

**MINUTES OF 2nd MEETING
OF THE JOINT MONITORING COMMITTEE
OF INTERREG V-A LITHUANIA-POLAND COOPERATION PROGRAMME**
26-27 October 2016
Goldap (Poland)

Chaired by co-chairperson Mr. Gediminas Česonis,
representative of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Lithuania

AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Welcome, introduction, adoption of the agenda of the meeting2. Selection and approval of the projects, submitted during the 1st call for proposals. Presentation of the results, discussion, approval3. Decision regarding launch of the next call4. Annual work plan for 2017, presentation, discussions, approval5. Annual communication plan for 2017, presentation, discussions, approval6. Information about implementation of communication activities in 2016, presentation7. Information regarding establishment of baseline and target values for result indicators 3.1.R.1 “People at risk of poverty and social exclusion”, 3.1.R.2 “Population perceiving an unmet need for health care” and 4.1.R.1 “Share of institutions benefiting from cross-border cooperation”8. Discussion regarding evaluation plan of the Programme and the scope of evaluations to be carried out9. Other issues
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JMC session: 26th October 2016, 10:00-17:00

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION, ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE MEETING

The Chairperson welcomed all the members and observers of the Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) meeting of the Interreg V-A Lithuania-Poland cooperation programme (CP) and proposed changes in the agenda - to move discussion and decision on the next call for proposal right after the selection of the projects, as this decision influences work and communication plans for 2017. The Chairperson asked if there were any remarks to the proposed Agenda of the meeting (Annex 1). No objections from National delegations were expressed.

DECISION:

To approve the amended Agenda of the 2nd meeting of the JMC of the CP (Annex 1).

2. SELECTION AND APPROVAL OF THE PROJECTS, SUBMITTED DURING THE 1ST CALL FOR PROPOSALS. PRESENTATION OF THE RESULTS, DISCUSSION, APPROVAL

Chairperson informed that several JMC members indicated conflict of interest in some projects (according to the signed declarations), therefore they will not participate when discussing and taking the decisions regarding the particular project(s).

It was agreed to revise the Rules of Procedure (RoP) of the JMC and approve the amendments via written procedure.

General presentation on the 1st call applications and assessment results was presented by Živilė Marcinkevičienė, Joint Secretariat (JS) (Annex 2).

Projects, recommended for strategic impact assessment, were presented one-by-one according to the ranking under the concrete specific objective (Annex 3).

Strategic impact assessment towards each single project was performed simultaneously and final ranking list was elaborated (Annex 4).

The members were discussing each project following guiding principles as described in the programme Manual and giving scoring on consensus of delegations (Annex 4).

The Polish delegation expressed its proposal to consider projects LT-PL-1R-057 and LT-PL-1R-107 for funding considering the over contracting or contracting them after necessary funds are available (after the contracting phase of the 1st Call projects).

The Lithuanian delegation considered remaining funding to be allocated for Small projects, not for contracting 1st Open Call projects LT-PL-1R-057 and LT-PL-1R-107.

DECISION:
1. Not to select projects LT-PL-1R-004; LT-PL-1R-005; LT-PL-1R-011; LT-PL-1R-018; LT-PL-1R-025; LT-PL-1R-026; LT-PL-1R-035; LT-PL-1R-036; LT-PL-1R-037; LT-PL-1R-043; LT-PL-1R-044; LT-PL-1R-045; LT-PL-1R-059; LT-PL-1R-060; LT-PL-1R-062; LT-PL-1R-063; LT-PL-1R-066; LT-PL-1R-077; LT-PL-1R-082; LT-PL-1R-083; LT-PL-1R-086; LT-PL-1R-087; LT-PL-1R-089; LT-PL-1R-090; LT-PL-1R-093; LT-PL-1R-096; LT-PL-1R-098; LT-PL-1R-102; LT-PL-1R-103 for funding due to not fulfilled requirements of the Admissibility and eligibility criteria.
2. Not to select projects LT-PL-1R-075; LT-PL-1R-095; LT-PL-1R-065; LT-PL-1R-022; LT-PL-1R-039; LT-PL-1R-071; LT-PL-1R-028; LT-PL-1R-031; LT-PL-1R-061; LT-PL-1R-006; LT-PL-1R-055; LT-PL-1R-079; LT-PL-1R-001; LT-PL-1R-068; LT-PL-1R-013; LT-PL-1R-067; LT-PL-1R-078; LT-PL-1R-085; LT-PL-1R-080; LT-PL-1R-046; LT-PL-1R-084; LT-PL-1R-092; LT-PL-1R-019; LT-PL-1R-040; LT-PL-1R-097; LT-PL-1R-033; LT-PL-1R-020; LT-PL-1R-088; LT-PL-1R-054; LT-PL-1R-010; LT-PL-1R-052; LT-PL-1R-105; LT-PL-1R-014; LT-PL-1R-108; LT-PL-1R-099; LT-PL-1R-050; LT-PL-1R-104; LT-PL-1R-058; LT-PL-1R-024; LT-PL-1R-041; LT-PL-1R-094; LT-PL-1R-100; LT-PL-1R-003; LT-PL-1R-027; LT-PL-1R-072; LT-PL-1R-023, LT-PL-1R-074; LT-PL-1R-069 for funding which did not reach the minimum required score during quality and strategic impact assessment.
3. To select for funding the projects with 70 and more points after Quality assessment and Strategic impact assessment under the conditions set (Annex 5) following the given priorities: 3.1. Priority 1: LT-PL-1R-101; LT-PL-1R-076; LT-PL-1R-056; LT-PL-1R-029; LT-PL-1R-030;

LT-PL-1R-091.

3.2. Priority 2: LT-PL-1R-048; LT-PL-1R-032.

3.3. Priority 3: LT-PL-1R-047; LT-PL-1R-042; LT-PL-1R-038; LT-PL-1R-064; LT-PL-1R-021; LT-PL-1R-002; LT-PL-1R-016; LT-PL-1R-015; LT-PL-1R-051; LT-PL-1R-081; LT-PL-1R-049; LT-PL-1R-034.

3.4. Priority 4: LT-PL-1R-008; LT-PL-1R-017; LT-PL-1R-007; LT-PL-1R-070; LT-PL-1R-009; LT-PL-1R-012; LT-PL-1R-053; LT-PL-1R-073; LT-PL-1R-106 (Two additional conditions were set for the project LT-PL-1R-073: 1. Number of joint trainings organised by the project partners should be increased, within the same budget limits; 2. The necessity of the equipment planned to be purchased should be clarified and justified taking into account planned project activities).

4. Not to select for funding the projects LT-PL-1R-057 and LT-PL-1R-107 under Priority 3 due to lack of funds for the given Priority.

5. To set the deadline for accepting the conditions and/or correcting the application for 2 (two) months from the date the grant letter shall be sent by JS to the lead beneficiary.

National Authority (NA) expressed its remarks regarding results of the open call and assessment. Quality of submitted applications was not satisfactory, therefore more efforts should be put on the communication and information for potential applicants regarding priorities of the CP. It was proposed to perform more trainings and info activities by JS and Regional Contact Points (RCPs), to amend 2nd call documents accordingly. Workshop regarding the intervention logics for the Programme bodies could be organised.

3. DECISION REGARDING LAUNCH OF THE NEXT CALL, DISCUSSIONS, APPROVAL

Presentation of the proposal by Justyna Bociek, JS (Annex 6).

Discussion and agreement on the provisions regarding 2nd call for proposals (Small projects) (Annex 7).

DECISION:

To approve the main provisions of the 2nd call for proposals (Small projects) (Annex 7).

4. ANNUAL WORK PLAN FOR 2017, PRESENTATION, DISCUSSIONS, APPROVAL

Oksana Ščerbickienė (JS) presented the Annual work plan for 2017 of the CP (Annex 8 – presentation, Annex 9 – document). The question regarding activities related to organisation of the 3rd call for proposals were raised, appropriate amendments were incorporated simultaneously. JS and RCPs should perform actions aiming to good quality applications under the priority 2 and achieving missing indicators.

DECISION:

To approve the Annual work plan for 2017 of the CP (Annex 9).

5. INFORMATION ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES IN 2016, PRESENTATION AND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR 2017, PRESENTATION, DISCUSSIONS, APPROVAL

Joint presentation on communication issues in 2016 and 2017 was presented by Mateusz Ropiak, RCP in Warminsko-Mazurskie voivodeship and Ieva Junevičienė (JS) (Annex 10 – Communication activities implemented since the 1st JMC meeting and Annual communication plan for 2017 (presentation), Annex 11 – Annual communication plan for 2017 (document)).

DECISION:

To approve the Annual communication plan for 2017 of CP (Annex 11).

6. INFORMATION REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF BASELINE AND TARGET VALUES FOR RESULT INDICATORS 3.1.R.1 “PEOPLE AT RISK OF POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION”, 3.1.R.2 “POPULATION PERCEIVING AN UNMET NEED FOR HEALTH CARE” AND 4.1.R.1 “SHARE OF INSTITUTIONS BENEFITING FROM CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION”

Presentation regarding establishment of baseline and target values for result indicators 3.1.R.1 “People at risk of poverty and social exclusion”, 3.1.R.2 “Population perceiving an unmet need for health care” and 4.1.R.1 “Share of institutions benefiting from cross-border cooperation” was presented by Oksana Ščerbickienė (JS) (Annex 12).

Doubts regarding proposed way of calculation of the baseline and target values for result indicators of the Priority 3 were expressed by Ms. Alina Mattisson Lax (EC). EC is concerned about the quality of these indicators as the data to be collected is different from what is indicated in the CP.

Polish delegation confirmed that the relevant data is not available on Polish side on NUTS 3 level for Priority 3.

DECISIONS:

1. Taking into account that data for setting baseline and target values of the Result indicators No 3.1.R.1 and 3.1.R.2 are unavailable on NUTS 3 level for the Polish territory of the Programme, to apply different calculation methodologies:
 - In case of Lithuania: to use data provided by Statistics Lithuania
 - In case of Poland: to use data of NUTS 1 level in Poland and recalculate it accordingly for population of NUTS 3 sub-regions.
2. After necessary calculations are done by the JS, to approve baseline and target values for the result indicators No 3.1.R.1 and 3.1.R.2 via written JMC procedure.
3. Based on the calculations of the results of survey performed by the JS in 2016, to establish the baseline value of the indicator 4.1.R.1 “Share of institutions benefiting from - cooperation” as 57%, and the target value for 2023 - as 89%.
4. To approve modification of the CP No 2014TC16RFCB031 by including such data:

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023)	Source of data	Frequency of reporting
4.1.R.1	Share of institutions Benefiting from cross-border cooperation	Percent	57	2016*	89	Survey	2018, 2023

* In the Programme Document the baseline year was set as 2015, however, the survey was performed in 2016 and therefore the baseline year was changed accordingly.

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING EVALUATION PLAN OF THE PROGRAMME AND THE SCOPE OF EVALUATIONS TO BE CARRIED OUT

Presentation regarding CP Evaluation Plan schedule was presented by Radoslaw Kapela (JS), (Annex 13).

The various proposals regarding the aspects and the scope of evaluation of other Programmes was presented by Ms. Alina Mattisson Lax (EC). It was suggested to take into account the following fields of the evaluation:

- a) Does the priority 2 reflects the needs of the CP?
- b) How involvement of NGOs could be increased within the priority 3?
- c) Relevance of the result indicators of the priority 3.

EC suggested to assess the necessity of establishing an evaluation working group.

DECISIONS:

Agreed on the proposed Evaluation Plan schedule (Annex 13).

8. OTHER ISSUES

8.1. Auksė Bernadišienė (JS) presented the main provisions related to the establishment of Employment Task Force (ETF) (Annex 14).

Additionally, information regarding submission of 4 applications for the project manager positions were received was provided for the JMC members.

DECISIONS:

1. To establish the ETF for selection of the JS employees (unless otherwise regulated by the national legal acts applicable) consisting of representatives of the JS, Managing Authority (MA) and NA having the voting right and as well representative of the employees of the public establishment Joint Technical Secretariat acting as a secretary of the meeting.
2. To reimburse expenditures related to organization of the ETF meetings including travel and accommodation expenditures of the members of the ETF related to participation in the work of such ETF from the Technical Assistance budget of the programme.
3. To approve the Rules of Procedure of the ETF during its first meeting or via written procedure.
4. To nominate Monika Jurczyk as a member and Krzysztof Szpakowski as a deputy member from NA and Deimantė Jankūnaitė as a member and Julita Gaigalė as a deputy member representing MA.

8.2. The next JMC meeting is planned in Lithuania.