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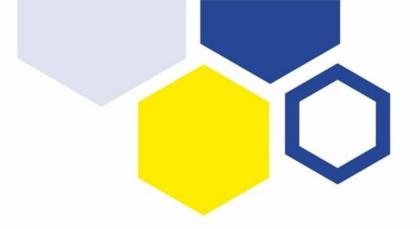
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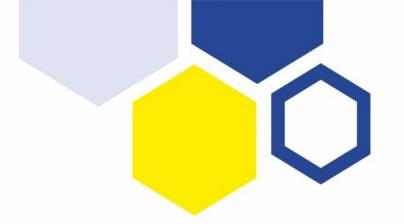






General information about the Programme

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Information about the Programme

The overall objective of the Interreg VI-A Lithuania-Poland 2021-2027 Cross-border Cooperation 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.







News



- The European Regional Development Fund's contribution to the Programme is 45,706,836 EUR (80% of the total budget). The national cofinancing is EUR 11,426,710 EUR (20% of the total budget). The total amount allocated for the implementation of the Programme is 57,133,546 EUR.
- New project submission and management System (JEMS)
- Simplified costs (flat rate for staff, office and administration and travel and accommodation costs)



Programme territory



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- Alytus county
- Kaunas county
- Marijampolė county
- Tauragė county
- Vilnius county
- Ełcki subregion
- Suwalski subregion
- Białostocki subregion



Programme bodies



- Monitoring Committee (MC)
- Managing Authority (MA)
 - Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania
- National Authority (NA)
 - Ministry responsible for regional development in the Republic of Poland
- Audit Authority (AA)
 - Internal Audit Department of the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania
- Joint Secretariat (JS) supported by Regional Contact Points (RCP) in Bialystok and Olsztyn
- Controllers







Priority 1. Promoting environmental wellbeing

Specific objective (vii):

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





Priority 2. Promoting physical, emotional and cultural wellbeing

Specific objective (v):

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. Promoting physical, emotional and cultural wellbeing

Specific objective (vi):

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





Priority 3. Strengthening cooperation of local stakeholders

Specific objective ISO (c)

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

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Specific objective ISO (f) Other actions to support better cooperation governance

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Related types of action for each priority



Examples of activities that may be implemented under each priority:

→ part II.1.Description of Priorities and Indicators in the Programme Manual

JTS homepage → Application → 1 Call for Proposals https://lietuva-polska.eu/1-call-for-proposals/



Programme priorities



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Priority	ERDF (EUR)	(%)
Priority 1. Promoting environmental wellbeing 1.1. Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution	13,712,050	30%
Priority 2. Promoting physical, emotional and cultural wellbeing 2.1. 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	9,141,368	20%
2.2. Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation	13,712,051	30%
Priority 3. Strengthening cooperation of local stakeholders 3.1. Build up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging people-to-people actions	4,570,684	10%
3.2. Other actions to support better cooperation governance	4,570,683	10%
Total:	45,706,836	

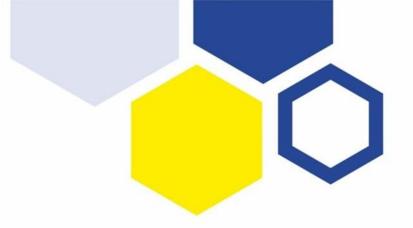


General project requirements



- > EU Regulations and Programme rules
 - Horizontal principles
 - Programme Document
- Partnership in the project
- Budget planning (Simplified Cost Options, Ineligible costs etc.)
 - co-financing up to 80%
 - Grants in form of reimbursement
- Project Idea and Lifecycle
 - Joint need ≠ common need
 - Durability of the results
- Visibility and Publicity requirements!







General requirements for the 1st Call for Prosposals

Birutė Fetingytė Project Manager, JS



The Guidance note https://lietuva-polska.eu/1-call-for-proposals

terms and conditions specifically to the 1st Call for Proposals





- ✓ Call duration
- ✓ Total call budget
- ✓ Applicable priorities
- ✓ Type of a project
- ✓ Project size and duration
- √ Co-financing rate





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1st call for proposals			
Duration of the call	Start: 9 January 2023		
	End: 28 April 2023		
Total call budget (ERDF)	20.691.655,00 euro		
Applicable priorities	All 3 Programme priorities		
Type of project	Regular projects		
Other	Reimbursement based payments		
Other	Application <i>via</i> JEMS		



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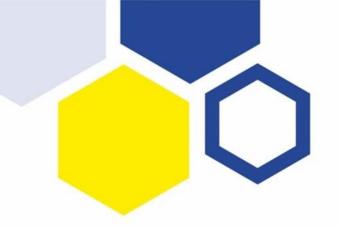
Priorities	Indicative ERDF support for the 1 st call, euro
1 Promoting environmental wellbeing	6.207.496,50
2 Promoting physical, emotional and cultural wellbeing	10.345.827,50
3 Strengthening cooperation of local stakeholders	4.138.331,00
Total:	20.691.655,00



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Regular Projects			
Total project budget	Min: 100.000,00 euro Max: 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		







Partnership

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Partnership

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Why partnerships are needed? Because successful partnership is one of the key features of a good cross-border cooperation project.

Project partners should have:

- ★ shared needs
 - * strong commitment to take part in the project
 - ★ mutual trust
 - **adequate administrative and financial resources required to participate in a cross-border project.



Points of attention

- ✓ all expenditures in the project must be covered by own funds
- ✓ the only reporting period settled in JEMS is 6 months



Partnership



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PPs

Project Partners – organisations that are directly participating in the preparation (development) and implementation of the project and are officially listed in the application form (AF) of the project.

Lead Partner – each project appoints one Partner to act as Lead Partner, which:

✓ takes full responsibility for the implementation of the entire project;

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- ✓ serves as a link between the project and Programme bodies, especially
 with regards to communication between the project and the JS;
- ✓ is responsible for the application procedure and coordinates the project on behalf of the whole project partnership; it means the Lead Partner is responsible for delivery of project reports and documentation, delivery of project outputs and financial management of the project.

PA

Partnership Agreement – a document where the cooperation principles, distribution of obligations and responsibilities between Lead Partner and Project Partners is defined (Partnership Agreement is an annex to the Subsidy Contract).



Eligible partners



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Each project has to involve at least one Lithuanian and at least one Polish partner, which are registered and actively operate in the Programme area.

Project Partners from **both countries** should be represented.

Each project should involve at least 2 partners but not more than 4.

Partners registered outside the Programme, but within the EU area, can also apply for funding as Lead Partner/Project Partner. However, such partners have to bring a clear benefit to the Programme and contribute to the implementation of the overall objective of the Programme.



Eligible partners



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The main types of partners that can participate in the Programme

Local, regional and national authorities

Public bodies and bodies governed by the public law

Associations; NGOs; EGTCs

Bodies governed by the public law means entities that have **all** of the following characteristics:

- ✓ they are established for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character;
- ✓ they have a <u>legal</u> personality;
- ✓ they are financed, for the most part, by the State, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by the 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 the public law.



Eligible partners



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Type of eligible partner	Examples
National, regional and local authorities and their organisational units having legal personality.	- administrations of municipalities, councils, ministries, - local or regional development agency, environmental agency, etc.
Bodies governed by public law as defined in Directive 2014/24/EU on public procurement	
Associations formed by one or several regional or local authorities.	- associations of municipalities, - Euroregions, European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC), etc .
Associations formed by one or several bodies governed by public law.	
personality and established for	or social exclusions, - social support centres, - churches, religious association, having legal personality and established
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Cooperation criteria



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Each project must meet at least three out of four cooperation criteria out of which joint development and joint implementation are obligatory.

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Joint implementation

Joint staffing

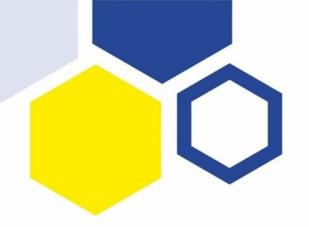
Joint financing

project application is prepared by the representatives from all partner organisations together. Ideas, priorities, needs and expectations as well as contributions from all partners have to be integrated in the project proposal

each project activity is implemented in close cooperation between all of the partners and there must be a balanced division of tasks and responsibilities between the partners

the project has staff with clearly divided tasks between the partners and its structure should not duplicate functions

all partner budgets form together the joint budget for the whole project





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OVERALL PROGRAMME OBJECTIVE

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.

PROGRAMME DOCUMENT:

https://lietuva-polska.eu/documents/interreg-vi-a-lithuania-poland-cooperationprogramme-document/

Approved by EC on 2022-09-26

Other documents:

https://lietuva-polska.eu/documents/

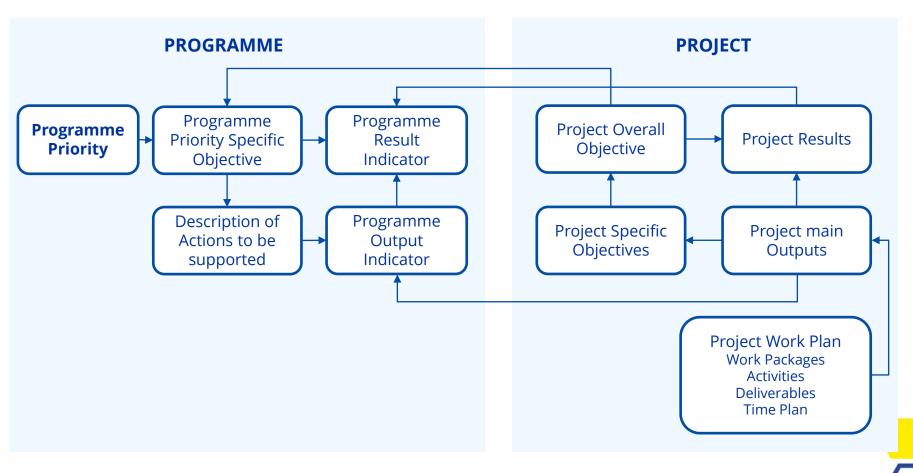


Final report





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Project Overall Objective

Overall context for what the project is trying to achieve, and aligns to programme priority-specific objective. Relates to the strategic aspects of the project.

Project Specific Objectives

A tangible statement describing what the project is trying to achieve. It refers to the project's main outputs.

Project main Outputs

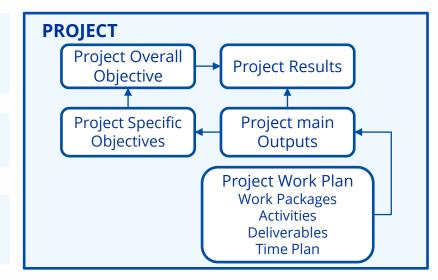
The main achievement of a set of project activities, contributes to achievement of project specific objective.

Project Results

Advantage of carrying out the project, the benefit of using the project's main outputs. Change the project is aiming for!

Project Work Packages

A group of related project activities required to produce the project's main outputs.



Project **Activities** Specific task performed for which resources are used. Results in a deliverable and output.

Project Deliverables A side-product or service of the project that contributes to the development of a project's main output (report, equipment etc.)







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WORK PLAN STRUCTURE

The work plan shows the project objectives and results, and how they will be achieved!

- © One project specific objective = one work package
- © up to 4 Specific Objectives
- © a distinct Project Specific Objective for each WP, can't be repeated!
- © at least one communication objective
- on more than 4 to 6 activities per work package
- At least one deliverable for activity
- ⊕ Only thematic work packages → no work packages for project management, investments or communication only

Project Work Plan Work Packages Activities Deliverables Time Plan







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Priority Specific Objective	Programme Output Indicator		Programme Result Indicator
1.1., 2.1., 2.2., 3.1., 3.2.	RCO87 Organisations cooperating across borders	•	RCR84 Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion
1.1., 2.1., 2.2., 3.2.	RCO116 Jointly developed solutions		RCR104 Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations
2.1.	RCO69 Capacity of new or modernised health care facilities	•	RCR73 Annual users of new or modernised health care facilities
2.2.	RCO77 Number of cultural and tourism sites supported		RCR77 Visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported
3.1.	RCO81 Participations in joint actions across borders	•	RCR85 Participations in joint actions across
3.1.	RCO115 Public events across borders jointly organised		borders after project completion
3.2.	RCO85 Participations in joint training schemes	•	RCR81 Completion of joint training schemes



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- Project idea
- The bigger picture



- Previous work and knowledge in the area of interest
- Innovative aspects
- activities and associated results
- Horizontal principles
- FEU Green Deal and New European Bauhaus





SEA REGION







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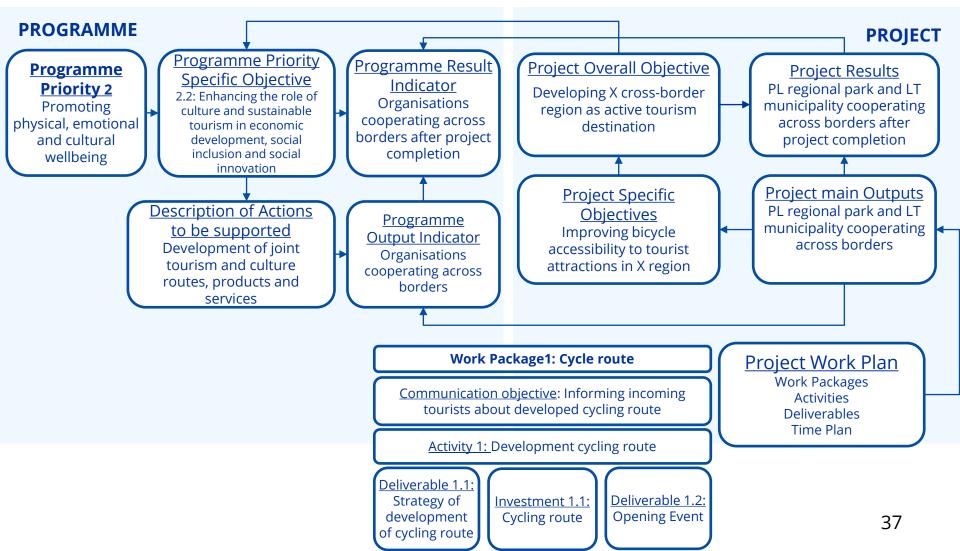
- Keep it SMART! Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound
- Consistency between project objective and programme priority
- Fvident cross-border dimension and added value
- Special attention in developing infrastructure to the needs of people with disabilities

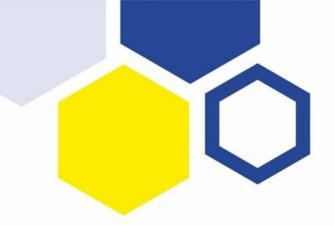
NO STAND-ALONE INVESTMENTS





Programme and project intervention logic EXAMPLE







Project communication and visibility requirements

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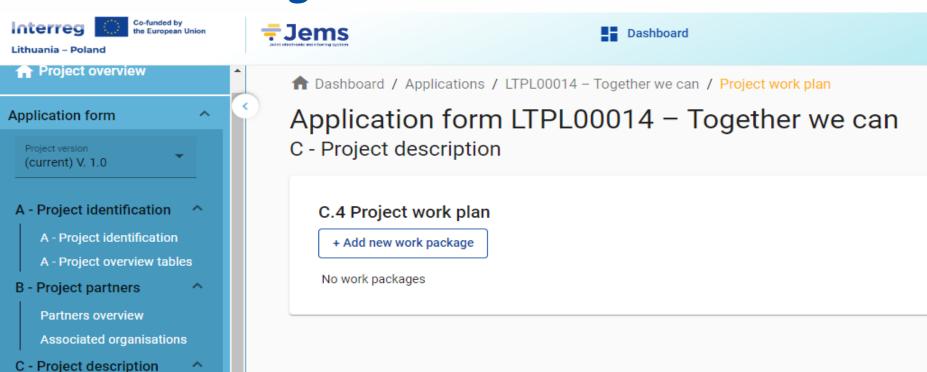


Partnership search





Planning communication activities



C.1 Project overall objectiveC.2 Project relevance and

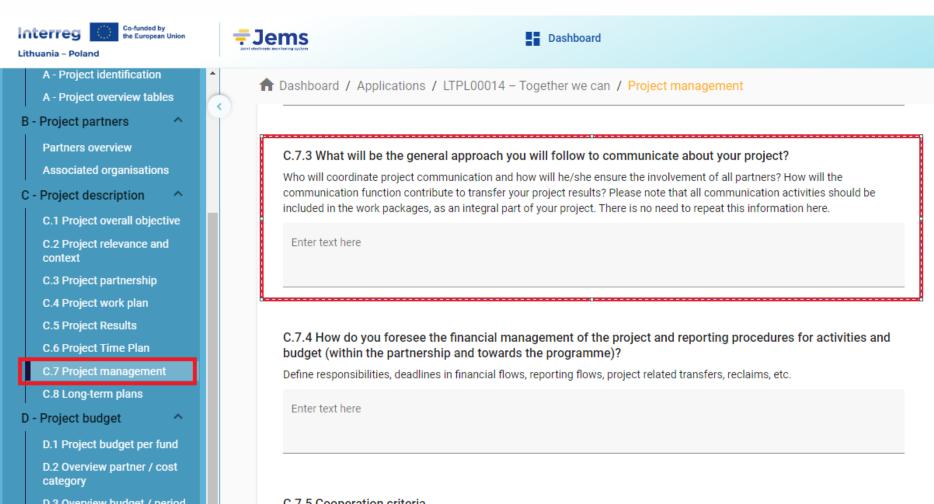
C.3 Project partnership

C 5 Project Results

context



Planning communication activities

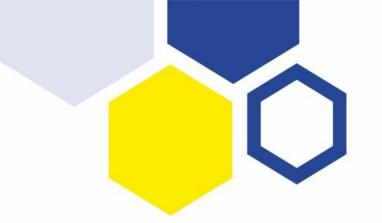




Main requirements

Project partners have to display durable plaque or billboard clearly visible to the public if project includes infrastructure or works, or equipment investments and if the total costs of the project exceed EUR 100,000

For projects not falling under point 1, project Partners have to publicly display at least one poster of a minimum size A3 or equivalent electronic display (at partner locations) with information about the project highlighting the support from the Programme.





DURABLE PLAQUE = BILLBOARD





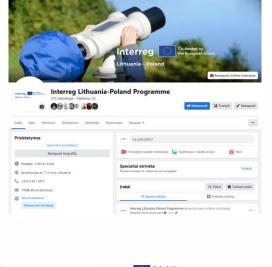




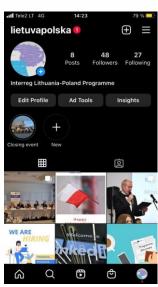
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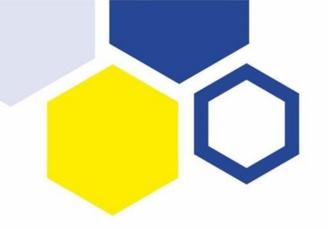














Budget planning

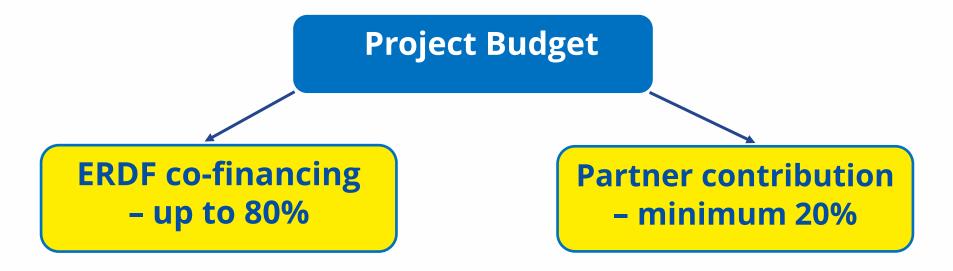
Ilona Juchno Financial Manager, JS

General requirements (1) Interreg





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Partner contribution cannot be covered by funding from other projects or EU-funded programmes

General requirements (2)





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Budget should be prepared jointly by all partners, coordinated by Lead Partner

Budget should be realistic and cost-effective

Principles of sound financial management and cost-efficiency should be applied

No double funding is permissible

Value added tax is eligible (some exeptions for projects with state aid)

Planning of financial flows



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EU co-funding reimbursement of expenses only Full reimbursement after all checks of national control and the Programme (JS/MA) New!
Faster
reimbursement of
70% of eligible
approved ERDF
costs will be
possible



Carefully consider your financial capabilities and liquidity to cover costs!

Plan to cover 100 % of costs as reimbursement will take some time





Cost categories							
CC1	Staff costs						
CC2	Office and administration costs						
CC3	Travel and accommodation						
CC4	External expertise and servises						
CC5	Equipment						
CC6	Infrastructure and works						

Preparation costs lump sum does not belong to any cost category and should be planned under <u>section E1 of AF</u>



Simplified cost options (SCOs)



SCOs Lums sums and flat rates



No need to document expenditures (invoices, payment proofs, etc.)

Calculated automatically in the application form, and then when reporting in JEMS



Correction of reported real cost expenditure —— correction of the flat rates

SCOs – Preparation costs (1)





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Preparation costs - Lump sum

In total 2.250 EUR

ERDF cofinancing 1.800 EUR Reimbursment
for approved
projects with the
1st report if
proof of delivery
of activities
provided
(meeting
agendas,
participant list,
etc.)



SCOs – Preparation costs (2)



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Costs incurred by all Project Partners for preparation of the application before the project's start:

travel, accommodation, per diems and meals during partner meetings, translation (during partner meetings) and organization of the events (partners meetings)



Don't forget to:

- include into the Budget
- prepare and save meeting agendas, participant lists, etc.



SCOs – CC1 Staff Costs





Staff Costs flat rate

10 % of real costs (cost categories 4-6)



The planning and reporting of the staff costs on the real costs basis is not possible



In case partner foresees zero costs in CC1 "Staff costs", payments for budget CC2 and CC3 are not possible

SCOs – CC2 Office and Administration Costs (1)





- Planning 0 costs in this category is possible
- These costs cannot be reported under any other category

SCOs – CC2 Office and Administrative Costs (2)



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- Cover operating and administrative expenses of a project partner
 - Support delivery of project activities

Examples of eligible expenditures:

- office rent
- •IT systems support
- office supplies
- accounting
- archives
- security
- utilities (e.g., electricity, heating, water)
- maintenance, cleaning and repair

- some bank charges, including for transnational financial transactions
- communication (e.g., telephone, internet, postal service, business cards)
- •

Please find more examples in the Programme Manual (II.4.3.)



SCOs -**CC3 Travel and Accommodation Costs (1)**





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10% of eligible staff costs

Only for employees of the partner institutions when it is:

- directly related to the project activities
- necessary for project administration (participation in project meetings, meetings with the Programme bodies, seminars, etc.)

Eligible expenditures:

- travel costs (tickets, travel and car insurance, fuel, parking fees, etc.)
- costs of meals
- accommodation costs
- daily allowances



Planning 0 costs in this category is possible



CC4

External expertise and Services (1)



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Expenditures of external service providers who are subcontracted to carry out activities linked to delivery of the project results



Project partners and their employees cannot be contracted as external experts



Payments to external service providers have to be made on the basis of contracts or written agreements, as well as invoices or requests for reimbursement issued by external service provider



Additional costs related to external experts (travel and accommodation costs) must be foreseen in the service contract



All costs of external expertise and services that are linked to an investment in infrastructure should be included under this cost category



CC4 External expertise and Services (2)



Examples of eligible costs:

Trainings

Travel and accommodation for target groups

Organisation and implementation of events (rent, catering, interpretation, etc.)

Development, modifications to IT systems and websites

Promotion, communication or publicity linked to the project Studies or surveys

Insurance of fixed assets and infrastructure created under the project

Other specific expertise and services needed for project...

Please find more examples in the Programme Manual (II.4.3.)



CC5 Equipment (1)



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purchased, rented or leased by a partner



necessary to achieve the objectives



Necessity (functionality and quantity) justified in the application

- office equipment
- IT hardware and software
- furniture and fittings
- laboratory equipment
- machines and instruments
- tools or devices
- <u>Vehicles only if they are operated and used solely for the</u> purposes of fulfilling the main objective of the project
- other specific equipment



CC5 Equipment (2)



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Ownership and the way of use (for the benefit of target group) cannot be changed within 5 years after the project final payment (unless the depreciation period is shorter according national law)

- Operating and servicing costs of equipment used for project purposes are eligible
- In case of lease, final ownership should belong to the Project Partner leasing period should be within the duration of the project implementation



Cannot be purchased, rented or leased from another Project Partner

CC6 Infrastructure and works (1)



Eligible costs:









- building permits
- building material
- ·labour
- •specialised interventions (such as soil remediation...)
- •purchase of land for an amount not exceeding 10% of the total eligible expenditure of the investment in infrastructure and works concerned



All other indirect infrastructure related costs (**investment supervision**, **authors supervision**, **purchase of equipment to the infrastructure objects**, etc.) have to be included under other categories - **CC4**; **CC5**



CC6 Infrastructure and works (2)



Infrastructure and construction works:

- crucial for the achievement of the project's outputs
 - clearly described in the application



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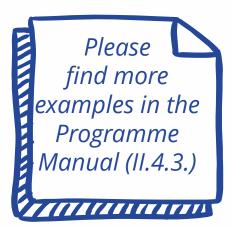






Examples of ineligible costs:

- costs incurred and/or paid outside project duration (except the costs for Controllers for LT Partners incurred and paid after the project completion until the submission of the final report)
- construction of roads
- technical project for infrastructure works
- costs related to political and religious activities
- costs of gifts
- costs related to fluctuation of foreign exchange rate
- charges for national financial transactions



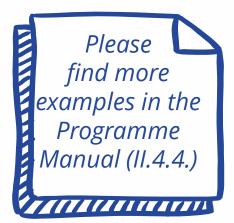




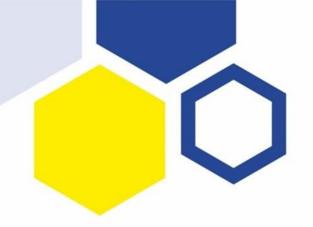


Examples of ineligible costs:

- contracting of employees of the partner organisations as external experts
- advance payments not foreseen in the contract
- creation of project logos or other design elements
- in-kind contribution
- travel and accommodation costs of participants of events organised by the project, where the participants do not contribute to delivery of the project results
- consultant fees or other service costs between partners









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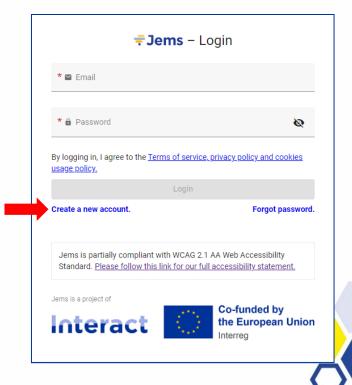
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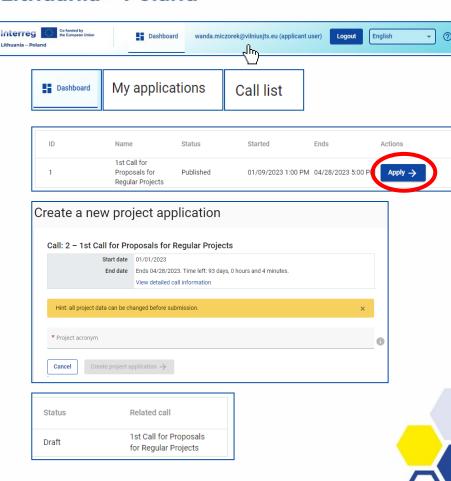


GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Change password click on your e-mail on top panel
- Your view: Dashboard, My applications, Call List
- You can submit more than 1 application
- Application ID number assigned automatically
- DRAFT Status Application Form can be edited
- After it is SUBMITTED, no changes possible!



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Partners overview

+ Add new partner

To submit this application, all conditions of the pre-submission must be met.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Application Form filled in English
- Partner details, motivation, budget → Partners overview
- Pre-submission check
- Give privileges work on AF together



Run pre-submission check

A - Project identification

B - Project partners

Partners overview

C - Project description

C.1 Project overall objective

C.2 Project relevance and context

C.3 Project partnership

C.4 Project work plan

C.6 Project Time Plan
C.7 Project management
C.8 Long-term plans

D.1 Project budget per fund
D.2 Overview partner / cost

D.3 Overview budget / period E - Project lump sums and unit costs

E.1 - Project lump sums

Application annexes

> Check & Submit

🎎 Project privileges

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C.5 Project Results

D - Project budget

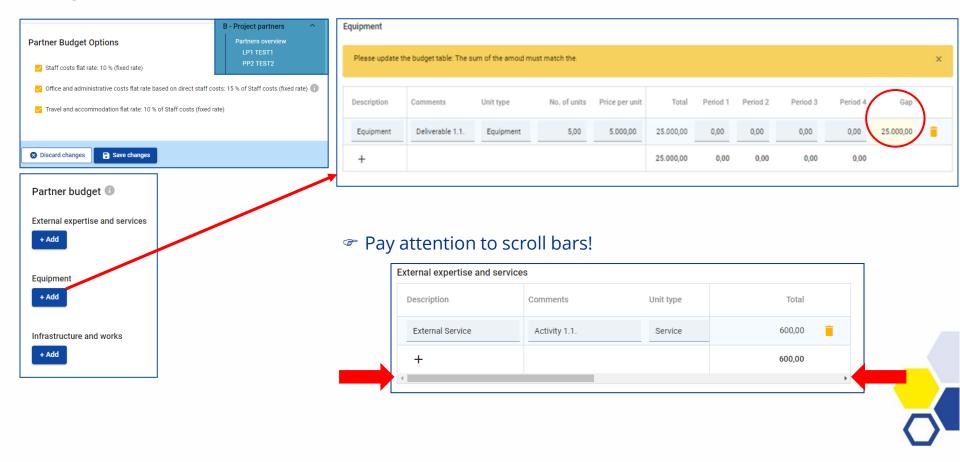
A - Project identification

A - Project overview tables



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Budget created for each Partner

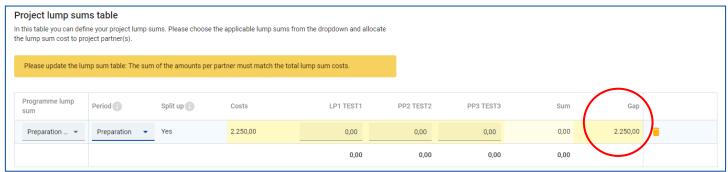




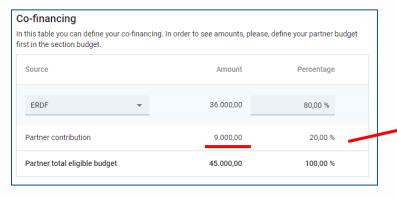
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Preparation costs selected in part E.!





Fill Co-financing for each partner

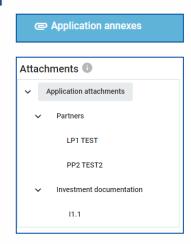






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- Annexes to be submitted with the application
 - Project Statement;
 - Project Partner Statement;
 - Authorisation to sign documents;
 - Statement on the absence of discriminatory resolutions (only for Polish Partners);
 - Supporting documentation for investments:
 - minimum: short technical description and justification for need for investment (maximum one page A4) with simplified design illustration of the works;
 - Full documentation can be submitted with AF, or within 2 months after project approval at the latest!



Annexes:

- PDF files preferred, maximum file size 50 Mb.
- assessment based on the information provided in the Application Form in JEMS and the mandatory attachments.
- any information in additional attachments <u>will not be used</u> for the assessment. Additional attachments can be included only in exceptional cases and upon prior agreement with the IS.





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APPROXIMATE TIMELINE

1st Call for Regular Projects	Eligibility and Quality Assessment	Strategic Impact Assessment by MC Members		MC Decision on project selection		Conditions fulfilment	>
Deadline: 2023-04-28 17:00	May – August 2023	September 2023	2	6–28 September 2023] [October – November 2023]

- Assessment in two steps:
- Eligibility check
- Quality assessment
- Guiding criteria included in part III.3.3. of the Programme Manual! Criteria refer to JEMS Application Form!





1st Call for Regular Projects

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS 28th APRIL 2023

17:00 (Lithuanian time)

Applications have to be submitted online via JEMS





Read the Programme Manual and 1st Call Requirements

Check the required annexes

Do not leave submission and pre-submission check until last day!

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Consultations/events



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Application

FAQ

INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS

Tuesdays and Thursdays starting from 14 February 2023

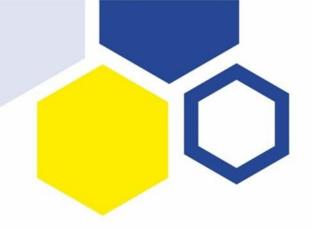
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SEMINAR FOR POTENTIAL APPLICANTS

7 March 2023, Suwałki





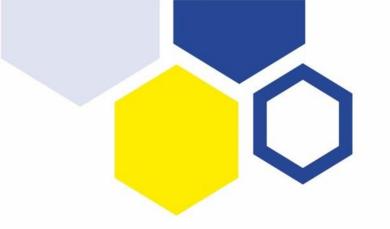


Thank you for your attention!

Dziękujemy za uwagę!

Dėkojame už dėmesį!







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