



Annual report on the implementation of the Operational Programme  
Infrastructure and Environment 2014-2020 for 2017

**SUMMARY**

## About the programme

Infrastructure and Environment 2014-2020 is the largest programme funded from the European Funds not only in Poland but in the European Union.

**Major areas for which the funds shall be allocated are:** low-carbon economy, environmental protection, adaptation to climate change, transport and energy security as well as healthcare and cultural heritage.

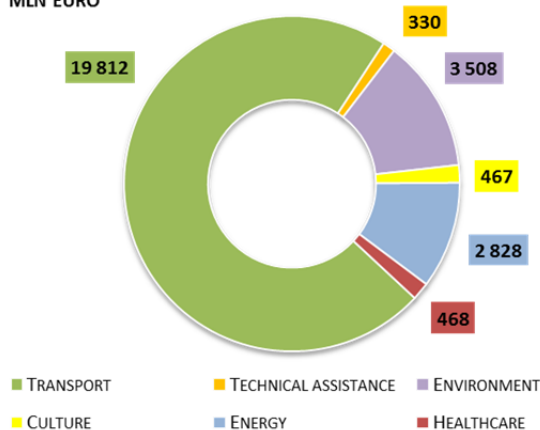
The programme is funded from three sources:

- **European Regional Development Fund**, allocating EUR 4,905.9 million,
- **Cohesion Fund**, with the amount of EUR 22,507.9 million,
- **National funds** – public and private whose minimal involvement is EUR 4,853.2 million.

### Areas of support under the programme:

1. Low-emission economy;
2. Environmental protection, including adaptation to climate change;
3. Development of the TEN-T road network and multimodal transport;
4. Road infrastructure for cities;
5. Development of the railway transport in Poland;
6. Development of low-carbon mass transport in cities;
7. Improving energy security;
8. Protection of cultural heritage and development of cultural resources;
9. Strengthening the strategic healthcare infrastructure.

ALLOCATION  
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## Review of the implementation of the programme

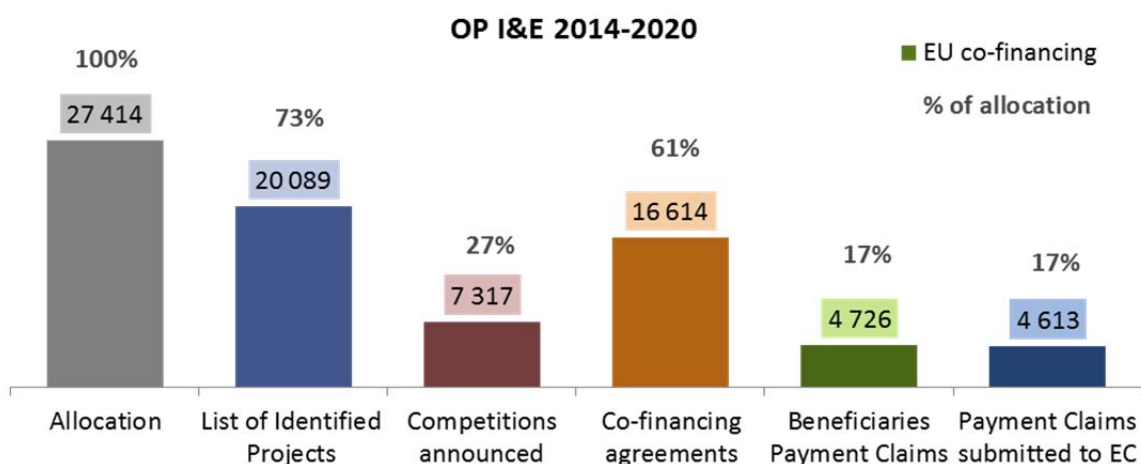
The Infrastructure and Environment Programme was approved by the European Commission on 16 December 2014.

### In 2017:

- the project selection criteria were adopted and some of them were updated;
- new projects were introduced to the *List of projects identified under the non-competition procedure*;
- new competitions for operations were announced and submitted applications were being assessed;
- the process of signing co-financing agreements and applying for payments has been continued.

### By the end of 2017:

- we announced **76 competitions** in **all sectors**: energy, environment, transport, culture and health, for the amount of funding of **EUR 7.3 billion<sup>1</sup>**;
- the *List of projects identified under the non-competition procedure* contained **550 projects** with the estimated amount of EU funding of **EUR 20.1 billion**;
- we signed **1 413 co-funding** agreements for the amount of EU support of **EUR 16.6 billion**
- beneficiaries submitted **payment claims** for the amount of more than **EUR 6.6 billion** of which the amount of EU funding was **EUR 4.7 billion**;
- we submitted to the European Commission **payment claims** for the amount of **eligible expenditure of EUR 5.4 billion**, the **requested amount was EUR 4.6 billion**



<sup>1</sup> Converted at the EBC exchange rate applicable in January 2018 - EUR 4,1808 /PLN.



## Issues affecting the implementation of the programme and the appropriate measures taken

- lack of the fulfilment of the ex-ante conditionality regarding the waste sector and water sector affecting implementation of the II priority axis dedicated to environmental protection

Fulfilment of ex-ante conditionality: 6.2 Waste sector was confirmed by the EC on the 2th of the August 2018. Nevertheless, given that the Regional Waste Management Plan for Mazowieckie is annulled on procedural grounds by a judgment of the competent administrative court , it is necessary to adopt legally valid investment plan.

Fulfilment of ex-ante conditionality: 6.1 Water sector was confirmed by the EC on the 10th of the October 2018.

- lower than forecasted interest of potential beneficiaries and lack of interest of the financing in the form of repayable assistance causing low implementation of the I priority axis dedicated to energy sector

In order to support contracting and certifying process Managing Authority organizes regular meetings with all involved institutions and beneficiaries. During the meetings possible solutions and remedial measures are discussed.

Annual plan of certification for 2018 was set in collaboration with the Ministry of Energy. The execution of the Plan in monitored by Managing Authority on the monthly basis.

Other priority axes are implemented without major disruptions. Encountered issues were solved on a daily basis.

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