

# Small Project Funds within the Interreg Czech – Poland 2021-2027

Alice Vybíralová

**Interreg**



Co-funded by  
the European Union

**Czechia - Poland**

## Experience With The Small Project Fund

- SPFs as a part of our cross-border programmes since 2004
- 6 euroregions on the Czech-Polish border – administrators of the SPFs
- 20 % allocation of the programme for the SPFs
- Popular type of cross-border cooperation – 1 990 realised small projects in 2014-2020

## Basic Information About Our SPFs

- SPFs in 2 priorities – Tourism and Strengthening cross-border ties between people and institutions –13 SPFs in total
- Lead partner principle – jointly financed projects as preferred type of cooperation
- Limitations on the size of small projects (max. 30 000 EUR per project partner)
- In priority Tourism no big investments possible (max. 40 000 EUR per project partner)
- Only SCOs in all small projects (unit costs and lump sum based on draft budget)

# Procedure In The Preparation Phase

During negotiations with EC, it was agreed that SPFs will have the status of strategic projects in our programme

Conditions of the MA for potential administrators before submitting the SPF's application:

1. Need of the Euroregional Strategies - The focus of the SPFs had to be based on the valid Euroregional Strategies to take the needs of Euroregion's territory into consideration
2. Approval procedure of the focus of the SPFs and relevant indicators from MA before submitting the SPF's application

# Conditions In The Realisation Phase

By the end of **2025**:

- 35 % of the allocation have to be contracted
- 10 % of the allocation have to be contracted for small projects with the joint financing (lead partner principle)
- 15 % of the target value of two output indicators have to be fulfilled
- 3,5 % of the allocation have to be contracted for small project with new beneficiaries (by 2029 10 % target has to be reached)

Based on fulfillment of these conditions, final 25% of the allocation will be released to administrators.

# Lessons Learned From This Programming Period

- Significantly greater interest in priority Strengthening cross-border ties between people and institutions, especially in people to people small projects (480 projects vs. 101 projects in tourism)
- Good experience with SCOs, especially with unit costs in small projects with predictable number of participants
- Internal discussion about continuation of small project aimed at the general public (e.g. open air events)

# The Next Programming Period

Our plans:

- SPFs as part of our cross-border programme again
- People to people small projects as the key focus of the SPFs
- Management via entities located in the border regions will continue
- Details will be specified after the requirements for SPFs (if any) at EU level are clarified



MINISTERSTVO  
PRO MÍSTNÍ  
ROZVOJ ČR

**Thank you**