

# HRODNA, MINSK, HOMIEL OBLASTS

REGIONAL HANDBOOK





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Dear Reader,

It has been 10 years since Poland joined the European Union. As a result, the Polish Eastern border also became an external border of the EU. European Neighbourhood Policy instruments were made available to develop cross-border cooperation with the Eastern neighbours based on common values and goals.

Building a zone of sustainable development whilst maintaining cultural diversity and tolerance became a joint priority for the border regions of Poland, Belarus and Ukraine. The border regions gained a great opportunity to strengthen their cooperation through the realisation of common projects within the ENPI CBC Programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine 2007-2013.

I am proud to present a series of publications reflecting how the regions from the eligible area of the Programme approached cross-border cooperation and what specific projects are being implemented on their territories to improve development processes. This analysis can also be a valuable guide on how to plan subsequent projects within the Programme under the financial perspective 2014-2020, which will open new possibilities for cross-border cooperation.

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Belarusian organisations have a long tradition of participation in European Union cross-border cooperation (CBC) programmes. First such experience was gained as far back as 1996–2003, when implementing actions within the Programme “Small Projects” of Cross-border Cooperation Programme TACIS. Then, the experience was developed within the CBC Neighbourhood Programmes 2004–2006.

In 2007–2013 the European Neighbourhood Policy in partner-countries was implemented, among others, through the implementation of projects within CBC Programmes of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument.

Dozens of Belarusian organisations participate in the implementation of 43 projects within the Programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine 2007–2013. Implementation of such projects is one of the financial sources for social-economic development of the regions of the Republic of Belarus. Profound assistance is being provided to state administration bodies, local public bodies, social and other organisations of the Brest region, Hrodna region, Homiel region and Minsk region.

The broad experience in the implementation of CBC Programmes gained by Belarusian regions for the improvement of their social-economic problems shall also be used during elaboration and development of CBC Programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine for the period 2014–2020.

Hrodna Oblast aims to develop mutually profitable pragmatic cooperation with the regions of EU member states. Organisations of Hrodna Oblast traditionally take an active part in ENPI CBC Programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine, which is the most important for the region. Hrodna Oblast together with its partners from Poland and Ukraine initiated the development of real actions, tackling the issues of border regions competitiveness, quality of life, support for local initiatives.

While participating in the Programme, our oblast gained an opportunity to create at some points modern border communications, renewed roads, to invest funds in tourists' infrastructure, to receive modern medical equipment. A number of projects aim to increase the professional level of employees in different spheres. A lot have been done to rebirth cultural traditions and to preserve cultural heritage. Entrepreneurship development was promoted.

The Programme is an additional drive for strengthening partnership between regions of our bordering countries, and also for close cooperation in various spheres. Cooperation between organisations from Hrodna Oblast and partners from Poland and Ukraine has good history and sustainable perspectives for the future.

Implementation of the Programme allows to attract funds into Hrodna Oblast for the implementation of joint projects and ideas having an important social-economical effect. Many interested people, who showed their intention to participate in the implementation of the projects within the Programme, may think that they will face major obstacles starting from the development of an idea and filling in an application form, ending with the preparation of reports on project implementation. However, all those people can count on the professional assistance of the Programme institutions. Belarusian Branch Office of the Joint Technical Secretariat of the Programme, located in Brest, and NCU Tacis always provide substantial support in the matter.

I'm convinced that Hrodna Oblast and Republic of Belarus will increase its participation in the next Programming period for 2014–2020. No doubt, thanks to the European Neighbourhood Instrument, such form of cooperation will foster partnership of border regions and encourage their interaction while solving mutual problems.



**Dina Goncharova**

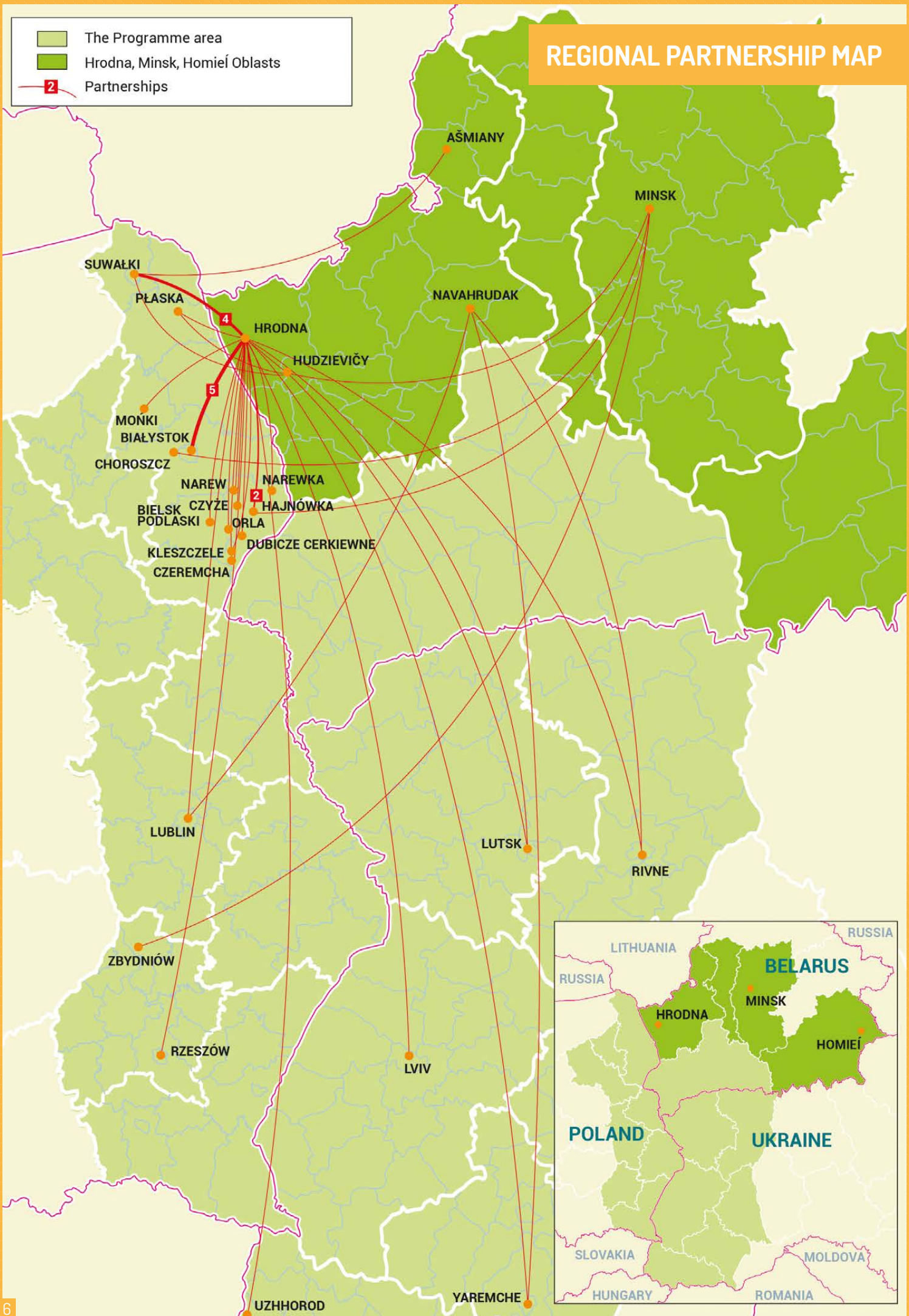
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Executive Committee

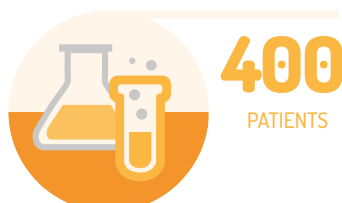
## REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP MAP



## PROJECTS REGIONAL RESULTS

### INVESTMENT IN HEALTHCARE AND SAFETY

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS/TESTS/  
TREATMENTS



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

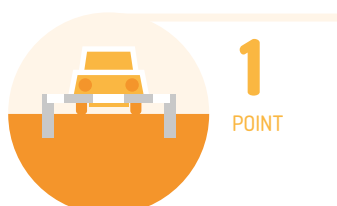


CARS PURCHASED (POLICE,  
FIREBRIGADES, MEDICAL)

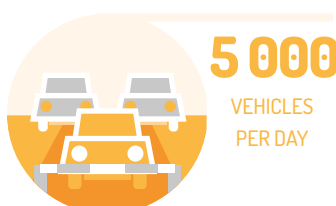


### INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE

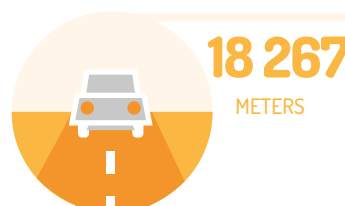
BORDER CROSSING POINT  
EQUIPPED



INCREASED BORDER CROSSINGS'  
CAPACITY IN VEHICLES



LENGTH OF ROADS NEWLY BUILT  
OR RECONSTRUCTED



### INVESTMENT IN TOURISM

PUBLICATIONS (E.G. ALBUMS,  
GUIDES)



PLACES PROMOTED



TOURISM INFORMATION  
POINTS CREATED



## PROJECTS REGIONAL RESULTS

### INVESTMENT IN PEOPLE RELATIONS AND HUMAN RESOURCES

CROSS-BORDER MEETINGS/ CONFERENCES/ WORKING  
GROUPS/TRAININGS/SEMINARS



**82**  
EVENTS  
**1 212**  
PARTICIPANTS

ENTREPRENEURS/COMPANIES  
SERVICED WITHIN THE PROJECT



**150**  
ENTREPRENEURS/  
COMPANIES

### INVESTMENT IN SCIENCE AND INNOVATIONS

EDUCATIONAL EQUIPEMENT



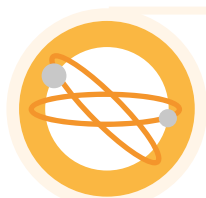
**25**  
SETS

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/  
INNOVATIVE EQUIPMENT



**35**  
SETS

JOINT SCIENCE/  
RESEARCH STUDIES



**31**  
STUDIES

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/  
INNOVATIVE CENTRES



**1**  
MULTICENTER  
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION





Cretaceous Lake, Photograph: Alexander Tsunik

## INTRODUCTION TO THE REGIONS

Hrodna Oblast, located in north-west Belarus, is one of the core regions in the ENPI CBC Programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine 2007-2013. This Belarusian region borders with two European Union member countries: Poland and Lithuania. For centuries, it has played an important role in European history. Today, Hrodna Oblast has a well-developed transport network of both roads and waterways, which contributes a lot to its economy. It is also a gateway to those interested in trade, business, culture and other activities in Belarus and further eastwards, while for Belarusians it constitutes the extreme point on the way to Europe.

The tourist attractiveness of this region is connected with natural treasures like Bielaviežskaja Pušča and Chalk Lakes, as well as with a rich cultural and historic heritage (e.g. Mir Castle, Lida Castle) and, of course, living traditions. The Dormition of the Mother of God men's monastery in Zyrovij is one of the most important pilgrim and tourist destinations in Belarus. In one of the monastery temples, the ancient wonderworking Zyrovij Mother of





Minsk City Hall. Photograph: Alexander Tsunik

God icon can be found. Moreover, Hrodna is one of the most beautiful cities in Belarus, with impressive castles and architectural monuments.

Some steps have already been made to use the significant potential of Hrodna Oblast (e.g. establishment of Hrodna Free Economic Zone to invite investors, active participation in CBC Programmes with Polish, Lithuanian, Ukrainian and Latvian partners), and there are many plans for its further prosperous development. There are 18 projects to be implemented in the region within the Programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine 2007-2013: in Hrodna itself, Hrodna district, Ašmiany and Navahrudak with the total value of c.a. 30.8 million EUR of which 13.5 million EUR is assigned to Belarusian parts of the projects. Altogether 15 organisations from Hrodna Oblast are involved in project implementation with 2 of them acting as Lead Partners.

Belarusian partners cooperating with Polish entities are implementing 6 projects oriented at the improvement of medical services in the border region. The most active institution – Hrodna Regional Clinical Hospital – realises as many as 5 cross-border projects. Thanks to such initiatives, the people of the border region will obtain better medical services in prophylaxis, diagnosis and treatment of cancer, tuberculosis and infectious diseases trans-

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mitted by ticks. The equipment purchased within these projects, will allow to diagnose diseases at early stages, as well as to provide emergency medical aid in shorter times. For example, the medical equipment purchased by the District Clinical Hospital of Infectious Diseases in Hrodna will lead to reducing the time spent for analysis if a tick is infected or not from 10 days to 4 hours; it will help to avoid unnecessary antibiotic treatment.

“There is nothing more valuable than human life” – this is the leading idea not only for institutions implementing medical projects, but also for rescue and fire-fighting services who undertake cross-border initiatives aimed to increase the effectiveness of their work during emergency situations. Thanks to EU co-financing, 4 rescue fire fighting vehicles with the necessary equipment were purchased and several joint specialist trainings with Polish partners have been organised. All these activities will contribute greatly to the improvement of efficiency of rescue services in the region.



Another subject matter of projects realised in Hrodna Oblast is sport and promotion of an active, healthy lifestyle. A good example of such initiatives is the construction of a new modern stadium in Ašmiany, i.e. better access to multipurpose sport facilities. It shall encourage the popularization of a healthy lifestyle and facilitate people-to-people contacts. The new venue will be a catalyst for cross-border competitions and cultural cooperation of the border regions.

Hrodna Oblast is very rich in historical and cultural heritage, which makes it attractive for tourists. However, the tourist potential together with tourist infrastructure shall be improved, and exactly for this purpose, several projects have been elaborated. The creation of tourist informational centres, modernisation, renovation and equipping of museums and libraries, conducting research studies are just a few examples of such valuable initiatives. A lot attention is also paid to professional training of staff and the elaboration of informational and promotional materials. All of these projects have added value of educational and cultural nature.

One of the partners from Hrodna Oblast – Yanka Kupala State University of Hrodna participates not only in tourist projects, but also in two trilateral projects devoted to creating better conditions for entrepreneurship. Cooperation between educational, scientific and commercial institutions is a condition for faster and profound development of the region in general. The positive and successful implementation of such projects provides active entrepreneurs with an improved base for cooperation.

Another goal of cross-border projects implemented in the Hrodna Oblast is providing better access to this region. It will be achieved, among others, thanks to the construction and reconstruction of the roads Racičy-Hinavičy-Pol'nyja Bahatry and segment of the road Hrodna-Sapockin.

The essential elements of cross-border cooperation development are efficiently functioning border crossings. On the territory of Hrodna Oblast there is one so-called large scale project connected with the introduction of non-intrusive technology for custom inspection. A portable X-ray scanning control system will be constructed in





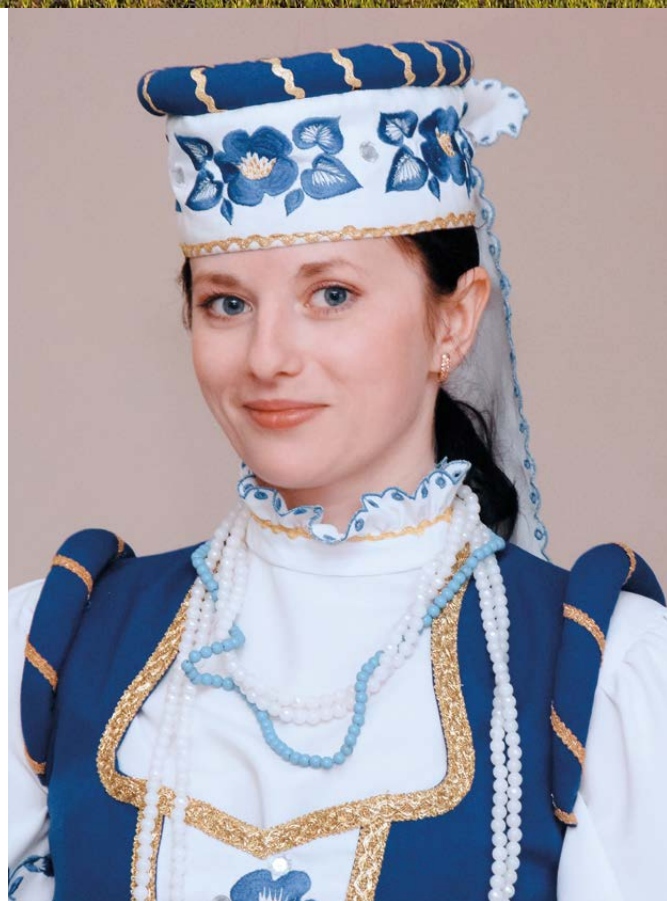


the crossing-point “Bruzhi”. The lead partner of the project is State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus located in Minsk Oblast, which also plays a leading role in the largest project in the Programme, entitled “Construction and Instrumentation of the Road Border Checkpoint “Piaščatka” – Stage III” (Brest Oblast) with the total budget of about 12 million EUR.

Aside from large scale projects, there are also other important cross-border activities undertaken by organisations from Minsk Oblast. The International Public Charity Association „UNIHELP” is a partner in the project aimed at the development of cooperation between medical facilities from the Polish-Belarusian borderland in the treatment of acute psychiatric disorders.

It is also worth mentioning that the Local Ecological Fund Euroregion Belovezhskaya Pushcha with its headquarters in Minsk is one of two organisations managing a special kind of activity i.e. an umbrella project. This umbrella project consists of 8 micro-projects realised in cooperation with Polish public bodies and Belarusian entities from another Programme region – Brest Oblast. Joint actions are focused on the integration of borderland communities through the organisation of cultural, sports and educational events, as well as the development of the tourist sector and trainings for fire-fighters.

The implementation of projects within the ENPI CBC Programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine 2007-2013 will defini-



tely have a positive influence on regional development. The wide range of activities proves that cross-border cooperation is multidimensional and can benefit many different groups. Furthermore, it shows that joint efforts of neighbours lead to real changes and that, figuratively, an external EU border brings regions closer instead of dividing them. The successful implementation of initiatives is fostering cross-border cooperation and creating a basis for future joint initiatives.





**IPBU.03.01.00-20-102/11**

## Development of Co-operation in Order to Improve Health Safety of the Population of the Polish-Belarusian Borderland

### PROJECT BUDGET:

1 462 943.52 EUR

### EU CO-FINANCING:

1 316 649.17 EUR

### LEAD PARTNER:

Autonomous Public Health Maintenance  
Organisation J. Śniadecki Voivodeship  
Polyclinical Hospital in Białystok, PL

### PARTNER:

Grodno Regional Clinical Hospital, BY

The main goal of the project is to improve the standard of Polish and Belarusian doctors' co-operation that will result in the development of telemedicine as an effective diagnostic tool for borderline inhabitants. An important element of the project is the purchase of specialist, modern equipment that will be used long-term by the doctors in Białystok and Grodno for diagnosing patients in faster and more accurate ways. It will allow to increase patients' safety by limiting the negative effects of testing, e.g. by using the new type of X-ray apparatus. In total, 55 sets of the most needed equipment have been provided for both partner hospitals. Furthermore, both partners have conducted 300 preventive tests on patients aged 40-50 years old for benign prostatic hypertrophy. The scientific publication based on the analysis of test results contributes significantly to medical research conducted in this field, thus has a positive impact on health and research sectors in both countries. The group which directly benefits from the project are also 30 doctors from Poland and Belarus participating in 6 seminars and workshops carried out jointly in both partners' hospitals, who exchanged their knowledge and experience connected with benign prostatic hyperplasia treatment.



## ALIAKSANDR RAGIN

Coordinator of the Belarusian part of the project  
Deputy Chief Practitioner, Grodno Regional Clinical Hospital

### ★ How did it all begin, i.e. how was the idea for the project created?

The idea to participate in the implementation of the joint project appeared during a visit to Autonomous Public Health Maintenance Organisation J. Śniadecki Voivodeship Polyclinical Hospital in Białystok (Poland) and after getting familiar with the acceptance-diagnosis department of the hospital. There were differences in emergency help to patients of Poland and Belarus.

### ★ What most important effect does/will the project have for the target group, population, the region? What problem will it solve? What needs does it respond to?

The implementation of the project allowed faster patient diagnosis and thus faster rescue action in the most serious cases. In addition, the equipment purchased under the project and based on the latest technological solutions led to the expansion of cooperation between the hospitals in Białystok and Hrodna through electronic data transfer.

The hospitals in Białystok and Grodno and their medical staff received benefits directly from the implementation of the project. The patients of partner hospitals, mainly the inhabitants of the Polish-Belarusian borderland, but also tourists and all those in need of immediate medical consultation, became the project's final beneficiaries.



**\* Is your project unique in comparison to other initiatives undertaken in the region?**

Within the project more than 300 patients aged 40-50 were examined. The results were the basis for elaborating a scientific-practical guide for the organisation of the procedure. The local population was informed about the problem via mass media, brochures, and the website.

Basing on the results of the research it can be said that the problem is extremely important. The problem connected to early identification of prostate pathology, more effective treatment and preserving the lives of men in the borderlands.

**\* What valuable experience have you gained through the implementation of the project, particularly in the field of cross-border cooperation?**

Implementation of the CBC project resulted in sustainable cooperation between healthcare institutions from Poland and Belarus, higher quality of diagnosis services provided to borderland citizens. The exchange of knowledge and experience of doctors, together with re-equipment with modern medical equipment, allowed to provide better emergency assistance to the patients.

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**IPBU.03.01.00-20-103/11**

## Development of Co-operation in Order to Improve Histopathological Diagnostics of Breast Cancer and Colorectal Cancer in the Polish-Belarusian Borderland

### PROJECT BUDGET:

1 477 244.08 EUR

### EU CO-FINANCING:

1 329 519.67 EUR

### LEAD PARTNER:

M. Skłodowska-Curie Białystok  
Oncology Centre, PL

### PARTNER:

Grodno Regional Clinical Hospital, BY

The overall objective of the project was to establish a stable form of cross-border cooperation between the health service institutions on the Poland-Belarus borderline in order to improve the diagnosis and the quality of treatment of breast cancer and colorectal cancers. The objective was achieved through the purchase of specialist examination equipment that was used to examine 649 patients from Poland and Belarus. The results of the examination were used to create an efficient patients database, biobank of new cancer forms, and a set for telepathology was implemented. Organised seminars and trainings helped to familiarise the oncologists of both hospitals with the examination methods, and breast and colorectal cancer diagnosing. The project's final beneficiaries include mainly the inhabitants of Polish-Belarusian borderland suffering from neoplasm diseases, and especially those suffering from breast cancer and colorectal cancer and qualified for the project's research programmes. The other group of final beneficiaries are the M. Skłodowska-Curie Białystok Oncology Center (BOC) and Hrodna Regional Clinical Hospital (GRCH) doctors participating in project conferences and seminar-workshop meetings, which provided a platform for the exchange of knowledge and experience among medical staff.





## ALEH KUZNIATSOV

Doctor, Docent of Grodno State Medical University,  
Coordinator of the Belarusian part of the project

### ★ How did it all begin, i.e. how was the idea for the project created?

The Problem of neoplasm diseases is not new. Both in Poland and in Belarus, patients and doctors face the same problems while diagnosing and treating the pathology. During the 1st Call for proposals announced in 2010 within the Programme “Poland-Belarus-Ukraine”, there were working meetings organised in Hrodna (under the supervision of Podlaskie Voivodeship Marshal’s Office and Hrodna Oblast Executive Committee) and in Białystok (under the supervision of the General Consulate of the Republic of Belarus in Białystok) of medical institutions representing the two regions. While discussing the healthcare problems, common points of interest were found: insufficient diagnosis (immunohistochemical), opportunities for diagnosis of colorectal cancer, and breast cancer. The immunohistochemical method of diagnosis is the most informative one in the world.

### ★ What most important effect does/will the project have for the target group, population, the region? What problem will it solve ? What needs does it respond to?

The patient is always in the centre of the problem. The most important was to create and organise the proper functioning of the immunohistochemical laboratory of the complete cycle, training of specialists, and as a result, examination of patients.





The project is unique for simultaneous re-equipment of healthcare institutions of Poland and Belarus for conducting immunohistochemical research, as well as the increase of professionalism of doctors and specialists of both medical institutions.

★ **Is your project unique in comparison to other initiatives undertaken in the region?**

Each project has something unique in itself and has specific objectives. The main goal of the project was to create cross-border cooperation between healthcare institutions of Poland and Belarus, increasing the percent of detection and further treatment of neoplasms. The project is unique for simultaneous re-equipment of healthcare institutions of Poland and Belarus for conducting immunohistochemical research, as well as the increase of professionalism of doctors and specialists of both medical institutions.

★ **What valuable experience have you gained through the implementation of the project, particularly in the field of cross-border cooperation?**

Both partners implementing the project received valuable experience, both in the professional sphere (medical, diagnostic) and in cooperation.



**IPBU.03.01.00-20-546/11**

## **Development of transborder cooperation in the scope of prophylaxis, diagnosis and treatment of diseases transmitted by ticks in the regions of their endemic occurrence in the Polish-Belarusian borderland**

### **PROJECT BUDGET:**

679 258.61 EUR

### **EU CO-FINANCING:**

611 332.75 EUR

### **LEAD PARTNER:**

The Independent Public Health  
Care Unit in Hajnówka, PL

### **PARTNER:**

The District Clinical Hospital  
of Infectious Diseases in Grodno, BY

Development of long-term cooperation of health care partner institutions, as well as extension and improvement of offered medical services in the scope of diagnosis of diseases transmitted by ticks, prevention of consequences of these diseases through their early detection and treatment with modern medical equipment are the most important goals of the project. Thanks to the project, both the Independent Public HealthCare Unit in Hajnówka and the District Clinical Hospital of Infectious Diseases in Hrodna have been equipped with specialist equipment for detecting diseases transmitted by ticks and some renovation works has been conducted on the Polish side. The partners created a common informative platform on prophylaxis, diagnosis and treatment of diseases transmitted by ticks, organised joint conferences and trainings for the medical personnel and conducted information campaigns for inhabitants of the Hajnówka Poviát and Hrodna Oblast – for people exposed to contact with infected ticks due to performing a job or when spending free time outdoors.





**ELENA KROTKOVA**

**Head Doctor in the District Clinical Hospital  
of Infectious Diseases in Grodno**

**★ How did it all begin, i.e. how was the idea for the project created?**

On the 10th of August 2011 we received an email from the Brest Branch office of the Joint Technical Secretariat with the proposal to take part in the 2nd round of trainings for potential beneficiaries from Belarus. On the initiative of the General Consul of the Republic of Belarus in Białystok (Republic of Poland), Alexander Bierebenia, a working meeting between potential partners took place in Hajnówka. During the meeting a common problem to be tackled was defined – growth of infections transmitted by ticks.

**★ What most important effect does/will the project have for the target group, population, the region? What problem will it solve ? What needs does it respond to?**

The most important effects of the project will be better accessibility for citizens of Hajnówka district and Hrodna region, solving the problem of examination and diagnosing and further treatment of infections caused by ticks.



**\* What is unique about your project compared to other initiatives in the region?**

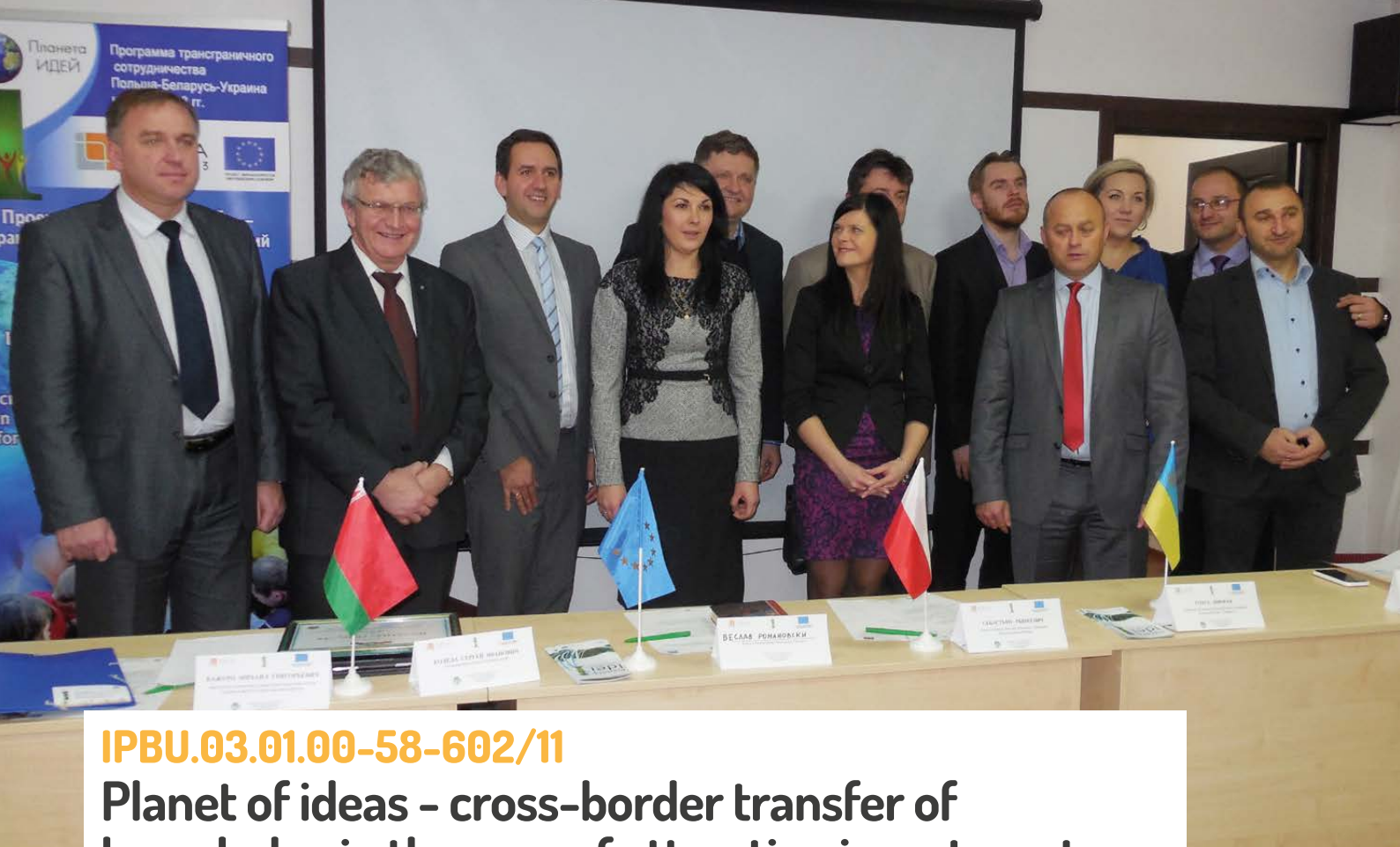
This is the first and the only joint project tackling the problem of infections transmitted by ticks. The implementation of the project will help to additionally equip the laboratory and to organise a wide informational campaign among the population. Each citizen of Poland and Belarus has an opportunity to get consultation through the web-site.

**\* What valuable experience have you gained through the implementation of the project, particularly in the field of cross-border cooperation?**

For the first time – during the 5-day training – 15 doctors from each side have been trained at the working place, the first episodes of anaplasmosis have been detected in Hrodna region, the PCR-examination of ticks has been launched.

The implementation of the project will help to additionally equip the laboratory and to organise a wide informational campaign among the population. Each citizen of Poland and Belarus has an opportunity to get consultation through the web-site.





**IPBU.03.01.00-58-602/11**

## Planet of ideas - cross-border transfer of knowledge in the area of attracting investments for development of border tourism

### PROJECT BUDGET:

348 833.00 EUR

### EU CO-FINANCING:

313 949.70 EUR

### LEAD PARTNER:

Grodno District Unit of Social Organization  
„Tourism-Sport National Association”, BY

### PARTNERS:

Department of Physical Education Sport  
and Tourism Grodno Oblast, BY

Innovation and Development  
Promotion Centre, PL

Volyn Regional Entrepreneurship  
Support Fund, UA

The project partners joined in effort to strengthen cooperation of Polish, Belarusian and Ukrainian entities working in tourism (e.g. NGO's, self-governments, tourist information centres) in terms of preparing and conducting joint cross-border projects by means of joint exchange of information and experiences. For this purpose many activities aimed at the improvement of competences and growth of interest in undertaking cross-border initiatives by the abovementioned target groups are implemented. A series of trainings on relevant legal regulations in all three countries, on the proper preparation of projects (including SWOT analysis), financial issues, promotion and evaluation of project results, as well as conferences and study visits for acquainting good practices are organised both in Poland, Belarus and Ukraine. Additionally, “e-partnership internet portal” will be launched in three language versions and used to distribute knowledge about many aspects of cross-border cooperation.







**SIARHEI KALIADA**

**Coordinator  
Grodno District Unit of Social Organization  
"Tourism-Sport National Association"**

**★ How did it all begin, i.e. how was the idea for the project created?**

The idea of the project appeared during the implementation of the project "Unknown Europe – the development of the tourist infrastructure of Polish-Belarusian borderlands in the area of Augustów channel and the River Neman" realized in cross-border cooperation within the Programme Poland – Belarus – Ukraine 2004 – 2006. During the implementation of the project, several drawbacks regarding Partner awareness were revealed. It became clear that a partner shall be found before a call for proposals is announced. Partners shall go well together and trust each other, and there shall be personal contact established at the management level.

**★ What most important effect does/will the project have for the target group, population and the region?**

The main effect of our project will be seen once the project ends. Participants from 3 countries received information about cross-border cooperation, got acquainted with the national strategy and programmes for tourism development in the tourism spheres. Participants of the project are ready for cooperation in upcoming Cross-border Cooperation Programmes.





**\* Is your project unique in comparison to other initiatives undertaken in the region?**

The project is unique for the coverage of the territory. It covers the Hrodna region (Belarus), Podlaskie Voivodeship (Poland), Volyn Oblast (Ukraine). A lot of people are involved in the action – young and experienced, common problems were raised, which will in its turn result in future projects aiming to solve the problems.



**\* What valuable experience have you gained through the implementation of the project, particularly in the field of cross-border cooperation?**

We gained valuable experience that strategic planning in tourism shall be done first at the local level, then at the regional, and then national level. The strategy shall cover a maximum of 3 years, due to the fact that everything is developing extremely fast and the strategy needs to be updated.

Another valuable effect of cooperation with foreign partners is that our knowledge about neighbouring countries has been extended. For example, during the trainings we got to know that both in Volyn region and in Hrodna region are lakes named Svityaz and we hit upon the idea of a project “Svityaz-Svityaz”.







Cretaceous Lake. Photograph: Alexander Tsunlik

# PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN THE REGIONS

 Partners from Hrodna, Minsk, Homiel Oblasts

	PROJECT NUMBER	PROJECT TITLE	LEAD PARTNER	PROJECT PARTNERS	BUDGET	EU CO-FINANCING
1	IPBU.01.03.00-20-008/10	Development of the transport infrastructure in the area of Augustów Channel	Płaska Commune, PL	Grodno District Executive Committee, BY	1 652 575.66 EUR	1 368 993.68 EUR
				United Municipal Projecting – Repairing – Building Enterprise „Grodnoobtdorstroy” in Grodno, BY		
2	PBU.02.02.01-66-008/10	Construction of relocatable X-ray scanning control system of vehicles on the road checkpoint «Bruzgi»	State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus, BY	Grodno Regional Custom House, BY	2 722 222.22 EUR	2 450 000.00 EUR
				Podlaskie Province Office in Białystok, PL		
				Minsk Central Custom House, BY		
3	IPBU.01.02.00-58-089/10	Improvement of cross-border region attractiveness through the introduction of ethno-cultural resources into the tourist activities (a trip to the ethnic fairytale)	Yanka Kupala State University in Hrodna, BY	The Gudevichi State Museum of Literature and Local History, BY	1 270 306.72 EUR	1 143 276.05 EUR
				State Institution of Education Gymnasium NI of the name academic E.F.Karski”, BY		
				The Suwałki Chamber of Agriculture and Tourism, PL		
4	IPBU.03.01.00-20-101/10	Development of Co-operation of Medical Institutions of the Polish-Belarusian Borderland in the Scope of Immunotherapy for Pulmonary Tuberculosis	University Clinical Hospital in Białystok, PL	Grodno Oblast Clinical Centre “Ftiziatria”, BY	846 134.38 EUR	761 520.94 EUR
				Grodno Regional Clinical Hospital, BY		
5	IPBU.03.01.00-20-102/10	Development of Co-operation in Order to Improve Health Safety of the Population of the Polish-Belarusian Borderland	Autonomous Public Health Maintenance Organisation J. Śniadecki Voivodeship Polyclinical Hospital in Białystok, PL	Grodno Regional Clinical Hospital, BY	1 462 943.52 EUR	1 316 649.17 EUR
6	IPBU.03.01.00-20-103/10	Development of Co-operation in Order to Improve Histopathological Diagnostics of Breast Cancer and Colorectal Cancer in the Polish-Belarusian Borderland	M. Skłodowska-Curie Białystok Oncology Centre, PL	Grodno Regional Clinical Hospital, BY	1 477 244.08 EUR	1 329 519.67 EUR



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7	IPBU.01.01.00-18-151/10	Science and experience for business	Rzeszów Regional Development Agency, PL	Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno, BY	262 921.43 EUR	236 629.29 EUR
				Małopolska Institute of Economy, PL		
				Lviv Regional Center for Investment and Development, UA		
8	IPBU.03.01.00-20-170/10	"Communication without limits" – creating a cross-border network of tourist information	Suwałki Chamber of Agriculture and Tourism, PL	Social organisation "State Union of Tourism and Sport" Grodno Department, BY	323 760.00 EUR	291 384.00 EUR
				District Steering Committee of Grodno BY		
9	IPBU.03.01.00-20-371/11	Cooperation - Activity - Future	Suwałki Commune, PL	Asmiany District Executive Committee, BY	1 671 567.98 EUR	1 504 411.18 EUR
10	IPBU.03.01.00-20-546/11	Development of transborder cooperation in the scope of prophylaxis, diagnosis and treatment of diseases transmitted by ticks in the regions of their endemic occurrence in the Polish-Belarusian borderland	The Independent Public Health Care Unit in Hajnówka, PL	The District Clinical Hospital of Infectious Diseases in Grodno, BY	679 258.61 EUR	611 332.75 EUR
11	IPBU.01.01.00-20-591/11	"Multicenter" Interactive Centres for Science and Technology in Suwałki and Hrodna	Maria Konopnicka Public Library in Suwałki, PL	Y. F. Karski Hrodna Oblast Scientific Library, BY	1 118 602.37 EUR	1 006 742.13 EUR
12	IPBU.01.02.00-06-594/11	Shtetl Routes. Vestiges of Jewish cultural heritage in transborder tourism	The "Grodzka Gate – NN Theatre", PL	Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno, BY	458 040.00 EUR	412 016.60 EUR
				Institution of culture "Navah-rudak Museum of History and Regional Studies", BY		
				Public organisation "Rivne Marketing Research Centre", UA		
13	IPBU.03.01.00-58-602/11	Planet of ideas – cross-border transfer of knowledge in the area of attracting investments for development of border tourism	Grodno District Unit of Social Organization „Tourism-Sport National Association”, BY	Department of Physical Education Sport and Tourism Grodno Oblast, BY	348 833.00 EUR	313 949.70 EUR
				Innovation and Development Promotion Centre, PL		
				Volyn Regional Entrepreneurship Support Fund, UA		
14	IPBU.01.03.00-20-626/11	Providing availability to the touristically and economically valuable areas – improvement of road quality in the Polish-Belarusian borderland	Mońki County, PL	Hrodna Raion Executive Committee, BY	4 258 669.57 EUR	3 811 229.54 EUR
				Municipal Projecting – Repairing – Building unitary Enterprise „Grodnoobldorstroy”, BY		



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15	IPBU.02.01.00-20-634/11	Together we protect the Białowieża Forest	Association of Local Governments of Euroregion of the Białowieża Forest, PL	Grodno District Office of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Belarus	4 380 381,80 EUR	3 942 343,62 EUR
				District Headquarters of State Fire Brigade in Hajnówka, PL		
				Community Bielsk Podlaski, PL		
				Community Czeremcha, PL		
				Community Czyże, PL		
				Community Narew, PL		
				Community Narewka, PL		
				Community Kleszczele, PL		
				Community Hajnówka, PL		
				Community Dubicze Cerkiewne, PL		
				Community Orla, PL		
16	IPBU.01.01.00-20-636/11	Development of the cross-border economic cooperation of Białystok-Suwałki Subregion and Hrodna oblast in Belarus and also of Krosno-Przemysl Subregion and Zakarpattia oblast in Ukraine	Białostocka Fundacja Kształcenia Kadr (BFKK), PL	Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno, BY	157 426,40 EUR	141 683,76 EUR
				Fund of transborder cooperation and special economic zones development, UA		
17	IPBU.03.01.00-20-663/11	Development of co-operation of medical institutions of Poland and Belarus in order to improve the quality of oncology diagnosis and organization of help in emergency cases	Dr Ludwik Rydygier Voivodeship Hospital in Suwałki, PL	Grodno Regional Clinical Hospital, BY	3 912 600,56 EUR	3 521 340,50 EUR
18	IPBU.03.01.00-20-719/11	Medical institutions co-operation in Belarus and Poland to improve the access to medical service and its quality within emergency service as well as stroke incidents diagnostics and treatment	Autonomous Public Health Maintenance Organisation J. Śniadecki Voivodship Polyclinical Hospital in Białystok, PL	Grodno Regional Clinical Hospital, BY	3 802 894,72 EUR	2 848 551,38 EUR
19	IPBU.02.02.01-20-002/09	Infrastructural development of the Połowce - Piaśńatka road border crossing - Stage III (Polish-Belarusian border) - powiat of Hajnówka RP - Brest district RB	Podlaski Voivode, PL	State Customs Committee of The Republic of Belarus	5 399 805,04 EUR	4 856 044,67 EUR

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20	IPBU.02.02.01.66-005/09	Construction and instrumentation of the road border checkpoint "Piaščatka"	State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus, BY	Minsk Central Custom House, BY	12 111 111,11 EUR	10 900 000,00 EUR
				Brest Custom House, BY		
				Podlaskie Voivodeship, PL		
21	IPBU.01.03.00-60-809/11	Restoration of the E40 waterway on the Dnieper-Vistula section: from strategy to planning	Republican Unitary Maintenance and Construction Enterprise „Dnepro-Bug Waterway”, BY	Local Foundation for Promotion of International Dialogue and Cooperation "Interakcia", BY	912 657,00 EUR	821 281,00 EUR
				Marshal Office of the Lubelskie Voivodeship in Lublin, PL		
				Brest Oblast Executive Committee, BY		
				Volyn Regional Department of Water Resources and Water Management, UA		
				Association for Regional and Local Development "Progress", UA		
				Public Organisation Volyn Association of Scientists and Innovators, UA		
22	IPBU.03.01.00-20-564/11	A development of cooperation between medical facilities from a Polish-Belarusian borderland in a treatment of acute psychiatric disorders	Stanislaw Deresz's Independent Psychiatric Healthcare Centre in Choroszcz, PL	International Public Charity Association „UNIHELP”, BY	1 958 865,30 EUR	1 762 782,88 EUR
				Brest Oblast Psychoneurological Health Centre, BY		







