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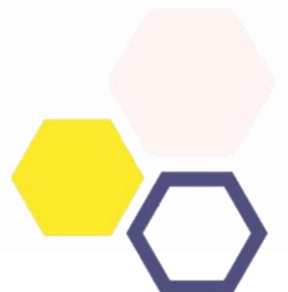
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# **Guidance note**

## **for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals (small projects)**



## Interreg VI-A Lithuania-Poland cooperation programme

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals for Small Projects

This document outlines the terms and conditions that apply specifically to the 2<sup>nd</sup> call for proposals launched by the Interreg VI-A Lithuania-Poland cooperation programme (hereinafter – Programme). More general information on rules and requirements to be observed when applying for funding can be found in the Programme Manual, applicable for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals, which is available at the [Programme website](#).

## General Information

On 26 September 2022 the European Commission 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 proposals, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals (small projects)

Following Programme Priorities and Specific Objectives with relevant indicators, are open for the 2<sup>nd</sup> call for proposals and are listed below:

### Priority: 1 Promoting environmental wellbeing and strengthening crisis management

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

Specific objective 1.1: 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. Specific objective 1.1. RSO 2.7 Output Indicator number and name		Measurement unit
<b>RCO87</b>	Organisations cooperating across borders	organisations
<b>RCO116</b>	Jointly developed solutions	solutions
Priority 1. Specific objective 1.1. RSO 2.7 Result Indicator number and name		Measurement unit
<b>RCR84</b>	Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion	organisations
<b>RCR104</b>	Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations	solutions
<b>RCR96</b>	Population benefiting from protection measures against non-climate related natural risks and risks related to human activities	persons

## Priority: 2 Promoting physical, emotional and cultural wellbeing

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

Specific objective 2.1: 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. Specific objective 2.1. RSO4.5 Output Indicator number and name		Measurement unit
<b>RCO69</b>	Capacity of new or modernised health care facilities	persons
<b>RCO87</b>	Organisations cooperating across borders	organisations
<b>RCO116</b>	Jointly developed solutions	solutions
Priority 2. Specific objective 2.1. RSO4.5 Result Indicator number and name		Measurement unit
<b>RCR73</b>	Annual users of new or modernised health care facilities	users/year
<b>RCR84</b>	Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion	organisations
<b>RCR104</b>	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

Specific objective 2.2: RSO4.6. Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

Priority 2. Specific objective 2.2. RSO 4.6 Output Indicator number and name		Measurement unit
<b>RCO77</b>	Number of cultural and tourism sites supported	cultural and tourism sites
<b>RCO87</b>	Organisations cooperating across borders	organisations
<b>RCO116</b>	Jointly developed solutions	solutions
Priority 2. Specific objective 2.2. RSO 4.6 Result Indicator number and name		Measurement unit
<b>RCR77</b>	Visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported	visitors/year
<b>RCR84</b>	Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion	organisations
<b>RCR104</b>	Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations	solutions

## Priority: 3 Strengthening cooperation of local stakeholders

ISO1: 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
<b>RCO81</b>	Participations in joint actions across borders	participations
<b>RCO115</b>	Public events across borders jointly organised	events
<b>RCO87</b>	Organisations cooperating across borders	organisations
Priority 3. ISO 6.3 Result Indicator number and name		Measurement unit
<b>RCR85</b>	Participations in joint actions across borders after project completion	participations
<b>RCR84</b>	Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion	organisations

## Priority: 3 Strengthening cooperation of local, regional and national stakeholders

ISO1: 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
<b>RCO85</b>	Participations in joint training schemes	participations
<b>RCO87</b>	Organisations cooperating across borders	organisations
<b>RCO116</b>	Jointly developed solutions	solutions
Priority 3. ISO 6.6 Result Indicator number and name		Measurement unit
<b>RCR84</b>	Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion	organisations
<b>RCR104</b>	Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations	solutions
<b>RCR81</b>	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 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals (small projects)

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

Priorities	Indicative ERDF support, EUR
<b>1 Promoting environmental wellbeing</b>	<b>1 132 075,00</b>
<b>2 Promoting physical, emotional and cultural wellbeing</b>	<b>1 603 775,00</b>
<b>3 Strengthening cooperation of local stakeholders</b>	<b>2 264 150,00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>5 000 000,00</b>

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals (small projects)

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals (small projects), the Programme intends to select Small Projects proposals with the following characteristics:

Regular Projects	
<b>Total budget</b>	Minimum: 20.000,00 euro Maximum: 160.000,00 euro
<b>ERDF</b>	Up to 80% ERDF co-financing, minimum 20% partner contribution
<b>Duration</b>	Up to 12 months
<b>Partners</b> (1 Lead Partner and other Project partners)	At least 2, not more than 4 (1 in case the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation is a sole partner)
<b>Other rules</b>	Reimbursement based payments Specific objectives RSO2.7., RSO4.5., RSO4.6., ISO6.3., ISO6.6.

## 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; European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTCs). Bodies governed by public law means entities that have all of the following characteristics<sup>1</sup>:

- 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

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

board, more than half of whose members are appointed by the State, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law.

- Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) – only as a Project Partner for Priority 2, Specific Objective 2.2/RSO4.6.

Any of the eligible applicants can take the Lead Partner role (except for SME).

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](https://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](https://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 for Proposals will open on 9 January 2024. The **deadline** for submission of proposals is:

**29 February 2024 at 17:00 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 on the [Programme website](#).

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](mailto:jems@lietuva-polska.eu).

## Annexes:

Annex 1. JEMS offline Application Form

Annex 2. JEMS offline Application Form Guide