



Interreg NEXT Cross-border Cooperation Programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine 2021-2027

The state of preparation

The new Programme will be implemented within the framework of the European Territorial Cooperation objective (Interreg) and the new Neighbourhood, International Cooperation and Development Instrument that shall replace current European Neighbourhood Instrument.

The CBC Programme PBU 2021-2027 has been elaborated by the Joint Programming Committee (JPC), which consisted of representatives of national and regional authorities from Poland, Belarus and Ukraine, as well as institutions representing economic and social partners and civil society in all three countries.

The programming process started in October 2019 with the 1st JPC meeting. During the year, the constant electronic communication and decision making between representatives of 3 countries, representatives of Managing Authority, National Authorities and Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS) were organized.

PROGRAMME AREA

The representatives of three countries have decided that the Programme area remains unchanged in comparison to the current one:

- **Poland:** Białostocki, Łomżyński, Suwalski, Ostrołęcki, Siedlecki, Białski, Lubelski, Puławski, Chełmsko-Zamojski, Przemyski, Rzeszowski, Tarnobrzanski, Krośnieński subregions;
- **Belarus:** Hrodna, Brest, Homel Oblasts and Minsk Oblast (including the city of Minsk);
- **Ukraine:** Volyn, Lviv, Zakarpattya, Rivne, Ternopil and Ivano-Frankivsk Oblasts.

THEMATIC SCOPE

Based on the European Commission recommendations, the socio-economic analysis of the Programme area and the need to narrow down the thematic scope of the Programme, the JPC agreed to concentrate the new Programme on **5 Priorities: Environment, Health, Tourism, Cooperation, Borders.**

PROGRAMME BUDGET

The final EU allocation for the Programme still has to be confirmed. It is expected that it will be lower than current Programme budget. Once confirmed, the budget will be divided into particular Programme priorities.

TYPES OF PROJECTS

Similarly like in the current Programme edition, it is planned to implement three types of projects: large infrastructure projects (LIPs), regular projects and micro-projects.

FURTHER STEPS

The programming process is being continued and consist currently of the following aspects:

- public consultations of the draft version of strategy part of the Programme document. Consultations are open to all interested in development of the Polish-Belarusian-Ukrainian borderland (to be find on www.pbu2020.eu)
- LIPs preparation and selection by the JPC
- elaboration of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

Once fully prepared, the Programme will be approved by the JPC and sent for the approval of European Commission, which is expected at the end of 2021.

More on the Programme at
www.pbu2020.eu