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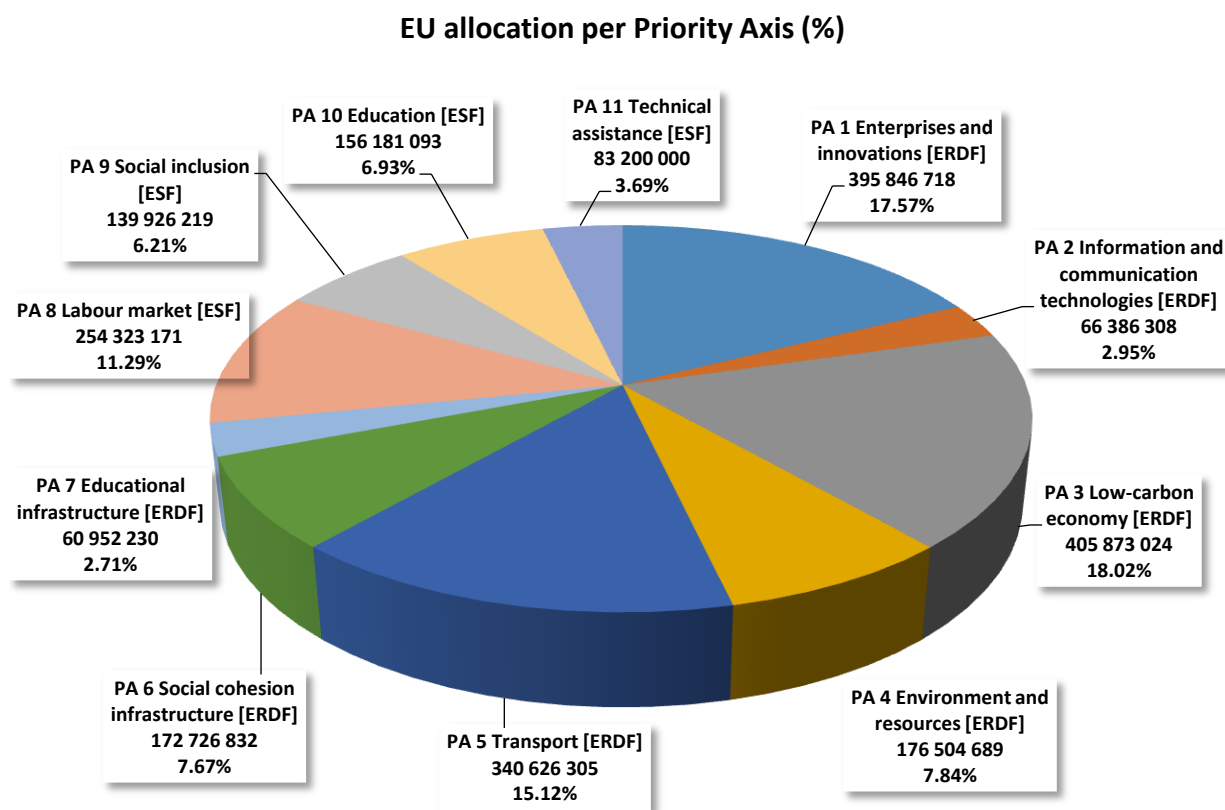
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1. Review of implementation of Dolnośląskie ROP 2014-2020

Main objective of Regional Operational Programme for Dolnośląskie Voivodeship 2014-2020

Increased competitiveness of Lower Silesia ensuring improvement of the living standards of its inhabitants while maintaining the principles of sustainable development.



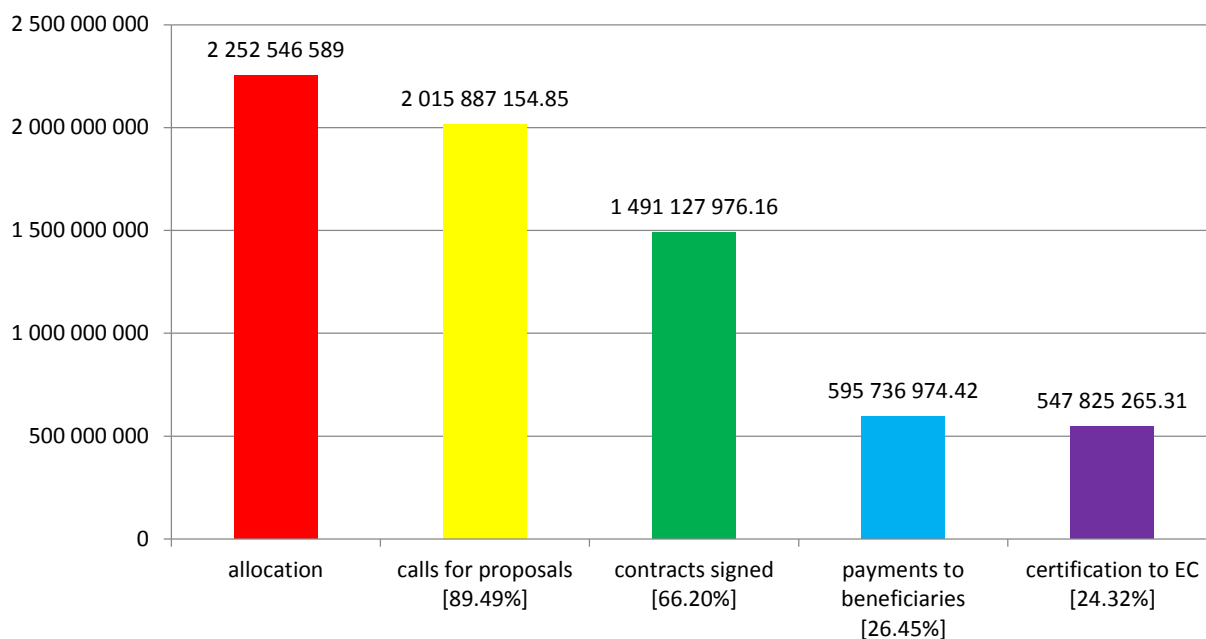
Regional Operational Programme for Dolnośląskie Voivodeship 2014-2020 is co-financed from European Funds in the amount of **EUR 2 252 546 589**, of which:

- European Regional Development Fund equals **EUR 1 618 916 106**
- European Social Fund equals **EUR 633 630 483**.

Financial and physical data are presented at 31 December 2018.

This report uses the ECB exchange rate at 28 December 2018: 1 EUR = 4.3028 PLN.

Implementation of Dolnośląskie ROP 2014-2020 (EUR)



By 31 December 2018 we nounced 328 calls for proposals from the EU funds in the amount of EUR 2 015 887 154.85.

We signed 2 969 contracts for the implementation of projects for EUR 1 903 126,434.23 from the EU funds of EUR 1 491 127,976.16.

By the end of 2018, the implementation of 876 projects has been completed.

Payments to beneficiaries from the EU funds amounted to EUR 595 736 974,03.

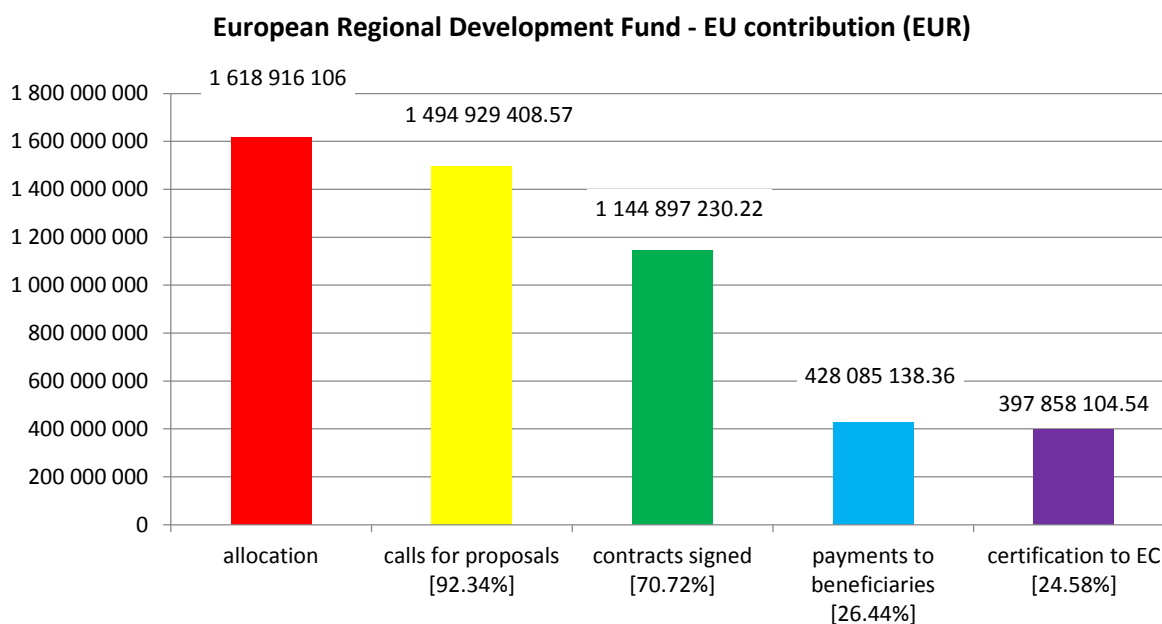
The Certifying Authority submitted to the European Commission applications for payments from the EU funds of EUR 547 825 265.31.

The European Commission reimbursed expenditures in the amount of EUR 502 829 359.75 of the EU funds.

Implementation of Dolnośląskie ROP 2014-2020 at 31 December 2018

Priority Axis	Allocation (EU contribution) [EUR]	Calls for proposals			Contracts signed (implemented projects)			Payments to beneficiaries		Amounts refunded by EC	
		Number of calls	EU allocation in calls [EUR]	% of allocation	Number of contracts	EU contribution [EUR]	% of allocation	EU contribution [EUR]	% of allocation	EU contribution [EUR]	% of allocation
PA 1 Enterprises and innovations [ERDF]	395 846 718	46	407 494 075.77	102.94%	768	236 069 741.83	59.64%	85 806 466.00	21.68%	98 295 205.58	24.83%
PA 2 Information and communication technologies [ERDF]	66 386 308	6	59 674 688.83	89.89%	96	44 598 545.06	67.18%	21 089 975.59	31.77%	15 345 008.23	23.11%
PA 3 Low-carbon economy [ERDF]	405 873 024	44	371 019 905.81	91.41%	429	293 563 951.15	72.33%	101 741 770.25	25.07%	72 876 094.01	17.96%
PA 4 Environment and resources [ERDF]	176 504 689	28	170 411 495.45	96.55%	136	118 570 365.13	67.18%	49 872 256.00	28.26%	33 520 334.54	18.99%
PA 5 Transport [ERDF]	340 626 305	33	265 340 629.48	77.90%	36	261 139 639.70	76.66%	105 810 426.90	31.06%	87 730 225.94	25.76%
PA 6 Social cohesion infrastructure [ERDF]	172 726 832	24	156 973 918.44	90.88%	350	142 290 036.01	82.38%	33 693 570.19	19.51%	25 719 160.29	14.89%
PA 7 Educational infrastructure [ERDF]	60 952 230	21	64 014 694.78	105.02%	124	48 664 951.34	79.84%	30 070 673.43	49.33%	30 059 225.18	49.32%
PA 8 Labour market [ESF]	254 323 171	29	176 309 375.69	69.32%	317	148 561 188.92	58.41%	84 279 295.97	33.14%	66 262 061.21	26.05%
PA 9 Social inclusion [ESF]	139 926 219	39	135 924 105.46	97.14%	183	56 027 768.19	40.04%	17 240 887.82	12.32%	15 577 841.51	11.13%
PA 10 Education [ESF]	156 181 093	52	157 332 009.39	100.74%	494	91 759 640.02	58.75%	34 670 769.88	22.20%	30 144 522.54	19.30%
PA 11 Technical assistance [ESF]	83 200 000	6	51 392 255.74	61.77%	36	49 882 148.81	59.95%	31 460 882.38	37.81%	27 299 680.72	32.81%
TOTAL	2 252 546 589	328	2 015 887 154.85	89.49%	2 969	1 491 127 976.16	66.20%	595 736 974.42	26.45%	502 829 359.75	22.32%

2. European Regional Development Fund



The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) allocation for the projects co-financed under Dolnośląskie ROP 2014-2020 is EUR 1 618 916 106.

By the end of 2018, we have announced 202 calls for proposals for the implementation of projects for the ERDF co-financing of EUR 1 494 929 408.57.

We signed 1 939 contracts for the implementation of projects worth EUR 1 495 505 759.23, of which ERDF funds amounted to EUR 1 144 897 230.22.

By the end of 2018, the implementation of 561 projects has been completed.

Payments to beneficiaries from the EU funds amounted to EUR 428 085 138.36.

We submitted to the European Commission applications for reimbursement of expenditure from ERDF funds in the amount of EUR 397 858 104.54.

The European Commission reimbursed expenditures in the amount of EUR 363 545 253.77.

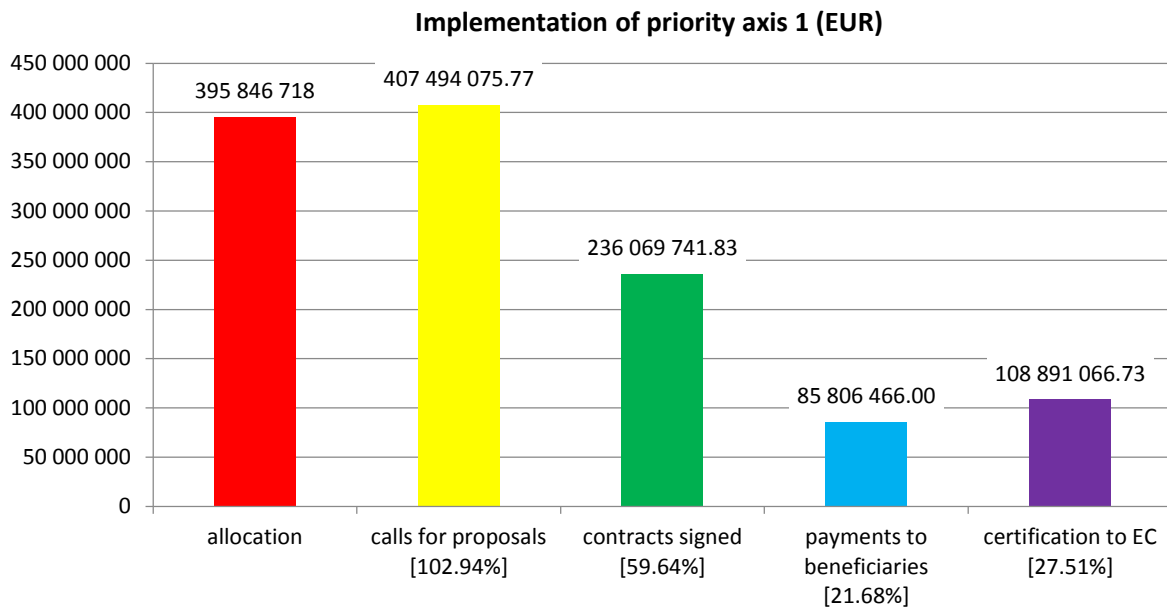
Issues affecting implementation

The basic issue that had an impact on the implementation of infrastructure projects financed from the ERDF funds was the increase in investment costs resulting from the rise in prices of services and construction works. In particular, changes on the market have had an impact on the tendering procedures carried out by the beneficiaries. The value of offers submitted by contractors was much higher than the budget established in the projects. There were also situations of lack of contractors. Therefore, the beneficiaries were forced to repeat tender procedures. This influenced delays in starting project implementations, and as a result had an impact on the progress in the implementation of the entire Program. The institutions involved in the implementation carried out an analysis of each case where the investment costs increased. As far as it was possible and resources were available, in justified cases, decisions were taken to increase support for projects.

2.1 Priority Axis 1 Enterprises and innovations

Objective of Priority Axis 1

The objective of Priority Axis 1 is to increase competitiveness and develop the regional economy based on research and development, innovation and new solutions for enterprises.



Within Priority Axis 1, beneficiaries implemented projects in the area of establishing research and development infrastructure in higher education institutions, aimed at establishing research centres and innovative technologies, as well as developing R&D infrastructure. The creation and development of R&D infrastructure was also financed in enterprises. In addition, we co-financed the preparation of investment areas for the development of entrepreneurship in the region. As part of direct support, enterprises develop their potential through investment in infrastructure as well as product and process innovation. Entrepreneurs can take advantage of various forms of support - in the form of subsidies, vouchers for innovations, grants, loans, sureties and consultancy.

Effects of project implementation:

- ✓ 434 enterprises received subsidies,
- ✓ 712 enterprises benefited from loans made available under financial instruments,
- ✓ 93 enterprises implemented eco-innovative investments,
- ✓ 11 entrepreneurs introduced organizational and process changes,
- ✓ 40.57 ha of investment areas for enterprises were prepared,
- ✓ 8 research laboratories received support in enterprises and scientific units,
- ✓ 81 scientists benefited from the supported research infrastructure,
- ✓ 165 projects and 104 works in the field of R&D were implemented,
- ✓ employment in supported enterprises increased by 489.5 positions.

Good practice

Investment priority 1b	Measure 1.2 Innovative enterprises
Beneficiary	Organique
Project title	Conducting development works to develop new production processes and products at the Organique enterprise
Total value	EUR 150 562.68 (PLN 647 841.10)
EU contribution	EUR 67 983.87 (292 521.03)
Implementation period	2016 – 2017
Web page	Organique
Project description	<p>Organique, a company from Wroclaw is at the forefront of producers of ecological care products on the Polish market. It was created from... dreams about cosmetics made by hand from natural, high quality raw materials. Its dynamic development has contributed to the expansion of the distribution of Organique products to European markets, cosmetics can be bought, among other in Norway, Germany, Romania, Greece, Russia, Sweden, Italy, Hungary and Belarus. The head of the company together with a group of fascinators introduced and promoted soap shops in Poland. The quality of the products has been confirmed by many awards, including the Excellence of the Year 2003 award from "Twój Styl", at that time the most prestigious award on the retail market. Innovative approach to creating cosmetics resulted in exceptional products that met expectations and needs of demanding clients. Thanks to EU support, the innovativeness of the enterprise will be increased even more by increasing its research and development activity, which will undoubtedly contribute to the growth of the company's competitiveness. As part of the implemented project, intellectual property rights in know-how in the form of recipes and technologies for the production of cosmetic products were purchased and implemented. As a result of the research, modern specifics will be developed and cosmetics technology will be improved: creams, emulsions, balms - in total over 70 care products. In addition, for the EU subsidy, the company bought materials for testing, such as raw materials, reagents or laboratory glass.</p>

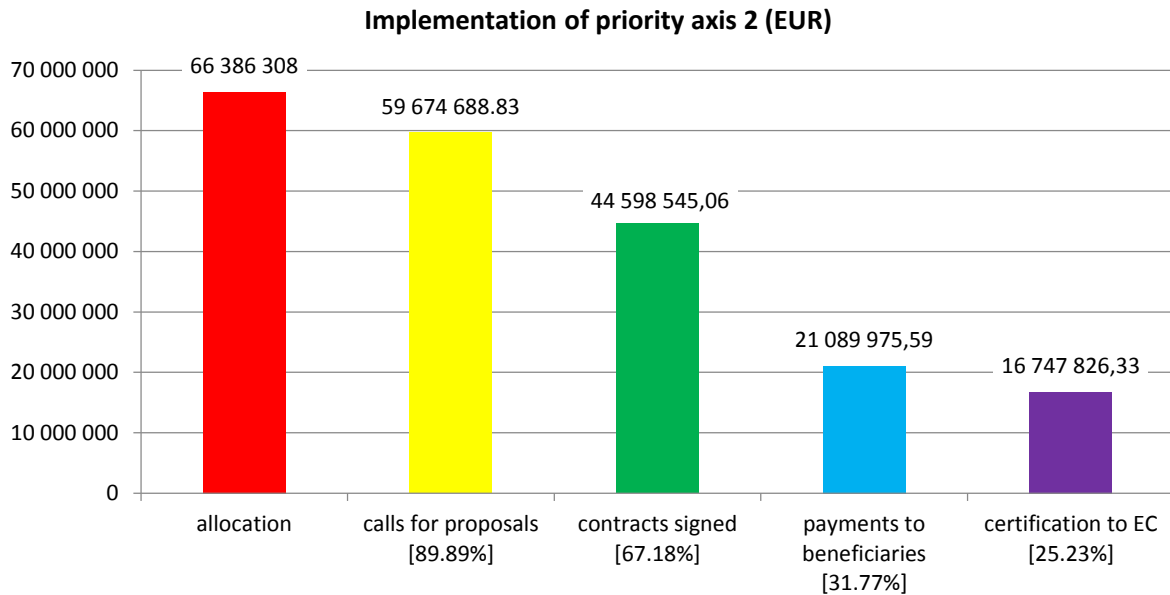




2.2 Priority Axis 2 Information and communication technologies

Objective of Priority Axis 2

The main objective of Priority Axis 2 is to increase the availability, level of use and quality of information and communication technologies in the region.



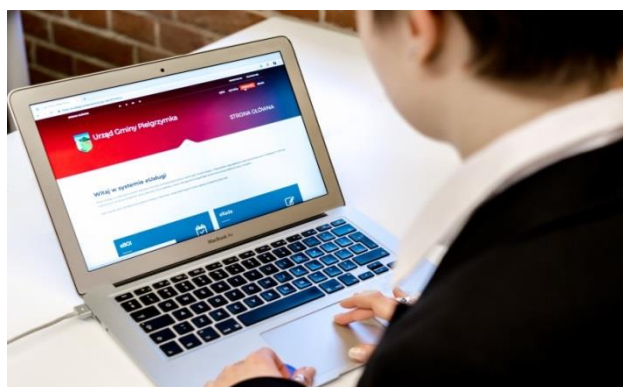
Within Priority Axis 2, beneficiaries implemented projects regarding the creation and development of e-public services in the field of, inter alia, e-administration, e-culture, e-health. They also digitized their resources to make them public. Electronic access to spatial information was also created.

Effects of project implementation:

- ✓ 22 offices have implemented a catalogue of recommendations for digital promotion,
- ✓ 538 public services at the maturity level at least 3 have been made available on-line,
- ✓ 62 public entities made their resources available online - 9 928 documents and 68 databases were made available,
- ✓ 17 846 documents containing public sector information were digitized,
- ✓ 5 618 people were trained and consulted in the area of increasing digital competences.

Good practice

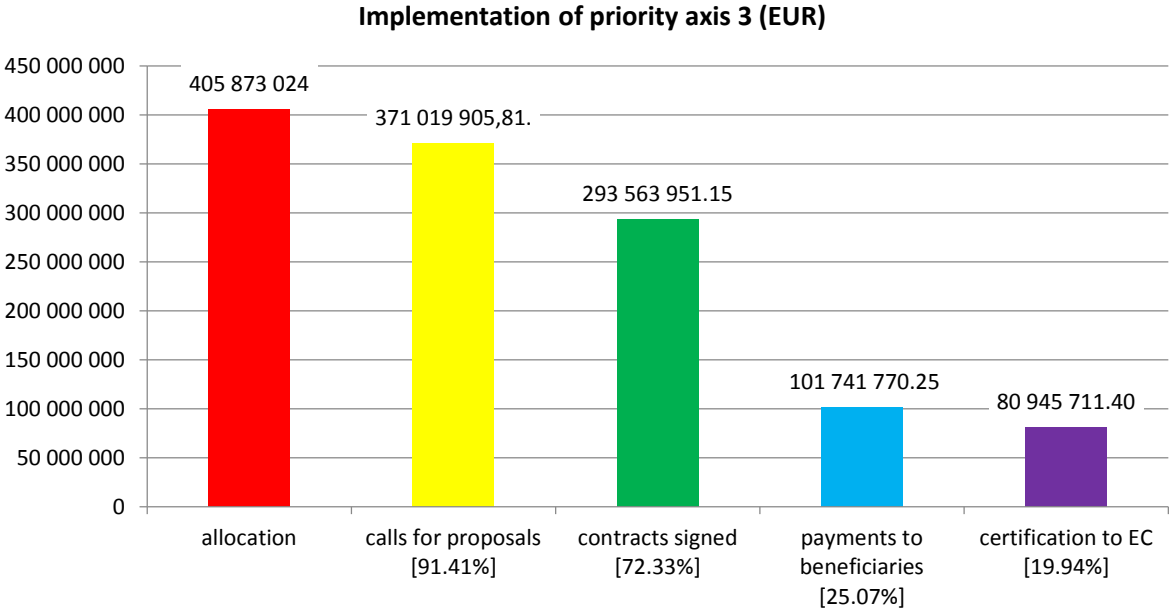
Investment priority 1b	Measure 2.1 Public e-services
Beneficiary	Pielgrzymka Commune
Project title	e-Pielgrzymka.biz - implementation of e-services in the Pielgrzymka Commune together with the purchase of necessary infrastructure
Total value	EUR 340 282.37 (PLN 1 464 167.01)
EU contribution	EUR 289 118.52 (PLN 1 244 019.20)
Implementation period	2016 – 2018
Web page	e-pielgrzymka.biz
Project description	Residents of the Pielgrzymka Commune handle official matters faster and easier than before. The EU project on the development of e-services has improved the exchange of information between local government units and citizens. The e-office system provides services electronically, which will be especially appreciated by people with disabilities, professionally active or seniors, for whom it is more difficult to reach the service office during standard office hours. Thanks to the subsidy, technical facilities were built, a modern server room, a crisis information system and an electronic office of the client with numerous facilitations, e.g. access to e-payments or automatic generation of e-forms were introduced. Those interested can also observe online meetings of the commune council.



2.3 Priority Axis 3 Low-carbon economy

Objective of Priority Axis 3

The main objective of Priority Axis 3 is to reduce the emission intensity of the economy and to increase the share of energy generated from renewable sources and increase energy efficiency.



Projects implemented under Priority Axis 3 are aimed at reducing negative environmental changes, including climate change. Funding has been granted to infrastructure investments in the production and distribution of energy from renewable sources, electricity and heat production, consisting in the construction of micro-installations for the production of energy from RES and the modernization of the power grid enabling the connection of electricity obtained from renewable sources to the grid. As part of the increase in energy efficiency, we co-financed projects consisting in the construction or reconstruction of electricity and heat generation units in high-efficiency cogeneration and trigeneration as well as the extension and modernization of heating networks.

The projects implemented by entrepreneurs concerned the introduction of energy-efficient technologies and energy modernization including the replacement or modernization of energy sources used and the construction of installations recovering waste heat.

Beneficiaries also carried out projects in the field of modernization of heating systems and thermo-modernization of energy in public buildings and residential buildings. Demonstration facilities were implemented, i.e. public utility buildings with significantly increased energy parameters.

Another type of projects were projects concerning the reduction of pollution in city centres. We financed investments limiting individual motorized traffic - beneficiaries built bicycle and pedestrian routes, park&ride and bike&ride type parks as well as integrated transfer centres, and purchased and modernized low-carbon rail and bus fleet, which is an alternative to individual car traffic.

Effects of project implementation:

- ✓ 87 units of thermal energy production and 122 units of generating electricity from renewable energy sources were built,
- ✓ 1 051.92 MWht/year of thermal energy and 381.87 MWhe/year of electric energy were generated from newly built installations using renewable energy sources,
- ✓ 15.64 km were built and 35.23 km of power networks were modernized, enabling the transmission of energy from renewable energy sources,
- ✓ additional capacity of generating electricity from renewable sources was obtained in the amount of 42.9 MWe,
- ✓ 213 462 m² of buildings were subjected to thermal modernization.
- ✓ 155 buildings and 55 heat sources were energetically modernized,
- ✓ 1080 households have a better energy consumption class,
- ✓ 13 park & ride facilities were built, where 443 parking spaces were created, including 42 places for people with disabilities,
- ✓ 68 passenger transport units were purchased for transport in public transport, for 4 603 places,
- ✓ 60.92 km of bicycle roads were built or designated, and 11 "bike&ride" places were built,
- ✓ the annual reduction in greenhouse gas emissions amounted to 16 087.14 tonnes of CO² equivalent.

Good practice

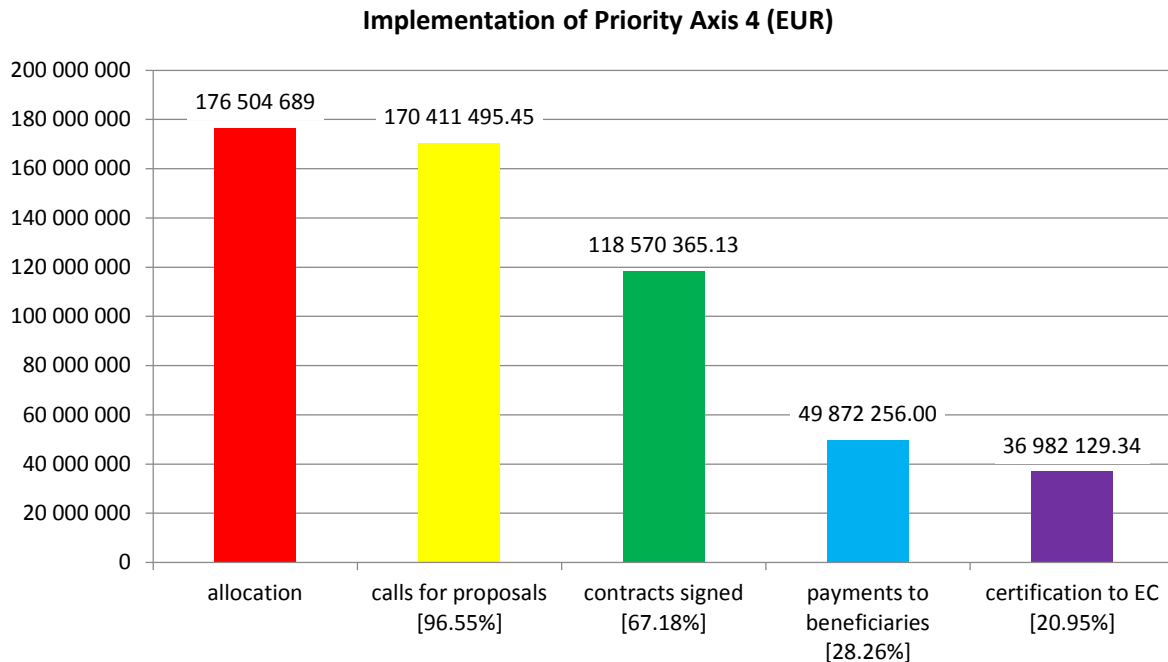
Investment priority 1b	Measure 3.4 Implementation of low-emission strategies
Beneficiary	Municipal Transport
Project title	Implementation of low-emission strategies through the development of public transport in Głogów
Total value	EUR 1 961 056.45 (PLN 8 438 033.70)
EU contribution	EUR 1 008 540.83 (PLN 4 339 549.50)
Implementation period	2017 r.
Web page	Implementation of low-carbon strategies in Glogow
Project description	Residents of the commune Głogów are satisfied with the purchase of modern eco buses and can enjoy a more efficient and comfortable collective transport. Thanks to the EU subsidy, City Transport in Głogów replaced the old rolling stock with a new one, giving the residents 8 ecological, modern buses equipped with fire monitoring and fire extinguishing systems. In addition, disabled people can travel because the vehicles have the necessary facilities. Old, worn vehicles did not meet EU standards and standards regarding environmental protection. Now this problem has been solved - air quality will improve due to reduced emissions and greenhouse gases.



2.4 Priority Axis 4 Environment and Resources

Objective of Priority Axis 4

The main objective of Priority Axis 4 is to improve the condition of the environment and increase the efficiency of the use of natural resources.



Within Priority Axis 4, beneficiaries implemented projects aimed at ensuring comprehensive management of municipal waste in the region. Water and waste-water infrastructure was also built, i.e. infrastructure for collective municipal waste-water collection and treatment systems as well as water treatment and transmission. In the area of protection of endangered species and habitats in the areas of landscape parks and nature reserves, projects were implemented regarding the creation of biodiversity conservation centres, reconstruction and retrofitting of ecological education centres, as well as construction and modernization of infrastructure related to the use of local natural resources.

In order to protect the population against climate change, investments in the field of flood protection, construction of small retention reservoirs and purchase of equipment intended for rescue operations and disaster relief were carried out.

Beneficiaries also implemented projects in the field of cultural development and preservation of cultural heritage, such as the renovation of historical objects. Co-financing was granted to cultural institutions for the modernization of facilities and their equipment.

Effects of project implementation:

- ✓ 109.04 km of sanitary sewage network and 4.29 km of water supply network were built,
- ✓ 10 cultural institutions have received support, including 2 libraries, a museum, cultural centres that were visited by 344 219 people,

- ✓ 16 renovations were carried out, including renovation of 4 churches, restoration of 2 castles, revitalisation of monuments in palace and park complexes, 2 towers and buildings of the market, renovation of 2 rooms in the synagogue,
- ✓ 12.99 km of hiking trails were created,
- ✓ 39.77 km of bicycle roads were built or designated,
- ✓ 6 bicycle routes have been built to ensure the continuity of bicycle traffic, enabling cyclists to access public roads, places and tourist attractions of the region,
- ✓ in places belonging to the cultural and natural heritage and constituting tourist attractions, the number of visits increased by 125 668 during the year,
- ✓ protective actions were carried out in 3 nature reserves (protection of biodiversity),
- ✓ the Forest Gene Bank was supported in order to protect biodiversity, which consists in preserving genetic resources of plant species from the most valuable forms of nature protection in the region,
- ✓ 16 rescue service units were equipped with emergency rescue and disaster recovery equipment, 12 fire trucks with equipment for conducting rescue operations and disaster relief were purchased.

Good practice

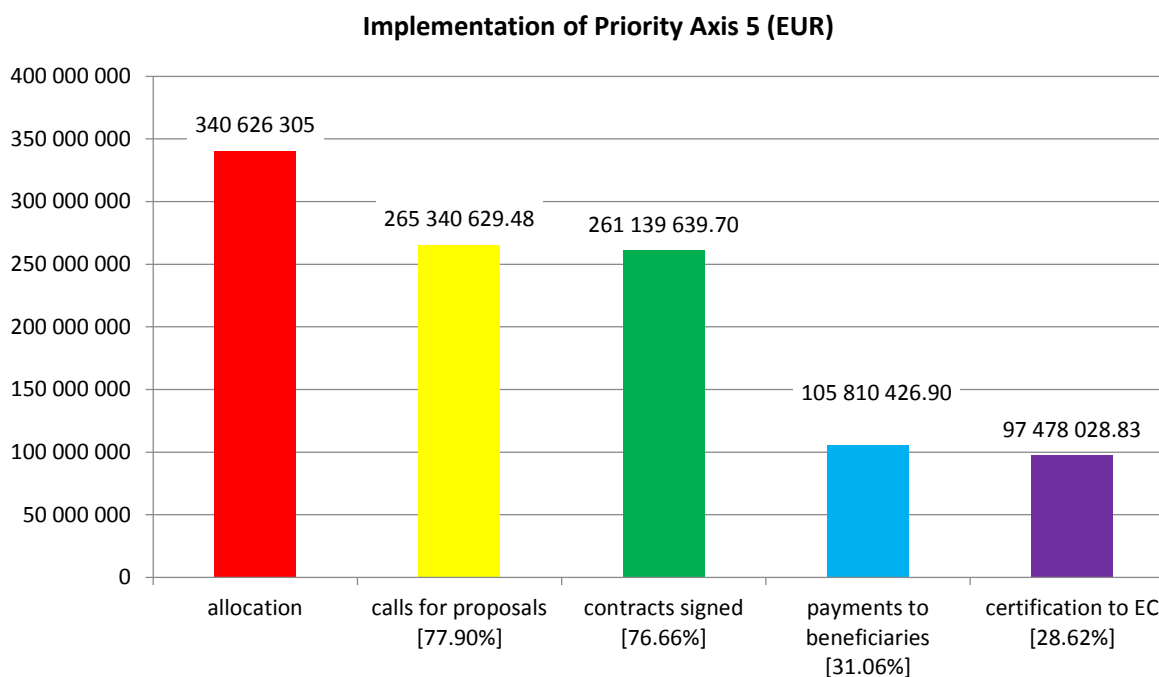
Investment priority 1b	Measure 4.4. Protection and access to natural resources
Beneficiary	Kostrzyca Forest Gene Bank
Project title	Kostrzyca Forestry Gene Bank is an important element in preserving the biological diversity of the Jelenia Góra Agglomeration - integration of ex situ conservation in a gene bank with the functions of a botanical garden
Total value	EUR 549 406.69 (PLN 2 363 987.11)
EU contribution	EUR 451 488.34 (PLN 1 942 664.05)
Implementation period	2016 – 2018
Web page	Forestry Gene Bank
Project description	<p>Concern for the environment in Lower Silesia boils down to two issues - care for the climate, as well as the preservation and protection of the natural environment and its resources. The Kostrzyca Forest Gene Bank in Miłków, which exists since 1996 near Karpacz, which collects and stores the seeds of the most valuable trees in the country, fits both of these assumptions.</p> <p>Project Forest Gene Bank Kostrzyca consists of a botanical part and a technical part. In the former, the conservation of genetic resources of plant species derived from the most valuable forms of nature protection in the Jelenia Góra valley, such as the Peat bog of Valley of Izera and the Krokusy Reserve in Górzyniec, is planned. On the other hand, as part of the technical part, it is planned to create an infrastructure for a functioning arboretum, the aim of which will be to make the collection available for visitors, also for people with physical disabilities. Among others, educational playground, pergola, as well as a water reservoir were created. The existing ponds have been cleaned and rebuilt, and communication is facilitated by wooden bridges.</p>



2.5 Priority Axis 5 Transport

Objective of Priority Axis 5

The main objective of Priority Axis 5 is to improve transport accessibility of the region as well as quality and transport standards in Lower Silesia.



Within Priority Axis 5, the construction and reconstruction of provincial roads and the reconstruction of local roads (poviat and commune) were co-financed. The second type of projects implemented were projects concerning the revitalization and reconstruction of railway lines and the implementation of stops and railway stations intended for passenger transport. The projects also concerned the purchase of rolling stock for servicing voivodeship and agglomeration connections.

Effects of project implementation:

- ✓ 11 units of railway rolling stock were purchased for the transport of 5 929 passengers,
- ✓ 5.25 km of provincial roads and 33.49 km of poviat roads were rebuilt,
- ✓ 6.14 km of railway lines were modernized,
- ✓ 2 railway stops have been modernized.

Good practice

Investment priority 1b	Measure 5.2 Railway transport system
Beneficiary	National Polish Railway S.A.
Project title	Reconstruction of railway stations Święta Katarzyna, Siechnice and Żerniki Wrocławskie-Smardzów, especially for the needs of the agglomeration railway within the ZIT Wrocław Functional Area
Total value	EUR 2 809 998.54 (PLN 12 090 861.76)
EU contribution	EUR 1 027 045.08 (PLN 4 419 169.60)

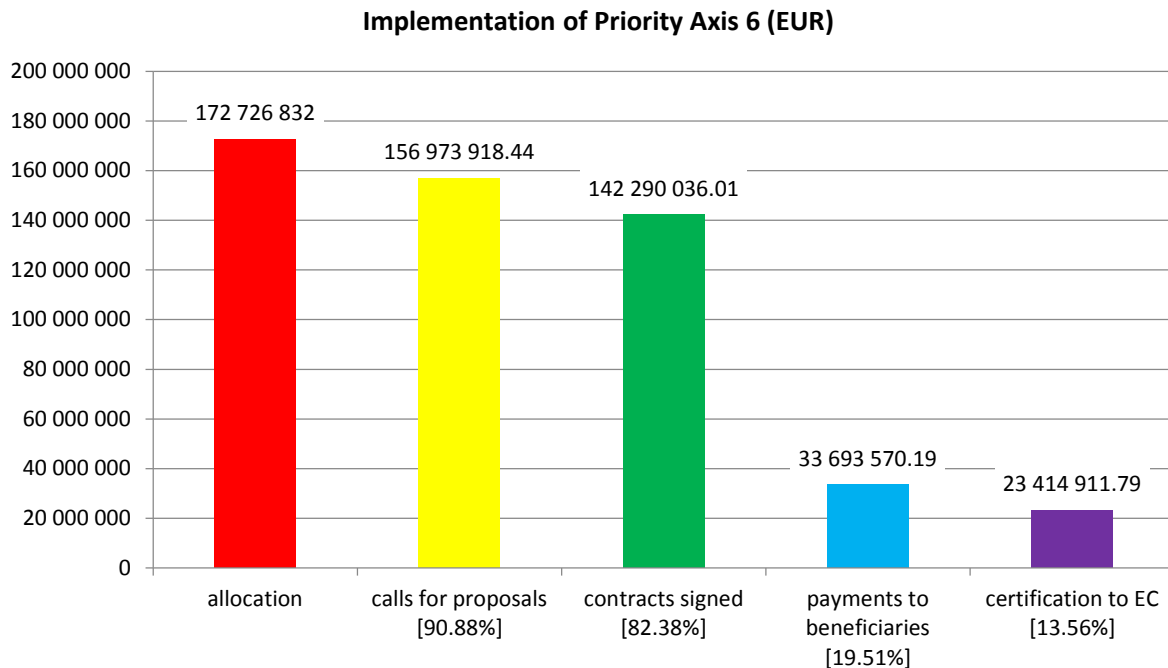
Implementation period	2017 – 2018
Web page	Reconstruction of railway stations in Siechnice Municipality
Project description	Thanks to the EU subsidy, three railway stations have been rebuilt at stops: Siechnice, Święta Katarzyna and Żerniki Wrocławskie-Smarzów. The buildings included, among others functional waiting rooms, rooms for carers travelling with small children, toilets adapted for people with disabilities, as well as a customer service point. Architectural barriers have disappeared in all facilities, and the security of passengers is monitored. Inhabitants of the Siechnice commune therefore travel in more comfortable conditions.



2.6 Priority Axis 6 Social cohesion infrastructure

Objective of Priority Axis 6

The main objective of Priority Axis 6 is to provide infrastructure for social cohesion and to improve the quality of life, in particular for poor communities.



Within Priority Axis 6, beneficiaries implemented projects related to the construction, modernization and equipment of childcare facilities for children up to 3 years of age (nurseries). There were also investments directed to the elderly, in the area of creating social welfare homes, in order to provide round-the-clock care for the elderly, chronically ill persons and persons with disabilities. Beneficiaries also created protected flats intended for young people leaving foster care, correctional facilities or educational centres and social housing. The subject of the implemented projects was the creation of outlets in which professional and social activation is provided.

As part of the health infrastructure, projects were implemented in the scope of construction and reconstruction and purchase of equipment for centres providing basic health care and outpatient specialist care, including oncological care. Investments in hospitals were also supported - modernization, purchase of medical equipment.

Another type of investments carried out was the revitalization of degraded multi-family residential buildings and the development of areas and urban space. Communes, cooperatives and housing communities benefited from this support.

Effects of project implementation:

- ✓ 5 new nurseries were created, in which 245 children are looked after,
- ✓ 19 medical entities, in which 16 430 people can use healthcare are supported,
- ✓ 16 residential buildings in urban areas have been revitalized,
- ✓ 1.35 ha was revitalized.

Good practice

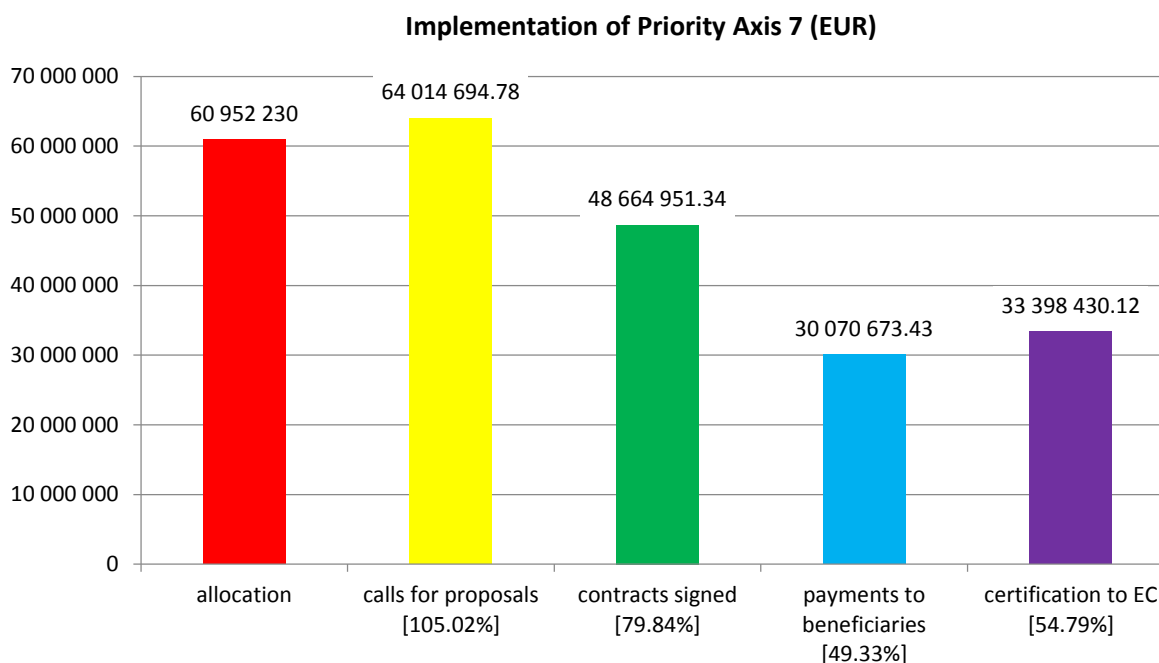
Investment priority 1b	Measure 6.2 Investments in health infrastructure
Beneficiary	Lower Silesian Centre of Oncology in Wrocław
Project title	Improving the efficiency and access to health services in the Lower Silesian Voivodship through the construction and equipment of the Breast Unit Centre, and the extension together with purchasing the operating block equipment at the Lower Silesian Oncology Centre in Wrocław
Total value	EUR 10 577 024.65 (PLN 45 510 821.68)
EU contribution	EUR 6 921 150.82 (PLN 29 780 327.74)
Implementation period	2015 – 2018
Web page	Breast Unit Centre
Project description	Breast Unit at the Lower Silesian Centre of Oncology in Wrocław is the largest hospital in the country built in a modular system. There are, among others, a hospital ward with comfortable patient salons, a clinic with treatment and consulting rooms, as well as a diagnostic and minimally invasive surgery for breast diseases. The centre is equipped with the most modern diagnostic equipment, including two digital mammographs. It is estimated that 1,000 patients will be examined annually. The construction of the first Centre of Breast Diseases in the region will ensure comprehensive cancer treatment. Patients will find help at all stages of the disease from diagnosis and consultation by a team of specialists through surgery, radiotherapy, chemotherapy, physiotherapist and psychologist support to the control, after the entire therapeutic process. From the beginning, they will be looked after by a team of specialists: oncologist surgeon, radiologist, clinical oncologist, radiotherapist, pathomorphologist, physiotherapist and psychologist. In Poland, centres of this type are just beginning to appear.



2.7 Priority Axis 7 Educational infrastructure

Objective of Priority Axis

The main objective of Priority Axis 7 is to modernise and strengthen the educational infrastructure.



Within Priority Axis 7, beneficiaries implemented projects in the field of pre-school infrastructure and educational institutions, including construction, reconstruction and equipment of facilities. In addition, in educational institutions, we financed the purchase of equipment for mathematics and natural science laboratories, the purchase of equipment for students with special educational needs and the purchase of teaching materials.

We also provided support to upper secondary and vocational schools, including vocational training centres, where beneficiaries created workshops and workshops for practical vocational training.

Effects of project implementation:

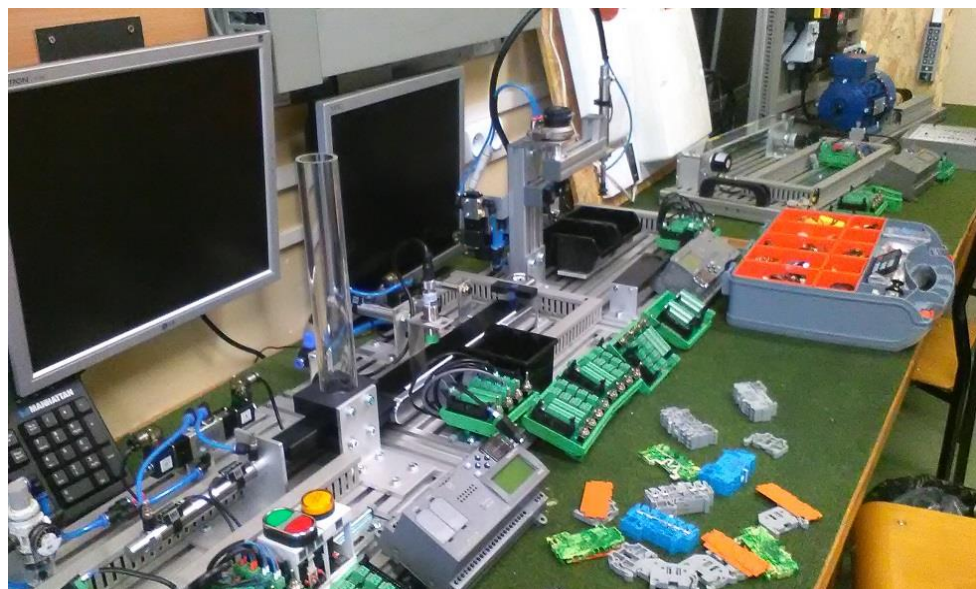
- ✓ 22 kindergartens, which are used by 1 654 children were supported,
- ✓ 25 schools in which 1 749 pupils are enrolled were supported,
- ✓ 1 vocational education institution was supported.

Good practice

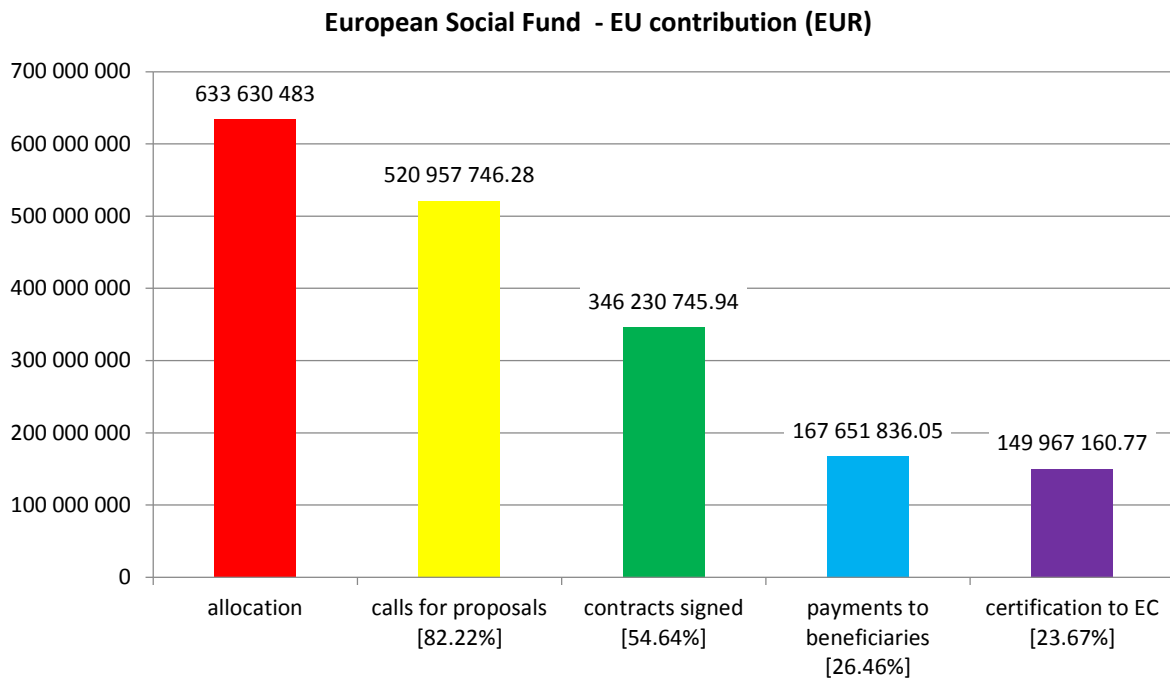
Investment priority 1b	Measure 7.2 Investments in post- <i>gimnasium</i> and vocational education
Beneficiary	City of Jelenia Góra
Project title	Modern vocational education workshops in Electric Schools in Jelenia Góra
Total value	EUR 47 589.34 (PLN 204 767.43)
EU contribution	EUR 40 450.94 (PLN 174 052.31)
Implementation period	2017 – 2018
Web page	Modern vocational workshops

Project description

The school gained modern tools and equipment for three vocational training rooms with profiles of IT technician and electronics technician. In addition, didactic aids for students with disabilities were bought. Students of the Electronic Schools Complex in Jelenia Góra have the opportunity to acquire new skills and professional qualifications, which in the future will increase their chances of finding a job. In such conditions, young people will be prepared to practice so that their knowledge and professional skills correspond to the expectations of employers.



3. European Social Fund



The European Social Fund (ESF) allocation for the projects co-financed under Dolnośląskie ROP 2014-2020 is EUR 633 630 483.

By the end of 2018, we have announced 126 calls for proposals for the implementation of projects for the ERDF co-financing of EUR 520 957 746.28.

We signed 1 030 contracts for the implementation of projects for EUR 407 614 887.00, of which ESF funding amounted to EUR 346 230 745.94.

By the end of 2018, the implementation of 315 projects has been completed.

Payments to beneficiaries from the EU funds amounted to EUR 167 651 836.05.

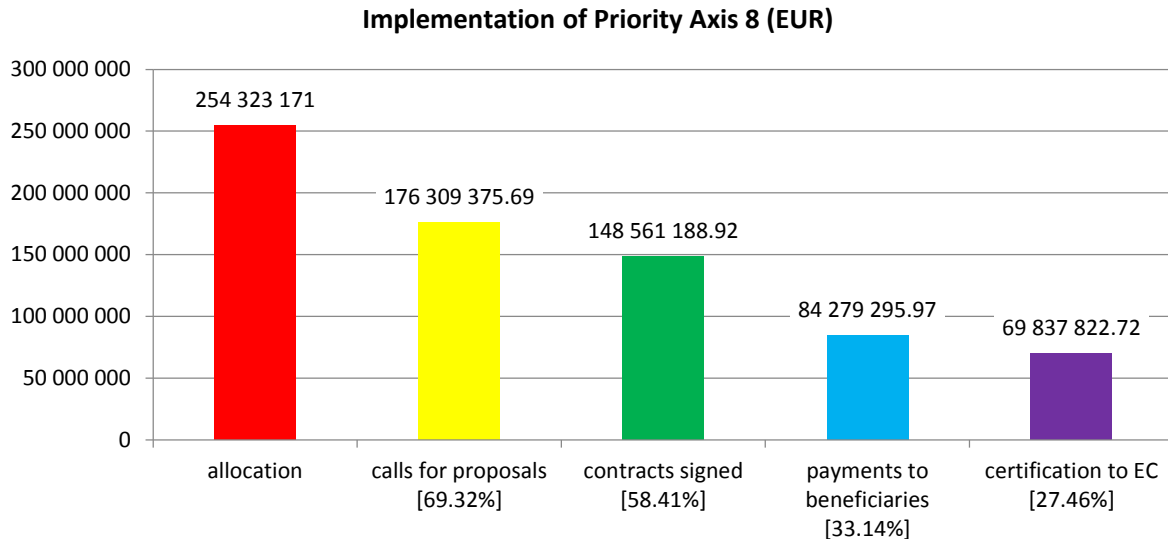
We submitted to the European Commission applications for reimbursement of expenditure from ESF funds in the amount of EUR 149 967 160.77.

The European Commission reimbursed expenditures in the amount of EUR 139 284 105.98.

3.1 Priority Axis 8 Labour market

Objective of Priority Axis 8

The main objective of Priority Axis 8 is to increase employment and employee mobility.



Within Priority Axis 8, projects implemented by Poviats Labour Offices were directed to people outside the labour market and were aimed at providing access to employment. In addition, support for professional activation and mobility was targeted at people over 30 years of age. Beneficiaries also carried out career counselling projects, training projects as well as business development and bridging support.

In order to increase the professional activation of parents, we co-financed the creation of places of care for children up to 3 years of age or covered the costs of caring for children and dependent persons. In order to improve the adaptation skills of employees to changes taking place in the economy, consulting and training projects addressed to enterprises and employees were implemented.

Another type of implemented projects aimed at limiting the early exit from the labour market and extending professional activity were projects in the scope of implementation of preventive health programs.

Effects of project implementation:

- ✓ 21 247 unemployed persons were supported, including 16 324 persons with low qualifications,
- ✓ 2 137 people with disabilities were supported, of whom 1 067 persons received work,
- ✓ 2 936 people received start-up subsidies, 2 686 jobs were created,
- ✓ 30 months after receiving support, 56% of created micro-enterprises functioned,
- ✓ development services covered 1 664 micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises,
- ✓ qualifications and competences of 4 106 employees were raised,
- ✓ in nurseries and toddler's clubs, 1 149 places were created for children up to 3 years old, thanks to which 86 people returned to the labour market, and 132 people found or sought work,
- ✓ health programs were prepared, in which 17 549 people applied for preventive examinations.

Good practice

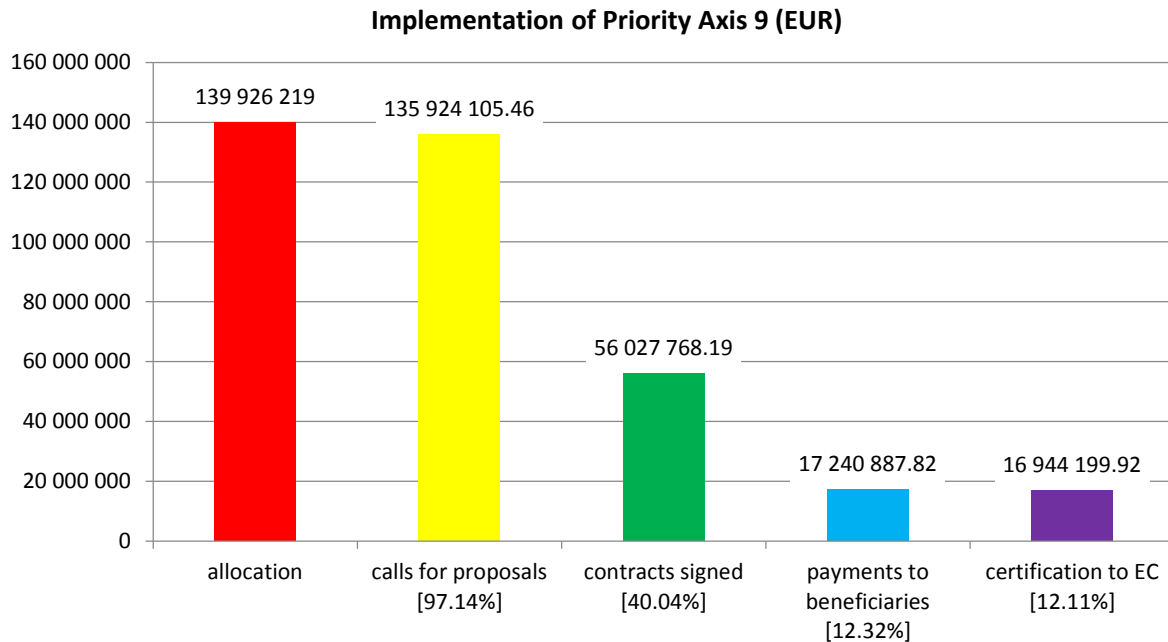
Investment priority 1b	Measure 8.3. Reconciliation of professional and private life
Beneficiary	Local Activity Forum
Project title	Own business is not only for chosen ones
Total value	EUR 2 305 469.93 (PLN 9 919 976.00)
EU contribution	EUR 1 959 649.43 (PLN 8 431 979.60)
Implementation period	2016 – 2018)
Web page	Own business is not only for chosen ones
Project description	<p>In ten Lower Silesian poviats, where the unemployment rate is the highest in the voivodship, the Local Activity Forum implemented the project "Own business is not for the chosen ones". The idea was to make unemployed and economically inactive people who were 30 years of age, encourage them to start and run their own business. With the support of EU funds, it was accomplished by almost 200 people from Lower Silesian Voivodeship.</p> <p>Project participants with the best ideas for their own business (for example, a Polish-Italian translation office) received up to PLN 20 000 for purchases necessary to run their company, reimbursement of ZUS fees and training and consulting support for the first year of operation. The undoubted success of the project is that newly established companies are developing, and thus contribute to the development of entrepreneurship throughout the region.</p> <p>Among the owners of 193 new micro-enterprises, 125 live in rural areas, 23 are people with disabilities, 64 are long-term unemployed, and 62 people have completed 50 years.</p>



3.2 Priority Axis 9 Social inclusion

Objective of Priority Axis 9

The main objective of Priority Axis 9 is social inclusion, raising the level and quality of life.



Within Priority Axis 9, beneficiaries implemented projects for social and professional integration as well as projects in the field of social assistance and family support (projects implemented by Social Assistance Centres and District Family Assistance Centres). In order to increase access to social and health services, we co-financed the provision of assistance and care services over dependent persons, the creation of protected and assisted housing, as well creating day care homes. We also provided financial support for the development of the social economy through the creation of social enterprises and the development of social economy services.

Effects of project implementation:

- ✓ support was provided to 6 404 people at risk of poverty or social exclusion, including 2 208 people with disabilities:
 - 684 people raised qualifications,
 - 560 people found work,
 - 6 months after obtaining support, 24% of people remained employed,
- ✓ support was granted for 92 social services providers:
 - 2 566 people were covered by social services,
- ✓ 556 social economy entities benefited from the support:
 - 242 jobs were created in social enterprises,
 - 157 people were employed.

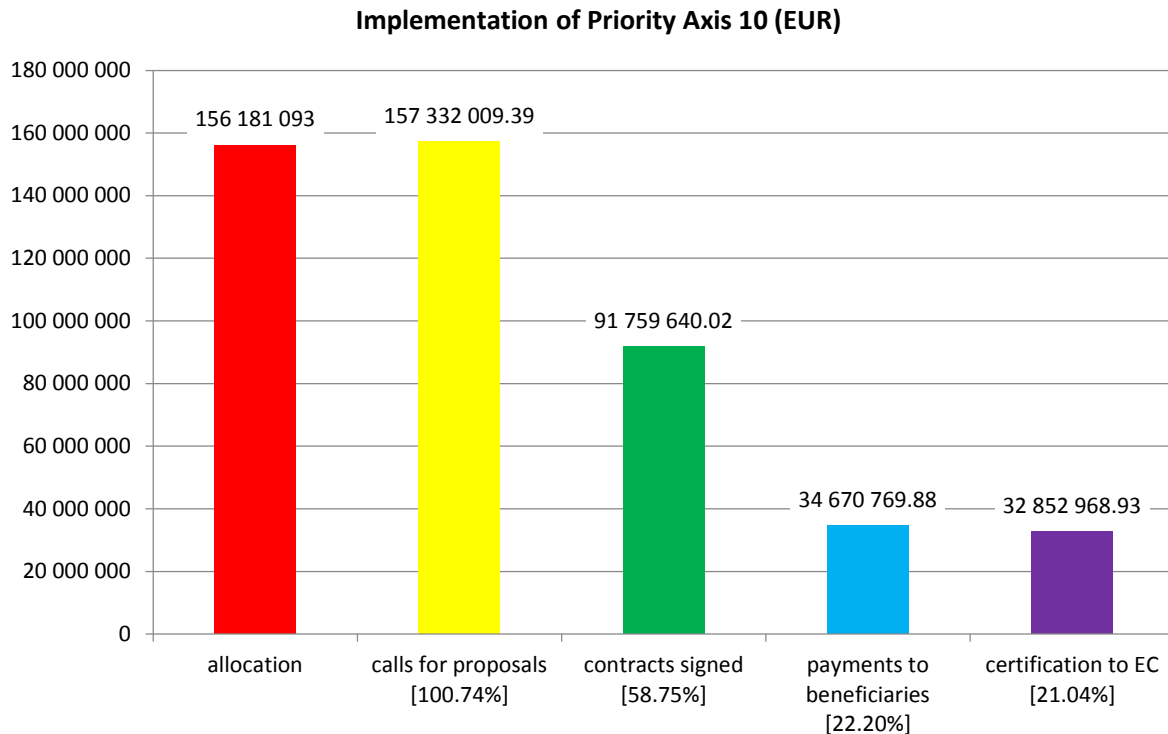
Good practice

Investment priority 1b	Measure 9.1 Active integration
Beneficiary	Foundation for the Development of Social Economy
Project title	I'm not emigrating - I'm staying here
Total value	EUR 606 324.93 (PLN 2 608 894.95)
EU contribution	EUR 515 376.19 (PLN 2 217 560.71)
Implementation period	2016 – 2018
Web page	I'm not emigrating - I will stay here
Project description	<p>"I'm not emigrating - I will stay here" - this is an undertaking that tries to solve one of the main problems of the Wałbrzych agglomeration. The problem is low professional activation of people at risk of social exclusion or poverty. Over 130 people took part in various types of trainings improving qualifications and courses strengthening social competences to mobilize to find permanent employment. Individual development plans have been prepared for the project participants, i.e. defining a reintegration path based on experience and individual potential as well as a close environment. Everyone had a chance to take part in the Volunteer Club activities and received coaching support.</p>

3.3 Priority Axis 10 Education

Objective of Priority Axis

The objective of Priority Axis 10 is to improve the quality and accessibility of education.



Within the Priority Axis 10, we financed the creation of new places in pre-school education centres, including adjusting the facilities to the needs of children with disabilities. We also provided co-financing for conducting additional educational and specialist activities for children and raising teachers' professional qualifications.

There were also projects aimed at improving the quality of teaching in schools, ensuring access to high quality education for students from rural areas and small towns, improving the quality of language teaching, mathematics and natural science subjects, and developing digital skills. In schools, the beneficiaries created conditions for experimental and individualized teaching, support for psychological care for the student and career counselling. Teachers also used European funds to improve their professional qualifications.

In order to improve the accessibility and support of lifelong learning, adults have benefited from the funding to improve language competences and digital skills. Support was directed in particular to persons who are disadvantaged on the labour market.

Beneficiaries implemented projects aimed at adapting vocational education to the needs of the labour market. For this purpose, internships and apprenticeships of students of schools and institutions providing vocational training were financed. Funds were also located for scholarship assistance for particularly gifted students. Within the projects, the teachers of profession raised their qualifications and acquired new competences. In addition, we directed the support to adults who raised their professional qualifications, supplemented their knowledge and skills in non-school forms (vocational courses), organized in cooperation with employers.

Effects of project implementation:

- ✓ Improving the quality of teaching in pre-school institutions, primary, junior high and high schools:
 - 3 548 places were funded in pre-school education centres,
 - 7 103 children took advantage of additional activities in kindergartens,
 - in 251 schools, the subject laboratories were equipped,
 - 4 176 students benefited from the support,
 - 1 986 teachers have been qualified and raised competences, including 1 440 teachers in the field of ICT,
- ✓ vocational training:
 - 1,220 people have obtained professional qualifications,
 - 264 teachers of the profession raised their qualifications,
 - 135 vocational training schools were equipped (centres, workshops),
 - 3 874 vocational school students participated in internships and apprenticeships,
 - 2 371 people participated in non-school forms of education,
 - 11 vocational training centres were subsidized,
- ✓ continuing education:
 - 13 741 people aged 25 and more have obtained qualifications,
 - 7 977 people aged 50 and more have obtained qualifications,
 - 13 281 people have raised low qualifications.

Good practice

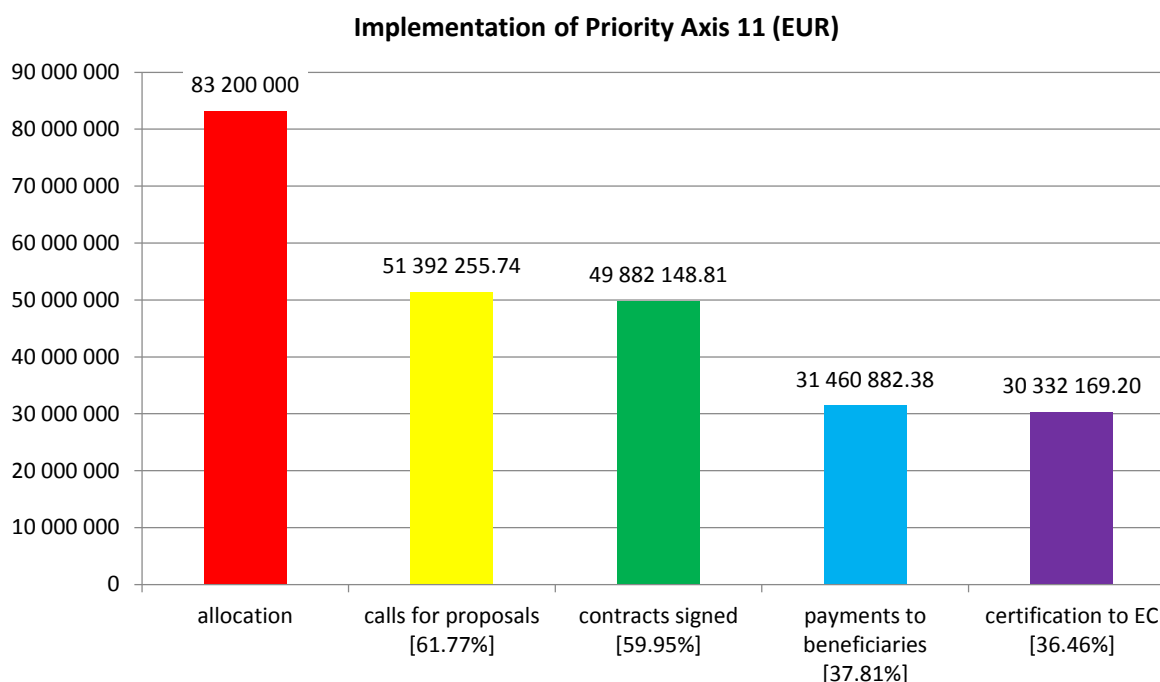
Investment priority 1b	Measure 10.1 Ensuring equal access to high quality pre-school, primary, lower secondary and upper secondary education
Beneficiary	Polkowice Municipality
Project title	The way through the world of senses. Supporting the development of preschoolers from Polkowice
Total value	EUR 15 492.23 (PLN 66 660.00)
EU contribution	EUR 13 168.40 (PLN 56 661.00)
Implementation period	2017 – 2018
Web page	The way through the world of senses
Project description	In Municipal Kindergarten No. 6 in Polkowice, a project was developed to increase educational opportunities of children with disabilities. Sixteen children took part in the educational and therapeutic program. For them, innovative workshops were organized, therapeutic classes such as dog therapy, or classes with a specially trained dog, sensory integration therapy, restoring the proper work of the senses and biofeedback allowing to consciously influence the state of the body and physiological processes. On the other hand, teachers and psychologists employed in the Polkowice kindergarten raised their professional competences through participation in specialist courses and trainings. They will also work on the new equipment necessary for therapy as part of the project.



3.4 Priority Axis 11 Technical Assistance

Objective of Priority Axis 11

The objective of Priority Axis 11 is to ensure efficient and effective use of structural funds under the Dolnośląskie ROP 2014-2020.



Funds under Priority Axis 11 were designated for the Managing Authority and Intermediate Bodies to support the management and implementation of the ROP Lower Silesian Voivodeship 201-2020. The projects were implemented by 5 institutions implementing the Program. We have allocated co-financing, including to cover the costs of employment and training of employees, training of applicants and beneficiaries, conducting the procedure of recruitment and evaluation of projects, as well as covering costs of information and promotion activities.

Effects of project implementation:

- ✓ 149 meetings, conferences and seminars were organized,
- ✓ 5 064 beneficiaries were trained,
- ✓ three broad information campaigns were carried out,
- ✓ websites on the implementation of the ROP Lower Silesian Voivodeship 2014-2020 were visited by 5 275 573 people.