

Regional Capacity Building Initiative

Supporting partner country participation in ENPI CBC Programmes 2007 - 2013

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<i>Name of the Project</i>	Polish-Ukrainian Cross Border Agency – towards the future
<i>Regions Involved</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lubelskie and Podkarpackie Voivodship, Poland• Volynska and Lvivska Oblasts, Ukraine
<i>Timeframe</i>	2004 - 2005
<i>Budget</i>	€ 249,978
<i>Sources of Finance</i>	TACIS CBC
<i>Project Partners</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lead – European Centre for Integration and Self-government Cooperation 'House of Europe', Poland• Marshall Office of Podkarpackie Voivodship, Poland• Marshall Office of Lubelskie Voivodship, Poland• Lviv State Oblast Administration, Ukraine• Lviv Agency for Regional Development and European Integration (ARDEI), Ukraine• Volyn State Oblast Administration, Ukraine• Ukrainian Office of the Bug Euroregion, Ukraine
<i>Field of Intervention</i>	Human resources
<i>Aims of the Project</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To prepare a common development strategy for the Poland and Ukraine border regions• To support the creation and development of common Polish-Ukrainian cross border structures and institutions• To involve a wide range of local and regional institutions (local authorities, business support institutions, NGO's, Local Development agencies, etc.) in cross border cooperation



<p>Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility study of models/structures of cross border cooperation • Workshops on potential structures for cross border cooperation • Study tour to Euroregions located in West and South Poland namely the Pomerania Euroregion (PL – DE –SWE) and the Śląsk Cieszyński – Tesinske Slezsko Euroregion (PL – CZ) • A study tour to Finland – involving visits to the Council of the Joensuu region & the Karelia Euroregion • Trainings in development of cross border strategies, PCM and Project Preparation for beneficiaries of the Poland-Belarus-Ukraine Neighbourhood Programme 2004-2006 • Support and organisation of Joint Task Force meetings for Poland – Belarus – Ukraine Neighbourhood Programme 2004-2006 • Dissemination of information about funds available for cross border cooperation and European Policy • Development, publication and distribution of a common Poland-Ukraine Cross Border Development Strategy • Conferences, seminars and workshops
<p>Results</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A common development strategy for the Ukraine-Poland border regions – essential for implementation of the Neighbourhood Programme • The development of cross border structures and institutions • Projects with foreign partners (supported by external funds, including EU support for CBC) developed and implemented • A wide range of partner institutions participating in cross border cooperation such as local authorities, NGO's, agencies for regional development etc • Particular mechanisms developed to support cross border cooperation among local institutions/organizations to implement a common cross border development strategy • Strong cross border partnerships in administrative, social, economic and 'people to people' contexts • A strong Project Pipeline for Interreg IIIA/ TACIS CBC programmes and future Neighbourhood Programmes
<p>Cross border Impact</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable cross border structures created (virtual cross border agency) • Joint understanding on development needs and possibilities of the cross-border region

Key Factors for Success

- Wide range of partners involved (authorities as well as NGO's)
- Involvement of the regional authorities on both sides of the border, thus ensuring the possibility to support the implementation of the Common Development strategy worked out under the project (knowledge of local and regional procedures and realities)
- Direct support given for development of the cross border cooperation structures (including support for preparation of the NP CBC programme)

