

MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT FUNDS AND REGIONAL POLICY

ANNOUNCES SECOND STAGE OF THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS (COMPLETE PROJECT PROPOSALS)

under the "LOCAL DEVELOPMENT" Programme, financed from the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014 - 2021

The second stage of the call is dedicated only to the Polish municipalities which project outlines were recommended as the result of the I stage of the call

Objective: Call aims to support small and medium-sized towns in developing and implementing a balanced and systemic approach to local development, and thus to reducing negative development phenomena and increasing the standard of living of their residents.

Thematic scope: Projects will provide for strategic, integrated and comprehensive management of the town, aimed at improving the situation of residents, among others in the field of broadly understood environmental protection (including effective and clean energy, sustainable transport), social policy (including poverty reduction, accessibility, housing policy, social innovation, employment, health, education, social participation) and support of the local labor market and entrepreneurship. Projects will also aim to increase the level of competence, the quality of services provided and the responsibility of local public administration, contributing to building citizens' trust in local authorities as institutions administering local development.

Bilateral aspect: As one of the objectives of the EEA and the Norwegian Financial Mechanisms 2014-2021 is to promote bilateral relations, the projects will also aim to support bilateral cooperation with Donor Countries, i.e. Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein.

Project results: the obligatory project objectives and outcomes are defined in the *Rules of procedure of the open call and selection of projects proposals* (hereinafter referred to as the Rules of procedure).

Total amount available for the call: EUR 102 647 058

Project financing: funding for the project is from EUR 3 to 10 million. The financing level is up to 100% of eligible costs.

Eligibility of activities and expenditures under the call are determined in the Chapter 8 of the Regulation on the Implementation of the European Economic Area (EEA) Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 and the Regulation on the Implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 (hereinafter referred to as *the Regulation*).

Detailed provisions on the **payment model** are contained in the *Rules of procedure*.

Date of cost eligibility: until April 30th, 2024.

Procedure of projects selection for funding consists of II stages:

Stage I (previous) - open call for project outlines and selection of around 50 towns,

Stage II (current) - selection of about 15 projects for funding.

Selection process and the decision-making structure are described in *the Rules of procedure* and in the Rules for formal evaluation constituting Attachment 6 to *the Rules of procedure*.

Detailed selection criteria are contained in the Formal evaluation grid for the complete project proposal and the Content-related evaluation grid for the complete project proposal published on the website: <https://www.eog.gov.pl/strony/zapoznaj-sie-z-funduszami/rozwój-lokalny/>.

The way of submitting complete project proposals: Complete project proposal should be submitted in Polish and in English¹ (one copy each) in written or electronic form, in accordance with the template constituting Attachment 3 to *the Rules of procedure*.

In writing (in paper form) the complete project proposal should be submitted in person, sent by post or courier to the address of the Programme Operator's seat: **Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy, Department of Assistance Programmes, Wspólna 2/4, 00-926 Warsaw.**

In electronic form, the complete project proposal should be sent on the ePUAP platform to the electronic mailbox of the Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy.

The following dates are considered as the date of receipt to the Programme Operator:

1) date of posting (date of postmark) - only in the case of posting in the Polish post office of the designated operator within the meaning of the Act of November 23, 2012 - Postal Law, whereas the outline / complete project proposals submitted to the Programme Operator's seat mentioned above within 14 days from the date of completion of the 1st and 2nd stage of call respectively, will be considered as submitted on time;

2) in the case of submitting in person, sending via another postal operator than the designated operator, referred to in point. 1) or by courier - date of receipt to the Programme Operator's office;

3) in the case of sending on the ePUAP platform - the date of receipt on the electronic inbox of the Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy.

The deadline for submitting complete project proposals is 30th October 2020 at 4:15 p.m.

Detailed information on the rules and scope of the call can be found in *the Rules of procedure of the open call and selection of projects proposals*, which, along with the list of attachments, is available on the website <https://www.eog.gov.pl/strony/zapoznaj-sie-z->

¹ The Development Plan and Action Plan should be submitted only in the Polish with summary in English. The summary of each plan should not exceed 15 A4 pages. If the Action Plan has up to 15 pages, a translation of the whole document should be provided.

funduszami/rozwój-lokalny/. Questions can be submitted by e-mail to the following e-mail address: rozwójlokalny@mfi.pr.gov.pl or by calling 22 273 78 36 or 22 273 77 91 no later than 7 working days before the submission deadline. Questions raised in this timeframe along with the relevant answers shall be published on the above website up to five working days before the submission deadline.

All documents, including the Regulation and guidelines adopted by the Financial Mechanism Committee, relevant for this call for applications, are available on the website www.eog.gov.pl.