

# **European Funds** in the Lodzkie Region



Regional Operational Programme of the Lodzkie Region for the years 2014-2020



### **EU grants** it's not just business and infrastructure investments. European funds are **primarily for people**

The Lodzkie Region had more than PLN 10.2 billion at its disposal implementation of the Regional Operational Programme for the 2014-2020 for Lodzkie Region. In 2020. 654 agreements were signed, in which the EU contribution amounted to over PLN 1.2 billion, which allowed at the end of this year (from the beginning of the Programme implementation) to reach the level of 82.6% of contracted EU funds. At the end of 2020. **1699 projects** were implemented, which is approximately three times more than in 2019. The Marshal's Office of the Lodzkie Region is responsible for the management of the funds under the ROP for LR. Grants awarded in the form of subsidies improve the quality of life of the region's inhabitants and increase its competitiveness. The money from both funds of the ROP for LR supports various branches of the economy, environmental protection, revitalisation and health promotion activities, as well as education and social integration.

### Funds against COVID-19

In 2020, some of the European Funds awarded to the Lodzkie Region were allocated for mitigating the adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Board of the Lodzkie Region was one of the very first in Poland to negotiate the allocation of additional regional programme funds **for combating the COVID-19 pandemic** with the European Commission.

Under the changes in the ROP for LR, in 2020, an extra EUR 25.8 mln (including EUR 19.7 mln from the ERDF and EUR 6.1 mln from the ESF) were earmarked for healthcare, while an extra EUR 38.3 mln (including EUR 37.3 mln from the ERDF and EUR 1 mln from the EFS) were allocated for entrepreneurship.



## Healthcare subsidies

- The value of EU subsidies in the implemented projects amounted to **PLN 120.6 mln;**
- **Ambulances, ventilators** and other medical equipment for medical institutions were purchased;
- Personal protective equipment was purchased for medical centres and protective masks for the inhabitants of our region;
- Support was provided to medical personnel in five medical centres in the Lodzkie Region.





#### **Entrepreneurship** subsidies AGAINST COVID-19

- The value of EU subsidies in the implemented projects amounted to **PLN 299.6 mln;**
- These funds were allocated for mitigating the adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, e.g. financing working capital, co-financing salaries for entrepreneurs and NGOs, company rebranding, and support extended under Financial Instrument loans.







#### Funds for **research**, **development and commercialisation of knowledge**

- Out of 202 projects, around 30% were implemented by the end of the year. Subsidies were extended to over 50 enterprises;
- Financial aid was allocated for developing R&D infrastructure at higher education and R&D institutions.

### Funds for **innovative** and competitive economy

- Almost half of the 685 projects were completed;
- 287 foreign trade agreements were signed;
- More than 1200 enterprises received grants in the form of loans to start businesses.

### Funds for **transport** infrastructure

- More than half of the 64 transport projects were completed in 2020;
- Nearly 100 km of roads were rebuilt or modernised;
- **114 buses and trams** were purchased.

#### Funds for **low carbon** economy

- Almost half of the **409 projects** were completed by the end of 2020;
- 330 buildings were modernised;
- **1455 installations enabling** generation of energy from RES were built.

# Funds for **environmental protection**

- More than half of the 82 subsidised projects were implemented in 2020;
- Support was also extended to nearly 100 km of sewerage, which was a 62% increase compared with 2019.

#### Revitalization and endogenous potential funds

- Approximately 40% of the 125 co-funded projects were completed;
- 62 new tourist infrastructure facilities were built;
- 17 monuments were restored;
- 41 hectares of land were revitalised.











- Almost half of the 166 funded projects were implemented in 2020;
- Almost 60 ITC systems were launched;
- 15 health care entities were supported;
- 15 social service providers were supported.

#### Funds to support employment

- Approximately 60% of the 272 co-financed projects were implemented;
- Support covered over 26 000 unemployed persons;
- Almost **7500 new** were created.

#### Funds for **social inclusion**

- Approximately 40% of the 441 co-financed projects were implemented;
- Support covered over **1200 social** economy entities;
- Support covered over 15 000 persons threatened by poverty or social exclusion.



#### Funds for **adaptability of workers and enterprises in the region**

- More than 50% of the 310 co-financed projects were implemented;
- Support was provided to over 4000 careers of children up to 3 years of age and over 35000 working people.

#### Funds for **education, skills and qualifications**

- Nearly half among the 669 subsidised projects were implemented by the end of 2020;
- The support was extended to 234 schools and vocational; education centers with a total of over 16,000 students.

#### Funds for **Techical** Assisatance

- Over 19 000 beneficiaries and potential beneficiaries were trained last year;
- A series of information and promotion campaigns worth
  PLN 3 million was conducted.









## What did 2020 bring for the Lodzkie Region?

#### EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS CO-FINANCED UNDER ROP LR FOR 2014-2020

#### "Strefa RozwoYou" project



UE funding: PLN 20.00 mln

- Improving the skills and competences of 2,000 entrepreneurs and SME employees.
- The subsidies were extended to SMEs a training or consultancy vouchers.

#### Redevelopment of Provincial Road no. 726

#### UE funding: PLN 9.07 mln

- Provincial road No. 726 was extended on the section between Opoczno and Żarnów including construction of a 0,72 km long bypass in Wąglany;
- The scope of works also included the construction of intersections, pavements and street lighting.



# Redevelopment of public space at the historic Chorzenice Park

#### UE funding: PLN 1,95 mln

- As part of the works, green areas were developed (paths and nature trails, fences, numerous greenery plantings) and elements of small architecture were installed;
- Unique plant habitats of **2.66 ha** were supported.



#### So many subsidies in one year!

The European Funds enable the implementation of thousands of projects that improve the quality of our daily lives. Positive changes can be encountered at every turn, from new companies to innovative products, state-of-the-art schools, kindergartens, nurseries, and museums.

Apart from the above, thanks to quick responses and effective cooperation between the involved institutions and beneficiaries, **over PLN 420 mln** was spent on **mitigating the adverse effects of the pandemic.** 

Since the beginning of the implementation of the Regional Operational Programme of the Lodzkie Region for the years 2014-2020 nearly **500 contests/calls have taken place.** 



Since the beginning of the Programme, Beneficiaries have correctly filed over **8,100 formal applications** for support to their initiatives. **Nearly 51% of those have been cleared for subsidies.** The Board of the Lodzkie Region has signed close to **3,500 contracts**, in which the value of the EU subsidies amounted to **nearly PLN 8.5 bilion.** 

#### **Any questions?**

#### Our consultants are here for you, free of charge!



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