

**ANNOUNCEMENT ON LAUNCH OF THE 6TH CALL FOR PROPOSALS
OF THE CROSS BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME
LITHUANIA – POLAND**

The 6th Call for Proposals for the Cross border cooperation Programme Lithuania - Poland (Programme) supporting bilateral cooperation projects will be launched on the 8 of April 2013, with the deadline for the project submission on the 20 of May 2013, at 16:00 (GMT + 02:00). The applications must reach the Joint Technical Secretariat physically including the e-version of the application on that time at the latest.

The overall strategic goal of the Programme is to foster the sustainable development of the border region through enhanced economic, social and territorial cohesion of the areas on both sides of the border.

It is foreseen that the amount of €3 million shall be available from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) for the projects. However this amount might be increased in the course of the year.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
for the 6th Call for Proposals**

1. Value of the project - the minimum grant size is €100 000 per project, the maximum grant size is €1 000 000 ERDF per project.
2. Duration of the project – the projects shall be finalised until the end of 2014.
3. Supported activities – all activities which contribute to the sub-priorities 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 of the Priority 1 excluding possibilities to finance preparation of feasibility studies and technical documentation.
The target of indicator “No of towns/communities connected (covered) by new transport, public transport, energy, IT and communication networks” is still not achieved by the Programme therefore activities targeting at achievement of this indicator are more than welcomed.
4. Other conditions regarding Programme territories, eligible partners, partnership and co-financing remain the same as during the previous calls:

The eligible area of the Programme covers the following territories:

- ❖ In Lithuania: Alytus, Marijampole counties as the main territory and Taurage, Kaunas and Vilnius (excluding Vilnius city municipality) counties as adjacent areas.
- ❖ In Poland: Białostocko-Suwalski and Elcki Subregions as the main territory and Lomżyński and Olsztynski Subregion as adjacent areas.

Applicants can be public authorities from national, regional and local level, public equivalent bodies, such as research and training institutions, foundations, schools, universities, municipal enterprises, agencies, associations, as well as NGOs and other non-profit organisations. At least two and maximum 8 organisations from both countries have to be involved in the project as partners.

85 % of the total eligible project costs are co-financed by the ERDF, the project partners have to contribute by 15% from their on resources.

The Joint technical secretariat intends to organise personal consultations for the potential applicants in the regions in Lithuania and Poland. The exact venues and timing will be announced later.

Applicants can find the Application Form (AF) and other documents (Programme Manual, Guidelines on filling in the Application form, Digital AF navigation Guidelines) on the web site: www.lietuva-polska.eu.

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