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I. Technical part

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1. IDENTIFICATION

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| Reporting Period | From 01.07.2018 to 30.06.2019 |
| Date of approval by the Joint Monitoring Committee | 07/02/2020 |

2. KEEP DATABASE²

Projects selected within the 1st Call for Proposals under the TO HERITAGE, TO ENVIRONMENT and TO ACCESSIBILITY and contracted large infrastructure projects selected via direct award procedure under the TO HERITAGE and TO ACCESSIBILITY in the reporting period are not yet encoded in KEEP.

One employee of the Joint Technical Secretariat of the Poland-Russia Cross-border Cooperation Programme was trained to work with KEEP during the 'KEEP EU training for the CBC Programmes' organised by TESIM on 24 October 2019. It is planned to start introducing the data to KEEP in the first quarter of 2020.

The list of the projects selected and not yet encoded in KEEP is attached to the current report (Annex 5.7).

3. OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME

3.1 Executive summary

The main achievements of the Poland-Russia Cross-border Cooperation Programme 2014-2020 (hereafter – the Programme) during the reporting period were (a) assessment and selection of 12 regular projects submitted within the 1st Call for Proposals under the TO HERITAGE by the Joint Monitoring Committee of the Programme (JMC) and (b) signature of 3 grant contracts of Large Infrastructure Projects (LIPs) selected and approved by the EC.

¹ In accordance with the Council of Ministers' Decree of November 19, 2019 Ministry of Investment and Economic Development was transformed into Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy.

² A limited number of statistics are requested from you in this report based on the assumption that most data are available in the KEEP database - hence the importance of maintaining KEEP up to date.

<http://www.keep.eu/keep/>

During the reporting period, the 1st Call for Proposals was closed on 16 July 2018 with 118 applications received under 3 TOs – HERITAGE, ENVIRONMENT and ACCESSIBILITY. There were no project applications submitted under TO BORDERS.

The JTS received a total of **118** Application Forms (AFs) for the total budget of **EUR 210 716 042,85** and the requested Programme co-financing of **EUR 187 325 566,85**. The planned Programme allocation was **EUR 41 416 888,64**.

During the reporting period, the JTS with support of the BO conducted administrative and eligibility check of 57 AFs submitted within the TO HERITAGE and then performed quality assessment of 44 AFs passed through administrative and eligibility check (including 3 projects after appealing procedure). 12 AFs were selected for co-financing. Contracting of the selected 12 projects took place after the reporting period.

During the reporting period, administrative and eligibility check of 42 AFs submitted under TO ENVIRONMENT and of 19 AFs submitted under TO ACCESSIBILITY was performed. Quality assessment and selection of the projects for co-financing under TO ACCESSIBILITY took place after the reporting period.

The 3rd JMC meeting took place in Svetlogorsk (Russia) on 17-18 January 2019 to select the projects recommended for funding from the TO HERITAGE. During the JMC meeting it was decided to co-finance 12 projects and include 2 projects into the reserve list. Total budget of projects selected for co-financing was **EUR 14,706,971.99**.

With regard to other significant milestones of the Programme, the Financial Agreement between Poland, the Russian Federation and the European Commission regarding the implementation of the Poland-Russia Cross-border Cooperation Programme 2014-2020 entered into force on 1 November 2018.

Furthermore, on 15 May 2019, the Ministry of Investment and Economic Development of Poland was successfully designated as the Managing Authority of the Programme. Following the decision of the European Commission, the Poland-Russia Cross-border Cooperation Programme 2014-2020 officially entered its implementation phase and contracting of the projects could be started.

Three grant contracts for the LIPs were signed. One grant contract for the project titled "Construction of the new route of the regional road No. 512 with the construction of the bridge over the Łyna River in Bartoszyce" in Bartoszyce (Poland) was signed on 11 June 2019. The remaining two: for projects "Development of tourist-recreational potential and water tourism in Svetly and Malbork towns (phase II)" and "Cross-border cycle routes for promotion and sustainable use of cultural heritage" were signed during the Partner Regions Forum and the Annual Event of the Programme on 18 June 2019.

3.2 Progress achieved in implementing the Programme and its Priorities

The following key performance indicators were achieved within the reporting period:

- 1 JMC meeting took place;
- 3 grant contracts for LIPs were signed;
- 12 projects from TO HERITAGE submitted within the 1st Call for Proposals were selected for funding;
- 2 Annual events of the Programme were organised;
- 1 CfP was closed with 118 AFs submitted;
- 5 documents regarding Programme implementation i.e. 'Evaluation and assessment manual', 'AF for the project of TA for JTS/CCP/MA and updated TA Multiannual Budget', updated templates of beneficiary reports, modified templates of the grant contract and partnership agreement, updated JOP were approved by the JMC via written procedure.

Results and outputs by thematic objective and priority

TO Heritage – Promotion of local culture and preservation of historical heritage

Priority: Cooperating on historical, natural and cultural heritage for their preservation and cross-border development

Not applicable. Standard projects were selected in the Programme during the reporting period, but not yet contracted. There were two LIPs contracted in June 2019, however no project activities started by the end of June 2019..

| Expected results* | Result Indicators (RI)* | RI units* | RI Baselines* | RI [1 st measure]** | RI [2 nd measure]** | RI [final measure]** |
|--|--|-----------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| | | | RI Targets* | | | |
| Increased number of visitors to the historical heritage and cultural sites | Increased number of visitors to the historical heritage and cultural sites | [%] | 0,00 | - | - | - |
| | | | 2,7 | | | |
| Increased number of visitors to the historical and natural heritage and cultural sites | Increased number of visitors to the historical and natural heritage and cultural sites | [%] | 0,00 | - | - | - |
| | | | 6,0 | | | |
| Increased number of visitors to the cultural sites | Increased number of visitors to the cultural sites | [%] | 0,00 | - | - | - |
| | | | 2,5 | | | |

| Result Indicators (RI)* | Output indicators (OI)* (common OI to be included in grey shaded cells) | OI units* | OI [cumulative figure from previous reports] | OI [current report] | OI [Total cumulative figure] |
|--|--|--------------------------------|--|---------------------|------------------------------|
| | | OI targets* | | | |
| Increased number of visitors to the historical heritage and cultural sites | ENI/ CBC 6. Number of organisations using programme support for promoting local culture and preserving historical heritage | [number of organisations] | - | - | - |
| | | 9 (13***) | | | |
| Increased number of | Number of improved cultural, historical | [cultural, historical, tourist | - | - | - |

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|--|--|--------------------|---|---|---|
| visitors to the historical and natural heritage and cultural sites | touristic and natural sites as a direct consequence of programme support | and natural sites] | | | |
| | | 92 (18***) | | | |
| Increased number of visitors to the cultural sites | Number of cross-border cultural events organised using the Programme support | [cultural event] | - | - | - |
| | | 22 (9***) | | | |

* as specified in the JOP or as measured before the 1st call for proposals

** to be provided if available and in any case in the final report

*** in case of non-implementation of LIPs

TO Environment – Environmental protection, climate change mitigation and adaptation

Priority: Cooperation for the clean natural environment in the cross-border area

Not applicable, no projects were selected in the Programme during the reporting period.

| Expected results* | Result Indicators (RI)* | RI units* | RI Baselines* | RI [1 st measure]** | RI [2 nd measure]** | RI [final measure]** |
|---|--|-----------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| | | | RI Targets* | | | |
| Percentage of population served by improved wastewater or waste treatment systems | Percentage of population served by improved wastewater or waste treatment systems | [%] | 0,00 | - | - | - |
| | | | 0,43 (0,13***) | | | |
| Percentage of population served by developed wastewater or waste treatment systems ¹ / percentage improvement of water status/class ² | Percentage of population served by developed wastewater or waste treatment systems / percentage improvement of water status/class. | [%] | 0,00 | - | - | - |
| | | | 0,3 ³ /0,0 ⁴ *** | | | |

³ percentage of population served by developed wastewater or waste treatment systems

⁴ percentage improvement of water status/class

| | | | | | | |
|--|--|-----|---------------|---|---|---|
| Percentage of population served by improved water supply | Percentage of population served by improved water supply | [%] | 0,00 | - | - | - |
| | | | 1,56 (0,2***) | | | |
| Percentage of population benefiting from environmental protection and climate change preventing measures | Percentage of population benefiting from environmental protection and climate change preventing measures | [%] | 0,00 | - | - | - |
| | | | 1,7 (0,6***) | | | |

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***** in case of non-implementation of LIPs**

| Result Indicators (RI)* | Output indicators (OI)* (common OI to be included in grey shaded cells) | OI units* | OI [cumulative figure from previous reports] | OI [current report] | OI [Total cumulative figure] |
|---|--|---|--|---------------------|------------------------------|
| | | OI targets* | | | |
| Percentage of population served by improved wastewater or waste treatment systems | Additional population served by improved wastewater or waste treatment systems | [population equivalent] | - | - | - |
| | | 22 799 (6 805***) | | | |
| Percentage of population served by developed wastewater or waste treatment systems ¹ / percentage improvement of water status/class ² | Additional wastewater and waste treatment capacity | [population equivalent /day or tonne/day] | - | - | - |
| | | 3 220 | | | |
| Percentage of population served by improved water supply | Number of projects aimed at improving the water supply | [project] | - | - | - |
| | | 2 (1***) | | | |

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|--|---|------------------|---|---|---|
| Percentage of population benefiting from environmental protection and climate change preventing measures | Number of joint actions and measures aimed at environmental protection or preventing climate change | [project/action] | | | |
| | | 3 | - | - | - |

*** as specified in the JOP or as measured before the 1st call for proposals**

***** in case of non-implementation of LIPs**

TO Accessibility – Improvement of accessibility to the regions, development of sustainable and climate-proof transport and communication networks and systems

Priority - Accessible regions and sustainable cross-border transport and communication

Not applicable. No standard projects were selected in the Programme during the reporting period. There was 1 LIP contracted in June 2019, however no activities were reported till the end of reporting period (30 June 2019).

| Expected results* | Result Indicators (RI)* | RI units* | RI Baselines* | RI [1 st measure]** | RI [2 nd measure]** | RI [final measure]** |
|--|--|-----------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| | | | RI Targets* | | | |
| Increased safety/decreased no. of accidents in cross-border traffic | Increased safety/decreased no. of accidents in cross-border traffic | [%] | 0,00 | - | - | - |
| | | | 0,006 (0,011***) | | | |
| Increased number of persons using information and communication technologies (ITC) | Increased number of persons using information and communication technologies (ITC) | [%] | 0,00 | - | - | - |
| | | | 0,0083 (0,02***) | | | |

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***** in case of non-implementation of LIPs**

| Result Indicators (RI)* | Output indicators (OI)* (common OI to be included in grey shaded cells) | OI units* | OI [cumulative figure from previous reports] | OI [current report] | OI [Total cumulative figure] |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------|--|---------------------|------------------------------|
| | | OI targets* | | | |
| Increased safety/decreased no. | ENI/ CBC 27. Total length of | [km] | - | - | - |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|-----------------------|---|---|---|
| of accidents in cross-border traffic | reconstructed or upgraded roads | 21,297 (37,133***) | | | |
| Increased number of persons using information and communications technologies (ITC) | Number of organisations using programme support for information and communications technologies (ITC) development | [organisation] | | | |
| | | 8 (16***) | - | - | - |

** as specified in the JOP or as measured before the 1st call for proposals*

**** in case of non-implementation of LIPs*

TO Borders – Promotion of border management and border security, mobility and migration management - not applicable, no projects were selected in the Programme during the reporting period.

Priority - Joint actions for border efficiency and security

| Expected results* | Result Indicators (RI)* | RI units* | RI Baselines* | RI [1 st measure]** | RI [2 nd measure]** | RI [final measure]** |
|--|--|-----------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| | | | RI Targets* | | | |
| Increased efficiency of border clearance | Increased efficiency of border clearance | [%] | 0,00 | - | - | - |
| | | | 17 | | | |

** as specified in the JOP or as measured before the 1st call for proposals*

*** to be provided if available and in any case in the final report*

**** in case of non-implementation of LIPs*

| Result Indicators (RI)* | Output indicators (OI)* (common OI to be included in grey shaded cells) | OI units* | OI [cumulative figure from previous reports] | OI [current report] | OI [Total cumulative figure] |
|--|---|---------------|--|---------------------|------------------------------|
| | | OI targets* | | | |
| Increased efficiency of border clearance | ENI/CBC 38. Increased throughput capacity of persons on land border crossing points | [persons/day] | - | - | - |
| | | 9 632 | | | |

** as specified in the JOP*

**** in case of non-implementation of LIPs*

3.3 Problems and achievements reported by project applicants and beneficiaries

3.3.1 Summary of issues reported

Not applicable, no projects started implementation during the reporting period. Minor issues were reported by the applicants with relation to the e-application software usage.

3.3.2 Success stories

Not applicable, projects were selected during the reporting period, however no projects started to be implemented during the reporting period.

3.4 Implementation of Large Infrastructure Projects (LIPs) (if applicable)

During the reporting period three LIPs were contracted:

PR/LIP/01/2016 - "Development of tourist-recreational potential and water tourism in Svetly and Malbork towns (PHASE 2)" with total budget amounting to 5,117,838.46 EUR (grant contract signed on 18 June 2019). In accordance with the grant contract the implementation of the project began on 1 July 2019;

PR/LIP/02/2016 - "CBCycle: Cross-border cycle routes for promotion and sustainable use of cultural heritage" with total budget amounting to 4,500,000.00 EUR (grant contract signed on 18 June 2019). In accordance of the grant contract the project implementation period began on 19 June 2019;

PR/LIP/07/2016 - "Construction of the new route of the voivodeship road No. 512 with the construction of the bridge over the Lyna river in Bartoszyce" with total budget amounting to 8,040,000.00 EUR (grant contract signed on 11 June 2019). In accordance of the grant contract the project implementation period began on 12 June 2019.

No activities were reported by the LIPs till the end of reporting period (30 June 2019).

3.5 Financial implementation

Not applicable, projects from TO HERITAGE were selected in the Programme in January 2019, i.e. during the reporting period, however no projects started to be implemented during the reporting period and no pre-financing was transferred to the selected projects during the reporting period.

3.5.1 Cumulative figures of previous reports:

| Thematic objectives | EU allocation*/ EU allocation + Russian financial contribution, EUR | EU allocation*, EUR | | Total amount of eligible expenditure accepted by the MA, EUR | | Absorption rate in % | |
|---------------------|--|----------------------|---|---|--|-------------------------|---|
| | | Standard projects | LIPs selected via direct award | Standard projects | LIPs selected via direct award | Standard projects | LIPs select ed via direct award |
| HERITAGE | 13,351,774.71/ 20,750,503.66 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ENVIRONMENT | 11,152,413.18/ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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|---------------|---------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 17,348,198.28 | | | | | | |
| ACCESSIBILITY | 9,293,677.65/ 13,424,201.05 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BORDERS | 3,717,471.06/ 5,782,732.76 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 37,515,336.60/ 57,305,635.75 | | | | | | |

* as specified in the JOP

3.5.2 Figures for the reporting period:

Since the previous reporting period the JMC approved the JOP update (by written procedure finalized on September 21, 2018). The JOP modification included among others increasing of the allocations for TOs HERITAGE, ENVIRONMENT and ACCESSIBILITY by 1/3 of the allocation of the TO BORDERS. However the EC approved modified JOP with updated amounts on 02 August 2019, i.e. after the reporting period.

| Thematic objectives | EU allocation* / EU allocation + Russian financial contribution*, EUR | | Total amount of eligible expenditure accepted by the MA | | Absorption rate in % | |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Standard projects | LIPs selected via direct award | Standard projects | LIPs selected via direct award | Standard projects | LIPs selected via direct award |
| HERITAGE | 0/0 | 7 253 013,00/ 8 652 747,11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ENVIRONMENT | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ACCESSIBILITY | 0/0 | 5 240 745,00/ 7 236 000,00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| BORDERS | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0/0 | 12 493 758,00/ 15 888 747,11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

* contracted in the reporting period

3.5.3 Total cumulative figures of previous and current reports:

| Thematic objectives | EU allocation* / EU allocation + Russian financial contribution*, EUR | | Total amount of eligible expenditure accepted by the MA | | Absorption rate in % | |
|---------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| | Standard projects | LIPs selected via direct award | Standard projects | LIPs selected | Standard | LIPs selected |

| | | | | via direct award | projec ts | ed via direct awar d |
|-------------------|-----|---------------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| HERITAGE | 0/0 | 7 253 013,00/ 8 652 747,11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ENVIRON MENT | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ACCESSIBI LITY | 0/0 | 5 240 745,00/ 7 236 000,00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BORDERS | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0/0 | 12 493 758,00/ 15 888 747,11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

* contracted until the end of the reporting period

4. PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

4.1 Summary of main activities

➤ *Main activities performed by the JMC*

During the reporting period, the 3rd JMC meeting was held on 17-18 January, 2019 in Svetlogorsk, Kaliningrad Region, Russia. The following decisions were made by the JMC during the meeting:

- 12 projects from the TO HERITAGE were selected by the JMC for funding and 2 projects were put on the reserve list;
- It was agreed to conduct the 4th JMC meeting on 16-18 October, 2019.

Additionally, decisions concerning Programme implementation were made by the JMC members via written procedures. List of the JMC decisions taken via written procedures (approvals):

| No. | Launch date | Closure date | Subject |
|-----|-------------|--------------|---|
| 1 | 22.06.2018 | 06.07.2018 | Written procedure for approval of the Evaluation and assessment manual |
| 2 | 20.08.2019 | 03.09.2019 | Written procedure for the approval of the AF for the project of TA for JTS/CCP/MA and updated TA Multiannual Budget |
| 3 | 20.08.2019 | 21.09.2019 | Written procedure for approval of the updated JOP |
| 4 | 08.10.2018 | 22.10.2018 | Written procedure for approval of the templates of beneficiary reports |
| 5 | 21.11.2018 | 28.11.2018 | Written procedure for the approval of the updated AF for the project of TA for JTS/CCP/MA and the updated TA Multiannual Budget |
| 6 | 29.01.2019 | 12.02.2019 | Written procedure for approval of the Annual Report PL-RU |

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| 7 | 18.03.2019 | 25.03.2019 | Written procedure for approval of the modified templates of the Grant Contract and the Partnership Agreement |
| 8 | 29.04.2019 | 15.05.2019 | Written procedure for approval of the FAF of PRLIPO22016 |
| 9 | 19.06.2019 | 28.06.2019 | Written procedure for approval of the modifications in the projects under TO HERITAGE |

➤ *Main activities of the MA undertaken in the reporting period:*

- preparation (with the assistance of the JTS) of the Programme documents submitted for the approval of the JMC;
- overall co-ordination of the project assessment process of the project proposals and handling the complaints;
- modification of the JTS Procedures Manual and finalisation of the document;
- contracting of 3 LIPS;
- participation in events/seminars/workshops/meetings on the Programme development and future perspective planning organized by TESIM, INTERACT or European Commission;
- preparing procedures and arranging the technicalities with OLAF to be included in the IMS (Irregularity Management System) and be able to report irregularities via the system for the whole programme, as it had been stipulated in the Note to the MAs in charge of ENI CBC Programmes 2014-2020 on the notification of irregularities. The inclusion of the programme in the IMS module is presumed for the fourth quarter of 2019;
- conducting a systemic control of the JTS's and Polish CCP's performance and realization of entrusted tasks;
- conducting risk assessment for the PL-RU Programme;
- updating of the MA Procedure Manual;
- conducting working meetings with the JTS and CCP in Poland regarding programme implementation.

➤ *Main activities of the JTS and the Branch office of the JTS in Kaliningrad (BO):*

The JTS assisted the MA in modification and finalisation of a series of documents regarding the Programme implementation i.e. 'Guidelines on Expenditure Verification', 'Manual Part II – Project Implementation', 'Grant Contract and Partnership Agreement', 'Evaluation and Assessment Manual'. During the reporting period the JTS closed the 1st CfP, implemented administrative and eligibility check and quality assessment of the submitted AFs of the projects within TO Heritage.

The JTS employees took part in the number of events/seminars/workshops/meetings on Programme development as well as future perspective planning organized by TESIM or the EC:

- Network meeting of the ‘Northern cluster’ programmes in Tartu (Estonia) – on 22-23 August 2018;
- Interreg finance management camp in Florence (Italy) – on 06-09 November 2018;
- Interreg project communication camp in Lyon (France) on 20-21 November 2018;
- Interreg communication network meeting in Amsterdam (Netherlands) – on 9-10 April 2019;
- Present and Future of the Cross-border Cooperation along the EU’s External Borders (TESIM) in Rome (Italy) – on 9-10 April 2019;
- Developing common indicators for Interreg post-2020 in Leuven (Belgium) – on 14 May 2019;
- Network meeting of ENI CBC communication managers (TESIM) in Palermo (Italy) – on 14-15 May 2019;
- Interreg Annual Meeting 2019 in Bukharest (Romania) – on 22-23 May 2019;
- Northern Cluster of ENI CBC Programmes (TESIM) in Kaliningrad (Russia) – on 5-6 June 2019.

Moreover, the JTS hosted the representative of the Kolarctic CBC Programme 2014-2020 in its premises for study visit - TAEIX REGIO / Study Visit on Exchange of practices between EU-Russia ENI CBC Programmes: visit of the representative of the Kolarctic CBC Programme 2014-2020 to the Joint Technical Secretariat of the Poland-Russia CBC Programme 2014-2020 in Olsztyn (Poland) – on 25-29 March 2019. Kolarctic CBC Programme 2014-2020 hosted the representative of the JTS and representative of the MA of the Poland-Russia CBC Programme 2014-2020 for mutual study visit on 07-09 May 2019 in Rovaniemi (Finland).

JTS employees were involved in the activities related to the Programme implementation:

- Internal meeting with BO in Kaliningrad (Russia) regarding financial and reporting issues for the BO as well as presentation of the BO functions and activities to the CPE management – on 9-11 July 2018.
- Cycling Ride ‘Poland-Russia’ dedicated to celebration of the European Cooperation Day (on the territories of Poland and Russia) – on 21-22 September 2018.
- Annual Event of the Poland-Russia Cross-border Cooperation Programme 2014-2020 „Full speed ahead!” in Mikołajki (Poland) on 09 October 2018.
- Poland-Russia and South Baltic Bike Ride devoted to celebration of the Europe Day (Poland) – on 10-11 May 2019.
- Event devoted to signature of the Grant Contract for the large infrastructure project PR/LIP/07/2016 "Construction of the new route of the regional road No. 512 with the construction of the bridge over the Łyna River in Bartoszyce" in Bartoszyce (Poland) – on 11 June 2019.
- Annual Event of the Poland-Russia Cross-Border Cooperation Programme 2014-2020 in Kaliningrad (Russia) – on 18-19 June 2019. Event was organized in the framework of the Partner Regions Forum in Kaliningrad.

The JTS employees also participated in various training events with the aim of improving their professional qualifications (e.g. in public procurement, etc).

Other conferences, seminars and events organized within the Programme area where information about the Programme was disseminated:

- Economic Forum in Krynica - Zdrój (Poland) – on 5-6 September 2018.
- Eastern Economic Forum in Białystok (Poland) – on 2-4 October 2018;
- Conference devoted to the 10th Anniversary of the Center of European Projects ‘Cross-border and transnational cooperation within European funds’ in Warsaw (Poland) – on 12 December 2018;
- Information meeting in Marshall Office of Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodeship in Olsztyn (Poland) – on 15 January 2019;
- Polish Culture Festival "Promotion of the local culture within the Poland-Russia Cross-Border Cooperation Programme 2014-2020" in Kaliningrad (Russia) – on 26 April 2019;
- 10th Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region in Gdańsk (Poland) on 12-13 June 2019.
- 5th European Congress of Local Governments in Kraków (Poland) - on 8-9 April 2019.
- Forum of Cities and Regions in Jasionka (Poland) (devoted to Polish Presidency in the Berlin Process) – on 4-6 June 2019.

JTS staff participated in the number of training events/meetings regarding skills development/knowledge improvement and sharing best practices:

- Control of public procurement related to EU funds in Gdańsk (Poland) – on 01-02 October 2018;
- Annual training for CPE employees in Jachranka (Poland) - on 12-14 December 2018;
- Meeting of the heads of Joint Secretariats in Olsztyn (Poland) regarding information and promotion activities plan and practices, public procurement rules and General Data Protection Regulation rules – on 19 July 2018;

Events organized by the JTS and third parties, where the Programme was presented, were attended in total by more than 15000 participants. Additionally, the JTS conducted individual consultations at its premises in Olsztyn and over 200 email/telephone consultations altogether.

During the reporting period, the JTS project and financial managers acted as internal assessors and performed administrative and eligibility check and quality assessment of the AFs submitted within the 1st Call for Proposals under the TO HERITAGE. Moreover, in the reporting period administrative and eligibility check of projects submitted under TO ENVIRONMENT and TO ACCESSIBILITY was performed.

The BO in Kaliningrad continued to perform its tasks under the service contract signed on 15 March 2018 for the three years period.

Apart from consulting applicants on the Programme requirements and assisting the JTS in fulfilment of its daily tasks, the BO was also involved in the following activities:

- organization and assistance in conducting of 2 bike rides;
- organization and assistance in conducting the Annual event of the Programme in Kaliningrad;
- organization and assistance in conducting the 3rd JMC Meeting in Svetlogorsk;
- assistance in administrative and eligibility check of the projects submitted within the 1st Call for Proposals under the TOs HERITAGE, ENVIRONMENT and ACCESSIBILITY;
- assistance to the JTS in translation, proof-reading of documents and content for the Programme web-site, drafting of news for the Programme web-site.

In total during the reporting period the BO conducted 35 individual consultations in the BO office in Kaliningrad, 48 e-mail consultations and 274 telephone consultations.

➤ *Main activities of the Contact Control Points (CCPs) and National Authority (NA):*

As regards the functioning of the CCPs, the Guidelines on expenditure verification for the Poland-Russia CBC Programme 2014-2020 has been modified.

Regular working contacts between the MA, the JTS, the BO, the Polish CCP and the National Authorities (NAs) turned out to be very useful for managing the Programme. The Programme authorities however identified a risk for further sound implementation of the Programme related to the lack of the operational Russian CCP. The Russian NA was requested by the MA to arrange for the operation of the CCP with no further delays.

The NA in Poland conducted a second meeting of the self-assessment team for the risk analysis for the programme. The meeting took place on 31st October 2018, with participation of the MA, Polish NA (responsible for coordinating the programme management and control system) and the JTS and Polish CCP. The analysis was carried out in line with the assumptions of the *European Structural and Investment Funds Guidance for Member States and Programme Authorities* “Fraud Risk Assessment and Effective and Proportionate Anti-Fraud Measures”. The analysis and meetings of the team take time on annual basis. The next analysis is planned for autumn 2019.

The NA in Poland introduced a new procedure related to the anti-fraud measures. The Institutions: the MA, the Polish NA and the JTS, while performing their respective tasks, have been obliged to use the IMS Signals mechanism to exchange information on suspected fraud and corruption between institutions under different operational programmes.

➤ *Activities of the Audit Authority:*

Between June 2018 and October 2018 the Audit Authority, acting in a role of the Independent Audit Body, carried out a designation audit in line with Article 25 of the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 897/2014.

The Audit Authority assessed the compliance of the management and control systems with the designation criteria laid down in Annex I to the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 897/2014.

As a result of the audit an unqualified opinion has been issued by the Audit Authority.

4.2. Management of the calls for proposals

The deadline for submitting Application Forms (AFs) was set on 16 July 2018. AFs were submitted via the on-line application system developed by external company for the purposes of the 1st CfP. The JTS received a total of **118** Application Forms for the total budget of **EUR 210 716 042,85** and the requested Programme co-financing of **EUR 187 325 566,85**. The planned Programme allocation – **EUR 41 416 888,64**. The CfP was opened for all Thematic Objectives (TOs) of the Programme: HERITAGE, ENVIRONMENT, ACCESSIBILITY and BORDERS. In the reporting period 12 projects from TO HERITAGE were selected for co-financing by the JMC during the 3rd JMC Meeting held on 17-18 January 2019 in Svetlogorsk. (Russia) 2 projects were put into reserved list. No projects were contracted during the reporting period.

During the reporting period the JTS with support of the BO conducted administrative and eligibility check of 57 AFs submitted within the TO HERITAGE and then performed quality assessment of 44 AFs passed through administrative and eligibility check (including 3 projects after appealing procedure).

During the reporting period administrative and eligibility check of 42 AFs submitted under TO ENVIRONMENT and 19 AFs submitted under TO ACCESSIBILITY was performed. Quality assessment and selection of the projects for co-financing took place after the reporting period.

Please provide an overview of the calls for proposals carried out using the tables as follows.

Table A: Projects by call and priority

| Thematic objective HERITAGE | | Call n°1 | | Total | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | | N° of projects | Total budget, EUR | N° of projects | Total budget, EUR |
| Priority 1 | Submitted | 57 | 100,620,839.82 | 57 | 100,620,839.82 |
| | Contracted* | 12** | 14,706,971.99 | 12** | 14,706,971.99 |
| Total | Submitted | 57 | 100,620,839.82 | 57 | 100,620,839.82 |

| | | | | | |
|--|-------------|------|---------------|------|---------------|
| | Contracted* | 12** | 14,706,971.99 | 12** | 14,706,971.99 |
|--|-------------|------|---------------|------|---------------|

* If, at the time of report submission, projects have been selected for funding but not contracted yet, figures should be provided for the projects selected for funding (with an explanatory footnote).

**projects were contracted later than the reporting period

| Thematic objective ENVIRONMENT | | Call n°1 | | Total | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | | N° of projects | Total budget, EUR | N° of projects | Total budget, EUR |
| Priority 2 | Submitted | 42 | 71,940,715.81 | 42 | 71,940,715.81 |
| | Contracted* | 10** | n/a*** | 10** | n/a*** |
| Total | Submitted | 42 | 71,940,715.81 | 42 | 71,940,715.81 |
| | Contracted* | 10** | n/a*** | 10** | n/a*** |

* If, at the time of report submission, projects have been selected for funding but not contracted yet, figures should be provided for the projects selected for funding (with an explanatory footnote).

**projects were selected by the JMC under conditions but not contracted yet

***exact amounts will be available after fulfilment of the conditions set by the JMCs by the selected projects and approval of the total eligible expenditure by the MA

| Thematic objective ACCESSIBILITY | | Call n°1 | | Total | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | | N° of projects | Total budget, EUR | N° of projects | Total budget, EUR |
| Priority 3 | Submitted | 19 | 38,154,487.22 | 19 | 38,154,487.22 |
| | Contracted* | 4** | n/a*** | 4** | n/a*** |
| Total | Submitted | 19 | 38,154,487.22 | 19 | 38,154,487.22 |
| | Contracted* | 4** | n/a*** | 4** | n/a*** |

* If, at the time of report submission, projects have been selected for funding but not contracted yet, figures should be provided for the projects selected for funding (with an explanatory footnote).

**projects were selected by the JMC under conditions but not contracted yet

***exact amounts will be available after fulfilment of the conditions set by the JMCs by the selected projects and approval of the total eligible expenditure by the MA

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| Thematic objective BORDERS | Call n°1 | Total |
|----------------------------|----------|-------|

| | | N° of projects | Total budget, EUR | N° of projects | Total budget, EUR |
|------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Priority 4 | Submitted | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Contracted* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | Submitted | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Contracted* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

* If, at the time of report submission, projects have been selected for funding but not contracted yet, figures should be provided for the projects selected for funding (with an explanatory footnote).

Table B: Projects by call and country of lead applicant/beneficiary

| Thematic objective HERITAGE | | Call n°1 | | Total | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | | N° of projects | Total budget, EUR | N° of projects | Total budget, EUR |
| Country A** (Poland) | Submitted | 45 | 82,043,001.49 | 45 | 82,043,001.49 |
| | Contracted* | 7*** | 7,206,434.26 | 7*** | 7,206,434.26 |
| Country B** (Russia) | Submitted | 12 | 18,577,838.33 | 12 | 18,577,838.33 |
| | Contracted* | 5*** | 7,500,537.73 | 5*** | 7,500,537.73 |
| Total | Submitted | 57 | 100,620,839.82 | 57 | 100,620,839.82 |
| | Contracted* | 12*** | 14,706,971.99 | 12*** | 14,706,971.99 |

* If, at the time of report submission, projects have been selected for funding but not contracted yet, figures should be provided for the projects selected for funding (with an explanatory footnote).

** Country of lead applicant

***projects were contracted later than the reporting period

| Thematic objective ENVIRONMENT | | Call n°1 | | Total | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | | N° of projects | Total budget, EUR | N° of projects | Total budget, EUR |
| Country A** (Poland) | Submitted | 37 | 68,189,580.40 | 37 | 68,189,580.40 |
| | Contracted* | 10*** | n/a**** | 10*** | n/a**** |
| Country B** | Submitted | 5 | 3,751,135.41 | 5 | 3,751,135.41 |

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|----------|-------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|
| (Russia) | Contracted* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | Submitted | 42 | 71,940,715.81 | 42 | 71,940,715.81 |
| | Contracted* | 10*** | n/a**** | 10*** | n/a**** |

* If, at the time of report submission, projects have been selected for funding but not contracted yet, figures should be provided for the projects selected for funding (with an explanatory footnote).

** Country of lead applicant

*** projects were selected by the JMC under conditions but not contracted yet

**** exact amounts will be available after fulfilment of the conditions set by the JMCs by the selected projects and approval of the total eligible expenditure by the MA

| Thematic objective ACCESSIBILITY | | Call n°1 | | Total | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | | N° of projects | Total budget, EUR | N° of projects | Total budget, EUR |
| Country A** (Poland) | Submitted | 19 | 38,154,487.22 | 19 | 38,154,487.22 |
| | Contracted* | 4*** | n/a**** | 4*** | n/a**** |
| Country B** (Russia) | Submitted | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Contracted* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | Submitted | 19 | 38,154,487.22 | 19 | 38,154,487.22 |
| | Contracted* | 4*** | n/a**** | 4*** | n/a**** |

* If, at the time of report submission, projects have been selected for funding but not contracted yet, figures should be provided for the projects selected for funding (with an explanatory footnote).

** Country of lead applicant

*** projects were selected by the JMC under conditions but not contracted yet

**** exact amounts will be available after fulfilment of the conditions set by the JMCs by the selected projects and approval of the total eligible expenditure by the MA

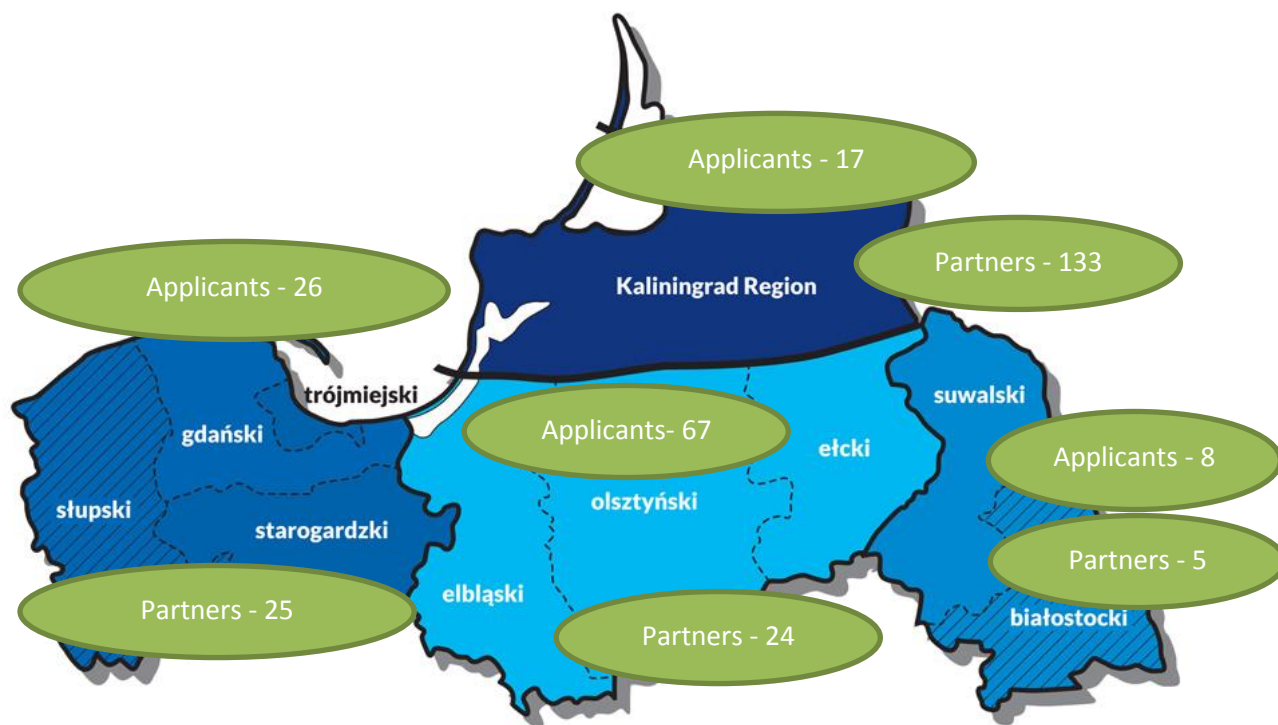
| Thematic objective BORDERS | | Call n°1 | | Total | |
|----------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | | N° of projects | Total budget, EUR | N° of projects | Total budget, EUR |
| Country A** (Poland) | Submitted | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Contracted* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Country B** (Russia) | Submitted | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Contracted* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | Submitted | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Contracted* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

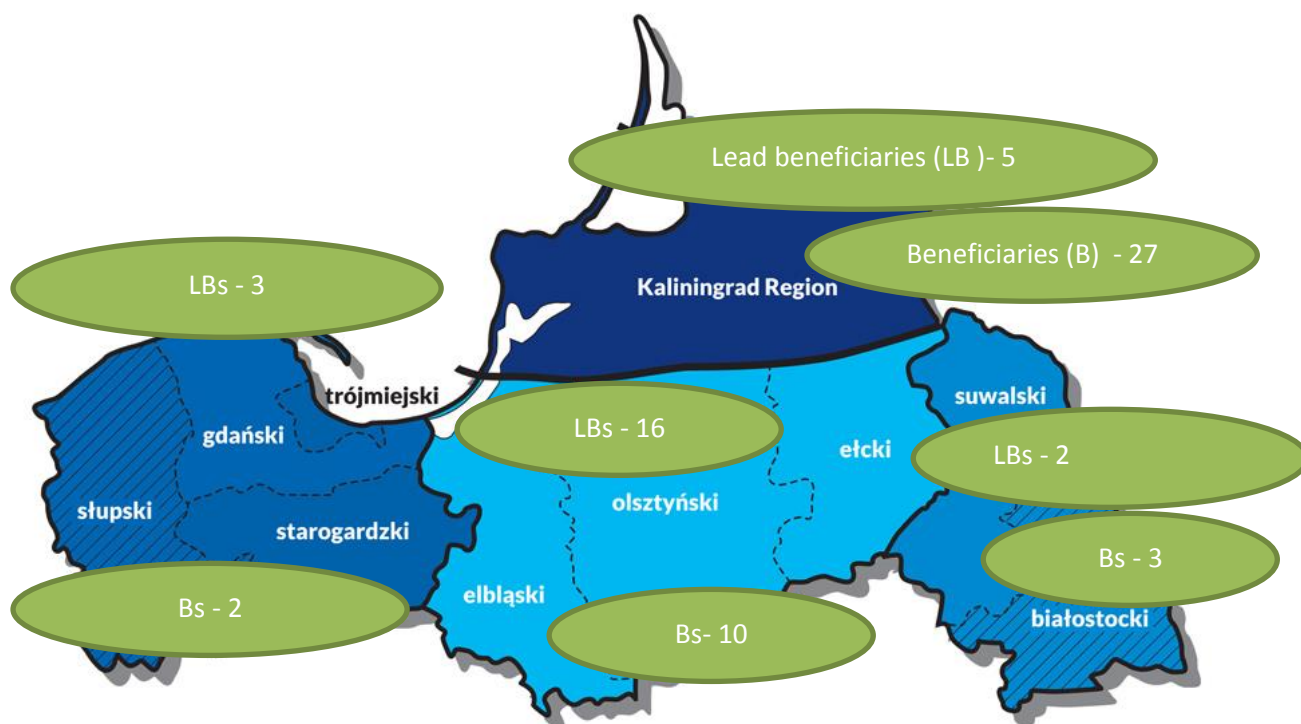
* If, at the time of report submission, projects have been selected for funding but not contracted yet, figures should be provided for the projects selected for funding (with an explanatory footnote).

** Country of lead applicant

Map A: Organisations involved in projects proposals submitted for funding



Map B: Organisations involved in grant contracts/projects selected for funding



With regards to division of the Lead Beneficiaries in the project proposals submitted for funding by country and region the situation is the following: Poland – 101 projects; Russia – 17 projects. Warminsko-Mazurskie Voivodeship – 67 projects; Pomorskie Voivodeship - 26 projects; Podlaskie Voivodeship – 8 projects; Kaliningrad Region – 17 projects.

Table C: Organisations involved in projects proposals submitted for funding and in grant contracts

| Country | Eligible regions | N° of Lead applicants | N° of partners | N° of lead beneficiaries | N° of partner beneficiaries |
|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Poland | Warminsko-Mazurskie Voivodeship | 67 | 24 | 16 | 10 |
| Poland | Pomorskie Voivodeship | 26 | 25 | 3 | 2 |
| Poland | Podlaskie Voivodeship | 8 | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| Russia | Kaliningrad Region | 17 | 133 | 5 | 27 |
| TOTAL | | 118 | 187 | 26 | 42 |

The same data presented in Maps A and B should also be provided in the above Table C.

4.3 Monitoring and evaluation (max 2 pages)

Not applicable, projects from the TO HERITAGE were selected in the Programme during the reporting period, however no projects started their implementation and were chosen for monitoring purposes.

4.4. Technical Assistance activities: Information and communication activities

All activities undertaken in the reporting period in relation to the Programme (i.e. information and communication activities, activities concerning the Programme website or publications, etc) were financed from the Technical Assistance of the Poland-Russia Cross-border Cooperation Programme 2014-2020.

4.4.1 List of information and communication activities

| Activity title and location | Aim of the activity | Target group | Message | Output | Results | Measures to ensure EU visibility |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| Cycling Ride 'Poland-Russia' dedicated to celebration of the European Cooperation Day (on the territories of Poland and Russia) – on 21-22 September 2018 (36 participants) | To inform about the Programme, networking | Potential beneficiaries of the Programme, representatives of national, regional and local authorities, non-governmental organisations, research institutions | Wider information about the programme and its achievements as well as networking and communication between potential beneficiaries and programme bodies | - Publication on the Programme website www.plru.eu , www.ewt.gov.pl www.ecday.eu | Public informed about the programme and its achievements; issues regarding programme implementation discussed informally | Visibility according to the requirements; EU logo used in all promo gadgets disseminated and publications about the event. EU contribution to the programme highlighted in publications. |
| Annual Event of the Poland-Russia Cross-border Cooperation | To inform about the Programme, promotion, networking | Representatives of Polish and Russian national, regional and local authorities, non- | Wider information about the programme and | - Presentations made for participants during the event | Public informed about the programme and its achievements | Visibility according to the requirements; EU logo used in all |

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| Programme 2014-2020 „Full speed ahead!” in Mikolajki (Poland) on 09 October 2018 (160 participants). | | governmental organizations, research institutions | its achievements as well as networking and communication | - Publication on the Programme website www.plru.eu | | documents, brochures, presentations and publications. EU contribution to the programme highlighted in presentations. |
| Poland-Russia and South Baltic Bike Ride devoted to celebration of the Europe Day (Poland) – on 10-11 May 2019 (38 participants). | To inform about the Programme, networking | Potential beneficiaries of the Programme, representatives of national, regional and local authorities, non-governmental organisations, research institutions | Wider information about the programme and its achievements as well as networking and communication | - Publication on the Programme website www.plru.eu | Public informed about the programme and its achievements | Visibility according to the requirements; EU logo used in all promo gadgets disseminated and publications about the event. EU contribution to the programme highlighted in publications. |
| Event devoted to signature of the Grant Contract for the large infrastructure project PR/LIP/07/2016 in Bartoszyce (Poland) – on 11 June 2019. | To sign the grant contract, to inform about signature of the grant contract and about the Programme | General public | Signature of the grant contract | - Publication on the programme website www.plru.eu ; www.wrota.warmia.mazury.pl - Publication in local press | Public informed about signature of the grant contract and the project | Visibility according to the requirements; EU logo used in all promo gadgets disseminated and publications about the event. EU contribution to |

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| | | | | | | the programme highlighted in publications. |
| Annual Event of the Poland-Russia Cross-Border Cooperation Programme 2014-2020 in Kaliningrad (Russia) – on 18-19 June 2019. Organised in the framework of Partner Regions Forum (289 participants). Annual event of the Programme (118 participants). | To inform about the Programme, promotion, networking | Representatives of Polish and Russian national, regional and local authorities, non-governmental organizations, research institutions | Wider information about the programme and its achievements as well as networking and communication | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentations made for participants during the event - Publication on the Programme website www.plru.eu | Public informed about the programme and its achievements | Visibility according to the requirements; EU logo used in all documents, brochures, presentations and publications. EU contribution to the programme highlighted in presentations. |
| External events with participation of the Programme representatives: | | | | | | |
| Economic Forum in Krynica - Zdrój | To inform about the Programme, promotion, | Wider public | Wider information about the | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentations made for participants during | Public informed about the programme and its | Visibility according to the requirements |

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| (Poland) – on 05 September 2018 (4000 participants). | networking | | programme and its achievements as well as networking and communication | the event - Publication on the Programme website www.plru.eu | achievements | |
| Eastern Economic Congress in Bialystok (Poland) – on 02-04 October 2018 (1500 participants); | To inform about the Programme, promotion, networking | Wider public | Wider information about the programme and its achievements as well as networking and communication | - Presentations made for participants during the event - Publication on the Programme website www.plru.eu | Public informed about the programme and its achievements | Visibility according to the requirements |
| Conference devoted to the 10 th Anniversary of the Center of European Projects ‘Cross-border and transnational cooperation within European Funds’ in Warsaw (Poland) – on 12 December 2018; | To inform about the Programme, promotion, networking | Wider public | Wider information about the programme and its achievements as well as networking and communication | - Presentations made for participants during the event | Public informed about the programme and its achievements | Visibility according to the requirements |
| Information meeting | To inform about | Wider public | Wider | - Presentations | Public informed | Visibility according |

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| in Marshall Office in Olsztyn (Poland) – on 15 January 2019; | the Programme, promotion, networking | | information about the programme and its achievements as well as networking and communication | made for participants during the event - Publication on the Programme website www.plru.eu ; www.warmia.mazury.pl | about the programme and its achievements | to the requirements |
| Polish Culture Festival "Promotion of the local culture within the Poland-Russia Cross-Border Cooperation Programme 2014-2020" in Kaliningrad (Russia) – on 26 April 2019 (50 participants); | To inform about the Programme, promotion, networking | Wider public | Wider information about the programme and its achievements as well as networking and communication | - Presentations made for participants during the event - Publication on the Programme website www.plru.eu | Public informed about the programme and its achievements | Visibility according to the requirements |
| 10th Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region in Gdańsk (Poland) on 12-13 June 2019. | To inform about the Programme, promotion, networking | Wider public | Wider information about the programme and its achievements as well as | - Presentations made for participants during the event - Publication on the Programme website | Public informed about the programme and its achievements | Visibility according to the requirements |

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| | | | networking and communication | www.plru.eu | | |
| 5th European Congress of Local Governments in Kraków (Poland) - on 8-9 April 2019 (2000 participants). Promotional stand of the Poland-Russia Cross-border cooperation Programme 2014-2020 was organized. | To inform about the Programme, promotion, networking | Wider public | Wider information about the programme and its achievements as well as networking and communication | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentations made for participants during the event - Publication on the Programme website www.plru.eu | Public informed about the programme and its achievements | Visibility according to the requirements |
| Forum of Cities and Regions in Jasionka (Poland) (devoted to Polish Presidency in the Berlin Process) – on 4-6 June 2019. Information and promotion stand of the Poland-Russia Cross-Border Cooperation | To inform about the Programme, promotion, networking | Wider public | Wider information about the programme and its achievements as well as networking and communication | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentations made for participants during the event - Publication on the Programme website www.plru.eu | Public informed about the programme and its achievements | Visibility according to the requirements |

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| Programme 2014-2020 was organized. | | | | | | |
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4.4.2 Summary of review by applicants/beneficiaries

Not applicable, no relevant activities were conducted during the reporting period.

4.4.3 Participation of EU Delegations

Not applicable, no relevant activities were conducted during the reporting period.

4.4.4 Programme website and social media

The website for the Programme was maintained on a regular basis during the reporting period (i.e. consultations with the IT company responsible for the development of the website, content development, etc). Moreover the Programme utilises TESIM facebook page for posting announcements of its events there.

4.4.5 Publications

During the reporting period, approximately 2 000 various promotional items (out of them approximately 500 brochures) were distributed at the internal and external events.

4.5. Other Technical Assistance activities

All activities undertaken in the reporting period in relation to the functioning of the Programme bodies were financed from the Technical Assistance the Poland-Russia Cross-border Cooperation Programme 2014-2020.

5. FORECAST FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR

5.1 Programme and beneficiaries' activities

5.1.1 Summary of main programme activities

Within the first six months of the next reporting period the following main activities took/will take place:

- Contracting process and signature of grant contracts for 12 selected projects within the TO HERITAGE.
- Quality assessment of projects under TO ENVIRONMENT and TO ACCESSIBILITY which passed administrative and eligibility check;
- Promotion of the Programme during 29th Economic Forum in Krynica Zdrój (Poland) on 03-05 September 2019;
- Promotion of the Programme during Polish Sociological Congress in Wroclaw (Poland) on 11-14 September 2019;
- Poland-Russia cross-border bike ride devoted to celebration of the European Cooperation Day (on the territories of Poland and Russia) on 20-21 September 2019.
- Participation in the Conference 'International cooperation – necessity and opportunity' in Goldap (Poland) on 02 October 2019;

- Conducting of 4th JMC Meeting in Worliny (Poland) on 17-18 October 2019 regarding selection of projects for funding under TO ENVIRONMENT and TO ACCESSIBILITY;
- Start of contracting process of selected projects under TO ENVIRONMENT and TO ACCESSIBILITY;
- Participation in the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg (France) on 29-31 October 2019;
- Participation in the Conference ‘Europe of Families’ in Warsaw (Poland) on 07-08 November 2019;
- Training events on the rules and requirements of implementation of projects (reporting, expenses verification, costs eligibility, changes, visibility etc.) for beneficiaries of the selected projects under TO HERITAGE and for contracted LIPs – 14 November 2019 in Olsztyn, 21 November 2019 in Gdansk, 29 November 2019 in Kaliningrad;
- Providing consultations (via phone, online and at the JTS premises) – on the regular basis.

Main activities planned for 2020 include:

- Keep.eu – providing data concerning projects and beneficiaries of the Programme in January-December 2020.
- Contracting of the projects selected for co-financing under the TO ENVIRONMENT and TO ACCESSIBILITY in December 2019-May 2020;
- Conducting of the Joint Programming Committee Meeting (JPC) for the perspective of 2021-2027 in Kaliningrad (Russia) on 26-28 February 2020 and in Gdansk (Poland) on 21-23 October 2020;
- Organising training events for beneficiaries in Poland and Russia in June 2020;
- Organising training events for auditors in Poland and Russia in April and September 2020;
- Organising a bicycle ride Suwalki-Goldap Gusev (on the territories of Poland and Russia) devoted to celebration of the Europe Day in May 2020;
- Organising Annual Event of the Programme and European Cooperation day in Warminsko-Masurskie Region in August/September 2020;
- 6th European Congress of Local Governments in Krakow (Poland) in April 2020;
- European Funds Open Days – encouraging beneficiaries to participate in the event (June 2020) as well as in the contests and promotional campaigns organised by the European Commission (2020);
- 30th Economic Forum in Krynica-Zdrój (Poland) in September 2020;
- Participation in the 10th International Forum of the Kaliningrad Partner Regions in Kaliningrad in September 2020.

5.1.2 Summary of main project beneficiaries' activities

Main beneficiaries' activities include:

- participation in individual consultations (LIPs and regular projects);
- participation in the call for proposals;

- participation in the training events for beneficiaries;
- fulfilling conditions for signature of the grant contracts (regular projects submitted within the TO HERITAGE).

Within the next reporting period beneficiaries under the TO Heritage will start implementation of the projects including conducting of kick-off conferences, reporting; beneficiaries under the TO ENVIRONMENT and TO ACCESSIBILITY will fulfill conditions during the contracting stage, sign grant contracts.

Annexes⁵:

5.2 Updated Audit Strategy⁶

5.3 Detailed Work Programme of the MA⁷

5.4 Financial plan and planned use of the technical assistance

5.5 Annual Monitoring and Evaluation Plan

5.6 Annual Information and Communication Plan

5.7 List of projects selected in the reporting period 01.07.2018-30.06.2019 to be introduced into KEEP

⁵ As per article 77.4 of the IR.

⁶ Depending on the date of submission of the Audit Strategy (as per article 28.5 of the IR) the update may not be needed in the report for the year ending by June 2017, unless there has been a change or unforeseen event that needs to be reported.

⁷ In accordance with 24(a) and 24(b) of ENI CBC IR