



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

**SUMMARY**

## 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.

**The main areas for funding are:** low-carbon economy, environmental protection, climate change mitigation and adaptation, transport and energy security as well as healthcare and cultural heritage.

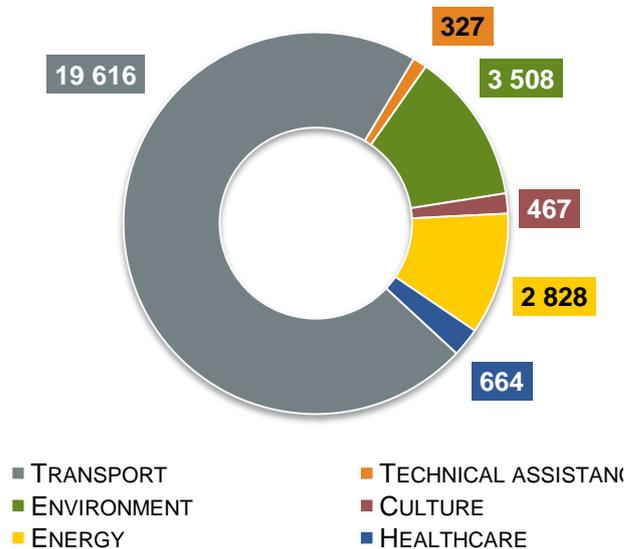
The programme is funded from three sources:

- **European Regional Development Fund**, allocating EUR 4.97 billion,
- **Cohesion Fund**, with the amount of EUR 22.44 billion,
- **National funds** – public and private whose minimal involvement is EUR 4.85 billion.

### 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 the low-emission public transport in the cities;
7. Improving energy security;
8. Protection of cultural heritage and development of cultural resources;
9. Strengthening the strategic healthcare infrastructure.

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## Review of the implementation of the programme

The year 2020 was the seventh year of implementation of the Infrastructure and Environment Programme.

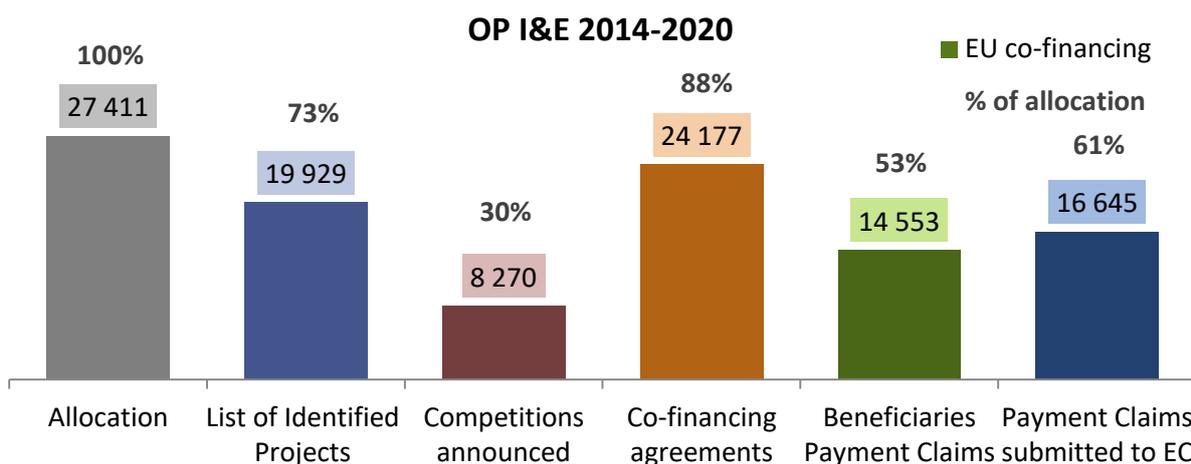
Despite the difficult situation caused by the COVID-19 outbreak, we worked on several tasks.

### In 2020:

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

### By the end of 2020:

- we announced **100 competitions** in **all sectors**: energy, environment, transport, culture and health, for the amount of funding of **EUR 8.3 billion**<sup>1</sup>;
- the *List of projects identified under the non-competition procedure* contained **728 projects** with the estimated amount of EU funding of **EUR 19.9 billion**;
- we signed **2 643 co-funding** agreements for the amount of EU support of **EUR 24.2 billion**
- beneficiaries submitted **payment claims** for the amount of almost **EUR 22.2 billion** of which the amount of EU funding was **EUR 14.6 billion**;
- we submitted to the European Commission **payment claims** for the amount of **eligible expenditure of EUR 19 billion**, the requested amount was **EUR 16.6 billion**.



<sup>1</sup> Financial data according to the EBC exchange rate from January 2021 - 4,5565 PLN/EUR.

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

### Coronavirus pandemic

The implementation of EU projects in 2020 has been dominated by the difficult situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. We are taking resolute actions to reinforce our public health sector and mitigate the negative impact on OP I&E investments. As much as EUR 212.5 million of European Funds have been allocated from the programme to combat COVID-19 (EUR 195.6 million for new projects in the health sector and EUR 16.9 million to expand the scope of the transport projects).

The money from the first part allocated to the health sector - EUR 127.5 million - was used for hospitals treating infected people, among others, to purchase medical equipment (ventilators, CT scanners), ambulances, personal protective equipment and disinfectants.

Agreements contracting funds from the second part - EUR 68.1 million - will enable, among others, the purchase of ambulances, medical equipment, personal protective equipment and disinfectants.

Support under the programme was given to Medical Rescue Teams, as well as to 7 healthcare entities that carry out activities related to the prevention, counteraction and tackling with COVID-19.

The emergency services - police and fire service - received additional funds to purchase specialised vehicles, disinfectants, containers for transporting CBRNE materials or personal protective equipment.

EU co-financing in the amount of EUR 25.2 thousand was allocated for activities mitigating the effects of epidemics in urban projects, related to the material scope of the project (cleaning and disinfecting rolling stock and urban transport infrastructure, personal protective equipment for employees).

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