

CITIZENS SUMMARY 2018

The overall objective of the INTERREG V-A Lithuania – Poland Programme is to foster smart, sustainable and inclusive growth in the border area through cross- border cooperation.

PRIORITIES



Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency



Promoting sustainable and quality employment and supporting labour mobility



Promoting social inclusion, combating poverty and any discrimination



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

TERRITORY

- ▶ 5 south-western Lithuanian counties and 3 north-eastern Polish subregions
- ▶ Total size of the Programme area is 49 434 km²
- ▶ The total population of the Cooperation Programme area amounts to 2,35 mln. inhabitants



FUNDING



The national counterpart is ▶ 10 mln. EUR (15 % of total budget).

The ERDF support to the Programme is ▶ 60 mln. EUR (85 % of total budget).

Both sources together make 70,7 mln. EUR total budget of the Programme.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018

- ▶ 66 projects are being implemented.
- ▶ These projects were being implemented by 121 various institutions in the Programme area.
- ▶ During 2018 the new call for project applications was initiated with 80 applications received and 19 projects selected for financing.
- ▶ The European Cooperation day “The Linen Trail” was celebrated 15th of September in Punksk to appreciate the cross-border cooperation and to focus on what we have in common.
- ▶ 5 trainings were organized in Etk, Augustow, Birštonas and Kaunas to learn more about the Programme, public procurement, construction law with more than 600 participants.
- ▶ The financing of the cooperation programme was increased by 7 000 000 EUR making the total budget of the programme 70 769 277 EUR for 2014-2020 programming period.



**ENVIRONMENT AND
RESOURCE EFFICIENCY**



▶ **16 projects contracted for more than 5,2 million EUR.**

"FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE - SUSTAINABLE USE OF NATURAL HERITAGE IN EŁK AND BIRŠTONAS"

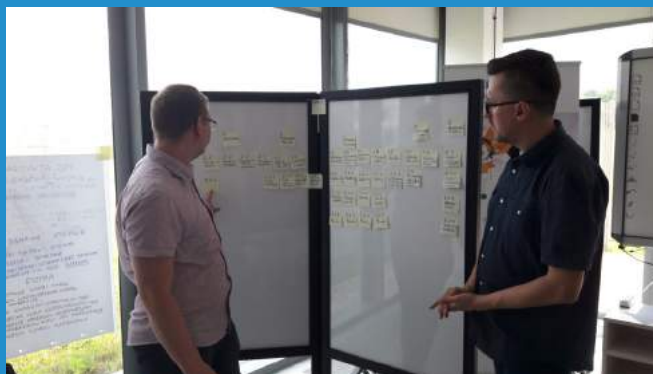
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- ▶ Lead beneficiary, Ełk County
- ▶ Beneficiary, Birštonas Municipality Administration
- ▶ The project aims at sustainable use of natural heritage in Ełk and Birštonas of the cross border region so called the Lake District and the Great Nemunas Loops hydrological rezerve and Natura 2000 Nemunas loops. Main activities: installed and reconstructed infrastructure for visitors; study visits for local government officials; strengthened cross-border cooperation in the field of environmental protection. The expected project result is not only the improvement of environment but also rising up the attractiveness of cross border region in a sustainable way without harming nature.





EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR MOBILITY



► 6 projects contracted for more than 718 thousand EUR.

"WELCOME TO THE BUSINESS LAND"

LT-PL-2S-190

- ▶ Lead beneficiary: Public institution "PVC", Kaunas district
- ▶ Beneficiaries: "Euroregion Niemen" Association, Podlaskie Voivodeship
- ▶ Project is oriented on solving the problem of low youth entrepreneurship in the border regions. The main project activities: training, business leader's competition, roundtables discussions and Economic forum, creation of business motivation model with new approach on public services oriented on youth business startups ecosystems creation.





SOCIAL INCLUSION



▶ 25 projects contracted for more than 8,3 million EUR.

"IMPROVEMENT OF QUALITY OF PRENATAL CARE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN IN POLISH-LITHUANIAN BORDERLAND"

LT-PL-1R-051

- ▶ Lead beneficiary, Kaunas State Hospital
- ▶ Beneficiaries, Dr. L. Rydygier Autonomous Public Voivodship Hospital in Suwałki
- ▶ Activities, to create a system for identification and reach of pregnant women at risk of social exclusion, to provide individual psychological, social and medical care; to purchase necessary medical equipment and infrastructure of Kaunas and Suwałki hospitals.





INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY



▶ 19 projects contracted for more than 7,1 million EUR.

"CROSS-BORDER EARLY EDUCATION NETWORK"

LT-PL-1R-106

- ▶ Lead beneficiary: Commune Korycin
- ▶ Beneficiaries: Birštonas Municipality; Birštonas children kindergarten "Vyturėlis"
- ▶ The project aim is to increase quality of life through promotion and implementation of high quality of early education services in Lithuanian – Polish cross-border area. The main activities are: development of quality and Cross-border capacity building, early education infrastructure, networking for excellence and governance.



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- ▶ Regional Policy Department of the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania
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NATIONAL AUTHORITY

- ▶ Ministry of Investment and Economic Development of the Republic of Poland
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