

**MINUTES**  
**of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Joint Monitoring Committee**  
**of the ENI Cross-border Cooperation Programme**  
**Poland-Belarus-Ukraine 2014-2020**

Venue: Minsk, Belarus  
 Date: 17 October 2017; 09.00-15.30  
 Chaired by: Mr Adam Hamryszczak, Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Economic Development of Poland, Managing Authority (MA)

Agenda:

1. Welcome, objectives of the meeting
2. Current state of the Programme
3. First call for proposals – Thematic Objective HERITAGE
4. Programme budget
5. Programme information and communication activities
6. State of play of the PBU CBC 2007-2013 Programme
7. Next steps, conclusions and closure of the meeting

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**1. Welcome, objectives of the meeting**

The Chairperson welcomed all the participants of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) of the ENI Cross-border Cooperation Programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine 2014-2020 (Programme) and presented the objectives of the meeting. Also the Belarusian National Authority (NA) welcomed the JMC meeting participants in Belarus. The Chairperson presented the draft of the meeting agenda. The agenda was approved.

**2. Current state of the Programme**

The representative of the Managing Authority (MA) presented information about the current state of designation process. Representative of the Polish Ministry of Finance informed that completion of the process is expected in mid-November.

The Belarusian NA informed about the current state of ratification process of the Financing Agreement signed between the Republic of Belarus and the European Commission (EC), assuming that the process will be finalised in the nearest future.

The representative of the MA described the state of play of the 1<sup>st</sup> CfPs and the timeline of the selection progress in all thematic objectives.

The Head of the Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS) described the progress of the Large Infrastructure Projects (LIP) approval process. It was noted that the JTS is waiting for missing documents from three LIPs (LIP/0010, LIP/0015, and LIP/0018). Taking into account the deadline for full application forms submission to the EC (end of 2017) it was proposed to set the deadline for missing documents' submission on the 17 November 2017. It was suggested to reallocate relevant savings to projects recommended within the 1 CfPs in case requested



documents are not submitted to the JTS within the established deadline. All national delegations have expressed their support for suggested solution.

The Ukrainian NA suggested changes in a scheme of advance and balance payments within the project, suggesting to decrease the balance payment amount from 20% to 10%. Representatives of the MA and the JTS pointed on difficulty of introducing requested change as well as presented arguments against it. It was decided that the MA will additionally analyse the issue in case the Ukrainian NA will address with the official request. Later on during the meeting the Belarusian NA supported the proposal of Ukrainian delegation.

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Annex 4	Presentation about the progress of the LIP selection and approval process

### 3. First call for proposals – Thematic Objective HERITAGE

The representative of the JTS presented the full information regarding the evaluation process of the proposals submitted within the Thematic Objective (TO) HERITAGE as well as recommendations of the Project Selection Committee (PSC).

Considering a high interest of beneficiaries in the TO HERITAGE and a good quality of the submitted projects, the JMC approved the PSC recommendations:

- to increase the budget allocation of the TO HERITAGE from 27 072 159,47 EUR to 33 247 469,40 EUR by reallocating 4 228 000,00 EUR from Technical Assistance and 1 947 309,93 EUR from TO BORDERS.
- To reduce the grant value of each project by 5% (the EU co-financing rate shall not change);
- To reduce the grant value for the project PBU1/0090/16 down by 557 772,51 EUR (down to 1 879 144,09 EUR).

All national delegations have accepted the evaluation report of the PSC including main and reserve lists of recommended projects, list of projects not recommended for financing, budget reallocations proposal as well as additional conditions for projects' support.

Taking into account that cumulative changes of the originally allocated Union contribution to each thematic objective or technical assistance exceed 20%, the MA informed that in line with provisions of the Article 6 of the Implementing Rules, the MA will send an official request to the EC to approve such changes. Therefore, a signature of the grant contract with the project PBU1/0090/16 which is the last on the list of the approved projects, shall be possible only after the EC issues a required decision. Nevertheless, the JTS shall already commence the negotiations with the respective beneficiary.

**The JMC approved the following 17 projects from the TO HERITAGE:**

N°	Reference N°	Lead beneficiary	Score	Recommended grant amount (EUR)	Recommended grant %
1	PBU1/0307/16	Mother House of Congregation of St Michael the Archangel in Miejsce Piastowe*	97	2 360 980,85	90,00%
2	PBU1/0211/16	Zamosc Commune	95	1 809 954,87	90,00%

3	PBU1/0368/16	Sokolka Municipality	95	1 925 329,19	90,00%
4	PBU1/0599/16	Museum Podlaskie in Bialystok	95	1 207 784,12	90,00%
5	PBU1/0224/16	Drohiczyn Commune	94	1 285 060,25	90,00%
6	PBU1/0302/16	Commune Ksiezpol	94	2 267 732,65	90,00%
7	PBU1/0499/16	Ukrainian House in Przemysl Foundation	94	2 300 501,61	90,00%
8	PBU1/0658/16	Roman Catholic Parish Church of St. Peter of Alcantara and St. Anthony of Padua in Wegrow	94	2 374 985,32	90,00%
9	PBU1/0750/16	Municipal Unitary Multiple Productive Enterprise of Communal-Housing Economy "Zhabinkovskoe ZhKCh"	94	2 362 882,28	90,00%
10	PBU1/0195/16	Puchaczow Community	93	2 375 000,00	89,93%
11	PBU1/0365/16	Association for Development and Promotion of Podkarpacie "Pro Carpathia"	93	1 399 134,45	89,18%
12	PBU1/0071/16	Schuchyn Municipality	92	2 351 020,01	90,00%
13	PBU1/0461/16	Association of self-governments "Euroregion Carpathians - Ukraine"	92	1 895 060,48	90,00%
14	PBU1/0677/16	Commune of Zagorz	92	2 220 450,17	90,00%
15	PBU1/0469/16	Solina Commune	91	1 700 120,91	90,00%
16	PBU1/0746/16	Executive Committee of Lutsk City Council	89	1 532 328,15	90,00%
17	PBU1/0090/16	Kuznica Commune	89	1 879 144,09	90,00%

\* additional comments for the project are presented in the Report on the Evaluation of the Application Forms.

#### The JMC approved the following 64 projects from the TO HERITAGE for the reserve list:

N°	Reference N°	Lead beneficiary	Score	Recommended grant amount (EUR)	Recommended grant %
1	PBU1/0259/16	Mokobody Commune	88	1 990 904,25	90,00%
2	PBU1/0378/16	Sosnowica Municipality	88	1 406 620,00	90,00%
3	PBU1/0460/16	the "Lubaczow Land" Inter-Commune Association	88	1 582 959,60	90,00%
4	PBU1/0674/16	Krynki Commune	88	901 991,60	90,00%
5	PBU1/0743/16	Lviv Historical Museum	87	1 567 433,70	90,00%
6	PBU1/0075/16	The Regional Headquarter of The Fire Department in Bialystok	87	2 233 918,61	90,00%
7	PBU1/0193/16	Municipality Dorohusk	87	2 313 900,00	90,00%
8	PBU1/0022/16	State Historical and Architectural Reserve in Zhovkva	87	2 445 615,00	90,00%
9	PBU1/0151/16	Community Terespol	86	2 246 197,78	90,00%
10	PBU1/0221/16	Lubelskie Group of Landscape Parks	86	307 023,41	90,00%
11	PBU1/0480/16	Suchowola Municipality	86	1 233 163,52	90,00%
12	PBU1/0738/16	Association "Lviv Tourist Board" (LTB)	85	356 621,40	90,00%
13	PBU1/0580/16	The Association of Local Governments of Euroregion Bug	85	1 602 324,95	90,00%
14	PBU1/0253/16	Zhovkva Town Council	85	1 931 202,19	90,00%
15	PBU1/0028/16	Zambrow Town Municipality	84	1 179 665,00	90,00%
16	PBU1/0475/16	Town Commune of Hajnowka	84	2 480 563,95	90,00%
17	PBU1/0410/16	The City of Suwalki	84	2 475 384,20	90,00%
18	PBU1/0202/16	Lublin University of Technology	83	231 082,65	90,00%
19	PBU1/0332/16	Rzeszow University of Technology	83	399 531,15	90,00%
20	PBU1/0518/16	The Municipality of Leczna*	83	1 446 093,15	90,00%
21	PBU1/0175/16	Punsk Commune	82	546 905,70	90,00%
22	PBU1/0297/16	Department of Culture and Tourism of the Executive Committee of Rivne City Council	82	2 249 303,40	90,00%
23	PBU1/0450/16	Gorokhiv Raion Council	82	509 604,22	90,00%

24	PBU1/0241/16	Foundation Bilgoraj 21	81,5	2 107 174,53	90,00%
25	PBU1/0720/16	Grodek Municipality	81,5	1 621 321,21	90,00%
26	PBU1/0338/16	European Meeting Centre - Nowy Staw Foundation	81	341 805,18	90,00%
27	PBU1/0625/16	Olszanica Commune	79,5	2 343 694,49	90,00%
28	PBU1/0034/16	Municipality Czeremcha	78,5	1 769 869,82	89,99%
29	PBU1/0739/16	Zarszyn Community	78,5	1 498 245,30	90,00%
30	PBU1/0030/16	Zambrow Town Municipality	77,5	1 380 009,00	90,00%
31	PBU1/0529/16	Jozef Pilsudski University of Physical Education in Warsaw Branch in the Biala Podlaska	77,5	478 256,64	90,00%
32	PBU1/0300/16	Krosno Commune	76,5	2 320 774,19	90,00%
33	PBU1/0509/16	Lesko Commune	76,5	2 372 588,10	90,00%
34	PBU1/0679/16	Urban Commune of Hrubieszow	76,5	2 483 190,00	90,00%
35	PBU1/0079/16	Hajnówka Commune	76	2 319 382,80	90,00%
36	PBU1/0458/16	Municipality Dolhobyczow	76	2 448 488,52	90,00%
37	PBU1/0132/16	Suprasl Commune	75	361 227,32	90,00%
38	PBU1/0488/16	Municipality of Sanok	75	607 556,69	90,00%
39	PBU1/0120/16	Bialowieza National Park	74,5	761 188,03	89,95%
40	PBU1/0487/16	Sanok Commune	74,5	1 905 364,15	90,00%
41	PBU1/0536/16	Kleszczele Municipality	74,5	2 383 334,00	90,00%
42	PBU1/0374/16	Krasnystaw District	74	132 843,60	90,00%
43	PBU1/0425/16	Municipality Siennica Rozana	74	2 195 856,00	90,00%
44	PBU1/0548/16	Narewka Commune	74	1 156 715,10	90,00%
45	PBU1/0638/16	Jaslo Municipality	74	2 332 427,55	90,00%
46	PBU1/0723/16	NGO "Ecology Tourism Club"	74	394 000,00	90,00%
47	PBU1/0323/16	Municipal Water and Sewage Company in Sokolka	73	1 516 636,66	90,00%
48	PBU1/0386/16	Plaska Commune	73	1 701 113,40	90,00%
49	PBU1/0398/16	Narew National Park	73	858 366,00	90,00%
50	PBU1/0100/16	The Carpathian Foundation - Poland	72,5	412 220,00	89,99%
51	PBU1/0345/16	Suwalki Commune	72,5	1 433 122,20	90,00%
52	PBU1/0465/16	Szumowo Community	72,5	707 865,10	90,00%
53	PBU1/0270/16	J. Osterwa Theatre in Lublin	72	1 830 779,00	90,00%
54	PBU1/0551/16	Jan III Sobieski Trail Think Tank Foundation*	72	2 293 915,50	90,00%
55	PBU1/0384/16	Commune of Szypliszki	71,5	488 103,39	90,00%
56	PBU1/0468/16	Association of the Carpathian Euroregion Poland (ACEP)	71,5	1 133 309,59	90,00%
57	PBU1/0656/16	The Town of Zamosc	71,5	2 415 686,42	89,83%
58	PBU1/0040/16	State Nature Protection Institution "Pribuzhskoye Polesie Republican Reserve"	71	1 290 405,48	90,00%
59	PBU1/0295/16	The Ternopil City Council	71	1 524 303,00	89,92%
60	PBU1/0557/16	Tourist Association of Ivano-Frankivsk Region	70,5	613 486,28	89,99%
61	PBU1/0740/16	Lviv Art Palace	70,5	824 904,00	88,31%
62	PBU1/0334/16	The Municipality of Lublin	70	2 499 228,40	87,55%
63	PBU1/0562/16	Association for Innovation and Technology Transfer "Horizons"	70	1 208 744,99	89,75%
64	PBU1/0651/16	Shatskyi National Nature Park	70	812 157,22	89,51%

\* additional comments for the project are presented in the Report on the Evaluation of the Application Forms.

- Annex 5 Presentation on the 1 CfPs assessment results: TO HERITAGE  
Annex 6 PSC Report on the Evaluation of the Application Forms (PBU1, TO HERITAGE)



#### 4. Technical Assistance budget of the Programme

The representative of the MA presented the Multiannual TA budget and savings identified in the TA budget (4 228 000,00 EUR) and the TO BORDERS (1 947 309,93 EUR), which according to the JMC decision, shall be allocated to the TO HERITAGE in order to support approved projects. It was noted that proposed amendments require the modification of the Joint Operational Programme (JOP) and EC approval.

The Head of the JTS has presented the TA sheet of the JTS and Polish Control Contact Point (CCP) for years 2018-2021, main tasks of both bodies and indicators to be achieved. Document presented is in line with suggested TA budget amendments.

All national delegations have agreed on the budget reallocation suggested by the PSC and MA, TA sheet of the JTS and Polish CCP for years 2018-2021 and introducing of relevant modifications to the JOP.

Annex 7	Programme Multiannual TA budget
Annex 8	Programme budget reallocations table
Annex 9	TA sheet of the JTS and Polish CCP for years 2018-2021

#### 5. Programme information and communication activities

The Head of the JTS presented the information regarding Programme information activities in 2016 and 2017, including upcoming important Programme events (Programme Annual Conference, Cross-border Scientific Conferences, contracts signature ceremony).

The Belarusian NA proposed to analyse the statistics of beneficiaries' activeness in both Programme editions (PBU 2007-2013 and PBU 2014-2020) in order to find out how the awareness of beneficiaries has changed. At the same time, the Ukrainian NA suggested to organise programme information activities before the 2<sup>nd</sup> CfPs in all eligible regions and pay a special attention at Partner Search Forums to allow finding a cross-border partner. The JTS confirmed that Partner Search Forums are foreseen in 2018 in Belarus and Ukraine.

Annex 10	Programme information and communication activities in 2016 and 2017
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#### 6. State of play of the PBU CBC 2007-2013 Programme

The representative of the JTS has briefly described the results of the ex-post Programme evaluation.

The current situation of Ukrainian Large Strategic Projects (LSP) was discussed. The representative of the JTS informed that three Ukrainian LSPs are terminated and the JTS is awaiting their reports in October 2017. The representative of the Lublin voivodeship asked to present the reasons of the Ukrainian LSPs non-completion in order to avoid such situations in future. The Ukrainian NA informed that projects are under NA ongoing monitoring and that there is an individual schedule of project completion for each LSP and the efforts are taken to finalise all projects by the end of 2018. It was stressed that completion of LSP is vital for LIPs proposed within the new Programme, as few projects are interconnected, therefore further meetings with the EC are planned to ensure the finalization of all LSPs.

The Belarusian NA asked if any reallocations of funds, not used by the Ukrainian LSPs, are possible. The Chairperson explained that in line with Implementing Regulations of both Programmes editions there is no such possibility.

The representative of the JTS has briefly described Programme closure plans and mentioned that the Final Programme Report is due to mid 2019.

Annex 11 Results of the ex-post Programme evaluation

## 7. Next steps, conclusions and closure of the meeting

The representative of the JTS presented main assumptions regarding the 2nd CfPs, including indicative timeframe of works and meetings of the relevant Working Group.

The Chairperson informed that the next JMC meetings will take place in Lviv, Ukraine (7 December 2017) and Białystok, Poland (23 March 2018). Both meetings of the JMC will be preceded by meetings of the respective PSCs.

The Chairperson thanked all participants for effective cooperation and closed the meeting.

Annex 12 Presentation on 2 CfPs

**CHAIRPERSON OF THE MEETING**

**ADAM HAMRYSZCZAK**

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