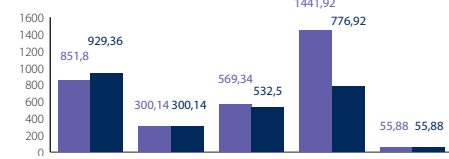


The list of individual projects is available at the website. Investment value within the framework of individual projects compared with the budgets of priority axes (in mln Eur) – data from 30 June 2009



■ Investment costs
■ Priority axis budget

By now competitions have been held within the framework of the following tasks of OP DEP:

- Task I.3 Supporting innovativeness,
- Task I.4 Promotion and cooperation, Promotion component, area: "Inward Investment Centres",
- Task I.4 Promotion and cooperation, Cooperation component, areas: "clusters" and "development policy."

Projects under the competitions

It is the Managing Authority that makes a decision to announce a competition for co-financing. A competition is held in a situation when there are extra means available during the implementation of the Programme in tasks under individual project lists. This applies to all priority axes of the Programme, with the exception of the axis: Technical assistance.

The institution responsible for conducting the competition proceedings, and in particular for the preparation of competition documentation, announcing competitions, informing potential Beneficiaries about the rules of the competitions, appointing commissions assessing the projects as well as recommending projects for co-financing is the Polish Agency for Enterprise Development.

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The Polish Agency For Enterprise Development (PARP)

Is a governmental agency reporting to the Minister of Economy. It was established under the Act of 9 November 2000. The aim of the Agency's operations is to implement programmes for economic development supporting innovation and research activities amongst small and medium-sized enterprises, regional development, increase in exports, job creation, human resources development and the use of new technologies. In the 2007-2013 financial perspective the Agency is responsible for implementing three Operational Programmes: **Innovative Economy, Human Capital and Development of Eastern Poland**.

PARP carries out numerous projects the aim of which is to promote innovative projects as well as the implementation of modern technologies by small and medium-sized enterprises. This end the PARP is running an internet portal relating to the innovation issues www.pi.gov.pl and is organising the **Polish Product of the Future** competition on an annual basis. SME's representatives can also participate in the periodic meetings in the framework of the **Innovative Enterprises' Club**. The objective of the educational portal **PARP Academy** is to facilitate access to business knowledge in the form of e-learning among the micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises. PARP is a partner organisation of the **Enterprise Europe Network**, which offers information about the European law and conducting economic activity in the Single Market to entrepreneurs.

PARP is the initiator of the **National SMEs Service Network (KSU), National Innovation Centres (KSI) and the Consultation Centres**. These institutions offer the advice, information, training and financial services free of charge or at preferential rates. The PARP's regional partners in the process of implementation of selected activities are **Regional Financing Institutions (RFIs)**.

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Operational Programme Development of Eastern Poland

EU funds – for the development of Eastern Poland

5 Polish voivodships (Lubelskie, Podkarpackie, Podlaskie, Świętokrzyskie and Warmińsko-Mazurskie) will receive over 2.27 billion Eur from the OP Development of Eastern Poland in the years 2007-2013. The EU assistance for areas with the lowest income per capita, will result in faster economic and social development of these regions. New companies will be established, technology parks, university buildings and research institutes will be built and road infrastructure will be improved. Enterprises that guarantee



common access to the Internet and increase tourist attractiveness of the region will be granted the financial aid. Indirectly, EU will be an incentive for local inhabitants' initiative, which will guarantee further development of the eastern regions of Poland.

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

Operational Programme Development of Eastern Poland (OP DEP) is elements of regional policy which additionally affects regional operational programmes, prepared by local authorities as well as national programmes. The objective of OP DEP is to increase the activity of other programmes in Eastern Poland, thus resulting in their more rapid development.

for the development of Eastern Poland

THE PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

The programme objectives aims at “Hastening the pace of social and economic development in Eastern Poland pursuant to the sustainable development principle”.

Specific objectives:

- Stimulating development of knowledge based on competitive economy,
- Improving access to broadband Internet in eastern Poland,
- Developing certain metropolitan functions of largest urban centers,
- Improving accessibility and standard of transport links in voivodships of Eastern Poland,
- Enhancing the role of sustainable tourism in the economic development of the macroregion,
- Optimising the implementation process of OP Development of Eastern Poland.

STRUCTURE AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROGRAMME

There are six main tasks (the so-called priority axes) which are implemented within the framework of OP DEP. They are divided into diverse tasks.

Priority Axis I: Modern economy

I.1. Infrastructure of universities

The main objectives realised within task I.1 are improvement and further development of the educational system.

Projects enabling the improvement of educational infrastructure, including higher education didactic activity, especially at technical and mathematical departments are supported. It is first of all universities, both public and private, that can apply for the co-financing of projects. The minimal project's value is 20 million zloties. As a result of the implementation of this task, modern computer studies, research laboratories, well-equipped libraries and student hostels will come into being. This will be followed by on the increase of the region's educational attractiveness for both Polish students and students from abroad.

At present one of the biggest project in this area is the expansion of Warmińsko-Mazurski University in Olsztyn. The university is implementing sub-projects of the total value amounting to more than 64 million Eur, including almost 50 million Eur from EU funds. The Regional IT Centre is one of the ventures that will be built within the framework of this project.

I.2. Instruments of financial engineering

The main objective of this task is to provide entrepreneurs from Eastern Poland with access to external sources of financing at the stage of commencing the business activity as well as in an early phase of development their business activity. This task will support the credit guarantees system functioning in the voivodships under this programme.

I.3. Supporting innovativeness

The main objective within this task is to create the best possible conditions for conducting business activity, in particular for the development and diffusion of innovative enterprises.

Projects in the development of the organisational and research base, made available for entrepreneurs for conducting innovative activities will be supported by this task. Thanks to the EU funds technological and industrial parks, research laboratories or entrepreneurship development facilities will come into being. The task also encompasses the realisation of projects connected with comprehensive preparation of areas for new investments, including the building of access roads and other infrastructure necessary for entrepreneurs to use the areas. It is universities, research facilities, entrepreneurs as well as entities supporting economic development of the regions of Eastern Poland that can apply for co-financing. The minimal project's value is 12 million zloties; for investment areas 4 million zloties.

An example of task I.3 project is the expansion of laboratory infrastructure of AGROPHYSIS Perfection Centre belonging to B.Dobrzański Institute of Agrophysics in Lublin. This investment, at 7.2 million Eur, will be supported by EU funds in the amount of 6.1 million Eur. These funds will be used to modernise research facilities of the Institute as well as to purchase research equipment.

II.4. Promotion and cooperation

For the purpose of effective fulfilment of tasks in I.4, which aims to increase the interest in the economic offer of Eastern Poland, two components were separated: “Promotion” and “Cooperation”.

“Promotion”

The main objective of the “Promotion” Component's is to arouse interest in potential investors and business tourists as regards the economic offer of Eastern Poland.

It will be realised by means of conducting an intensive promotional campaign in Polish and foreign mass media. The campaign aims to present Eastern Poland as an area attractive for investors as well as to present the economic potential of eastern regions. 20 million Eur have been reserved for the realisation of the promotion project.

Projects creating a networks consisting of minimum one Inward Investment Centre (IIC) from each voivodship of Eastern Poland can be cofinanced. The available means amount to 9.4 million Eur. The minimal value of the project that can be co-financed amounts to 2 million zloties.

“Cooperation”

The task priority is to encourage the voivodships of Eastern Poland to realise supraregional projects by means of creating cooperation platforms and clusters. Cooperation of various entities from different voivodships will result in faster development of the entire region.

This component is divided into two areas: “Creation and development of clusters” and “Creating regional development policy”. In both cases projects covering at least two voivodships are supported. 11.8 million Eur have been reserved for the first task; it will support projects the minimal value amounts to 2 million zloties. In this case it is the cluster coordinator who applies for aid; the cluster consists of entrepreneurs, universities and entities acting for economic development or innovativeness.

5.9 million Eur will be spent on projects the framework of “Creating regional development policy” and the minimal value of the enterprise's co-financing has been set on the level of 200 000 zloties. Competitions within this area are directed primarily to local self-government bodies and their unions.

Priority axis II: Information infrastructure of the society

II.1. Broadband network of Eastern Poland

Access to fast Internet for public institutions, entrepreneurs and inhabitants from the areas of Eastern Poland endangered by “digital exclusion” is the priority of task II.1.

Within this framework a modern teleinformation network supplementing the existing infrastructure will be built in 5 voivodships. At the same time, training regarding the use of the built infrastructure and the Internet will be held for people under the risk of “digital exclusion”.

The Ministry of Regional Development coordinates works aiming at the creation the broadband network and local self-government bodies implement the project.

The effective implementation of this project will ensure, by 2013, access to the Internet for 90% of households and 100% of public institutions and businesses from 5 voivodships of Eastern Poland. Over 300 million Eur will be spent, including 255 million financed by the EU.

Priority axis III: Voivodship growth centres

III.1. Systems of municipal public transport

The principal objective of this task is to increase the inhabitants' mobility, including the improvement and modernisation of public transport system in Eastern Poland.

The task beneficiaries are municipalities and it is projects concerning the adaptation of railway networks, modernisation of roads and railways, bus stops and car parks that will be co-financed. Also is the purchase and assembly of devices used for managing the signalising, monitoring the traffic as well as system of information for travellers will be cofinanced.

The minimal project's value in this task is 80 million zloties.

An example project there is the comprehensive modernisation and development of integrated public transport system in Olsztyn. This project, worth 105.28 million Eur, will be co-financed by the European Union in the amount of 89.49 million Eur. Its realisation will contribute to faster development of the town and its surroundings. This will be possible owing to the construction of a tram line and the improvement of the city transport system which will ensure convenient and fast connections between Olsztyn and its surrounding areas.

III.2. Infrastructure of congress and fair tourism

Construction new fair and conference building as well as equipping them are the main objectives of task III.2.

Modern conference and fair centres which are being built within the framework of this task will make it possible to hold supraregional and international events, thus contributing to economic and tourist promotion of the region. The minimal project's value amounts to 20 million zloties.

At present the biggest project this task is modernisation and expansion of the infrastructure of Kielce Fairs. Over 46 million zloties will be spent on it, including 16 million Eur of co-financed under OP DEP. New fair pavilions, exterior fair squares and car parks will be built.

Priority axis IV: Transport infrastructure

IV.1 Road infrastructure

The projects realised within this task aim to improve transport, both in Eastern Poland and throughout the country.

Projects aiming at modernisation on construction of state and regional roads as well as supporting infrastructure, such as bridges, by-passes, overhead bridges, tunnels or bus stops will be implemented under this programme.

The project implemented on the largest scale within the framework of this task is the reconstruction of approx. 17 km of regional road connecting Staszów and Połaniec including the construction of a bridge over the Vistula River in Połaniec. At the same time, a new 17- km-long road section from the new bridge over the Vistula River to voivodship road no. 875 will be built. Over 135 million Eur, including over 70 million Eur co-financed from the EU funds, will be spent on this investment realised by the voivodships Świętokrzyskie and Podkarpackie.

Priority axis V: Sustainable development of tourist potential based on natural conditions

V.1. Promoting sustainable tourism development

Task V.1 aims at increasing the interest in tourist offer of Eastern Poland.

Within this task a project promoting Eastern Poland as an highly attractive destination of active holidays for tourists from Poland and abroad was implemented. The campaign is conducted on the European and Polish markets. The foundations for the campaign were based on analysis of key tourist products of the macroregion as well as the needs of the target groups.

EU funds amounting to nearly 6 million Eur were allocated for the implementation of the task which the Polish Tourist Organisation was entrusted with.

V.2. Bicycle routes

The development of cycling tourism in Eastern Poland is the objective of task V.2.

Within the framework of the task a comprehensive project aiming to create supraregional bicycle route in Eastern Poland was implemented. The new route, 2000 km long, will go across attractive natural and cultural areas, taking into account the safety principle and cyclists' comfort. Moreover, the existing routes will be connected with the planned route. New infrastructure accompanying bicycle routes also be created.

The bodies responsible for the implementation of the task will be Marshal Offices of five voivodships of Eastern Poland. The value of the project is estimated to amount to 50 million Eur, including 42.5 Eur guaranteed by the EU.

Priority axis VI: Technical assistance

VI.1. Support for the process of implementation and promotion of the Programme

The projects implemented under this task aim at effective implementation of OP DEP as well as at spreading knowledge concerning the support from EU funds for five voivodships of Eastern Poland. For instance these projects may involve. educating the society about the possibility of receiving means from EU funds, preparing relevant applications and documents, evaluation, monitoring and audit.

In this case financial support is directed to the institutions engaged in implementation and promotion of OP DEP.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS OF OP DEP 2007-2013

Operational Programme Development of Eastern Poland in division into priority axes			
Priority axes	EU funds in mln Eur	National funds in mln Eur	In total in mln Eur
Priority axis I	789,96	139,40	929,36
Priority axis II	255,12	45,02	300,14
Priority axis III	452,62	79,87	532,50
Priority axis IV	660,38	116,54	776,92
Priority axis V	47,50	8,38	55,88
Priority axis VI	68,21	12,04	80,25
In total	2273,79	401,26	2675,05

PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

OP DEP programme implements two kinds of projects: competition and individual projects refer to the realisation of key investment, and they are submitted directly by entities applying for their implementation to the Managing Authority.