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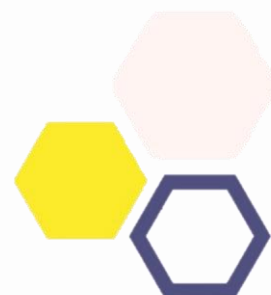
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**Interreg VI-A Lithuania – Poland
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Guidance note

**1st Call for Proposals for
Regular Projects**



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This document outlines the terms and conditions that apply specifically to the first call for proposals launched by the Interreg VI-A Lithuania-Poland cooperation Programme. More general information on rules and requirements to be observed when applying for funding can be found in the Programme Manual, which is available at the [Programme website](#).

General Information

On 26 September 2022 the European Commission has adopted the decision No. C(2022) 6938 for approval of the cooperation programme “(Interreg VI-A) Lithuania-Poland” for support from the ERDF under the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) in Lithuania and Poland for the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2027.

The overall objective of the Programme is improving wellbeing of cross-border communities through cross-border cooperation and sustainable use of cultural and natural heritage of the Lithuania and Poland cross-border area. While preparing project applications, this objective should be considered as guiding principle for generating project ideas and developing activities. All projects have to comply with EU and national legal frameworks and basic principles. Cross-border relevance has to be building stone of every project and cooperation, project outputs and results should be clearly linked to Programme objectives. For this reason, projects should carefully consider this document and guidelines provided in Programme documents. Programme intends to select high quality projects which contribute to tackling the cross-border challenges identified in the Programme area.

Priorities open for the Call

All 3 Programme Priorities, and 5 Specific Objectives with relevant indicators, are open for the 1st call for proposals and listed below:

Priority: 1 Promoting environmental wellbeing

PO 2: A greener, low-carbon transitioning towards a net zero carbon economy and resilient Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate change mitigation and adaptation risk prevention and management, and sustainable urban mobility

RSO 2.7: Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution

| Priority 1. SO 2.7 Output Indicator number and name | | Measurement unit |
|---|---|------------------|
| RCO87 | Organisations cooperating across borders | organisations |
| RCO116 | Jointly developed solutions | solutions |
| Priority 1. SO 2.7 Result Indicator number and name | | Measurement unit |
| RCR84 | Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion | organisations |
| RCR104 | Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations | solutions |

Priority: 2 Promoting physical, emotional and cultural wellbeing

PO 4. A more social and inclusive Europe implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights

RSO4.5. Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family- and community-based care

| Priority 2. SO4.5 Output Indicator number and name | | Measurement unit |
|--|---|------------------|
| RCO69 | Capacity of new or modernised health care facilities | persons |
| RCO87 | Organisations cooperating across borders | organisations |
| RCO116 | Jointly developed solutions | solutions |
| Priority 2. SO4.5 Result Indicator number and name | | Measurement unit |
| RCR73 | Annual users of new or modernised health care facilities | users/year |
| RCR84 | Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion | organisations |
| RCR104 | Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations | solutions |

Priority: 2 Promoting physical, emotional and cultural wellbeing

PO 4. A more social and inclusive Europe implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights

RSO4.6. Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

| Priority 2. SO 4.5 Output Indicator number and name | | Measurement unit |
|---|--|----------------------------|
| RCO77 | Number of cultural and tourism sites supported | cultural and tourism sites |
| RCO87 | Organisations cooperating across borders | organisations |
| RCO116 | Jointly developed solutions | solutions |

| Priority 2. SO 4.5 Result Indicator number and name | | Measurement unit |
|---|---|------------------|
| RCR77 | Visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported | visitors/year |
| RCR84 | Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion | organisations |
| RCR104 | Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations | solutions |

Priority: 3 Strengthening cooperation of local stakeholders

ISO: A better Cooperation Governance

ISO6.3. Build up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging people-to-people actions

| Priority 3. ISO 6.3 Output Indicator number and name | | Measurement unit |
|--|---|------------------|
| RCO81 | Participations in joint actions across borders | participations |
| RCO115 | Public events across borders jointly organised | events |
| RCO87 | Organisations cooperating across borders | organisations |
| Priority 3. ISO 6.3 Result Indicator number and name | | Measurement unit |
| RCR85 | Participations in joint actions across borders after project completion | participations |
| RCR84 | Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion | organisations |

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ISO: A better Cooperation Governance

ISO6.6. Other actions to support better cooperation governance

| Priority 3. ISO 6.6 Output Indicator number and name | | Measurement unit |
|--|---|------------------|
| RCO85 | Participations in joint training schemes | participations |
| RCO87 | Organisations cooperating across borders | organisations |
| RCO116 | Jointly developed solutions | solutions |
| Priority 3. ISO 6.6 Result Indicator number and name | | Measurement unit |
| RCR84 | Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion | organisations |
| RCR104 | Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations | solutions |
| RCR81 | Completion of joint training schemes | participants |

More detailed information regarding possible activities under certain priority is provided in the Programme manual.

Allocation of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to the Programme available for the 1st Call

An indicative ERDF allocation to the three Programme priorities is presented in the table below.

| Priorities | Indicative ERDF support, EUR |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1 Promoting environmental wellbeing | 6.207.496,50 |
| 2 Promoting physical, emotional and cultural wellbeing | 10.345.827,50 |
| 3 Strengthening cooperation of local stakeholders | 4.138.331,00 |
| Total: | 20.691.655,00 |

When selecting projects to be funded, allocation may be adapted by the monitoring committee (MC) according to Programme needs.

The ERDF co-financing rate is up to 80%. Beneficiaries have to ensure the needed co-financing.

Types of projects supported in the 1st call

For the 1st Call for Proposals, the Programme intends to select Regular Projects proposals with the following characteristics:

| Regular Projects | |
|---------------------|---|
| Total budget | Minimum: 100.000,00 euro Maximum: 1.000.000,00 euro |
| ERDF | Up to 80% ERDF co-financing, minimum 20% partner contribution |
| Duration | Up to 24 months |
| Partners | At least 2, not more than 4 |
| Other rules | Reimbursement based payments |
| | All priorities |

Eligible Applicants

Each project has to have at least one partner from each country (Lithuania and Poland). The main types of applicants that can participate in the Programme are: local, regional and national authorities; public bodies and bodies governed by the public law;

associations; NGOs; EGTCs. Bodies governed by public law means entities that have all of the following characteristics¹:

- they are established for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character;
- they have legal personality; and
- they are financed, for the most part, by the State, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law; or are subject to management supervision by those authorities or bodies; or have an administrative, managerial or supervisory board, more than half of whose members are appointed by the State, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law.

Any of the eligible applicants can take the Lead Partner role. =

Applicants located outside the programme area but within the EU can also apply for funding as Lead/project partners, however such partners have to bring a clear benefit to the Programme.

How to apply

Applicants have to fill in the Application Form through Joint Electronic Monitoring System (JEMS) online at jems.lietuva-polska.eu. Offline Application Form as well as Guidelines on filling the Application Form are available on the Programme website at www.lietuva-polska.eu, these are for informational purposes online, to provide support for filling the official Application Form.

Please note that only Application Forms submitted through the JEMS portal are eligible! Any Applications sent by e-mail or post will not be assessed.

The Call will open on 9 January 2023. The **deadline** for submission of proposals is:

28 APRIL 2023 at 17:00 (GMT+2) Lithuanian time

Support to Applicants

Applicants are welcome to contact the Joint Secretariat to support the application process. Contact details for JS Staff and Regional Contact Points for Polish speaking applicants are available at [Programme website](https://www.lietuva-polska.eu).

¹ Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on public procurement

Please consult the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) that is available on the website at [Programme website](#).

For JEMS support, please consult jems@lietuva-polska.eu.

Annexes:

Annex 1. JEMS offline Application Form

Annex 2. JEMS offline Application Form Guide