

ELIGIBILITY OF PROJECTS AND THEIR TYPES

A project is a series of activities defined and managed in relation to the objectives, outputs, results and impacts which it aims at achieving within a defined time-period and budget. Using the application documents for particular CfPs, the beneficiaries will jointly develop and submit a project (Concept note, Full Application Form) to the JTS.

PROJECTS MAY RECEIVE GRANTS FROM THE PROGRAMME PROVIDED THEY MEET ALL THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION IMPACT/BENEFITS

They deliver a clear cross-border cooperation impact and benefits as described in the Programming document and demonstrate added value to the respective strategies and programmes of the EU, Poland, Belarus and Ukraine.

IMPLEMENTATION IN THE PROGRAMME AREA

They are implemented in the Programme area. In special cases, projects may be partially implemented outside the Programme area (but on the territory of Poland, Belarus or Ukraine) provided that all the following conditions are met:

- the projects are necessary for achieving the Programme's objectives and they benefit the Programme area;
- the total amount allocated under the Programme to activities outside the Programme area does not exceed 20% of the Union contribution at the Programme level;
- activities outside the Programme area cannot be of investment and/or infrastructure character;

The **area** of the Programme covers the following regions:

in Poland: Krośnieński, Przemyski, Rzeszowski, Tarnobrzeczki, Chełmsko-zamojski, Puławski, Lubelski, Bialski, Ostrołęcko-siedlecki, Łomżyński, Białostocki, Suwalski sub-regions;

in Belarus: Grodno, Brest, Minsk (including the city of Minsk) and Gomel Oblasts;

in Ukraine: Lvivska, Volynska, Zakarpatska, Rivnenska, Ternopiłska and Ivano-Frankivska Oblasts.

PROJECT CATEGORY

They fall within one of the following categories:

Integrated projects

where each beneficiary implements a part of the activities of the project on its own territory;

Symmetrical projects

where similar activities are implemented in parallel in the participating countries;

Single-country projects

where projects are implemented mainly or entirely in one of the participating countries but for the benefit of all or some of the participating countries and where cross-border impacts and benefits are identified.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROGRAMME INDICATORS

They contribute to at least one of the output indicators and one result indicator defined in the list of indicators for priority within which the project will be implemented (see Full list of indicators- Annex no. 8. to the Programme Manual Part I- Applicant).

DURATION

The planned **duration** of the project may not exceed 24 months.

RANGE OF GRANTS AND CO-FINANCING

The **grant** for the Project should be within the range of min. 100 000 EUR and max. 2 500 000 EUR. No grant may exceed 90% of the total eligible costs of the project. The balance must be financed from the lead beneficiary's and/or beneficiaries' own resources, or from sources other than the European Union budget.

PROJECT TYPE

Three **types of projects** may be financed within the Programme:

Infrastructure project

- project which requires building permission or its equivalent (e.g. notification of works component – zgłoszenie robót budowlanych, declaration on the beginning of construction works etc.) according to the national legislation in force for the country where works take place or
- project including infrastructure activities (defined in the Budget heading 6 Infrastructure component) with a total value over 50 000 EUR.

The Infrastructure component shall include the total costs of:

- works and services related to (re)construction, renovation, installation of infrastructure and its supervision
- other activities related to planned works like e.g.: costs of preparation of the technical documentation, costs of supplies including purchase of fixed assets.

The total amount of costs foreseen in the Infrastructure component (Budget heading 6) shall be lower than 2 500 000 EUR.

Investment project

project with supplies of fixed assets within the budget line for equipment (e.g. equipment like: computers, machines, tools, licences etc.) worth more than 50 000 EUR.

If a project can be defined at the same time as infrastructure and investment, its categorisation should be decided basing on the costs proportion in the budget (i.e. if more costs are related to works or to purchase of equipment). Nevertheless any project which meets the definition of infrastructure project is obliged to submit all relevant annexes to the Full Application Form.

Soft project

other projects not defined as "infrastructure" or "investment" are regarded as soft.

SUSTAINABILITY

Outputs of the project shall be sustained in accordance with its description but no less than five years after its completion. All investment and infrastructure projects have to ensure that outputs obtained and results achieved are durable and suitable for continuation after project closure. Any investment project or project including an infrastructure component shall repay the Union contribution if, within **five years** of the project closure (or within the period of time set out in state aid rules, where applicable), it is subject to a substantial change affecting its nature, objectives or implementation conditions which would result in undermining its original objectives.

PARTNERSHIP

Each project shall be implemented by at least one institution from Poland and one from Belarus or Ukraine (more on partnership see card “Eligibility of partnership, lead beneficiaries and beneficiaries”).

THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF PROJECTS ARE INELIGIBLE:

- actions that have already been approved for financing from other sources, including other EU programmes. If the action or its separate activities have been proposed for financing from other sources, the MA should be informed about this fact by the lead beneficiary;
- actions that have the purpose or effect of producing a profit for the lead beneficiary or beneficiary(ies);
- actions concentrated only or mainly on charitable events;
- actions in which the lead beneficiary and beneficiary(ies) re-grant the funding;
- actions in which beneficiaries act as intermediaries i.e. are not directly responsible for the implementation of the action but hire a third party responsible for the implementation of project activities on their behalf;
- regular events. However:
 - the start-up phase of regular events can be supported under the Programme;
 - if innovative elements are included to the organization of the regular editions of events – they may also be eligible. Such activities must be duly described in the Full Application Form;
- actions with negative impact on environment or not respecting other EU horizontal policy rules;
- actions constituting state aid.