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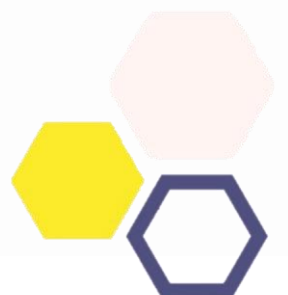
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Guidance note

**for the 3rd Call for Proposals
(regular projects)**



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3rd Call for Proposals for Regular Projects

This document outlines the terms and conditions that apply specifically to the 3rd call for proposals launched by the Interreg VI-A Lithuania-Poland cooperation programme (hereinafter – Programme). More information on rules and requirements when applying for funding can be found in the Programme Manual, applicable for the 3rd 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 European Commission approved amended Programme by the decision No C(2023)9146 of 18 December 2023.

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 a basis of every project and cooperation, project outputs and results should be clearly linked to the 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 tackle cross-border challenges identified in the Programme area.

Priorities open for the 3rd Call for Proposals (regular projects)

Programme Priorities and Specific Objectives with relevant indicators are opened for the 3rd call for proposals as follows:

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
RCO87	Organisations cooperating across borders	organisations
RCO116	Jointly developed solutions	solutions
Priority 1. Specific objective 1.1. RSO 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
RCR96	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
RCO69	Capacity of new or modernised health care facilities	persons
RCO87	Organisations cooperating across borders	organisations
RCO116	Jointly developed solutions	solutions
Priority 2. Specific objective 2.1. RSO4.5 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

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
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. Specific objective 2.2. RSO 4.6 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
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Priority: 3 Strengthening cooperation of local stakeholders

ISO1: A better Cooperation Governance

Specific objective 3.1: ISO6.3. Build up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging people-to-people actions

Priority 3. Specific objective 3.1. 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

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

ISO1: A better Cooperation Governance

Specific objective 3.2: ISO6.6. Other actions to support better cooperation governance

Priority 3. Specific objective 3.2. 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 3rd Call for Proposals (regular projects)

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

Priorities		Indicative ERDF support, EUR
1 Promoting environmental wellbeing		14 391 925,97
SO1.1 (RSO2.7)	Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution	
2 Promoting physical, emotional and cultural wellbeing		17 323 638,85
SO2.1 (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	7 720 565,75
SO2.2 (RSO4.6)	Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation	9 603 073,10
3 Strengthening cooperation of local stakeholders		6 462 397,85
SO3.1 (ISO.6.3)	Build up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging people-to-people actions	4 895 044,11
SO3.2 (ISO.6.6)	Other actions to support better cooperation governance	1 567 353,74
Total:		38 177 962,67

When selecting projects to be funded, allocation may be adapted by the monitoring committee (MC) according to the 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 3rd Call for Proposals (regular projects)

For the 3rd Call for Proposals (regular projects), the Programme intends to select Projects proposals with the following characteristics:

Regular Projects	
Total budget	Minimum: 160.000,00 euro

	Maximum: 2.000.000,00 euro
ERDF	Up to 80% ERDF co-financing, minimum 20% partner contribution
Duration	Up to 24 months
Partners (1 Lead Partner and other Project partners)	At least 2 partners (one partner from each country), the maximum is not limited. However, to ensure smooth administration, implementation and reporting 4 partners is considered an optimal number (1 in case the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation is a sole partner)
Other rules	Reimbursement based payments
	Specific objectives 1.1. (RSO2.7), 2.1. (RSO4.5), 2.2. (RSO4.6), 3.1. (ISO6.3), 3.2. (ISO6.6)

Eligible Applicants

Each project has to have at least one partner from each country (Lithuania and Poland). As an exception, in a project there can be only 1 partner in case the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation is a sole applicant.

Each partner has to be officially registered as a legal entity.

The main types of applicants that can participate in the Programme are:

- local, regional and national authorities;
- public bodies;
- bodies governed by the public law;
- non-governmental and not-profit seeking legal entities (e.g. associations, foundations, support funds, European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC), public organisations (in Lithuanian “VšĮ”));
- European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTCs);
- 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 Partner / Project Partners, however such partners have to bring a clear benefit to the Programme.

For additional requirements regarding eligibility of partners as well as for specific cases and examples of eligible partners, please refer to the section II.3 of the Programme Manual for the 3rd Call for Proposals.

How to apply

Applicants have to fill in the Application Form through Joint Electronic Monitoring System (JEMS) online at jems.lietuva-polska.eu. For informational purpose, offline Application Form as well as Guidelines on filling the Application Form are available on the Programme website at www.lietuva-polska.eu.

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 be opened on **7 May 2024**. The **deadline** for submission of proposals is:

31 July 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) section that is available on the [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