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San River. Photograph: Adam Krzywicki

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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The development and importance of cross-border cooperation in the Podkarpackie Voivodeship

The integration processes taking place on our continent for decades have led to a completely new relationship between states and nations of the European countries. As a result of these processes, national borders have gained a totally new dimension. National borders begin to connect rather than divide through cross-border cooperation pursued across them. In the border regions, this cooperation has become an important factor in the socio-economic development and an instrument of overcoming a number of barriers between the communities living in the neighbouring countries. In parallel, this cooperation is part of a much more extensive and long-term process, i.e. cultural and social integration of local and regional communities in the border areas. The implementation of joint cross-border initiatives is becoming a more appreciated and noticed element of the development of Polish voivodeships. This process is of particular importance in relation to the Podkarpackie Voivodeship, which, because of its geographical location, borders on the two countries – Slovakia and Ukraine. At the same time, it is at the intersection of international communication and transport corridors.

Cross-border cooperation enables the flow of experience between the neighbouring border areas through the support of efforts aiming at improving the quality of life on both sides of the border, including, among others, the development of tourism, improvement of transport accessibility, protection and preservation

of natural and cultural heritage, common initiatives in the field of education and science, support of entrepreneurship as well as institutional cooperation. It is also a tool for promoting the Podkarpackie region, especially its border areas with its unique and rich heritage.

This cooperation also aims at mitigating and minimising the negative effects of the existence of the border. This is of particular importance with regard to the border with Ukraine, which is not only a state border, but also the eastern border of the European Union, the Schengen Area and NATO Pact. In the opinion of many observers, this border constitutes an important barrier to the development of mutual cooperation, despite the efforts made by both countries to facilitate border traffic. The main source of this situation is significant delays in the development of border and road infrastructure leading to the border crossing points, especially on the Ukrainian side.

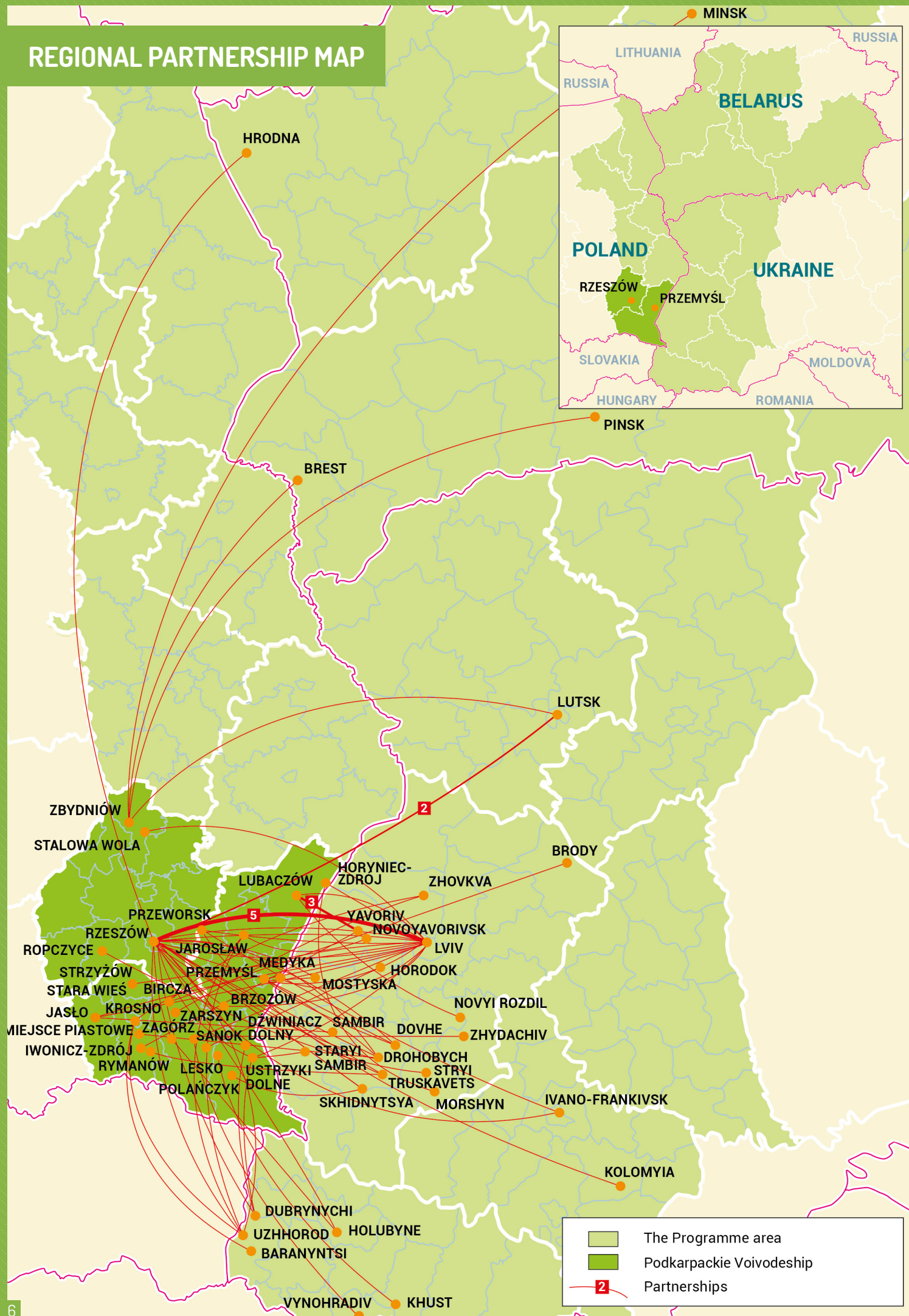
In pursuing these objectives in the Podkarpackie Voivodeship, cross-border cooperation programmes, implemented on its territory, supported financially by the European Union and implemented under the European Territorial Cooperation and the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument, are of great importance. They enable the integration of border areas of neighbouring EU member states and cooperation with partners outside the EU. It is of particular importance in the event of joint initiatives of the Subcarpathian and Ukrainian partners who can benefit from a wide range of aid instruments offered to the member countries of the European Union.



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REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP MAP



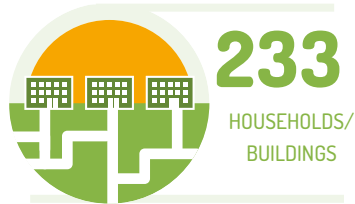
PROJECTS REGIONAL RESULTS

INVESTMENT IN ENVIRONMENT

CONSTRUCTED/MODERNIZED
WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM



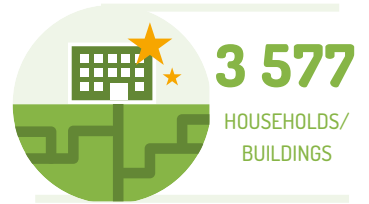
HOUSEHOLDS/PUBLIC BUILDINGS
CONNECTED TO CONSTRUCTED/
MODERNIZED WATER SUPPLY
SYSTEM



CONSTRUCTED/MODERNIZED
SEWERAGE



HOUSEHOLDS/PUBLIC BUILDINGS
CONNECTED TO CONSTRUCTED/
MODERNIZED SEWERAGE



INVESTMENT IN HEALTHCARE AND SAFETY

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT



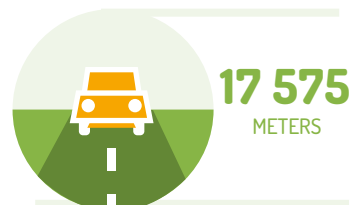
EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT (E.G.
POLICE, FIREBRIGADES, MACHINERY
FOR ROADS MAINTENANCE)



MODERNIZED BUILDINGS

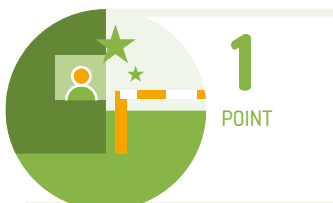


LENGTH OF ROADS NEWLY BUILT
OR RECONSTRUCTED

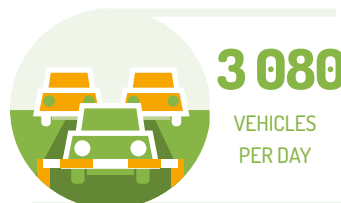


INVESTMENT IN BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE

BORDER CROSSINGS CONSTRUCTED



INCREASED BORDER CROSSINGS'
CAPACITY IN VEHICLES



INCREASED BORDER CROSSINGS'
CAPACITY IN PERSONS



PROJECTS REGIONAL RESULTS

INVESTMENT IN TOURISM

TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRES/
POINTS CREATED



3

CENTRES

CONSTRUCTION/LABELLING/
MARKING OF TOURISTIC ROUTES/
BICYCLE ROUTES / WATER ROUTES



25 000
METERS

NEW TOURISTS ATTRACTED



16 300
PERSONS

PLACES PROMOTED



152
PLACES

INVESTMENT IN PEOPLE RELATIONS, INTEGRATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES

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



204
EVENTS
5 394
PARTICIPANTS

INITIATIVES ORGANISED FOR
DISABLED



13
EVENTS
110
PARTICIPANTS

FESTIVALS/SPORTS EVENTS/
OTHER PUBLIC EVENTS



34
EVENTS

INVESTMENT IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

NEW ENTREPRENEURS/COMPANIES, REGISTERED
DUE TO SUPPORT WITHIN THE PROJECT



150

ENTREPRENEURS/
COMPANIES

ENTREPRENEURS/COMPANIES
SERVICED WITHIN THE PROJECT



245

ENTREPRENEURS/
COMPANIES

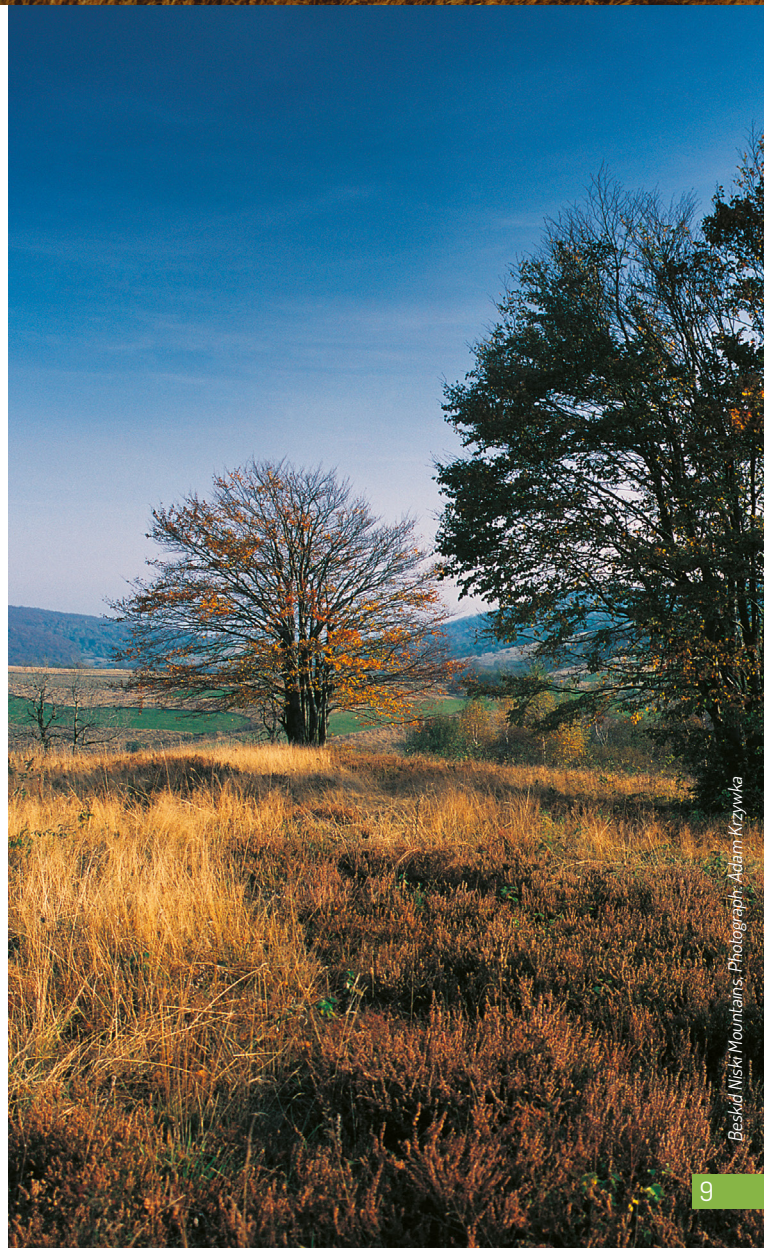


Bieszczady Mountains. Photograph: Adam Krzywka

INTRODUCTION TO THE REGION

In Podkarpackie Voivodeship there are 35 projects taking place. Their total value amounts to around 53 million EUR. This financing was approved by the European Commission under the framework of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI). With the aim of developing cooperation between the European Union and neighbouring countries, the Cross-border Cooperation Programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine 2007-2013 was established as an executive form of the Instrument.

The main goal of the Programme is to ensure an integrated and sustainable regional development which will lead to strengthening prosperity, stability and security of the EU and its neighbours. To make this objective operational, three distinct priorities have been recognised which correspond to different spheres of cross-border cooperation. First of all, the focus of the Programme goes to the competitiveness of border areas. It can be increased through investments in better conditions for entrepreneurs, the tourist industry and infrastructural projects, which secure



Beskid Niski Mountains. Photograph: Adam Krzywka



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better access to the regions concerned. In Podkarpackie Voivodeship 16 projects belong to this priority and their total value exceeds 30 million EUR.

The second priority of the Programme aims at improving the quality of life in the borderland by taking care of the natural environment and providing efficient and secure borders. These two measures have a direct impact on the life of local people. Through the management of environmental threats and actions promoting sustainable economic use of natural resources, development of renewable energy sources and energy saving, as well as increasing efficiency of border infrastructure and procedures, and improving border security, inhabitants enjoy direct benefits in their everyday lives. For instance, they can pass the border faster and in more comfortable conditions. There are 6 projects which contribute to this priority in Podkarpackie Voivodeship and their value sums up to almost 14.5 million EUR.

Last but not least, the third priority of the Programme focuses on networking and people-to-people cooperation. Briefly, this priority is supposed to foster institutional co-

operation on a cross-border level, as well as to prompt such collaboration among communities from Poland, Belarus and Ukraine. 13 projects belong to this category and 4 of them are so-called Umbrella projects which consist of a number of micro-projects.

Initiatives in business development in Podkarpackie started with a trilateral project for training and experience exchange and was followed by an ambitious undertaking targeted at making the investment areas of Lubaczów attractive and accessible by building and modernising technical and communication infrastructure.

It is interesting that a tourism component in the region is represented by many diverse projects which will result (or have already resulted) in the creation of new tourist destinations and improvement of services. Here, the Geo-Carpathians Tourist route should be mentioned, which crosses the territories of Poland and Ukraine and encompasses 28 geo-tourist objects, 12 of which are located in Podkarpackie. Another project in the same area of the Carpathian mountains, focuses on improving rescue services, which

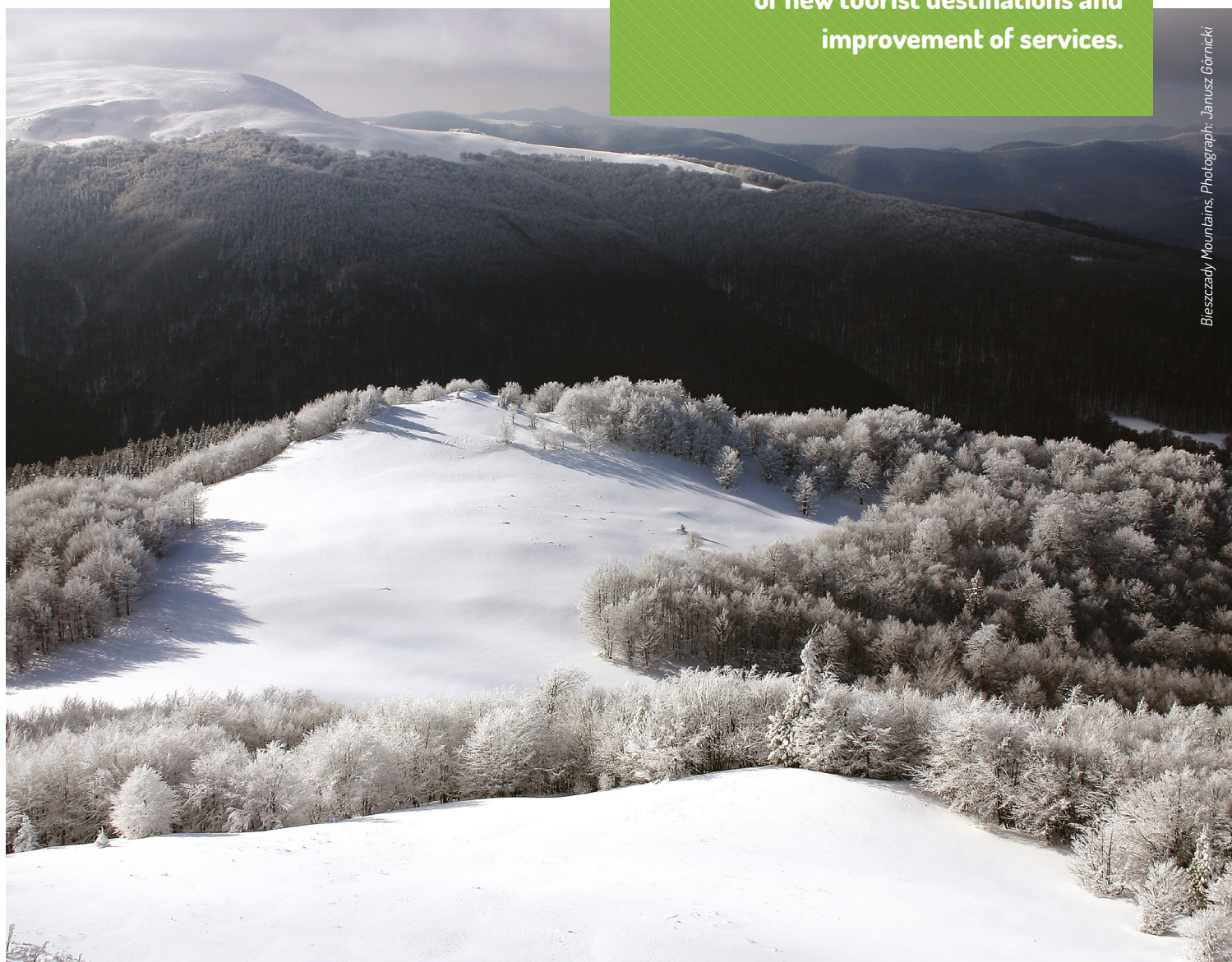
means not only more interesting, but safer travelling for all mountain lovers on both sides of the border.

The Programme makes a significant contribution to the revival and development of historical cities in the area, successful initiatives including the restoration of cellars in Rzeszów (Underground city), renovation of the market square in Lubaczów, restoration of the underground passage in Jarosław, renovation of the church's wall and chapels (the Virgin Mary basilica) and the viridarium of the monastic house in Stara Wieś. Apart from rich cultural heritage and natural beauty, Podkarpackie Voivodeship is known for its SPA resources. In cooperation with their Ukrainian partner towns, Polańczyk and Horyniec-Zdrój are working on how to use their potential to the full extent, by constructing new buildings (amphitheatres in Polańczyk and Horyniec-Zdrój, mineral-water well-room, fountains in Horyniec-Zdrój), improving parks, holding

festivals and preparing promotional materials. Also, there are three umbrella projects intended for tourism development in the region, which include interesting and various activities in the area of health tourism, historical cities promotion and development of tourist products on the basis of the Fortress of Przemyśl.

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Bieszczady Mountains, Photograph: Janusz Górnicki

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With support from the Programme and through the efforts of local institutions, the area also became more accessible – in Bieszczady, the Jureczkowa – Kwaszenina – Arłamów road has been constructed (in total 11 kilometres and 395 metres). The road is subject to heavy goods traffic, as well as to tourist traffic. The road can also be used as a short cut for border crossings with Ukraine and Slovakia.

It should also be mentioned, that the Programme has contributed to the construction of the Budomierz-Hruszew border crossing point, which is the biggest road crossing point on the Polish-Ukrainian border. It is expected that the implementation of the project will increase the efficiency of the border in Podkarpacie by 41 % in terms of people movement and by 39 % in terms of car traffic. The other significant improvement will be the decrease of waiting time at the border crossings in Podkarpacie. The region also participates in another large-scale project, intended at the development of IT infrastructure at border-crossing points.

Improvement of living standards also means a cleaner environment and more effective usage of energy. In this area, the efforts have been focused on the reduction of sewerage coming to the environment (including building and modernisation of the sewerage system in the Commune of Zagórz), responding to natural hazards (by the creation of the joint management system for cross-border rescue actions and improving the capacity of rescue services), decreasing the emission of harmful substances (through the introduction of renewable energy sources such as solar batteries to substitute traditional heating systems in Lubaczów and promotion of RES in the area).



Apart from environmental challenges, local institutions, in cooperation with their Ukrainian counterparts, are trying to solve other acute issues of today, such as the integration of disabled people and building a more socially responsible society. Such initiatives are represented, for instance, by a Sanok project for facilitated access to qualitative medical treatment and improved quality of palliative services, which includes a hospice facility to be arranged and equipped with the capacity of 30 beds. Another project in Stalowa Wola struggles to make cultural objects more accessible for disabled visitors and minimise barriers in their access to museums in the region. An excellent initiative by Rzeszów City Council (in cooperation with two Ukrainian partner cities) implies art as a way of solving social problems and includes theatre and art therapy events. Also, within the Programme, a hospital in Jarosław will be equipped with modern medical appliances which will help improve the quality of medical services.



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Treasures of the cross-border area - preserving cultural heritage

PROJECT BUDGET:

3 965 382.90 EUR

EU CO-FINANCING:

3 550 556.48 EUR

LEAD PARTNER:

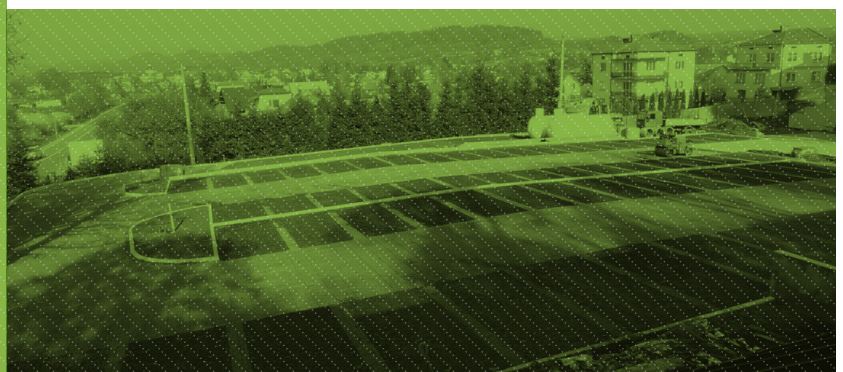
Society of Jesus ,
Monastic Home in Stara Wieś, PL

PARTNERS:

Brzozów Municipality, PL

State Historical and Architectural
Reserve in Zhovkva, UA

Within the scope of the project, two cultural heritage sites will be renovated and developed – one in Poland and one in Ukraine. In Poland, the works will be performed in the Virgin Mary basilica in Stara Wieś (Podkarpackie Voivodeship) including pilgrimage courtyard, viridarium of the Parish Home, pipe organ mechanism in the basilica church, Information Centre for Tourists and Pilgrims, as well as the reconstruction of the baroque Jesuit garden – “the biblical garden”. The Ukrainian partner is responsible for renovation works of the Castle in Zhovkva, i.e. renovation of the roof, courtyard, kitchen building, eastern tower including the adaptation of interiors for a museum exhibition, reconstruction of the western tower with adjoining galleries, as well as the renovation of the Visit Centre.





DOROTA CHILIK
Project Coordinator

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

The idea of a larger infrastructure project arose during the implementation of smaller actions in the field of cultural heritage protection and cross-border cooperation with Slovakia under the financial sources from the tranche 2007 – 2013. The Society of Jesus carried out a series of projects so called hard – infrastructural and soft. They prepared us for a big challenge related to the project: Treasures of the Border. Meeting Mr. Vladimir Gerycz, Director of the State Historical-Architectural Reserve in Zhovkva, confirmed our belief that we are able to bear the burden of implementation of such a large project. The Ukrainian Partner needs support in the implementation of restoration actions in the facilities remaining under its care. After a visit to Ukraine, during which we toured the 'ruins' of the Sobieski and Zhovkva Palace, we completed all the issues related to the signing of a partnership agreement and thus started the joint preparation of the project.

★ 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 selection of the scope of actions for the implementation of the project is not accidental. We want to achieve specific goals owing to which new products for the development of tour-

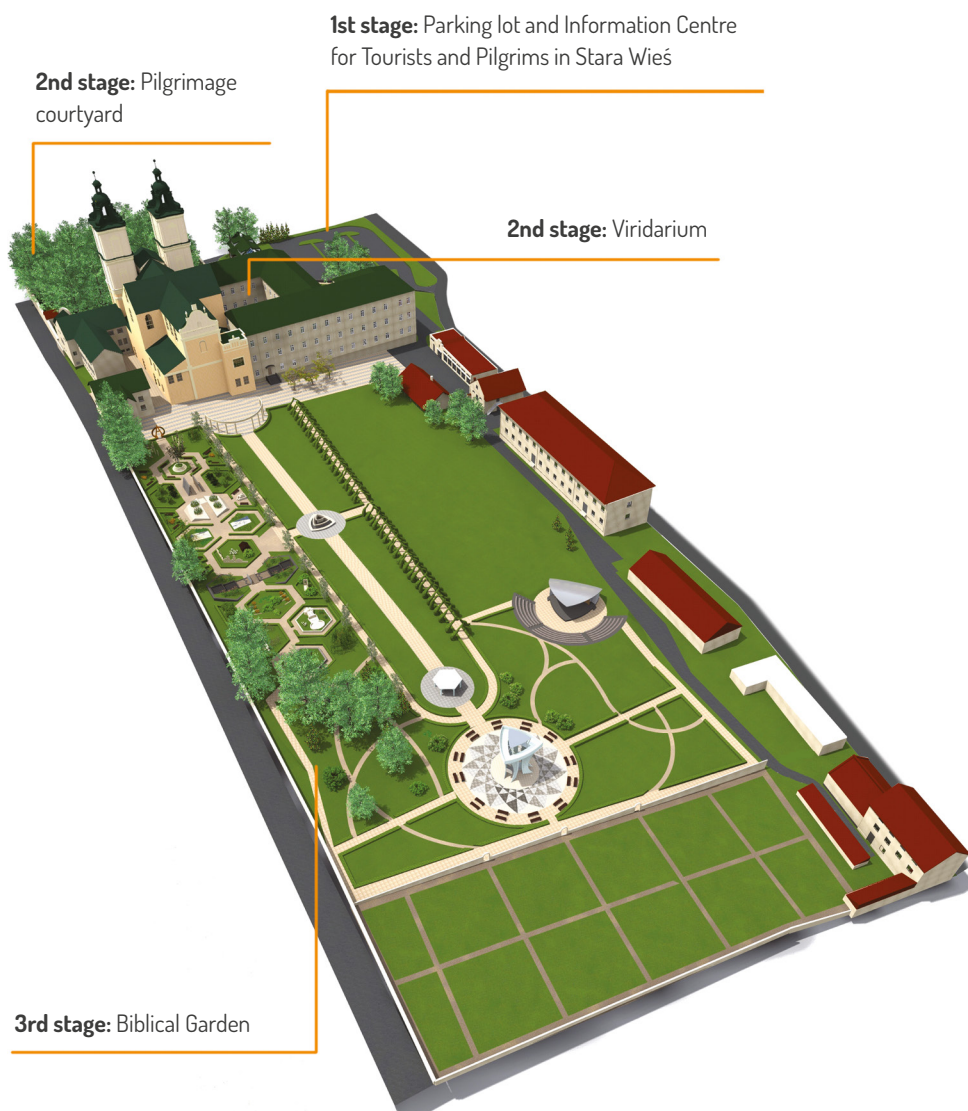
ism and strengthening Polish – Ukrainian partnerships will be created. The project touches on many important areas, ranging from the projects related to the conservation of monuments representing the European cultural heritage, through the introduction of adequate standards of new cultural and pilgrimage tourism products, to the creation of possibilities in experiencing the history and culture through visiting the monuments and places of interest in the partner regions. The creation of a new tourism product is a challenge for target groups and local authorities. New places of work and infrastructure, acting as a symbol of the region, will be created. This gives a perspective of the implementation of joint promotional programmes and joint tourist offers, etc.

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

Our project is unusual as its implementation combines as many as 3 partners: the Society of Jesus – Monastic House in Stara Wieś, as a church organisation with a legal personality; the State Historical-Architectural Reserve in Zhovkva and Brzozów Municipality. The actions relate to the protection of cultural heritage (conservation works saving monuments in Ukraine and Stara Wieś), creation of a new tourism product on both sides of the border: Jesuit Cultural Centre, Dialogue and History Centre in Stara Wieś with a beautiful complex of Jesuits (Basilica, the monastery, gardens, pilgrimage courtyard with a wall and corner chapels, the Centre for Tourism, which can host large numbers of tourists; museum and treasury) as well as the Palace Complex in Zhovkva, located in the heart of the city, constitutes the biggest attraction for tourists, patriots and historians. This is an extraordinary initiative dictated by the need to transfer important historic heritage to the young generation.

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

Personal contacts and meeting new NGOs from partner sites are most important. I am a writer who has been implementing projects for 15 years and every project is a challenge for me. The 'Treasures of the Border' is, however, unique, prestigious and much needed. In Poland, we 'perfect' our monuments and travel products as well as strive for the highest standard, while in Ukraine "everything is born from the ruins" – the financial resources intended for the implementation of actions save monuments before their decline and total destruction. It is a 'shot in the heart', because we all care about Polish traces beyond the borders of our country. We feel pride and great joy that such a great contribution to the preservation of historical memory will be brought by our project.



IPBU.02.01.00-18-563/11

Development of partnership cooperation towards the improvement of cross-border environment protection infrastructure in the townships of Poraż and Zagórz in Poland and in the city of Horodok in Ukraine

PROJECT BUDGET:

3 570 404.78 EUR

EU CO-FINANCING:

3 213 364.29 EUR

LEAD PARTNER:

Commune of Zagórz, PL

PARTNER:

Horodok City Council, UA

Improvement of quality of life, socio-economic attractiveness, competitiveness and possibilities for tourism development of Zagórz Commune and City of Horodok through better protection of the environment is the main issue raised by the project partners. Thanks to the project, the access and quality of sewage collection system in abovementioned areas will be improved, skills of local self-government authorities in the field of environmental protection investments will be developed and communities' awareness of environmental protection issues will increase. More than 1000 households/buildings will be connected to the new or modernised sewerage systems and access to the sewerage infrastructure is planned to be provided for c.a. 40 ha of investment areas on both sides of the border.



ERNEST NOWAK
the Mayor of Zagórz

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

For several years, the contacts with our partners in Ukraine have become more intense. Our relationships are based on the exchange of experiences on a tourism and culture level or on making new contacts. Unfortunately, so far it has not been possible to implement joint projects allowing for a comprehensive partnership development of border regions. Therefore, we were rejoiced when the programmes of a transboundary nature entered into force. In the end, we were able to work together on the development of our regions. We applied for funding along with the local government of the town of Horodok and it was a very successful initiative. The project was highly appreciated and we implement it together at present.

★ 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?

Zagórz Municipality is a place growing rapidly in economic terms, because of its location as well as rich historical and natural values – ideal for the development of tourist services. Improving the environment is one of the key conditions enabling to attract the investors both in tourism and industrial sectors. A value in itself is that the investment activities carried out by us under the project will improve the quality of life of our residents.

**We want to connect
the East and West**



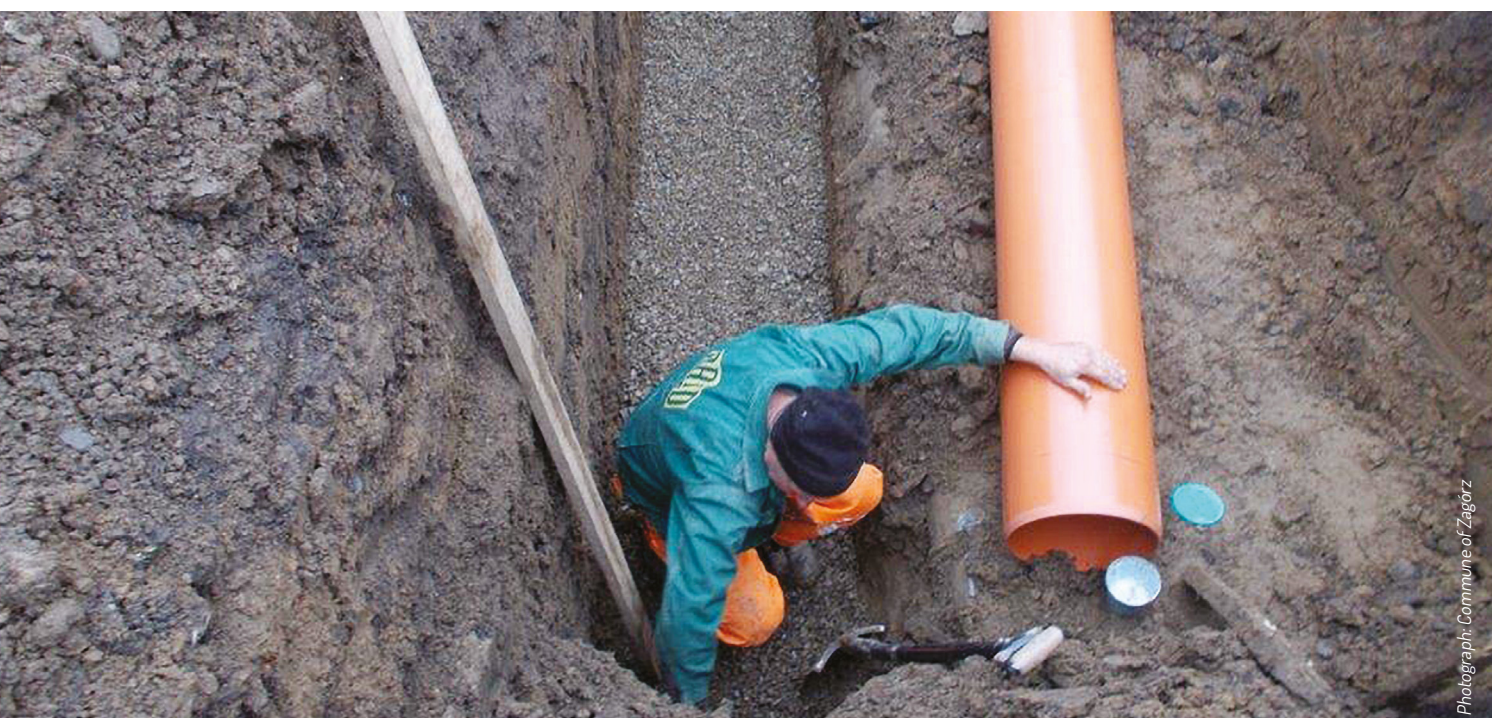
*** Is your project unique in comparison to other initiatives undertaken in the region?**

The project we realise with the support of CBC Programme Poland – Belarus – Ukraine, considering the scope, does not really stand out from other initiatives in the region. Many local governments perform tasks related to the construction of the sewage or water supply systems. Thus, our project becomes another undertaking, designed to provide residents and businesses with access to basic services. The difference lies in that it is a form of cooperation at the stage of preparation of the application and during its implementation. I mean the partnership in the project we lead, and under which, we are an institution that shares its experience. This is especially important for colleagues from Ukraine, who have a chance to gain new experience in connection with implementation and management of the project funded from the European Union funds.

We treat the project implemented along with the Ukrainian Horodok as our contribution to the continuing process of European integration.

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

This project is another undertaking implemented by us with a partner from abroad. Previously, our partners were Slovaks and Swiss, now we are in partnership with the Ukrainians. Cooperation with each of these partners constitutes a valuable experience for our local government. Regarding the ongoing cooperation with our neighbours, the project is still in progress. Therefore, at this stage, it is difficult to talk about specific results. However, it is certain that joint projects gradually lead to the establishment of permanent structures and mechanisms of cooperation between local governments, at the same time, tightening interpersonal relationships of the individuals involved in the project. The undertaking will improve the quality of the environment on both sides of the border and contribute to the development of the whole Polish-Ukrainian borderland. The project implemented alongside with the Ukrainian Horodok is valuable experience for us, because, for the first time, we are responsible for managing the entire project.



Photograph: Commune of Zagórz



Photograph: Serhiy Neupokoyev

IPBU.03.01.00-18-751/11

Creation of Polish-Ukrainian Center of Breeding and Promotion of Hucul Horse

PROJECT BUDGET:

1708 332.93 EUR

EU CO-FINANCING:

1537 499.64 EUR

LEAD PARTNER:

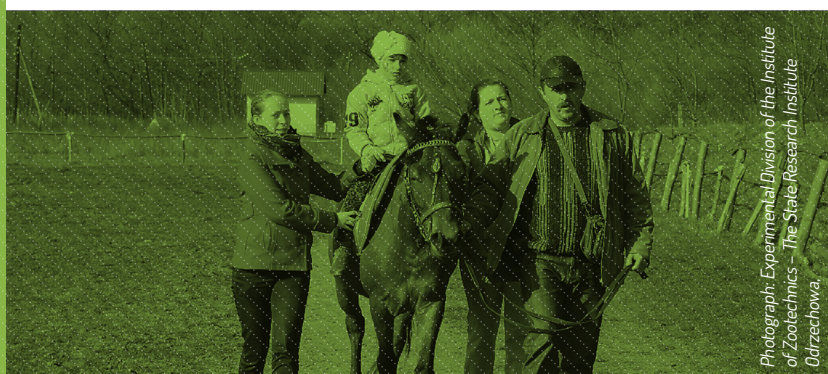
Experimental Division of the Institute of Zootechnics – The State Research Institute Odrzechowa, PL

PARTNERS:

Science-manufacturing Association „Plemkonecentr” in Sołoczyn, UA

The Regional Association of Horse Breeders in Rzeszów, PL

The project partners aim at the restitution of the Hucul breed, as a common cultural element of the East Carpathian nations, through joint examination of the most beneficial means of maintaining horses and the possibilities of using them in the current conditions of civilisation. For this purpose, 3 offices of the Polish-Ukrainian Centre of Breeding and Promotion of Hucul Horse will be established, 4 stables and 2 paddocks will be renovated and 3 Hucul trails will be built. An important part of the project is also a joint campaign for the popularisation of breeding the Hucul horse and its use for recreational, tourist and hippotherapy purposes. Among others, the partners organised the Festival of Borderland Cultures – “The Hucul horse in the culture of East Carpathians” in Rudawka Rymanowska and will carry on 35 initiatives and events using the created training facilities.



Photograph: Experimental Division of the Institute of Zootechnics – The State Research Institute Odrzechowa.



WŁADYSŁAW BREJTA, PH.D., ENG.

President of the Experimental Division of the Institute of Zootechnics – The State Research Institute Odrzechowa

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

In 1925, in Żabie (Hucul region), the Hucul Horse Breeders Association was founded by Poles and Huculs, which operated until World War II. After nearly 90 years we go back to that event in an attempt to resume cooperation. This time it is all the more difficult that there is a boundary between us and several decades of a very different history, different experiences and opportunities for breeding. Self-governing Trade Breeders in Poland for over 100 years has never ceased to exist, act and decide on the directions of breeding. In Ukraine, they practically do not exist, and any decisions including those breeding were taken by “the authority”. In the homeland of the Hucul horse – the Hucul region of these horses, they practically do not exist, in the rest of Ukraine, including Carpathian Ruthenia, they exist in a small number. In Poland, mainly thanks to the activities of breeders’ associations, there are more than 3500 animals. Among other things, we have been discussing such problems for about 10 years with our Ukrainian partners from the organisation Plemkonecentr, and when the possibility appeared that our actions could be supported by funds from the European Union, we decided to take the opportunity.

★ 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 main goals to achieve are:

- ★ Restitution of Hucul breed horses in their natural habitat
- ★ Promotion of raising and breeding Hucul breed horses as a common cultural element of the East Carpathian nations and promotion of tourist and recreational values of the areas
- ★ Improvement of Polish-Ukrainian cooperation within the scope of raising and breeding Hucul breed horses. In order to fulfil such a statement it would be good if all small and large Ukrainian breeders organised themselves into one strong organization, which on the outside has one voice and represents them in international organisations, especially in HIF (Hucul International Federation). Cooperation should be developed both, at the level of individual breeders, as well as at the level of self-governing organisations of breeding.

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

It is a project where activities hard (infrastructure) and soft in nature are balanced. By the multiplicity of these activities that include: 3 common mass events, 22 trainings, promotional video and album of the Hucul horses breeding and the Eastern Carpathians, a few investments. This is a difficult project. The multiplicity of these activities make the project very interesting, where for several months hundreds of Ukrainian and Polish breeders and Hucul horse enthusiasts meet. It is a project where Polish breeders can learn about the living history of Hucul horse country, the Ukrainians can learn from our achievements and our scientific breeding organisations.

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Stable in Rudawka Rymanowska



after renovation



before renovation



after renovation



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


Cooperation with the Ukrainian side is not ideal. We as the Polish side were prepared for some of the difficulties, but not for others. The Ukrainian side is learning mainly European Union procedures, we are learning their legal and organisational constraints.

Most of the Polish breeders participating in training were in the Hucul region for the first time. The majority of Ukrainian and Polish breeders met for the first time at trainings and for the first time they had the opportunity to discuss, exchange ideas and make friends.



Photograph: Serhiy Neupokoyev

PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN THE REGION

 Partners from Podkarpackie Voivodeship

	PROJECT NUMBER	PROJECT TITLE	LEAD PARTNER	PROJECT PARTNERS	BUDGET	EU CO-FINANCING
1	IPBU.01.01.00-18-151/10	Science and experience for business	Rzeszów Regional Development Agency, PL	Małopolska Institute of Economy, PL	262 921.43 EUR	236 629.29 EUR
				Lviv Regional Center for Investment and Development, UA		
				Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno, BY		
2	IPBU.01.01.00-18-486/11	Enterprise development through making investment areas of the Municipality of Lubaczów accessible and the recultivation of degraded areas of Yavoriv and Novyi Rozdil districts	Lubaczów Municipality, PL	Lubaczów Commune, PL	4 430 017.57 EUR	3 954 114.15 EUR
				Yavoriv Rayon Council, UA		
				City Council of Novy Rozdil, UA		
				Institute of Regional Development, UA		
3	IPBU.01.02.00-06-690/11	Modernization of Zoological Gardens in Zamość and Lutsk and Development of a Concept of Establishing a Recreation Zone in Rzeszów in order to Develop Cross-border Qualified Nature Tourism	The Town of Zamość, PL	Municipality of Rzeszów, PL	2 580 786.33 EUR	2 296 899.83 EUR
				The Executive Committee of Lutsk City Council, UA		
4	IPBU.01.02.00-18-054/10	Lubaczów – Yavoriv two potentials, joint opportunity	Lubaczów Municipality, PL	Yavoriv City Council, UA	1 450 259.30 EUR	1 305 233.37 EUR
5	IPBU.01.02.00-18-155/10	Partner project of development of common tourism based on new youth sport and leisure centers	Krosno Commune, PL	Uzhgorod City Council, UA	574 868.98 EUR	517 382.08 EUR
6	IPBU.01.02.00-18-203/10	Geo-Carpathians – Creating a Polish-Ukrainian Tourist Route	The State Higher Vocational School (PWSZ) in Krosno, PL	Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, UA	326 988.90 EUR	294 290.01 EUR
7	IPBU.01.02.00-18-353/11	The development of spa towns Horyniec-Zdrój and Morshyn chance to activation of the Polish-Ukrainian border	Commune Horyniec-Zdrój, PL	Morshyn Town Council, UA	4 344 637.56 EUR	3 910 173.80 EUR
				Agency of Regional Development and European Intergration, UA		
8	IPBU.01.02.00-18-354/11	Jarosław – Uzhgorod: common initiative for improving the touristic attractiveness of historical partner cities	Municipal Commune Jarosław, PL	Powiat of Jarosław, PL	2 062 277.20 EUR	1 856 049.48 EUR
				Executive Committee of Uzhgorod City Council, UA		
				Centre for Innovation Development, Investment and Tourism Agency of Uzhgorod, UA		

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9	IPBU.01.02.00-18-373/11	Treasures of the cross-border area – preserving cultural heritage	Society of Jesus, Monastic Home in Stara Wieś, PL	Brzozów Municipality, PL	3 965 382.90 EUR	3 550 556.48 EUR
				State Historical and Architectural Reserve in Zhovkva, UA		
10	IPBU.01.02.00-18-703/11	Polaoczyk and Schidnycja–let's make together of our tourist and cultural potential for the improvement of competitiveness of Bieszczady region	Solina Commune, PL	Schidnysia Town Council, UA	927 632.24 EUR	834 869.02 EUR
11	IPBU.01.02.00-76-044/10	Stimulation of the Tourism Development in the Carpathian Region by Tourist's Service and Security Improvement	Mountains Guides Association "ROVIN", UA	Bieszczadzka Mountains Voluntary Rescue Group, PL	297 438.89 EUR	267 456.96 EUR
				Polish Tourist Association of Co-untry Lovers, Department named after M. Orłowich in Przemyśl, PL		
				Lviv Oblast Control-Rescue Service of the Ukrainian Tourist and Sport Union, UA		
				Association "Lviv Tourist Board", UA		
12	IPBU.01.02.00-76-243/10	Underground city: development and popularization of cross-border tourism by the creation of cross-border tourist route in the underground routes of Lviv, Rzeszow, Lublin	Office of Historical Environment Preservation of Lviv City Council, UA	Municipality of Rzeszów, PL	494 866.51 EUR	445 379.85 EUR
				The „Grodzka Gate – NN Theatre” Centre, PL		
13	IPBU.01.02.00-90-574/11	Eastern European pearls: development and promotion transboundary city cultural tourism products	Public organization "Tourist Association of Ivano-Frankivsk Region", UA	Fundacja Akademia Obywatelska, PL	495 124.00 EUR	440 955.24 EUR
				Lublin Regional Tourist Organization, PL		
				Executive Committee of Ivano-Frankivsk City Council, UA		
				Kolomyia City Hall, UA		
				Tourism Office of the Department "Euro2012" of Lviv City Council, UA		
				Department of Economic Development and Integration of the Executive Committee of Ivano-Frankivsk City Council, UA		
14	IPBU.01.03.00-18-550/11	Partner cooperation development for improving cross-border environmental waterworks infrastructure in Glinne and Jankowce in Poland and in Hust in Ukraine	Lesko Commune, PL	Executive Committee of Hust City Council, UA	2 863 992.50 EUR	2 577 593.25 EUR
				Department of Economy of Kolomyia City Hall, UA		
15	IPBU.01.03.00-18-721/11	Enhancing the accessibility of Bieszczady and Stary Sambir Counties by integrating the actions in transportation infrastructure	Bieszczady District, PL	Regional Council in Stary Sambir, UA	4 276 238.53 EUR	3 789 602.59 EUR
				Urban Council in Stary Sambir, UA		

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16	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	Association for Regional and Local Development “Progress”, PL Marshal Office of the Lubelskie Voivodeship in Lublin, PL Brest Regional (Oblast) Executive Committee, BY Local Foundation for Promotion of International Dialogue and Cooperation “Interakcia”, BY Volyn Regional Department of Water Resources and Water Management, UA Public Organisation Volyn Association of Scientists and Innovators, UA	912 657.00 EUR	821 281.00 EUR
17	IPBU.02.01.00-06-081/10	Developing a cross-border system for natural hazards management at the Polish-Ukrainian border	The State Fire Service, Voivodeship Headquarters in Lublin, PL	The State Fire Service, Voivodship Headquarters in Rzeszów, PL The Executive Board of the Ministry of Emergency Situations and Population Protection Against Chernobyl Accident Consequences in the Lviv Oblast, UA	1 523 089.70 EUR	1 370 780.67 EUR
18	IPBU.02.01.00-18-156/10	Renewable sources of energy – method of improving the quality of natural environment within the area of the Lubaczów district and Jaworów region.	The District of Lubaczów, PL	Regional Council of Yavoriv, UA	453 717.22 EUR	408 345.50 EUR
19	IPBU.02.01.00-18-563/11	Development of partnership cooperation towards the improvement of cross-border environment protection infrastructure in the townships of Poraj and Zagórz in Poland and in the city of Horodok in Ukraine	Commune of Zagórz, PL	Horodok City Council, UA	3 570 404.78 EUR	3 213 364.29 EUR
20	IPBU.02.01.00-18-625/11	„FARADAY” – Building of permanent mechanisms for crossborder cooperation in the field of RES	Rzeszów Regional Development Agency, PL	Subcarpathian Eco-Energetics, PL Agency of European Innovations, UA	322 249.43 EUR	290 024.49EUR
21	IPBU.02.02.01-18-004/09	The construction of the exit as a part of the construction of the road border crossing Budo-mierz-Hruszew	Podkarpackie Voivodeship Office, PL	State Fiscal Service of Ukraine	5 764 688.76 EUR	5 188 219.88 EUR
22	IPBU.02.02.01-70-009/10	Development of IT Infrastructure of Ukrainian Customs and Border Guards Services at Ukrainian – Polish Border	State Fiscal Service of Ukraine	Podkarpackie Voivodeship Office, PL Lublin Voivodship Office, PL Administration of State Border Guard Service of Ukraine	2 719 382.00 EUR	2 447 443.80 EUR

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23	IPBU.03.01.00-18-400/11	“Museums without Barriers” – Coalition of Polish and Ukrainian museums for provision of professional service to disabled visitors	Regional Museum in Stalowa Wola, PL	Lviv Historical Museum, UA	187 462.38 EUR	168 716.14 EUR
				Andrey Sheptytsky National Museum in Lviv, UA		
				Polish Association of the Blind, PL		
24	IPBU.03.01.00-18-450/11	Joint cooperation network within culture and welfare on behalf of the development of the cities of Polish-Ukrainian borderland	Municipality of Rzeszów, PL	Executive Committee of Ivano-Frankivsk City Council, UA	387 402.54 EUR	348 662.29 EUR
				Executive Committee of Lutsk City Council, UA		
25	IPBU.03.01.00-18-452/11	Scientific integration of the Polish-Ukrainian borderland area in the field of monitoring and detoxification of harmful substances in environment.	University of Rzeszów, PL	Institute of Cell Biology, National Academy Of Sciences of Ukraine	366 991.00 EUR	330 291.90 EUR
26	IPBU.03.01.00-18-595/11	Creating proper conditions for using mutual experience gained by the employees of the Medical Care Centre in Jarosław and the District Hospital in Novoiavorivsk. The conditions are of utmost importance for immediate maintenance of cross-border traffic, for needs of people residing the districts as well as for improving the diagnostic and therapeutic equipment owned by both institutions	Medical Care Centre in Jarosław, PL	District Hospital No. 1 in Novoiavorivsk, UA	2 499 799.72 EUR	2 200 804.26 EUR
27	IPBU.03.01.00-18-629/11	The scientific environment integration of the Polish-Ukrainian borderland area.	University of Rzeszów, PL	Pedagogical State University in Drohobych, UA	356 136.00 EUR	320 522.40 EUR
28	IPBU.03.01.00-18-680/11	Strengthening of the institutional potential of cooperation between rescue services from Rzeszów and Užgorod through improvement of rescue-extinguishing techniques together with information and experiences exchange	Municipal Headquarters of State Fire Service in Rzeszów, PL	Uzgorod District Department of Emergency Situations Ministry, UA	192 078.54 EUR	172 870.69 EUR
29	IPBU.03.01.00-18-751/11	Creation of Polish-Ukrainian Center of Breeding and Promotion of Hucul Horse	Experimental Division of the Institute of Zootechnics – The State Research Institute Odrzechowa, PL	The Regional Association of Horse Breeders in Rzeszów, PL	1 708 332.93 EUR	1 537 499.64 EUR
				Science-manufacturing Association „Plemkonecentr” in Sołoczyn, UA		
30	IPBU.03.01.00-18-770/11	Polish-Ukrainian Experience Exchange Forum by the way of long and effective cross-border cooperation	Ropczycko-Sędziszowski District, PL	Stryj District Council, UA	123 301.83 EUR	110 971.65 EUR
31	IPBU.03.01.00-80-356/11	Institutional cooperation between Vynogradiv district and Sanok province in development of the palliative care provision	Local Development Agency Vinogradivchyni, UA	St. Albert Help Society, PL	1 087 428.99 EUR	978 686.09 EUR
				Vynogradiv District Council, UA		
32	IPBU.03.02.00-18-826/12	<i>Umbrella project:</i> Promotion of a common historical and cultural heritage of Poland and Ukraine – “Fortress of Przemyśl”	Association of the Carpathian Euroregion Poland	partners in 9 micro-projects	541 772.63 EUR	487 595.36 EUR

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33	IPBU.03.02.00-18-832/12	<i>Umbrella project:</i> Cross-border cooperation for health tourism of Polish-Ukrainian borderland	The Association for Development and Promotion of Podkarpackie Region "Pro Carpathia", PL	partners in 12 micro-projects	643 778.65 EUR	579 400.78 EUR
34	IPBU.03.02.00-76-820/12	<i>Umbrella project:</i> Integrated Promotion of Tourism Opportunities and Cultural-Historical Heritage of Lviv Region, Podkarpackie and Lublin Voivodeships	Association "Lviv Tourist Board", UA	Przemysł Regional Development Agency (umbrella project management level), PL partners in 6 micro-projects	547 329.52 EUR	492 596.55 EUR
35	IPBU.03.02.00-06-827/12	<i>Umbrella project:</i> Cross-border Labour Market Support Center	European Meeting Centre – Nowy Staw Foundation, PL	partners in 2 micro-projects	245 450.28 EUR	220 905.24 EUR

