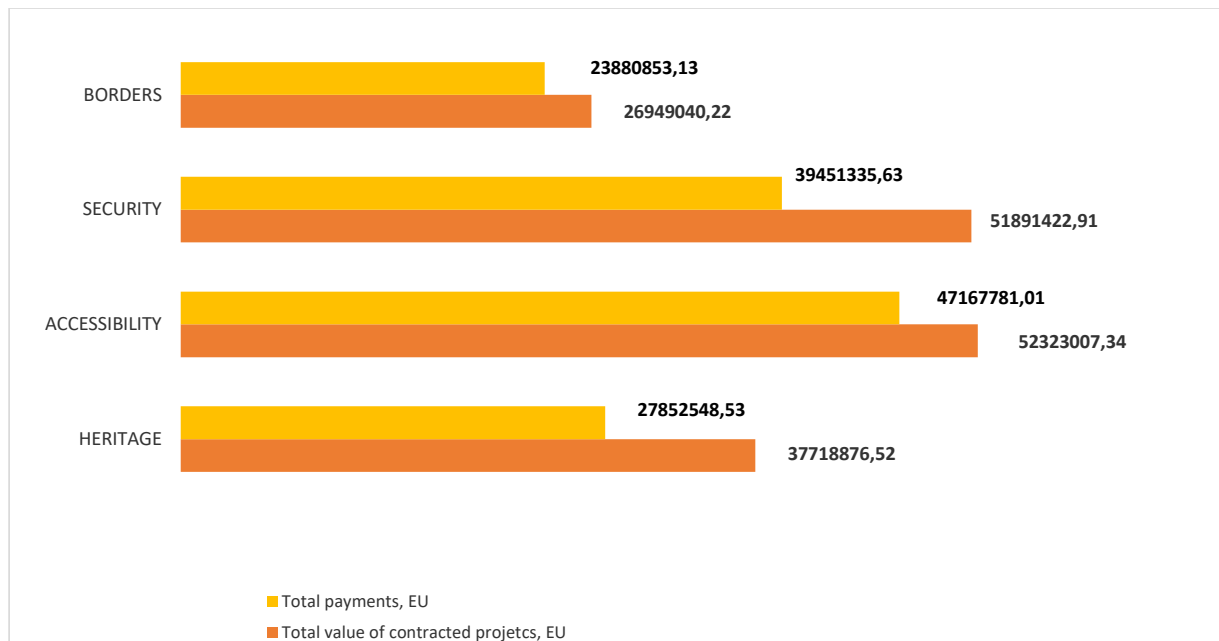
## 3. OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME

### 3.1 Executive summary

In the reporting period, the Programme entered into the advanced stage of implementation with all 10 LIPs and 65 regular projects from the 1<sup>st</sup> CfPs being implemented as well as 81 micro-projects within the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> CfPs.

The total amount of projects contracted by the end of the reporting period makes 190 261 068,91 EUR (with 168 882 366,99 EUR of EU-funding). The Programme budget allocation (EU-funding) to contracted projects and payments in division to specific thematic objectives is presented below:

<sup>1</sup> 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 a day-to-day implementation of the Programme, coordination of the projects implementation, contracting of micro-projects, communication and preparation of the new Programme edition.

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.

Due to i.a. human rights violations, stirring up crisis at EU's external borders and use of migrants for political purposes which was initiated by Belarus in 2021, the engagement of the Belarusian authorities in Russia's unprovoked and unjustified military aggression against Ukraine of 24 February 2022 and a gross violation of international law, the cross-border cooperation with Belarus has been suspended. Based on recommendations received from the European Commission, the Managing Authority of the Programme suspended all payments (advances or refunds) to Belarusian beneficiaries.

The Programme counteracted problems related to war in Ukraine and suspension of cooperation with Belarus by introducing several measures (more details in p. 4.1).

In the reporting period, the Joint Programming Committee for the preparation of the Interreg Poland-Belarus-Ukraine Programme 2021-2027 and since 11 January 2022 (when Managing Authority decided on suspension of trilateral Programme formula with Belarus), Poland-Ukraine Programme 2021-2027 continued its work via e-mail communication. The onsite JPC meeting planned on March 2022 had to be cancelled due to war in Ukraine. It was postponed and organized in the next reporting period (August 2022).

### 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:

- 65 were being implemented,
- 1 grant contract signed,
- 44 finished their implementation by 30 June 2022,
- 9 closed (16 from the beginning of the Programme)

LIPs:

- 10 were being implemented,
- 7 finished its implementation by 30 June 2021,
- 4 closed (5 from the beginning of the Programme)

Micro-projects:

- 81 were being implemented,
- 96 grant contracts signed,
- 40 finished their implementation by 30 June 2022,
- 8 closed (final reports approved by 30 June 2022),
- 4 micro-projects contracted in the reporting period.

JMC written decision on selection of projects for financing within 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 4 micro-projects have been contracted within reporting period.

#### b) Reporting

Regular/LIPs Reports:

- 112 brief narrative reports,
- 21 financial reports checked and approved.

Micro-projects:

- 33 brief narrative reports,
- 36 final reports received, 8 approved by 30 June 2022.

#### c) Trainings for beneficiaries

- 2 trainings on implementation and closure for regular projects/LIPs;
- 7 on-line tailor-made workshops on reporting and closing issues for micro-projects (PL, UA, BY beneficiaries who were finalizing their projects);

#### d) Projects modification

- 103 Addendums signed for regular projects/LIPs and micro-projects;
- 69 minor modifications introduced in regular projects/LIPs and 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.
- Additional financing (2 500 000 EUR; the rate of financing - 100% of total costs) to be used by the Programme Beneficiaries for projects in order to enable introduction of additional activities strictly supporting people fleeing from Ukraine or people in Ukraine within the scope of existing partnerships (Supplement to the Programme Manuals related to suspension of the Financing Agreement);

### Results and outputs by thematic objective and priority

By the end of the reporting period 77 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 <sup>st</sup> measure]**	RI [2 <sup>nd</sup> 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]	0,3	0	0,3
		30			

	Number of cross-border cultural events organized using ENI support (ENI/CBC 8)	[events]	13	36	49
		97			

\* as specified in the JOP or as measured before the 1<sup>st</sup> call for proposals

\*\* to be provided if available and in any case in the final report

**Priority: Promotion and preservation of natural heritage**

Expected results*	Result Indicators (RI)*	RI units*	RI Baselines*	RI [1 <sup>st</sup> measure]**	RI [2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	1,88	0,00	0,00
			13,10			

Result Indicators (RI)*	Output indicators (OI)* (common OI to be included in grey shaded cells)	OI units*	OI [cumulative figure from previous reports]	OI [current report]	OI [Total cumulative figure]
		OI targets*			
Increased number of visitors of the natural heritage sites	Number of cross-border events organized using programme support	[events]	8	9	17
		63			
	Number of promoted and/or preserved natural sites as direct consequence of programme support	[natural sites]	1	7	8
		15			
	Number of persons participating in actions and awareness raising activities promoting preservation of natural heritage	[persons]	484	926	1410
		5 993			

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

**Priority: Improvement and development of transport services and infrastructure**

Expected results*	Result Indicators (RI)*	RI units*	RI Baselines*	RI [1 <sup>st</sup> measure]**	RI [2 <sup>nd</sup> measure]**	RI [final measure]**
			RI Targets*			
Decrease of travel/transportation time in the regions	Decrease of travel/transportation time in the regions	[%]	0,00	63,71	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	8,8	9,46
		5,60			
	Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads (ENI/CBC 27)	[km]	56,98	68,79	125,77
		102,90			
	Number of districts benefitting from modernized/created transport services and infrastructure	[districts]	8	22	30
		28			
	Number of partnerships established in order to modernize/create the environmentally friendly transport systems or services	[partnerships]	8	3	11
		14			

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**Priority: Development of ICT infrastructure**

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



		districts]	18			
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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	1	1
		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 <sup>st</sup> measure]**	RI [2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> measure]**	RI [2 <sup>nd</sup> 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]	2 014 346	6 453 721	8 468 067
		3 689 232			
	Number of security institutions cooperating across the borders.	[security institutions]	89	2	91
		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 <sup>st</sup> measure]**	RI [2 <sup>nd</sup> measure]**	RI [final measure]**
			RI Targets*			
Acceleration of passengers and cars border clearance	Acceleration of passengers and cars border clearance	[%]	39,50	87,45	0,00	0,00
			40,00			

Result Indicators (RI)*	Output indicators (OI)* (common OI to be	OI units*	OI [cumulative	OI [current report]
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	included in grey shaded cells)	OI targets*	figure from previous reports]		OI [Total cumulative figure]
Acceleration of passengers and cars border clearance	Number of border crossing points with increased throughput capacity (ENI/CBC 35)	[BCP]	2	5	7
		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 <sup>st</sup> measure]**	RI [2 <sup>nd</sup> 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]	120 628	48 727	169 355
		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 challenges that severely affected beneficiaries were the consequences of a Russian military aggression on Ukraine (started on 24 February, 2022) and involvement of Belarus in that process. It led to EC decision on suspension of cooperation with Belarus.

Main issues reported by the beneficiaries connected with war in Ukraine and suspension of cooperation with Belarus:

- Problems with implementation and settlement of joint Polish-Belarusian activities and projects due to suspension of cooperation with Belarus. Suddenly joint projects turned out to be possible to be implemented only on one side of the border;
- Problems with implementation of soft activities in Ukraine and with involvement of Ukrainian beneficiaries and target groups due to ongoing war in Ukraine causing necessity of changing the scope of activities and adopting them to current needs and possibilities of all beneficiaries and target groups;
- Problems with settlement of projects and reporting within PL-BY projects due to often lack of any contacts with Belarusian beneficiaries.

Main issues reported by the beneficiaries of Regular/LIP projects:

- Implementation of activities without participation of Belarusian partners,
- Fulfilling of project objectives with Belarusian partners,
- Suspension of payments on Belarus,
- Difficulties with settlements of expenditures in PL-BY projects,
- Difficulties with contacts and cooperation with Ukrainian partners,
- Suspension of payments within PBU projects in Ukraine (Martial Law Feb-May 2022)
- Difficulties with general implementation of activities on Ukrainian side (lack of workforce, inflation, rising prices, lack of supplies etc.)

During the reporting period, the COVID-19 pandemic and its restrictions were still problematic especially 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 decreased the pace of projects implementation and resulted in numerous prolongations of projects' schedules. That was however, not that significant factor as in the previous reporting period.

Main issues reported by the beneficiaries 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, signals about arrests, 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.

Success stories of PBU projects:

## **TO HERITAGE**

### ***BugGuardians*** “Young Local Guardians of Bug Valley Nature” (PBU2/0920/18)

The partners in the project have primarily undertaken promotional and educational activities, whose main recipients are young people, tourists and inhabitants of the Bug River Valley communes.

In the West Bug River Valley, a nature protection platform was created, which is a place of nature education where, among others, the youth takes lessons in the open air and where swans are observed and fed. Part of the dammed Bug river at the level of Dobrotwór settlement near Lviv is a wintering place for mute swans. The water there never freezes because it is heated by a nearby combined heat and power plant. The swans noticed the comfortable conditions and decided to spend the cold winters in the heated water. Each winter, residents and tourists from nearby Lviv feed the birds, helping them to survive this difficult time. The platform makes it possible to observe and safely feed these beautiful birds. The Ukrainian partner also marked out a 3 km long nature trail with educational boards in the area and installed a swan-shaped photo board where people can take photos.

An important activity in the project was the organisation of on-line workshops attended by 30 teachers from schools in the partner area. They were led by nature educators. During the workshops the potential of protected areas of the Bug River Valley, flora and fauna were discussed, as well as possibilities to use nature for development of sustainable tourism. After the workshops, the experts prepared scenarios of nature lessons about environmentally valuable objects, which were given to teachers.

Three educational outdoor games have been created in environmentally valuable sites - in Drohiczyn (PL), the Głogi Natural Landscape Complex in Mielnik (PL) and Dobrotvir (UA) . They are supported by a mobile application, and leaflets about them can be downloaded at tourist information points, among others. Nearby schools organise stationary nature lessons in them - children take part in the games, gaining knowledge about protected species at the same time.

[General description](#)

[Project of the week](#)

## TO ACCESSIBILITY

**SafeTraffic** (PBU1/0511/16) "Improvement of safety of cross-border road infrastructure of Chełm and Lutsk"

The project began in June 2019 and to date all works have been already completed. Kolejowa str. in Chełm has gained a new look. It was rebuilt with a new pedestrian and bicycle route. As part of the investment, street lighting was also modernized.

In Lutsk, the project activities have become a part of the implementation of a large-scale city's strategy for improving its road and transport infrastructure. In 2019, the reconstruction of the street lighting was completed. New energy-efficient LED lamps were fixed on almost 400 lights and new poles were installed on the sidewalks. The total length of the upgraded street lighting network is over 11 km. The next step was the reconstruction of the street lighting on another important street of Lutsk, where on almost 250 streetlights the LED lamps were installed with the replacement of lighting poles on several adjacent streets.

Pandemic quarantine in Lutsk made it much easier to carry out the road works as the private traffic in the city is significantly restricted and public transport is banned completely.

One of the most important infrastructure works under the project implementation was the replacement of 40 traffic lights in Lutsk which is being carried out since October 2019. An important phase of the works was renovation of the premises of the City Traffic Management Centre. Once the project is completed, the Centre will conduct remote traffic lights control.

Both partners are conducting research into modern approaches to road safety. The establishment of a crossborder transportation safety platform, which will develop an integrated traffic management system in Lutsk, is the important element of the project. It will be the basis for all further decisions of the Lutsk city authorities in the field of safe road infrastructure development.

[General description](#)

[Project of the week](#)

## TO SECURITY

**DcbCforAutism** " Development of cross-border cooperation in helping people with autism on the Polish-Belarusian borderlands". (PBU1/0063/16)

Thinking about those who need help and are struggling with special problems resulting from their developmental limitations, children and adolescents affected by the Autism Spectrum Disorder, the "Common World" Association from Biała Podlaska together with the Education Department of the Leninsky District Administration of the City of Brest are implementing the project " Development of cross-border cooperation in helping people with autism on the Polish-Belarusian borderlands".

As part of the project, on the Polish side, where the "Common World" Association already operates a kindergarten and a school for children with autism, two buildings were built: the building of an

environmental self-help house and a school preparing for employment and the building of training apartments with the possibility of transformation, in the future, into a house of permanent residence for adults with autism. Furniture and computer equipment was purchased, which will be used for occupational therapy and preparing for work. This way, young people on the autism spectrum won't be without support after graduation. They will receive help in the field of occupational therapy, as well as the opportunity to learn how to overcome everyday difficulties in independent living, how to live and function independently. The opening ceremony took place on 24th September 2021.

On the Belarusian side, the pre-war building was renovated, in which the first comprehensive care centre for children with autism and children with similar mental disorders, information support for parents and methodological support for teachers is being built. The building is equipped with furniture and specialized equipment necessary for rehabilitation and occupational therapy for children with autism. The ceremony of handing over the key to the renovated building took place on 4th November 2021.

[General description](#)

[Project of the week](#)

## TO BORDERS

**This story has no promotional power anymore. Cooperation with Belarus suspended, the sensitive topic of the eastern border, but before February 24, 2022 it was a really success story.**

***DogService*** (PBU1/0629/16) “Strengthening the capacity of the dog service of the Customs Authorities of the Republic of Belarus and Republic of Poland”

A shuttle bus arrived at the International Car Checkpoint "Brest". Passengers were slowly passing the customs control, it is a common procedure. But this time there was something exceptional: a working dog named Kamelia put herself in a specific position. That was a signal about the possible presence of narcotics or psychotropic substances. In a few minutes the drugs were found in the pocket of one of the passengers in a closed zip pack. The sniff of a working dog met expectations, as always.

The presence of mobile units of cynologists helps to reduce criminal activities in the border area and supports the overall security of people living in the region.

For this purpose, vehicles for transportation of service dogs and cynologists were purchased on both sides of the Belarusian-Polish border within the Dogservice project. All these cars were additionally equipped with inspection kits. Now, if the assistance from cynological services is urgently needed, they can be quickly delivered to inspection sites. Training for staff from both countries on how to share their experiences related to customs control with working dogs, dog care and working dog techniques has also been an important component of the project. Twenty canine specialists got training in Poland and Belarus on detecting tobacco products and drugs.

Thanks to the work of such service dogs as Kamelia, customs control procedure is accelerated, as well as transport queues are reduced.

[General description](#)

## [Project stories](#)

More success stories to be found on [the Programme website](#), primarily under our series titled<sup>2</sup>:

- Time for results
- Project stories
- PBU in numbers
- Holidays with PBU projects

### 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)
TO2	24 246 079,64	21 456 542,70	21 456 542,70	100%
TO3	23 421 670,00	20 896 179,03	4 613 876,67	22%
TO4	10 400 000,00	9 142 665,99	5 940 453,40	65%

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	EU share of total amount for LIPs contracted	Total amount of eligible LIPs expenditure (EU share) accepted by the MA	Absorption rate %

<sup>2</sup> To ease the search these titles might be used in the search engine of the website.



PLBU.02.01.00-18-0001/17-00*	6 736 799,33	6 736 799,33	100%
PLBU.04.01.00-20-0002/17-00*	5 092 665,99	5 092 665,99	100%
PLBU.02.01.00-14-0003/17-00*	4 584 380,73	4 584 380,73	100%
PLBU.02.01.00-06-0004/17-00*	5 494 358,05	5 494 358,05	100%
PLBU.03.02.00-BY-0006/17-00	3 931 179,03	1 074 412,54	27%
PLBU.02.01.00-BY-0007/17-00*	4 641 004,59	4 641 004,59	100%
PLBU.03.02.00-UA-0008/17-00	5 400 000,00	0	0%
PLBU.03.01.00-UA-0010/17-00	5 760 000,00	1 392 297,24	24%
PLBU.04.02.00-BY-0015/17-00	4 050 000,00	847 787,41	21%
PLBU.03.01.00-UA-0018/17-00	5 805 000,00	2 147 166,89	37%

\* 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.

**Project was completed on October 8, 2021 according to provision of the Grant contract.**

**The total cost incurred within the project amounts to 7 485 322.60 EUR (ENI 90%: 6 736 799.33 EUR)**

The main objective "Supporting cross-border development processes in the borderland of Poland and Ukraine by improving transport accessibility and condition of road infrastructure" was achieved, the road No 885 Przemyśl - Hermanowice – State Border was rebuild.

The project results were achieved.

- Decrease of travel/transportation time in the regions [minutes] null – 9 minutes
- Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads (ENI/CBC27) [km] – 6,61 km
- Number of districts benefitting from modernized/created transport services and infrastructure – 2.

The specific objectives:

- Improvement of communication accessibility of the constructed border crossing Malhowice-Nizankowice (target value: 4000 vehicles/day) .Thanks to the new road connection, cross-border

cooperation will improve and new opportunities will open up for entrepreneurs. The Malhowice-Nizankowice border crossing under construction will be intended for international passenger and goods traffic, excluding pedestrian traffic. The construction works has started in September 2021.

- Improved security in road traffic at the expanded section of the regional road no. 885 by construction of pavements, bus bays, improved drainage and increase hoarseness of the surface – goal was achieved taking into account finished building works.

**Interim payment 16.11.2020 - 3 375 000.00 EUR**

**Final payment 30.03.2022 - 999 299.33 EUR**

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.

**Project was completed on 30 November, 2021 according to provision of the Grant contract.**

**The total cost incurred within the project amounts to 5 658 517.77 EUR (ENI 90%: 5 092 665.99 EUR)**

The project objectives - Improvement of security and mobility on the external border of the European Union through construction of infrastructure on the rail border crossing in Siemianowka, adapting the rail border crossing in Siemianowka to the European Union standards for external borders and requirements of the Schengen Treaty was achieved.

The construction of the new infrastructure of the railway border crossing in Siemianówka will indirectly result in the development of the areas adjacent to the state border on both its sides, an increase in the number of jobs, increased transport and development of forwarding and reloading companies. The implementation of the contribute to sustainable development of the border region as well as increase its attractiveness and integration of local communities.

**All infrastructure works and purchasing of equipment were implemented. The common meetings were limited due to Covid restrictions.**

**Project results were achieved:**

Programme result indicators Target value – 102 minutes from 120 minutes

Programme output indicators:

Number of border crossing points with increased throughput capacity – 1

Number of modernised/improved border crossings – 1

**Final payment 25.03.2022 - 5 092 665.99 EUR**

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.

**Project was completed on 14 November, 2021 according to provision of the Grant contract.**

**The total cost incurred within the project amounts to 5 093 756.38 EUR (ENI 90%: 4 584 380.73 EUR)**

The overall objective of the project improving the quality of roads and accessibility of the region, thus contributing to sustainable development of Ostrołęka and Siedlce sub-regions was achieved.

The reconstructed roads contributed to achievement the specific objectives:

- Increasing the level of safety by constructing traffic lights and improving the technical parameters of the road.
- Development of local tourism by increasing accessibility of tourist spots.
- Development of enterprises thanks to an increased accessibility of the region to the travelling public.

At the same time the Mazovian Voivodship/ Regional Road Authority of Mazovia and Volyn Regional State Administration started cooperation and exchanging the experiences in the field of building works of the roads.

Project indicators were achieved: Programme result indicators Decrease of travel / transportation time in the regions [minutes] null – 12 min.

Programme output indicators:

- Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads (ENI/CBC 27) [km] – 11 km
- Number of districts benefiting from modernized/created transport services and infrastructure – 2

**The infrastructure works were implemented.**

**Final payment 31.03.2022 - 682 880.73 EUR**

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 - Włodawa

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.

Construction works related to the extension of the voivodeship road No 812 have been fully completed and the newly reconstructed road has been commissioned (4983 m in total). 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 Unimog, with a special equipment for winter and Summer road maintenance was purchased, and shown to the wide public and media representatives.

Due to pandemic situation the organization of common meeting and the conference were impossible, however it has no impact on achievement of project goals.

**Project was completed on 9 December, 2020 according to provision of the Grant contract.**

**The total cost incurred within the project amounts to 6 486 079.64 EUR (ENI 84,71%: 5 494 358.04 EUR)**

The value of indicator “Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads (Annex III to the Grant Contract) – is 4,88 km” – the value reported in the Final report is 4 983 m. The length is consistent with construction design and building permit (ZRID). The difference in the value of indicator resulted from arithmetical mistake.

The value of result indicator “Decrease of travel/transportation time in the regions [minutes] null “ - 4 min – the reported value is 4 minutes 30 seconds. The difference is caused by the changes in Polish law published after the project has started. As a consequence of the new ‘Traffic code’ introduced in July 2020, pedestrians have the priority on the pedestrian crossings and the drivers have to stop before each of the zebra crossing in case if a pedestrian is intended to enter a crossing. Taking into consideration that there are six (6) zebra crossings on the reconstructed section of the road the change in Traffic code significantly slow down the traffic on the section covered by the project.

Detailed clarification was submitted in the narrative part of the report. The JTS approves the small discrepancies in the value of achieved indicators after receiving detailed clarification from LB. The small discrepancies between planned and achieved values of indicators have no negative influence on the project goals and objectives.

**The infrastructure works were implemented.**

**Final payment 09.04.2021 - 598 358.05 EUR**

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 EUR (increased by the Beneficiary)

ENI co-financing: 4 056 003.00 EUR (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 completed (implementation is finalized in August 2021). The fire station in Kamianets has been reconstructed and equipped. As an additionally introduced activity, a Safety Centre has been created on the basis of the fire station. The Training and Educational Centre in Brest has been reconstructed. Purchases for the training center in Hrodna have been conducted. 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.

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 EUR (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 completed (implementation is finalized in July 2021). 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), to 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.

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 net-work 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. Despite the negative impact of Russian military aggression on overall project implementation process in Ukraine, the construction of the new administrative building is ongoing and readiness level is around 60%. Re-construction works for 6 police stations is fully completed. Also, over 80% of the planned equipment has been purchased, among them 170 automated workplaces with analytic equipment, equipped vehicle for operative sudden action, crime scene car, and mobile command dispatching station vehicle, 100 tablets, 80 laptops and 25 printers, 580 body worn cameras. The tenders are announced for the remaining equipment – CCTV cameras, 4 analytic traffic control complexes and server equipment will be procured after receipt of the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche. The communication network, uniting the existing network of video surveillance cameras with the new administrative building network was built. Its length is 24 kilometers, and, as a result, the new video surveillance system will allow police officers to access integrated video surveillance networks for the needs of operative management of special operations, search of criminals on hot tracks, implementation of preventive functions, etc.

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 EUR (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, and facility readiness has reached almost 51%. At the same time, works on artesian well and heating networks on individual buildings are fully finished. The readiness of utility and disinfection buildings and external water supply networks is increased up to 75%. Beneficiary 1 (Frederic Chopin Regional Clinical Hospital No. 1 in Rzeszow) purchased remaining equipment - Analyzer for microbial identification, EBUS Endobronchial Ultrasound Bronchoscopy, Binocular microscope. The Beneficiary 2 (Communal non-profit enterprise "Regional clinical phthysiopulmonology treatment and diagnostic center" of the

Transcarpathian regional council) procured 3 Binocular microscopes, Bronchoscope, Fibrogastroduodenoscope, 2 medical vehicles, 1 minibus, set of equipment for the rooms of infusion therapy, Set of trays, dispensers, containers and medicines for infusion therapy. A pilot model for tuberculosis detection based on an assessment of the baseline status of tuberculosis detection in at-risk groups was introduced in the practical activities of health care institutions. Thus, 1,360 people from groups at increased risk of tuberculosis were examined by mobile diagnostic offices during the month of their compact stay. Screening examinations for tuberculosis were carried out among general population and also internally displaced persons of Uzhhorod, military personnel, wards of two social centers of Uzhhorod and surrounding villages.

The consequences of Russian aggression were particularly unfavorable for the project, since the works and payments to the contractors were suspended, due to martial law. Also, the Lead Beneficiary had to deal with urgent emergency consequences. To overcome objective delays, the project implementation period was extended until December 31, 2022.

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 EUR (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.

The project has been completed. The construction works were carried out at the border crossing point (hereinafter – the BCP) “Berestovitsa”, the stationary inspection and control complex was delivered, commissioning of equipment was carried out, equipment was put into operation, training of specialists working with the equipment of the inspection and control complex was carried out.

During the implementation of the project, technical means of customs control, namely video endoscopes, measuring and indicating detector with gamma-neutron channel, detectors of narcotic



and explosive substances, an X-ray scanning system of luggage and goods were purchased. There were also purchased computer equipment, furniture, fire-fighting equipment and household appliances.

Information about the implementation of the project was posted in mass media, two commemorative plates with the Programme logo were installed.

The scanning complex was put into operation on November 5, 2021,

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.

The major infrastructure activities within the project were 99% finished, sewer network and system of sewage treatment in Gajivka and Melnyky and Svityaz and works were installed and connected to relevant sewage pumping station. The remaining activities included works for connecting households to the newly built sewer infrastructure and putting it into operation according to the national legislation. However, in the second half of the reporting period, the Russian aggression in Ukraine caused delays in finishing electrical connection works in Pulmo village, due to martial law restrictions in payments and fund allocations. In May 2022, with changes in the national legislation of Ukraine, it was possible to resume the payments and release funds, and the Lead Beneficiary resumed activities and applied for project prolongation until September 30, 2022 to overcome delays.

The Ukrainian National Authority represented by the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ukraine took an active part in solving the issue of additional financing by the Ukrainian side of the Ukrainian partner's own contribution. A number of online meetings were held with the involvement of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Ukraine, the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, the Shatsk Rural Council and the Volyn Regional State Administration regarding the solution of the mentioned issue.

As a result of joint coordinated actions, a common vision of the source of funding from the regional budget was found, which led to a successful solution to the issue.

### **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 not modified in the reporting period.

## 4. PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

### 4.1 Summary of main activities

#### ➤ Main activities performed by JMC

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

- Approval of the extension of the framework procedure to introduce the COVID-19 epidemic related changes in the PBU projects;
- Approval of termination of further contracting of the reserve list micro-projects and to limit allocation;
- Approval of changes in the Programme TA budget;
- Approval of the updates of the PBU Guidelines on Expenditure Verification and their annexes (checklists);
- Approval of the Programme Annual Report (period 1.07.2020 - 30.06.2021);
- Approval of Supplement to the Programme Manuals related to suspension of the Financing Agreement and of template of Subsidiary Contract.

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) Programme documents submitted for the approval of the JMC;
- participation in events/seminars/workshops/meetings on the Programme implementation and on the programming of the financial perspective 2021-2027 organized by TESIM, INTERACT, European Commission;
- participation in Programme events (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 and subsidiary contracts for projects with the Lead beneficiary from Belarus;

- developing solutions for Programme beneficiaries from PL and UA in connection with suspension of cross-border cooperation with Russia and Belarus caused by the Russian, supported by Belarus, military aggression against Ukraine
- projects reports verification and paying out due amounts 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 PLUA programme 2021-2027: elaboration of JOP in cooperation with JTS-IB and JPC, conducting public consultations of JOP and approval of JOP by the Government of the Republic of Poland;
- submission of JOP Interreg NEXT PLUA to the European Commission.

➤ **Main activities of the JTS**

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;
- modification of the Programme documents (Programme Manuals, Guidelines on Expenditure Verification, JTS Procedures Manual) and approval of the amended version of the document;
- the Programme communication (full list of communication and promotional activities can be found in p. 4.4.1);
- updating the Programme website (news, information, capitalization, updates of Programme documents etc.);
- preparation of analyses, lists and reports as well as annual reports on the Programme implementation;
- assisting beneficiaries of PBU1, PBU2, PBU3 and the LIPs in implementation and communication of their activities (daily contacts, numerous consultations on projects' related issues);
- gathering data, reports, information on implemented projects and their results;
- collecting and processing the financial and statistical data concerning projects, using the electronic system;

- verification of 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. The identified irregularities are reported in the Annual summary of controls.
- preparation of drafts of contracts, addenda and annexes;
- verifying requests for payments, financial and narrative reports;
- settling up final reports from LIPs, regular and micro-projects;
- conducting on-the-spot checks

JTS and the BOs, also in cooperation with the CCPs, carried out on-the-spot verifications in the projects. 38 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 current situation in Ukraine and suspension of cooperation with Belarus.

- organization of trainings for beneficiaries (full list of communication and promotional activities can be found in p. 4.4.1);
- verifying of changes proposed by lead beneficiaries in their projects (both minor and major);
- taking 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);
- several working meetings of the JTS and BOs were organized regarding the Programme and projects related issues;
- co-operation with organisations, institutions and networks relevant for meeting the objectives of the Programme;
- supporting the GoA;
- informing the MA on the detected irregularities.

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

- finalizing the process of the preparation of last 3<sup>rd</sup> CfPs microprojects grant contracts providing individual consultations to the beneficiaries of the selected projects.
- assisting all beneficiaries in relation to war related consequences as well as COVID-19 epidemic limitations. Numerous activities were introduced to diminish the effects of abrupt changes and minimize negative impact on the implementation of the Programme and projects (more details below);
- contracting of additional COVID-19 related activities in Health projects;

- in response to the war aggression on Ukraine, the JTS supported project beneficiaries in implementing of assumptions foreseen by the Supplement to the Programme Manuals approved by the JMC on 13.05.2022 (introduction of additionally financed project activities supporting Ukraine and Ukrainians; prolongation of the projects with Ukrainian participation and elaboration of approach to settle such projects separately).

Relating the preparation of the **Interreg Poland-Ukraine 2021-2027 Programme**, JTS was involved in the following activities:

- Public consultations of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Report (6-27.07.2021);
- Modification of the Programme document following EC decision concerning Belarus, then EC recommendations to the submitted document;
- Preparation of the methodology for counting the Programme indicators and counting their values to be achieved;
- Development of the full list of indicators for projects;
- Public consultations of the Interreg NEXT Poland-Ukraine 2021-2027 (16.05-6.06.2022);
- Preparation of documents and materials for the JPC decisions;
- Co-organization of MA / JTS / NA meetings;
- Preparation of the application pack for LIPs;
- Cooperation with LIPs partners on their project summaries and FAF preparation;
- Participation in numerous workshops organized by European Commission, Interact, Tesim;
- 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.

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

#### ➤ **Main activities of the Branch offices**

The BOs in Poland, Belarus and Ukraine continued performing their tasks in the reporting period under the service contracts signed between them and MA, which have been prolonged during the reporting period till the end of 2023. Main activities carried out by BOs, except for providing consultations regarding participation in the Programme and assistance to the MA/NAs/JTS/CCPs as well as projects in daily implementation, included main elements of the information and communication plan:

- participation in regular working meetings with JTS (6);
- assistance to the JTS in organization of most of the Programme events listed in the point 4.4.1;
- organisation of special Programme promotional activities on the JTS request (for ex. CBC Scientific Conferences, Wandering Academy – lectures' series for students or other local Programme promotional events);
- organisation/co-organization of smaller scale information events for beneficiaries or stakeholders in the Programme eligible area;

- assistance to the JTS in translation, proof-reading of documents, drafting of news for Programme web-site;
- preparation of the projects publications, a newsletter “The Crossborderer”, news on the Programme website as well as organizing FB fanpage;
- ensuring the Programme visibility in local/regional media;
- assisting beneficiaries with application of Communication and Visibility Manual for EU External Actions;
- photo/movie coverage of project activities/investments/infrastructures at different stages of project implementation;
- projects’ results monitoring;
- media monitoring;
- support to the MA/NAs/JTS in organisation of other informational and promotional activities.

Smooth implementation of the information and communication plan by BOs in Ukraine and Belarus has been ceased from the moment of the Russia’s military aggression against Ukraine (24 February 2022). BO in Lviv encountered the problems with realisation of its info-promo activities due to ongoing war in Ukraine causing necessity of changing the scope of activities and adopting to current needs and possibilities. Some of the Ukrainian BO activities were performed in on-line format, other were provided by the JTS or Polish BO in Rzeszów. All the formal contacts with Belarusian BO and CCP have been stopped, including the suspension of all payments to these entities, basing on European Commission and the Managing Authority’s recommendations.

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

The Belarusian and Ukrainian CCPs have continued the coordination of the expenditure verification process at the project level in Belarus and Ukraine. Both entities have maintained the lists of auditors entitled to verify the project expenditures incurred by, respectively, Belarusian and Ukrainian beneficiaries. Some modifications were introduced to the lists.

Training for Ukrainian beneficiaries on project implementation (national legislation, procurement, audit procedures) were provided during the reported period (06.12.2022).

During the reporting period, the NA UA (the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine) actively participated in the support and monitoring of the Programme in Ukraine.

In connection with Russia’s full-scale war against Ukraine and the possible complication of the project implementation process, NA on a regular basis analyzed the state of implementation of projects in Ukraine, especially regarding the possibility of implementation, receiving funds, and payment for services. Consultations were held with beneficiaries regarding problematic issues that arose during the process of monitoring project implementation.

During April - June 2022 the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine held a number of online meetings with the participation of the National Bank of Ukraine, the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, the State Treasury Service of Ukraine and Regional State Administrations to discuss problematic issues that arise for Ukrainian beneficiaries and project implementers within the framework of the programmes of cross-border cooperation, the result of which was the introduction of changes in

legislation, which allowed to unblock payments within the framework of projects within Ukraine and payments in currency outside Ukraine.

On April 29th 2022 by the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 520, changes were made to the Procedure for Execution of Powers by the State Treasury Service in a Special Regime under Martial Law, which allowed to unblock payments in the national currency within Ukraine.

Also, in the reporting period, the National Authority of Ukraine:

- ensured project monitoring and providing daily assistance to beneficiaries;
- provided advice on the legislative framework for project implementation and reporting;
- carried out work on the processing of beneficiary reports and requests from beneficiaries regarding probable problematic issues arising in the framework of project implementation;
- responded and implemented the recommendations made by the Audit Authority under the previous audit missions;
- worked on the processing of indicators for detecting of potential fraud and a list of steps to prevent fraud, conducted consultations with State audit service of Ukraine and other public bodies regarding the internal system of communication and information exchange;
- requested networking event with TESIM, State Audit Service of Ukraine regarding development of anti-fraud measure and took part;
- ensured implementation of recommendations received as a result of the report of the group of auditors:
  - analyzed the effectiveness of the internal system of the program, including the functionality of the MA, NA, SSR, group of auditors, as well as the office brunch.
  - analyzed the system of first-level expenses in Ukraine and conducted consultations with audit bodies regarding improvement.
  - participated to working group performing on-the spot verification according to Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated July 11, 2018 No. 554 «On the introduction of a national system of management and control over the implementation of joint operational programs of cross-border cooperation of the European Neighborhood Instrument 2014-2020»

The Belarusian CCP organized a seminar for the auditors (30.09.2021) as well as took part in consultations to amend the Belarusian “Guidelines on expenditure verification”. The amendments were published on the web-sites on the Programme and the EU ITA Centre in Belarus in January 2022.

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

The Ukrainian CCP administered, introduced additional selection procedures, and maintained regular updates for the long List of auditors in Ukraine, reviewed documentation on the auditor selection process for ensuring compliance to the requirements of controller selection process. Appropriate changes has been made to the List of independent auditors, in response to the changes to the contacts of audit entities and their employees, as well as changes following the quality control review of the auditors.

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

In the first half of reporting period the NAs of each participating country were in close contact ensuring the overall coordination of the institutions involved at national level in the Programme implementation, including, inter alia, the institutions acting as CCP and generally cooperated on the Programme implementation issues. However, political situation in Belarus and the engagement of the Belarusian authorities in Russia's military aggression against Ukraine led to the suspension of cooperation with Belarus what caused breaking the contacts of JTS with Belarusian NA and CCP institutions.

The CCPs carried out 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 irregularities were identified and are reported in the Annual summary of controls.

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 of the Programme for the accounting year 2020-2021; the audit report along with the audit opinion was sent to the Commission in February 2022. Minor changes in the internal procedures of the MA and the JTS were introduced as a result of the audit. The Audit Authority is carrying an audit of operations and system audit for current accounting year 2021-2022. The results will be presented in the audit report to be sent to the Commission in February 2023.

#### ➤ **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](https://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.

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.

3. 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.

4. 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).

5. 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.

6. a reorientation of the 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 the 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.

➤ **Programme measures answering the crisis at EU's external borders and the war in Ukraine**

The Programme counteracted problems related to war in Ukraine and suspension of cooperation with Belarus by introducing several measures. On 13 May 2022 Joint Monitoring Committee approved Supplement to the Programme Manuals (applicable for the LIPs, PBU1, PBU2 and PBU3 call for proposal projects) and the template of the Subsidiary Contract (focused on the BY partnership projects):

1. Developed new procedures made it possible for non-lead beneficiaries from Poland and Ukraine to operate separately and to become independent from institutions from Belarus;
2. The JMC decided also to treat all expenditures by the Belarusian beneficiaries incurred and paid from 24.02.2022 as ineligible;
3. Additional financing (2 500 000 EUR; the rate of financing - 100% of total costs) to be used by the Programme Beneficiaries for projects in order to enable introduction of additional activities strictly supporting people fleeing from Ukraine or people in Ukraine within the scope of existing partnerships (Supplement to the Programme Manuals related to suspension of the Financing Agreement);
4. Substantial changes in the projects with the Ukrainian lead beneficiary were introduced in the simplified way, by providing necessary information in e-mail sent to the JTS;
5. Additional activities were introduced in the projects (following the JTS approval) to help those in need:
  - providing the refugees (people escaping from the war from the Ukrainian territories regardless of their origin) with access to project products, e.g., buildings or equipment;
  - adjusting project events to better serve the needs of the refugees (e.g., integration, translation support, extra activities for children);

spending project savings on supplies and/or services that may provide additional value for the refugees from Ukraine (changes in the budget that do not change the total grant value).

Preparations the new 2021-2027 Programme were disrupted by the actions of the Belarusian authorities on the border with Poland and by their support for the Russian aggression against Ukraine. These actions resulted in the European Commission's decision, made in February 2022, to exclude Belarus from cooperation under the Interreg initiative. Poland and Ukraine agreed and approved the content of the Programme in a bilateral, Polish-Ukrainian formula.

#### **4.2. Management of the calls for proposals**

Within the 1<sup>st</sup> CfPs one project was contracted within the reporting period

- PLBU.01.01.00-18-0499/17-00 GALICIAN SCENE OUR COMMON HISTORY Promoting Ukrainian and Polish culture within cooperation between Polish House in Lviv and Ukrainian House in Przemyśl / Ukrainian House in Przemyśl Foundation (LB).

Grant Contract was concluded on 15.04.2022.

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 concluded.

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.

As a response for the current situation in Ukraine (Russian aggression) the additional financing (2 500 000 EUR; the rate of financing - 100% of total costs) were activated to be used by the Programme Beneficiaries for projects in order to enable introduction of additional activities strictly supporting people fleeing from Ukraine or people in Ukraine within the scope of existing partnerships (Supplement to the Programme Manuals related to suspension of the Financing Agreement). 9 Beneficiaries declared their willingness of implementation of additional measures supporting Ukraine.



Within 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> CfPs, finally 96 projects signed the grant contracts, including 4 in the reporting period. Until now, 15 projects resigned from funding. COVID19 pandemic, political situation in Belarus as well as war in Ukraine are the major reasons for 11 resignations made in the reporting period.

**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	10	21 884 466,86	19 668 864,87	42	2 548 075,65	2 265 652,53	21	1 374 154,54	1 233 841,06	73	25 806 697,05	23 174 825,96
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	15	965 148,41	866 333,97	3	183 081,45	164 223,35	25	16 163 222,36	14 544 050,56
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	17	36 899 459,36	33 182 358,11	57	3 513 224,06	3 138 454,00	24	1 557 235,99	1 398 064,41	98	41 969 919,41	37 718 876,52

**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	14	30 496 619,84	27 419 802,55	31	1 983 535,74	1 762 553,59	13	848 421,64	760 315,84	58	33 393 252,22	30 000 879,48
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	8	509 618,35	458 472,57	30	5 503 928,26	4 952 573,01
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	17	36 899 459,36	33 182 358,11	57	3 513 224,06	3 138 454,00	24	1 557 235,99	1 398 064,41	98	41 969 919,41	37 718 876,52

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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	9 558 169,05	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	10 622 708,97	9 558 169,05
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	30 995 263,88	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	35 864 527,65	30 995 263,88

**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	3 312 494,12	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3 680 549,02	3 312 494,12
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	30 995 263,88	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	35 864 527,65	30 995 263,88

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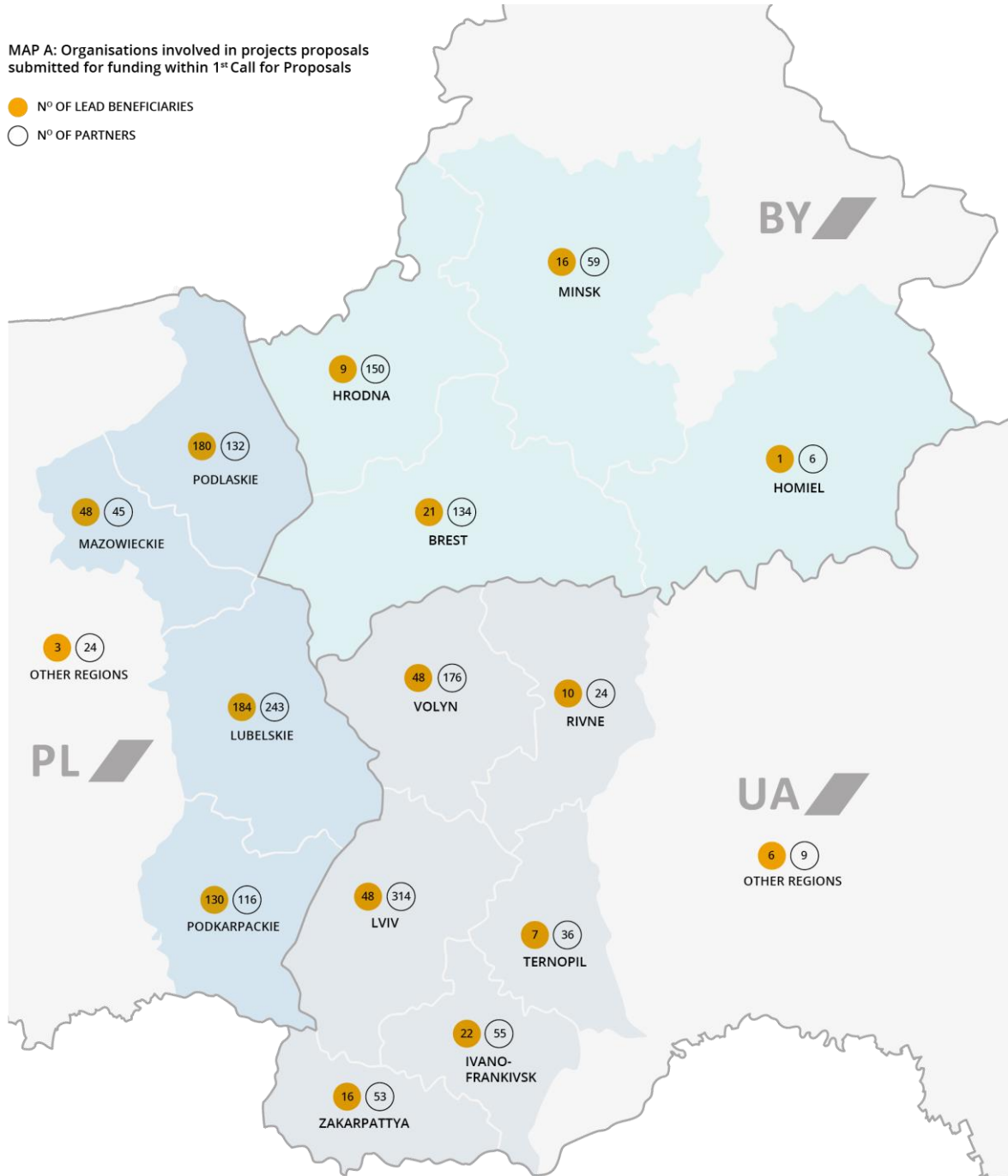
Thematic objective BORDERS		Call n°1			Call n°2			Call n°3			Total		
		N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant	N° of projects	Total budget	EU grant
Support to border efficiency and security	Submitted	13	17 729 707,00	15 955 929,60	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



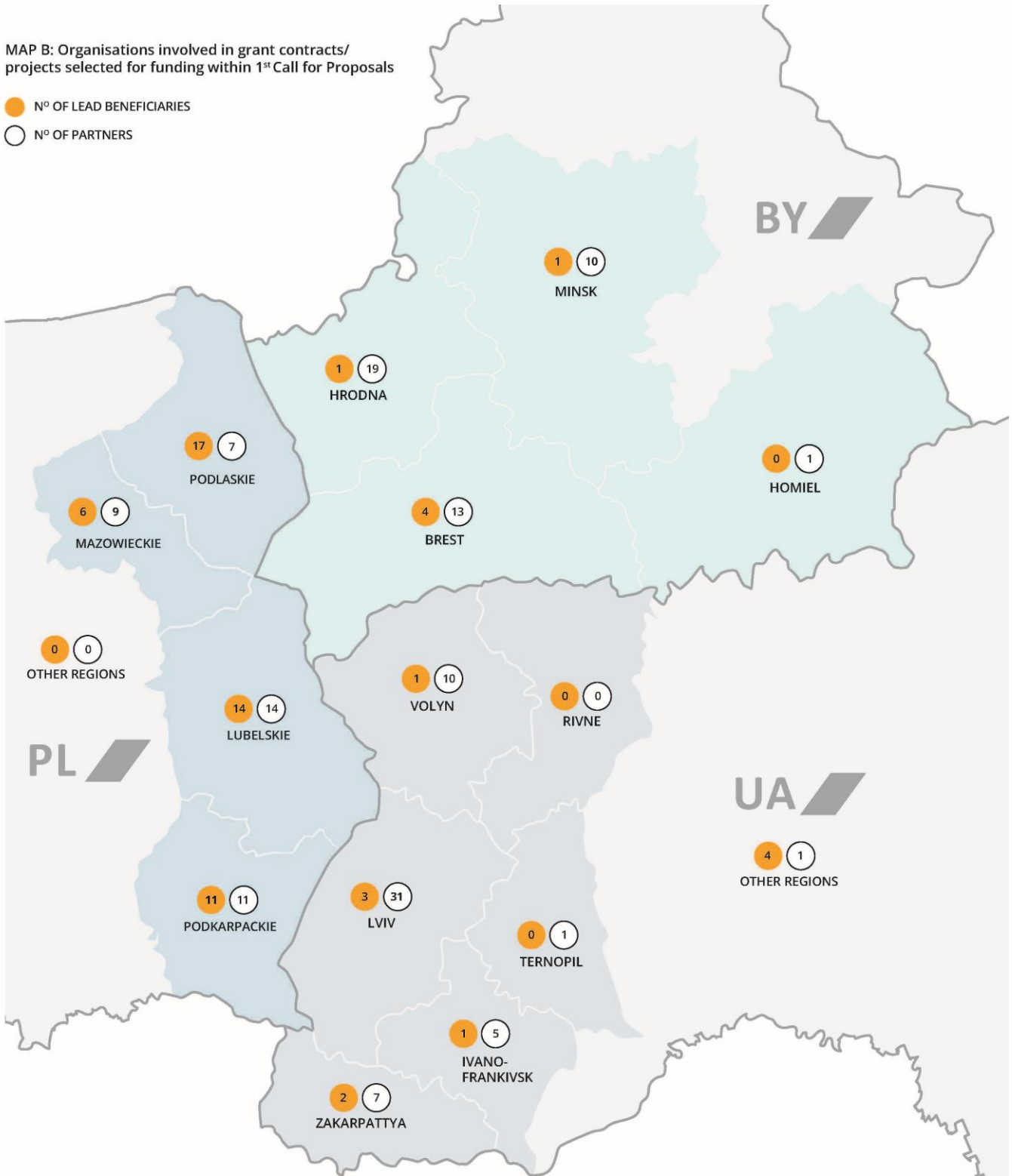
### Map A: Organisations involved in projects proposals submitted for funding within 1<sup>st</sup> CfPs



**Map B: Organisations involved in grant contracts within 1<sup>st</sup> CfPs**

MAP B: Organisations involved in grant contracts/  
projects selected for funding within 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Proposals

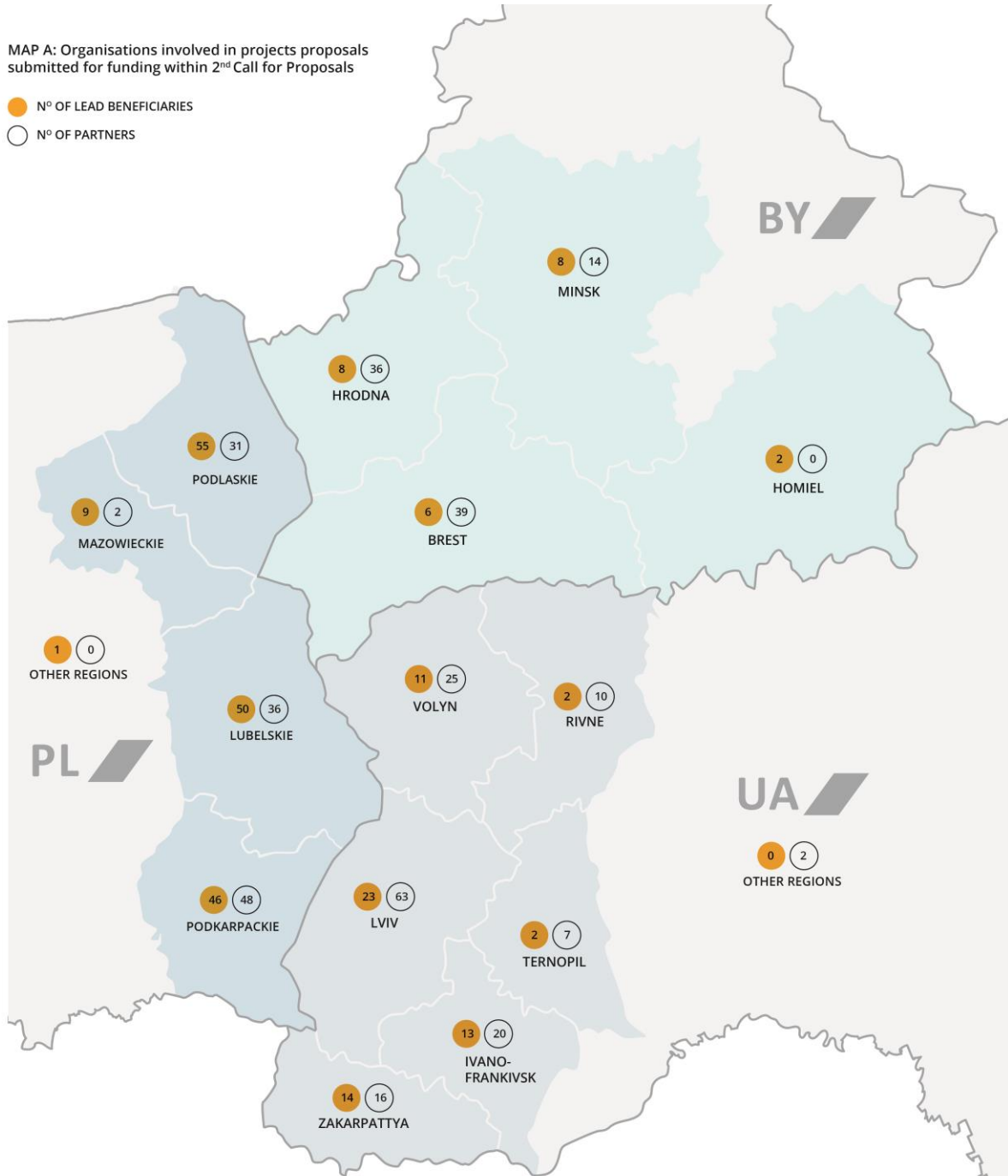
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**Table C: Organisations involved in projects proposals submitted for funding and in grant contracts  
– 1<sup>st</sup> CFP**

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	9
	Podkarpackie	130	116	11	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	31
	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	65	139

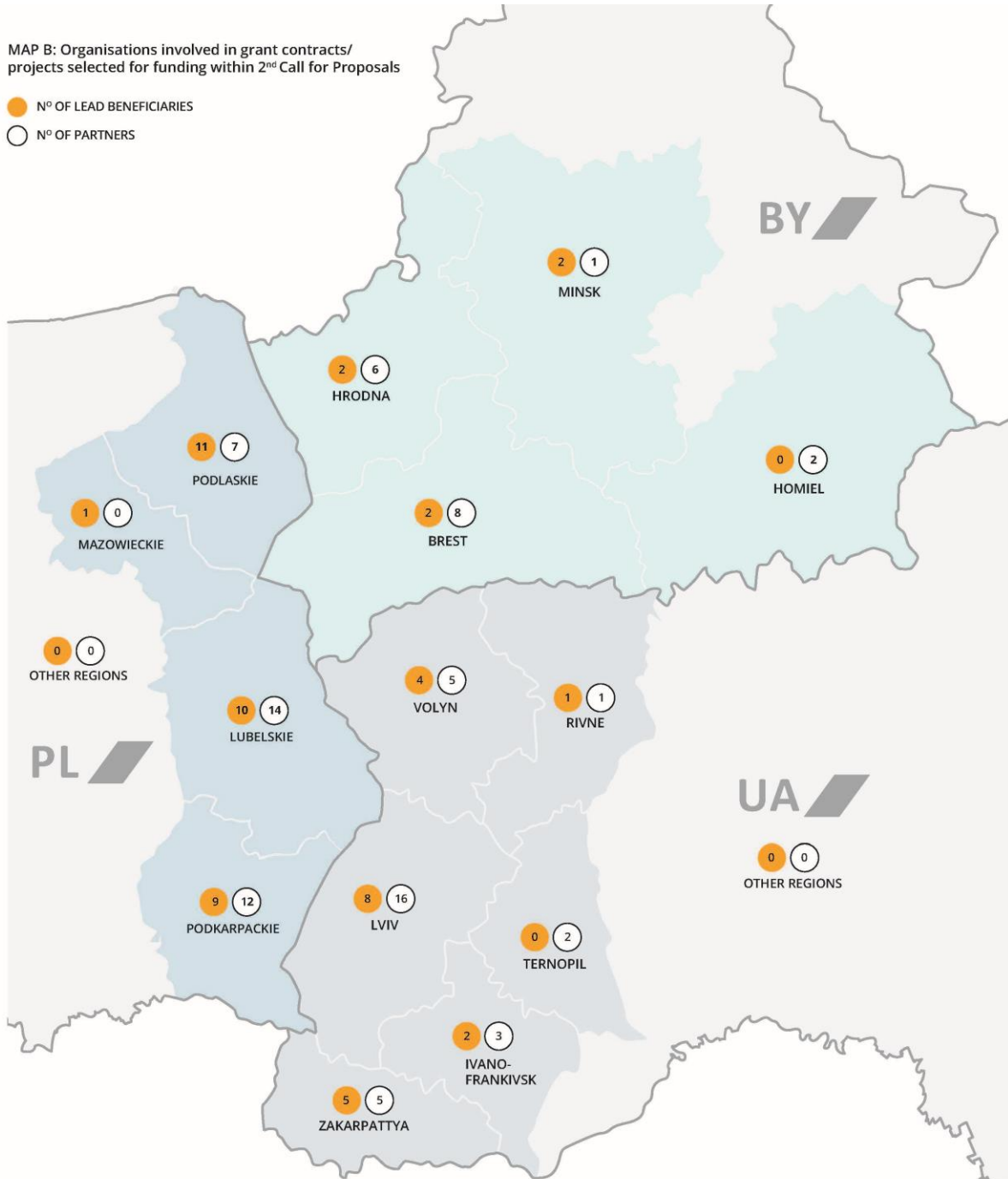
**Map A: Organisations involved in projects proposals submitted for funding within 2<sup>nd</sup> CFP**



**Map B: Organisations involved in grant contracts within 2<sup>nd</sup> CFP**

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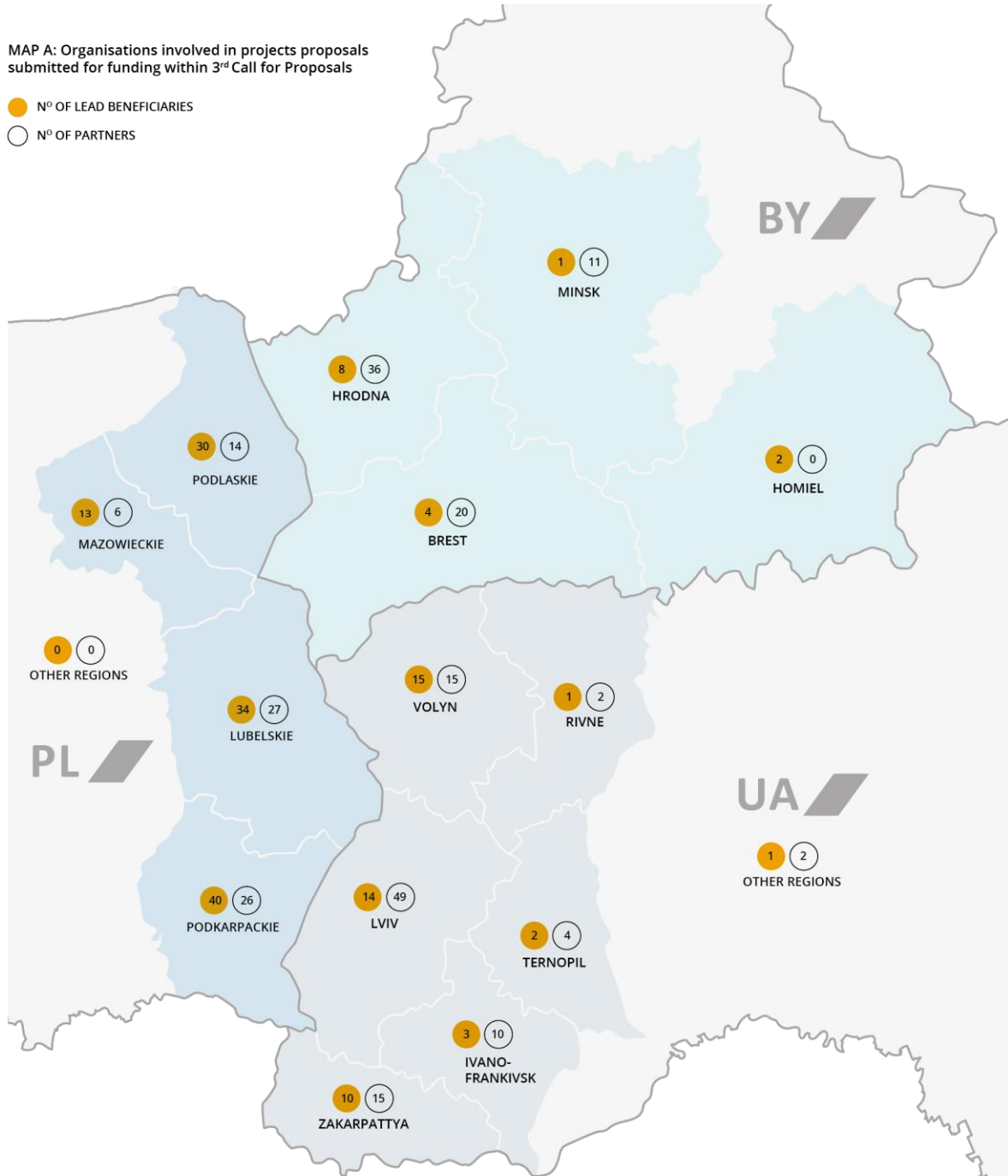
- N° OF LEAD BENEFICIARIES
- N° OF PARTNERS



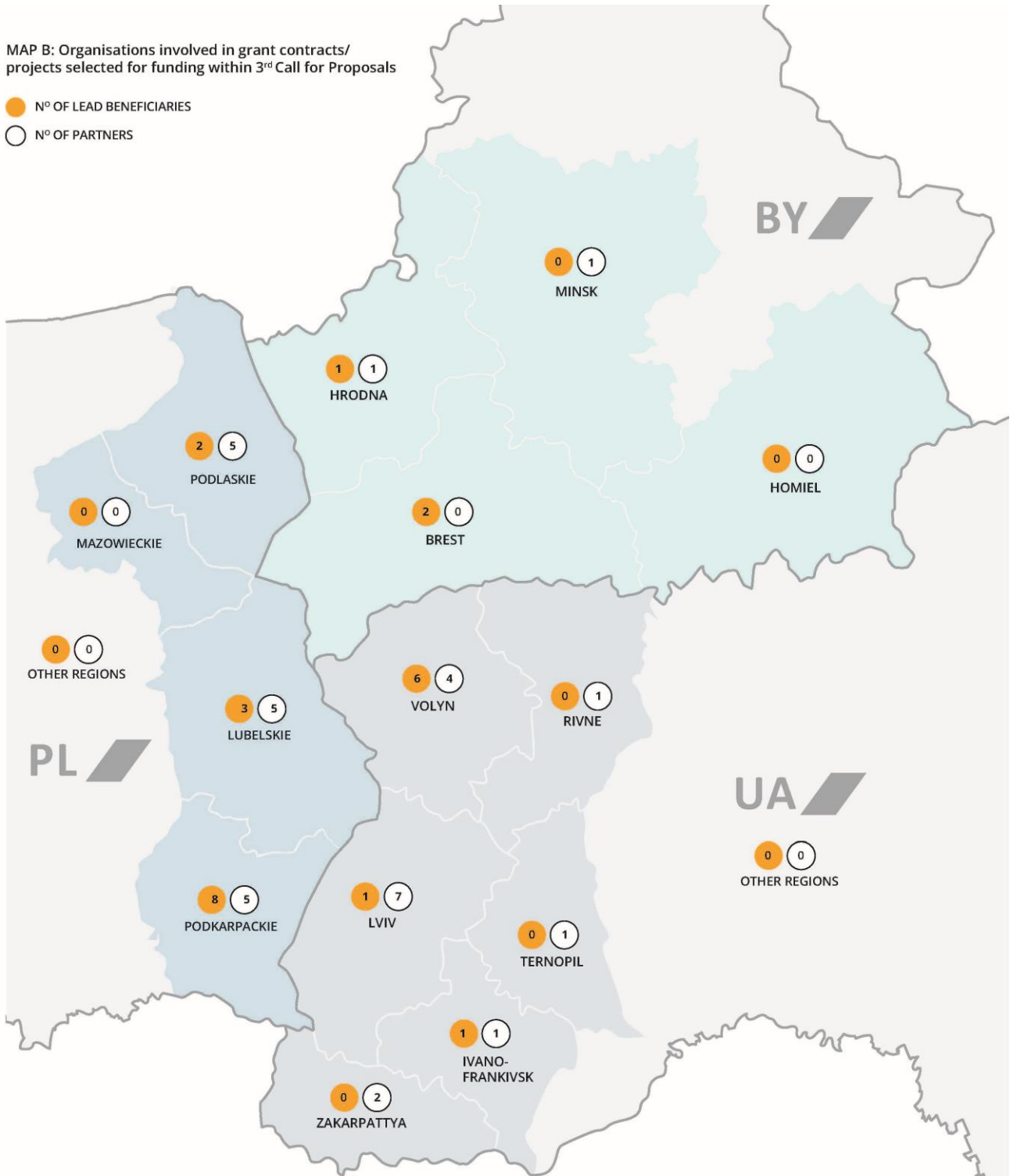
**Table C: Organisations involved in projects proposals submitted for funding and in grant contracts  
– 2<sup>nd</sup> CFP**

Country	Eligible regions	N° of Lead applicants	N° of partners	N° of lead beneficiaries	N° of partner beneficiaries
POLAND	Lubelskie	50	36	10	14
	Mazowieckie	9	2	1	0
	Podkarpackie	46	48	9	12
	Podlaskie	55	31	11	7
	Other regions	1	0	0	0
BELARUS	Brest	6	39	2	8
	Homiel	2	0	0	2
	Hrodna	8	36	2	6
	Minsk	8	14	2	1
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
	Zakarpatya	14	16	5	5
	Other regions	0	2	0	0
TOTAL		250	350	58	83

**Map A: Organisations involved in projects proposals submitted for funding within the 3<sup>rd</sup> Cfp**



**Map B: Organisations involved in grant contracts within 3<sup>rd</sup> CFP**





**Table C: Organisations involved in projects proposals submitted for funding and in grant contracts – 3<sup>rd</sup> CFP**

Country	Eligible regions	N° of Lead applicants	N° of partners	N° of lead beneficiaries	N° of partner beneficiaries
POLAND	Lubelskie	34	27	3	5
	Mazowieckie	13	6	0	0
	Podkarpackie	40	26	8	5
	Podlaskie	30	14	2	5
	Other regions	0	0	0	0
BELARUS	Brest	4	20	2	0
	Homiel	2	0	0	0
	Hrodna	8	36	1	1
	Minsk	1	11	0	1
UKRAINE	Ivano-Frankivsk	3	10	1	1
	Lviv	14	49	1	7
	Rivne	1	2	0	1
	Ternopil	2	4	0	1
	Volyn	15	15	6	4
	Zakarpattya	10	15	0	2
	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 112 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 7 financial interim reports from regular projects and LIPs were submitted, verified and approved. In result the beneficiaries received 2<sup>nd</sup> tranches of pre-financing.

Additionally 13 final financial reports were submitted (9 regular projects, 4 LIP), checked and approved. Therefore the following projects shall be considered as closed:

1. PLBU.04.01.00-BY-0687/17-003
2. PLBU.02.01.00-18-0098/17-003
3. PLBU.02.01.00-18-0001/17-003 (LIP)
4. PLBU.02.01.00-14-0003/17-003 (LIP)
5. PLBU.04.01.00-20-0002/17-001 (LIP)
6. PLBU.03.02.00-14-0216/17-003
7. PLBU.02.01.00-06-0511/17-003
8. PLBU.02.01.00-BY-0007/17-003 (LIP)
9. PLBU.02.01.00-BY-0145/17-003
10. PLBU.04.01 .00-06-0506/17-001
11. PLBU.02.01.00-06-0183/17-003
12. PLBU.04.02.00-BY-0629-17-003
13. PLBU.02.01.00-06-0552/17-003

36 final reports have been submitted by micro-projects. 8 final reports within microprojects have been verified and approved. Therefore the following microprojects shall be considered as closed:

1. PLBU.01.01.00-UA-0802/19
2. PLBU.01.01.00-UA-0807/19
3. PLBU.01.02.00-UA-0813/19
4. PLBU.01.01.00-18-0833/19
5. PLBU.01.01.00-18-0834/19
6. PLBU.01.01.00-06-0880/19
7. PLBU.01.01.00-UA-0924/19
8. PLBU.01.01.00-06-0968/19

Within the reporting period 38 project beneficiaries/auditors were checked by the respective programme bodies (JTS, Branch Offices, Control Contact Points). Irregularities or minor shortcoming were detected within 12 controlled projects.

Due to the Russian aggression on Ukraine in February 2022 part of planned on the spot verifications were postponed to the next reporting period. Because of suspension of cross-border cooperation with Belarus (suspension of Financing Agreement) the cooperation with Belarusian CCP in a scope of checks of Belarusian beneficiaries was also suspended.

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 on-the-spot verifications and payment claim verifications and are reported in this annual report (financial part).

Additionally, in the reporting period the Programme has been subject to the control of the territorial cooperation across the EU's external borders aspect, carried out by the European Court of Auditors. The results will be communicated to the Programme bodies late 2022.

#### 4.4. Technical Assistance activities: Information and communication activities

##### 4.4.1 Implemented information and communication activities, as per the Communication plan

1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> December 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	Responsibility	Measures to ensure EU visibility
<b>Assisting Programme applicants/beneficiaries</b>										
To assist beneficiaries in projects' promotion. To promote the Programme using projects activities.	Beneficiaries , stakeholders , general audience	<b>Online activities: News, Cycles – Project of the week, Project stories, Holidays with PBU projects</b>	Assisting beneficiaries in projects and events implementation. <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2059">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2059</a> <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2068">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2068</a> <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2156">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2156</a>	Publication of up-to-date information's	19 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	<b>Consultations</b>	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;	Continuously	JTS, BOs	Visibility according to the requirements

							clarified doubts			
To inform and support beneficiaries of the projects	Beneficiaries	<b>Guidelines useful materials</b>	Preparing and publishing additional guidelines on Programme website <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2301">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2301</a> <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2437">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2437</a>	Additional guidelines, materials and documents available on the Programme website	2 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	<b>Official events closing projects activities</b>	Participating/sharing information - events closing projects activities <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2237">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2237</a> <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2292">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2292</a>	Information about the project results	4 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 train on the implementation issues and procedures	Beneficiaries of LIPs and 1 <sup>st</sup> CfPs	<b>Trainings on implementation</b>	Organizing the training in Poland <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/pl/news/2155">https://www.pbu2020.eu/pl/news/2155</a> <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/pl/news/2290">https://www.pbu2020.eu/pl/news/2290</a>	Trainings, presentations,	3 trainings: Lublin 20.07.2021 Rzeszów 12.10.2021 Białystok 12.10.2021	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	20.07.2021; 12.10.2021	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 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> CfPs	<b>Trainings on implementation</b>	Organizing the hybrid trainings in Poland, Belarus and Ukraine <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/pl/news/2311">https://www.pbu2020.eu/pl/news/2311</a> <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2359">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2359</a>	Trainings, presentations, on-line workshops	3 trainings: PL 13.12.2021 BY 14.10.2021 UA 6.12.2021	Beneficiaries increase knowledge on project implementation, reporting and audits	70% of training beneficiaries increase their level of knowledge on implementation issues and procedures	November 2021, December 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
<b>Inspiring young generation</b>										
To reach new youth audience and communicate values of the CBC Programme	Young generation, general public	<b>ECDay campaign</b>	Preparation and delivering event within the ECDay campaign: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ECDay competition – educational campaign “Youth Voices of PBU!” <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2108">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2108</a></li> <li>“Youth Voices of PBU!” – hybrid event in PL, UA and BY <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2305">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2305</a></li> </ul>	Hybrid ECDay event for youth	3 organized events on site in PL, UA and BY with live connection	General public informed about the Programme young generations from neighbouring countries brought together (during final of school competition)	Number of participants:  138 participants	22-25 September 2021	BOs, JTS	EU flag and Programme logo highly visible during the event; Other elements of visibility according to the requirements
<b>COMPETITIONS</b>										

To promote projects implemented under the Programme and their effects	Professional photographers and amateurs (website, facebook)	<b>On-line photo competition</b>	Preparing contest "Reveal the uniqueness of PBU borderland", launching on website <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2176">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2176</a> <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2285">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2285</a>	On-line competition for best photo	10 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 2021 Results on September 2021	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
	Beneficiaries, youth, general audience (website, facebook)	<b>On-line movie competition</b>	Preparing contest "Following the PBU projects", launching on website <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2201">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2201</a> <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1906">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1906</a>	On-line competition for best movie	3 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 2021 Results on October 2021	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	<b>Annual event with discussion panels, videos and presentations</b>	To prepare in cooperation with projects and deliver annual event (in the hybrid format). Building of contacts/communication within PBU Family (JMC members, stakeholders, beneficiaries <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1929">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/1929</a>	Annual hybrid event "CBC 2021 – this is not science fiction!"	1 event organized 4 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	28.10.2021	LBO JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
	Beneficiaries general audience	<b>On-line capitalisation meetings</b>	To prepare in cooperation with projects and deliver capitalisation meetings <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2281">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2281</a> <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2364">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2364</a>	On-line capitalisation meetings	3 meetings on different subjects delivered 1.Natural heritage – 22.09.2021 2.Health protection – 16.11.2021 3.Security – 26.11.2021	Participants with increased knowledge on how projects use the results to increase their impact	80% of participants with increased knowledge on the Programme/project results	2 <sup>nd</sup> half of 2021	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
<b>ACTING AS PARTNER, PARTICIPANT, SPEAKER, EXHIBITOR AT DIVERSE EVENTS</b>										
To inform about the Programme and its opportunities and impact, to reach	Stakeholders, (potential) applicants, general audience	<b>Events organized by the other entities</b>	1. "East of Culture" festival in: Białystok 19-22.08.2021, <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2124">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2124</a> 2. European Funds Open Days 17-19.09.2021 <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2207">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2207</a> 3. 5 <sup>th</sup> Local Development Forum in Truskavets 2-3.09.2021	Programme provide various support for development of its area	Organized discussion panel or its representatives acting as a panellists Presence with the promotional	Stakeholders, (potential) applicants, general audience informed about the Programme,	1.Participants : approx. 40 000 2.Participants : approx. 300 3.Participants : approx. 900	III/IV quarter of 2021	JTS, BOs	Proper EU visualization present during the events, EU flag and logo visible in brochures presentations and



additional audience			<a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2248">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2248</a> 4. XXX Economic Forum in Karpacz, Poland, 7-9.09. 2021 <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2251">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2251</a> 5. XX International Economic Forum in Lviv – 16.09.2021 <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2266">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2266</a> 6. “Cross-border Cooperation Congress” in Lublin and the PBU Grants’ Fair 4-7.10.2021, hybrid <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2321">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2321</a>		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	Reaching new audience New audience acknowledge with the Programme activities and values	4. Participants : approx. 1000 5. Participants approx. 30 6. Participants: approx. 100			other promotional materials, Other elements of visibility according to the requirements
<b>Publications</b>										
To communicate with applicants, beneficiaries, authorities and	Applicants, beneficiaries, authorities, general audience	<b>Publication ‘Crossborderer 2021’ Print&amp;Online</b>	Preparation and updating information of Programme activities <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2368">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2368</a>	Printed and online Crossborderer 2021 publication	1 prepared publication, 47 pages on Programme activities; 600 printed copies;	Applicants/beneficiaries provided with information on the Programme;	600 copies of publication distributed during events	IV quarter of 2021	JTS, RBO	Visibility according to the requirements

general audience					1 on-line publication available on the Programme website	General public informed about the Programme				
To communicate with the Programme stakeholders (mainly JMC members)	JMC members, EC, other Programme stakeholders	<b>Internal publication – ‘Insider’</b>	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 internal activities	III/IV quarter of 2021	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
To communicate with applicants/beneficiaries, authorities and general audience	Applicants, beneficiaries , authorities, general audience	<b>Brochure ‘Facts&amp;Figures’</b>	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 2021	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
Promote the Programme/projects, reach new (future) audience and	General public, beneficiaries , stakeholders	<b>Promotional spot showing PBU Programme</b>	Preparation and delivery of movie	Promotional spot	1 promotional movie	Increased knowledge of general public on Programme	general audience informed about the	III quarter of 2021	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements

communicate values of the CBC		<b>and projects</b>					projects and Programme			
Promote the Programme/projects, reach new (future) audience and communicate values of the CBC	General public, Beneficiaries, Internal stakeholders	<b>Virtual tour movies around the project in UA</b>	Preparation and delivery virtual tour movie	Virtual tour movie	1 virtual tour movie	Increased knowledge of general public on Programme	general audience informed about the projects and Programme	2 <sup>nd</sup> half of 2021	LBO	Visibility according to the requirements
<b>Programme website</b>										
To communicate with applicants/beneficiaries, authorities, and general audience	Applicants, beneficiaries, authorities, stakeholders, general audience	<b>Programme website</b>	Preparation of an updates from the life of the Programme	Updates on the Programme website	67 news and information published on the Programme website	Applicants/beneficiaries provided with practical information General audience informed about the Programme	125 479 enter 26 371 visits 11 179 downloads	III/IV quarter of 2021	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
To enable partnerships among projects	Beneficiaries, programme bodies, authorities, general audience	<b>Partner Search database</b>	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 2021	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	<b>Keep.eu – Programme and projects search database</b>	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	<b>Social media</b>	Posting actual information from the life cycle of the Programme	Posts on Facebook page and YouTube channel	75 posts on FB published  49 videos on YouTube channel published	General audience informed about the Programme, Keeping old and attracting new audience	FB: approx. 75 openings/post , maximum reach 6 900 users; YT: 351 views in total	III/IV quarter of 2021	JTS, RBO	Visibility according to the requirements
Media										
To mark the presence of the Programme and to promote the Programme	General audience	<b>TV, radio</b>	Sharing the updates from the life of the Programme	Television, radio relations	6V and radio relations in Poland, Belarus and Ukraine	General audience informed about the Programme	Keeping old and attracting new audience	III/IV quarter of 2021	JTS, BOs	Visibility according to the requirements
Other activities										
To communicate with beneficiaries,	Beneficiaries , authorities, stakeholders	<b>Calendars</b>	Designing/choosing the proper materials. Preparation of the tender and supervision of the production.	Calendars	2520 calendars of 5 different types of use;	Built and maintained relations with beneficiaries,	Beneficiaries, authorities, Programme stakeholders	IV quarter of 2021	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements

stakeholders, spreading information/ promoting the Programme						authorities, Programme stakeholders	provided with promotional calendars			
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#### 4.4.1 Implemented information and communication activities, as per the Communication plan

from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Aim of the activity <i>(specific objective)</i>	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
<b>Assisting Programme applicants and beneficiaries</b>										
To assist beneficiaries in projects' promotion. To promote the Programme using projects activities.	Beneficiaries , stakeholders , general audience	<b>Online activities:</b> <b>News,</b> <b>Cycles – Project of the week,</b> <b>Project stories,</b> <b>new cycles:</b> <b>Time for results and PBU in numbers</b>	Assisting Programme beneficiaries in projects and events implementation.  <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2433">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2433</a> <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2414">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2414</a> <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2474">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2474</a> <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2464">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2464</a>	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 Programme logo highly visible; EU contribution to the projects indicated
To assist beneficiaries in implementation process under the war conditions, to give guidelines,	Beneficiaries	<b>Guidelines useful materials</b>	Assisting projects' beneficiaries in relation to war in Ukraine and suspension of the cooperation with Belarus  <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2478">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2478</a> <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2482">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2482</a>	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 war in Ukraine	100% of beneficiaries received support and guidelines	I/II quarter of 2022	JTS	EU logo used in all documents, guidelines, materials

to clarify doubts			<a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2561">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2561</a>							
To inform about the current situation of new Programme edition 2021-2027	Potential applicants	<b>Online activities: News</b>	Assisting potential applicants in receiving up-to-date information on the new edition of the Programme	Publication of up-to-date information's	4 news on the Programme website and one tab with up-to-date materials	Increased knowledge of potential applicants on new Programme	100% of interested potential applicants received support and guidelines	I/II quarter of 2022	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
To assist beneficiaries in projects' promotion	Beneficiaries	<b>Consultations</b>	Organization and providing consultations. Phone, e-mail.	Consultations delivered in all three countries – I quarter of 2022, in two countries – II quarter of 2022	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	I/II quarter of 2022	JTS, BOs	Visibility according to the requirements
To train on the reporting and closure issues and procedures	Beneficiaries of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> CfPs	<b>Trainings on reporting and closure</b>	Organizing the trainings in Poland, Belarus and Ukraine <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2430">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2430</a>	Trainings, presentations, on-line training	4 trainings in PL - 3 and 10.02.2022 BY - 2.02.2022 UA – 1.02.2022	Beneficiaries increase knowledge on reporting, expenses, project closure and visibility)	70% of training beneficiaries increase their level of knowledge on implementation	February 2022	JTS, BBO, LBO	EU flag and Programme logo highly visible during the event; EU contribution to the Programme

							tion issues and procedures			highlighted in presentations; Other elements of visibility according to the requirements
<b>Inspiring young generation</b>										
To reach new youth audience and communicate values of the CBC Programme	Young generation	<b>Wandering Academy for students</b>	To prepare and deliver information event for students <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2424">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2424</a> <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2526">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2526</a> <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2571">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2571</a>	Event for youth delivered in Ukraine and Poland	PL Universities hosting the event Białystok 14.01.2022 Lublin 03.2022 Rzeszów 12.05.2022	1. new youth audience reached and acquainted with the PBU projects	60% of final event participants who improved their knowledge on PBU and PBU projects  <i>Source of data verification:</i> Exit questionnaires	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2022	RBO	EU flag and Programme logo highly visible during the event; Other elements of visibility according to the requirements
	Young generation	<b>EC Day 2022 – Cross- border Educational Campaign for schools!</b>	Preparing and launching competition "CREATIVE, INNOVATIVE, ACTIVE!" selecting school teams for ECDay Final Event	ECDay competition for youth	1 organized competition for Poland and Ukraine	General public informed about the Programme young generations from neighbouring	Number of participants: 22 applications	March 2022- June 2022	RBO LBO JTS,	EU flag and Programme logo highly visible during the event; Other elements of visibility



			<a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2512">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2512</a> <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2590">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2590</a>			countries brought together (during final of school competition)				according to the requirements
<b>Attracting new audience &amp; promoting the concept of cross-border cooperation to the general audience</b>										
<b>COMPETITIONS</b>										
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)	<b>On-line competition</b>	Preparing competition "Reveal the uniqueness of PBU borderland" for the best photos from the PBU projects <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2451">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2451</a> <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2556">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2556</a>	On-line movie contest "Reveal the uniqueness of PBU borderland" for best photos from the projects	6 winning photos	To promote the Programme, to encourage beneficiaries/youth, promotion of the Programme through diversified communication channels	5 participants, 20% of new audience informed about the Programme	Launched on February 2022 Results on May 2022	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
<b>ACTING AS PARTNER, PARTICIPANT, SPEAKER, EXHIBITOR AT DIVERSE EVENTS</b>										
To reach a new audience (representatives of regional and local governments), to communicate	Stakeholders (potential), applicants, general audience	<b>Events organized by the other entities</b>	Europe of the future 22-23.04.2022 <a href="https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2546">https://www.pbu2020.eu/en/news/2546</a>	Participation in events, providing various support for development of Programme area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Own discussion panel or its representatives acting as a panellists</li> <li>• Brochures, leaflets,</li> </ul>	Stakeholders, (potential) applicants, general audience informed about the Programme	Number of participants: 20 60% of new audience informed about the Programme	1 half of 2022	JTS, BOs	EU flag and Programme logo highly visible during the events and in brochures presentations and other

the values of the Programme, to promote the Programme, its effects and projects					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• promotional items</li> <li>• Promotional gadgets accordingly to the event</li> <li>• Articles</li> <li>• Presentations</li> <li>• Photo documentation</li> </ul>	New audience acknowledge with the Programme activities and values				promotional materials; Other elements of visibility according to the requirements
<b>Publications</b>										
To communicate with the Programme stakeholders (mainly JMC members)	JMC members, EC, other Programme stakeholders	<b>Internal publication</b>	Preparation of an overview of 'inside the Programme activities', informing about the current matters	On-line publication 'Insider'	1 prepared on-line publication	Stakeholders informed about current matters and activities	70% of stakeholders informed about the Programme internal activities	I quarter of 2022	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
To mark the presence of the Programme and promote the Programme	General audience	<b>External publications</b>	Preparing content for external publications: - 2 articles in CEP magazine "wCentrum" distributed to Information Points of the European Funds	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 2022	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
<b>Programme website</b>										

To communicate with applicants/beneficiaries and general audience	Applicants, beneficiaries, authorities, general audience	<b>Programme webpage</b>	To prepare an updates from the life of the Programme	Update on the Programme website	53 news and information published on the Programme website	Applicants/beneficiaries provided with practical information General audience informed about the Programme	45 836 enter 12 492 visits 3 789 downloads	I/II quarter of 2022	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
To better communicate with beneficiaries, stakeholders, general audience	Applicants, beneficiaries, authorities, general audience	<b>Functionalities and modules on the Programme website</b>	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 2022 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	<b>Projects database</b>	Providing actual information on projects and from projects implementation	Project database update	Updated projects database	Visitors provided with practical/accurate and detailed information about the projects	156 projects available in the database	I/II quarter of 2022	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
To enable partnerships among projects	Beneficiaries, programme	<b>Partner Search database</b>	Posting actual information about possible partnerships	Partner Search database update	Updated Partner	Applicants/beneficiaries provided with	Applicants/beneficiaries able to find	I/II quarter of 2022	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements

	bodies, authorities, general audience				Search database	practical information	a partner for project implementa tion			
<b>Keep.eu</b>										
To mark the presence of the Programme and promote the Programme	Beneficiaries , Programme bodies, authorities, general audience	<b>Keep.eu – Programme and projects search database</b>	Posting actual information about the projects 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	Continuo sly	JTS	Visibility according to the requirements
<b>Social media</b>										
To communicate with applicants/ben eficiaries and general audience	Applicants, beneficiaries , authorities, general audience	<b>Social media</b>	Posting actual information from the life cycle of the Programme	Posts on Facebook page	90 posts on FB published	General audience informed about the Programme Keeping old and attracting new audience	maximum approx.. 75 openings./p osts, maximumre ach 4 400 users	I/II quarter of 2022	JTS, RBO	Visibility according to the requirements

#### 4.4.2 Summary of review by applicants/beneficiaries

Not applicable, no such activities within the reporting period.

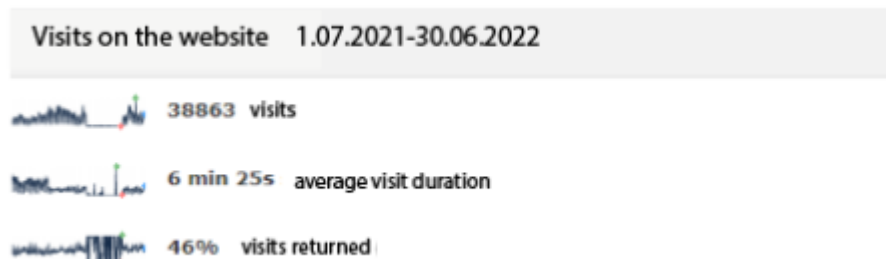
#### 4.4.3 Participation of EU Delegations

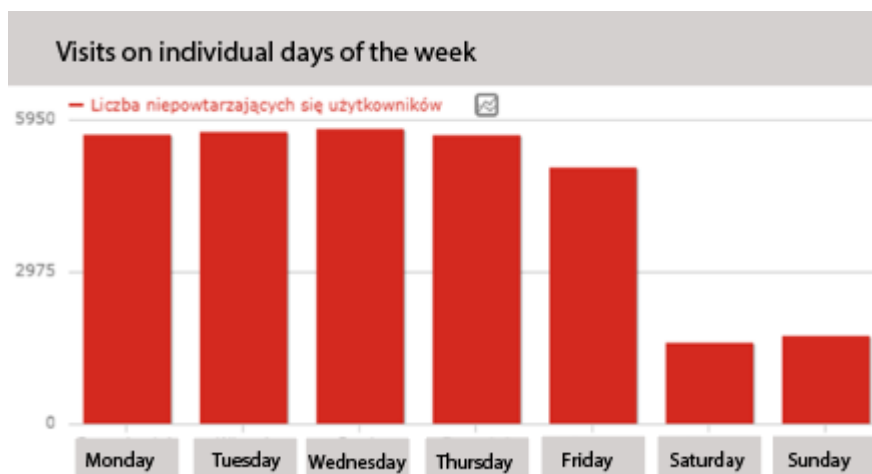
The EU Delegations were invited to the Programme events in the reporting period.

The 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. From 4 March 2022, since the Commission suspended cross-border cooperation with Belarus, the Russian-language Programme website has been updated only with basic information about the Programme. The easy-to-navigate website allows beneficiaries to easily find documents and information necessary for the correct implementation of projects. In the PL-UA 2021-27 tab, potential applicants can find the most up-to-date information on the preparation of the new edition of the Programme for 2021-2027. All interested in implemented projects can find information in the project database.





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.):

- PBU promotional movie
- Catalogue of Regular Projects – update in EN;
- Catalogue of Large Infrastructure Projects – update in EN;
- Catalogue of Micro-projects – update, translation into PL, RU, UA
- Brochure with the ‘Project stories’ – publication which can be an inspiration to develop projects in the new edition of the Programme. Virtual tour movies around the projects in UA
- Newsletter Crossborderer 2021;
- 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 – 31.12.2022) the Programme bodies dealt mainly with:

- Management of the LIPs, regular projects and micro-project implementation (financial reports submitted to the JTS);
- Trainings for beneficiaries of all projects (topics: public procurement, implementation, reporting and finalization of projects);
- 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the JPC PL-UA 2021-2027 held 10-11.08.2022 in Warsaw & online – related LIPs 2021-2027, small-scale projects, technical assistance budget and Programme information network. The EC representative participated in the meeting;
- Programme document correction in line with EC observations;
- Inviting LIPs to submit full application forms, assisting them in their preparation;
- Communication with the JPC, EC, Tesim, LIPs applicants.

The JTS and BOs organized following communication activities:

- Annual Event "Let's meet in Zamość" – 23.07.2022
- ECDay Final Event – 28.09-01.10.2022
- Scientific Conference 'Security in Crisis Situations in the Border Regions of Poland and Ukraine' – 17-18.11.2022
- Capitalisation meetings – on-line
- Competition addressed to journalists

Partly due to the pandemic, and primarily due to war in Ukraine, 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:

- XXXI Economic Forum in Karpacz – 6-8.09.2022
- European Funds Open Days 2021 – 7-9.10.2022
- Cross-border Cooperation Congress in Lublin – 5-7.10.2022
- Conference "Youth in the Family – the year of youth in the European Union" – 13-14.12.2022

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 2022 to June 2023 the following main activities are forecasted:

- LIPs/regular projects
  - trainings for 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
- Interreg NEXT PBU 2021-2027 Programme
  - assessment of submitted LIPs FAFs
  - state aid assessment of LIPs FAFs
  - preparation and approval of the application packs for regular and micro projects
  - organization of the call for regular projects
  - trainings for applicants/beneficiaries LIPs/regular projects
  - organizing a kick-off conference
  - organizing of the 1<sup>st</sup> JMC meeting
- 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 Strategy<sup>3</sup>**

### **5.3 Detailed Work Programme of the MA<sup>4</sup>**

### **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**

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<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> In accordance with 24(a) and 24(b) of ENI CBC IR