

Annual implementation report SUMMARY

Operational Programme Infrastructure
and Environment 2014-2020

2022



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1. About the programme

Infrastructure and Environment

2014-2020 is the largest programme financed by the European Union not only in Poland but also in the European Union.

Areas of support under the programme:

- low-emission economy;
- counteracting climate change and adapting to its effects;
- transport (TEN-T road network and multimodal transport, road infrastructure for cities, railway transport, low-emission public transport in the cities);
- energy security;
- strategic healthcare infrastructure;
- cultural heritage.

In 2022, Poland was severely affected by the Russian Federation's military aggression against Ukraine at a time when the economy was still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic.

In response to the new challenges, in early June 2022, we submitted a request to the EC for two program changes. The first was to increase the program's efficiency in the areas of **energy** and **transport**.

Thanks to this change, it is possible to implement projects supporting the goals of the **green energy transition** (i.e., energy generation from renewable sources) to a greater extent, as well as to implement measures related to **increasing road safety**. The second change was the inclusion of funds from the **2nd tranche of the EU REACT-EU Facility** (€93 million).

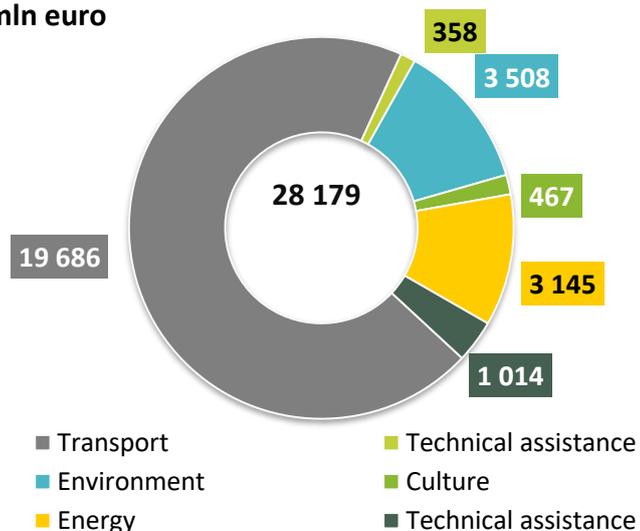
On July 13, 2022, the European Commission approved the changes to the program.

Financing:

- **European Regional Development Fund** — EUR 4.97 bln;
- **Cohesion Fund** — EUR 22.44 bln;
- **European Regional Development Fund – REACT-EU** — EUR 767.89 bln;

National funds – public and private – minimum EUR 5.27 bln.

Allocation mln euro



2. Review of the implementation of the programme

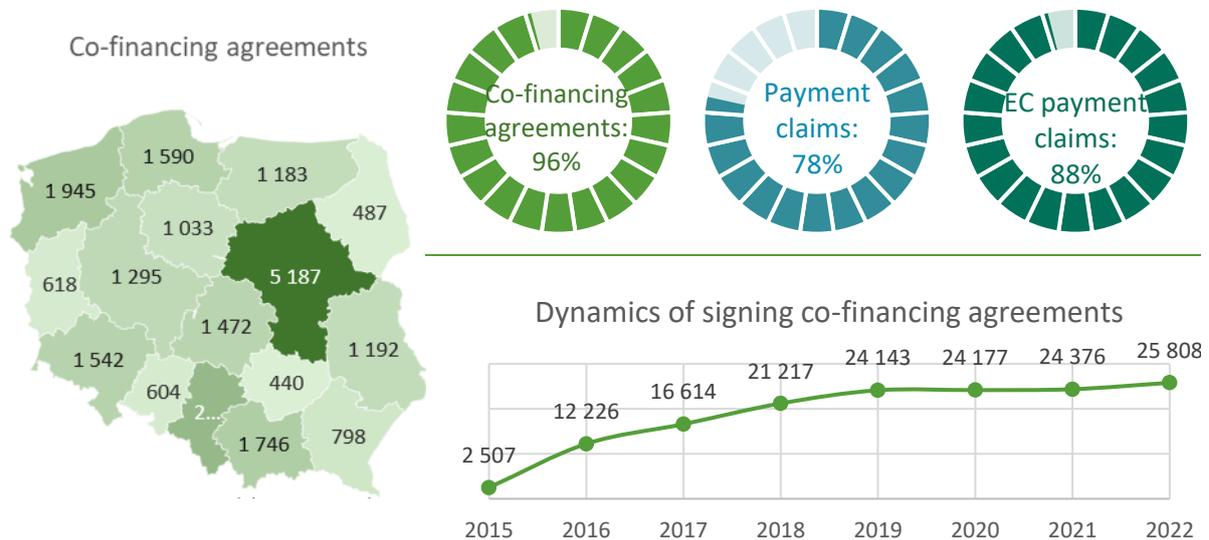
The year 2022 was the penultimate year of the Infrastructure and Environment Program.

In 2022, we implemented tasks such as:

- approval and updating of the *Project selection criteria*;
- entering projects on the *List of projects identified under the non-competition procedure*;
- announcing new calls for competition and assessing submitted applications;
- signing co-financing agreements, annex agreements, and applying for payments to the European Commission.

By the end of 2022:

- we announced **109 competitions** in all sectors for the amount of funding of **EUR 8.4 billion**¹;
- the *List of projects identified under the non-competition procedure* contained **843 projects** with the estimated amount of EU funding of **EUR 20.7 billion**;
- we signed **2 974 co-funding** agreements for the amount of EU support of **EUR 25.8 billion**;
- beneficiaries submitted **payment claims** for the amount of almost **EUR 34.7 billion** of which the amount of EU funding was **EUR 21.1 billion**;
- we submitted to the European Commission **payment claims** for the amount of **eligible expenditure of EUR 27.6 billion**, the requested amount was **EUR 24.8 billion**.



¹ Financial data according to the EBC exchange rate from January 2023 - 4,6855 PLN/EUR.

3. Issues affecting the implementation of the programme

The **effects of the COVID-19 pandemic** continued to be felt during the implementation of EU projects in 2022. The war in Ukraine **compounded the problems** so far observed during the implementation of the programme.

A significant increase in the price of construction materials and services affects all investment projects in the program

The continuing difficult situation on the construction services market results in increased project costs. Due to the lack of funds to cover the difference between the value of works specified in the application for co-financing and the value obtained as a result of the tender, beneficiaries are forced to cancel tenders, which causes delays in project implementation. The institutions involved in the implementation analyze each case in which there is an increase in project costs as a result of a tender procedure. Depending on the availability of funds, decisions are made to increase support for projects, after ensuring compliance with the selection criteria. Meetings with beneficiaries are organized and possible solutions are analyzed.

Problems resulting directly from **the outbreak of war in Ukraine**

We can observe problems directly related to the outbreak of war ie:

- ↳ an **outflow of construction workers coming from Ukraine** as well as employees of project implementation units;
- ↳ **impediments to the delivery** of construction materials and equipment due to disrupted supply chains;
- ↳ delays in the delivery of equipment purchased by medical entities due to the fact that any transportation through Ukrainian territory is impossible;
- ↳ **increases in energy prices**, including gas, and difficulties related to investments based on the construction of new gas connections.

We constantly analyze the information provided by beneficiaries, among other things, in payment applications. Institutions take an individual and flexible approach to emerging problems, offering the possibility of extending project implementation. Meetings are held with beneficiaries and periodic reviews of projects, as well as periodic meetings with the participation of all parties involved.

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