

# COMMUNITY INITIATIVE INTERREG III A

**2004 - 2006**

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# Interreg III A

## 2004-2006 with Polish participation

### 5 Interreg IIIA programmes:

- Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
- Brandenburg
- Saxony
- Czech Republic
- Slovak Republic

### 2 Neighbourhood programmes (Interreg IIIA/Tacis CBC):

- Belarus/Ukraine
- Lithuania/Russia

Poland contributed **177 million EUR** from ERDF

**Poland is Managing Authority for 2 programmes:** Poland-Slovak Republic and Poland-Belarus-Ukraine

# Interreg IIIA Poland-Slovak Republic

- programme approved by the European Commission on 15 November 2004
- ERDF: 20 million euro
- max. ERDF contribution per project: 1 million euro (75%)





# Eligible area




Regional Division

INTERREG III A Poland - Slovak Republic  
Community Initiative Programme 2004 - 2006

## 1. Regional Division

-  State border
-  NUTS II border
-  NUTS III border
-  District border
-  Eligible Areas

- Śląskie** NUTS II - name of self-governmental region (Poland)
- Žilinský** NUTS III - name of self-governmental region (Slovakia)
- Krosno** District name
-  Main city of a region (SK) / subregion (PL)



Scale  
1 : 1 150 000



# Priorities and measures



## **Priority 1 – Infrastructure development**

Measure 1.1 - Technical and Communication Infrastructure

Measure 1.2 - Environment Protection Infrastructure

## **Priority 2 - Socio-economic development**

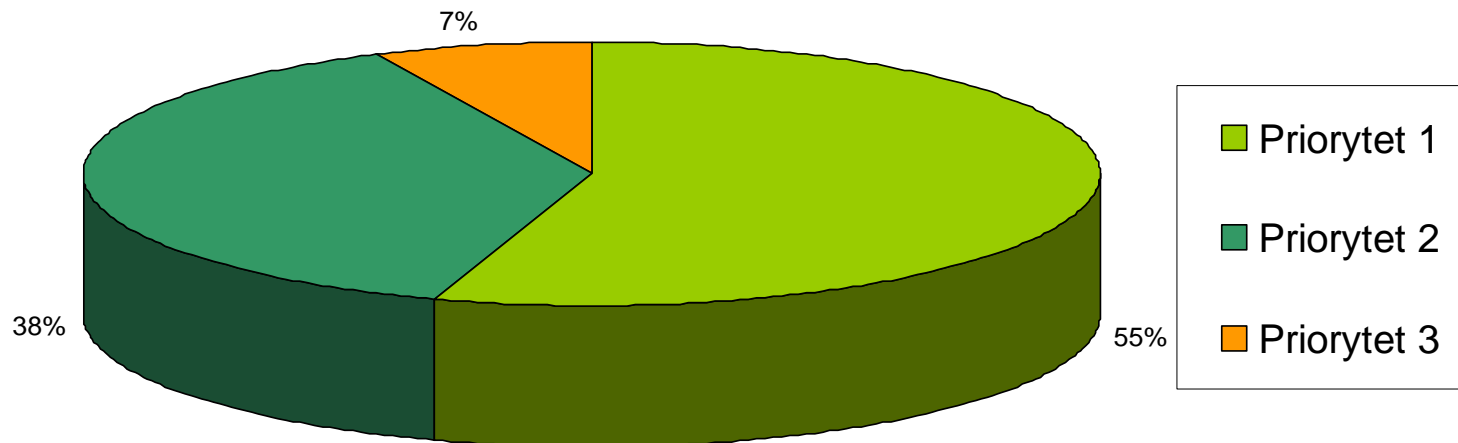
Measure 2.1 - Development of human resources and promotion of entrepreneurship

Measure 2.2 - Protection of natural and cultural heritage

Measure 2.3 - Support for local initiatives (micro-project facility)

## **Priority 3 – Technical assistance**

# Division of ERDF budget into priorities



# Beneficiaries

- Self-governmental units (municipalities, counties)
- Educational institutions
- National Forests/Park directorates
- Rescue services
- Labour offices
- NGOs and other organisations

# Institutional structure



## **Poland:**

Managing Authority – Ministry for Regional Development

Paying Authority – Ministry of Finance

Joint Technical Secretariat – Phare CBC Implementing  
Authority in Warsaw

3 Contact points (one in each voivodship)

3 Intermediate bodies (contracts with beneficiaries)

## **Slovakia:**

National Authority – Ministry of Construction and Regional  
Development

Subpaying Authority – Ministry of Finance

Two infopoints (one in each region)

One Intermediate body (contracts with beneficiaries)

# Application process

## **Joint in both countries:**

- Call for proposals published at the same time on both sides of the border
- All applications (Polish and Slovak) submitted to the JTS in Warsaw
- JTS responsible for registration, formal and quality evaluation of all projects
- Steering Committee approves all projects

# Contracting and payments

## Contracting and payments to beneficiaries (separate in each country):

Contracts are signed:

- With Polish beneficiaries: by one of three voivods (Polish regional governmental administration)
- With Slovak beneficiaries: by Slovak Ministry of Construction and Regional Development

Payments:

- Paying Authority (Poland)
- Subpaying Authority (Slovakia)

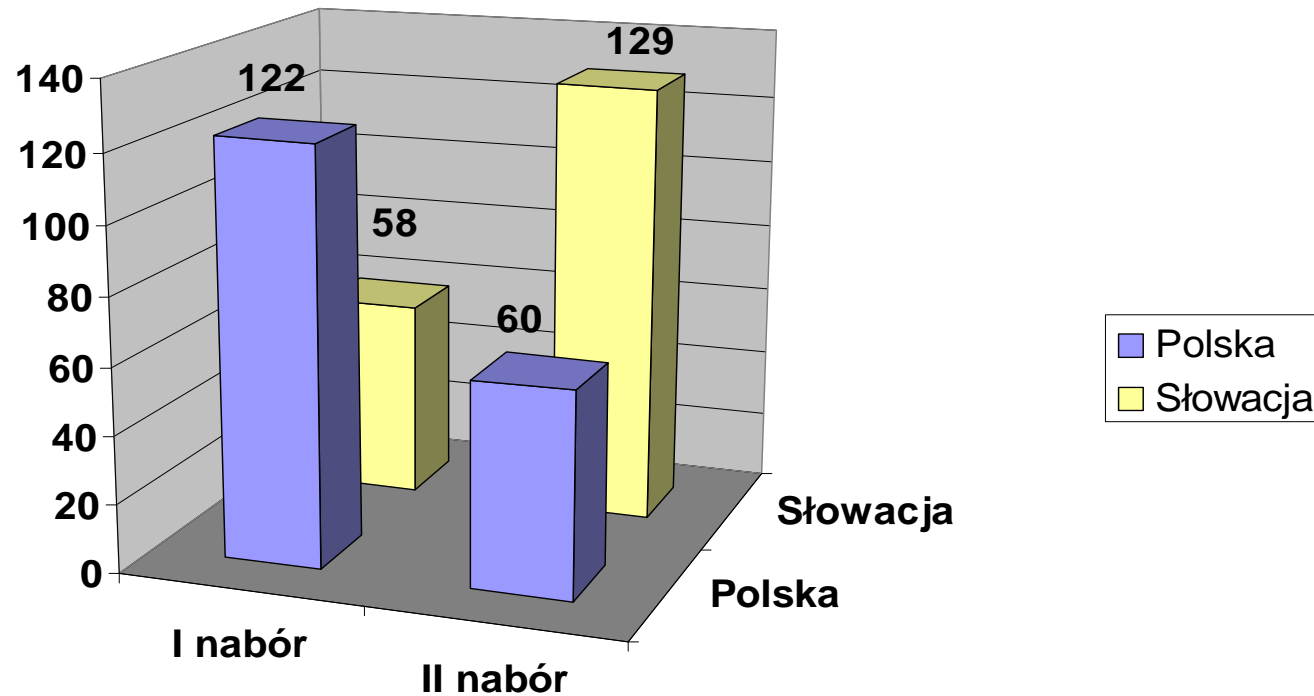
# Types of eligible projects

- 1. Individual projects** (without foreign partner) - rule applied only to infrastructural projects, even though cross-border effect must be proven
- 2. Joint projects** (with foreign partner) – obligation in „soft projects”, including complementary projects

No classical Lead Partner principle

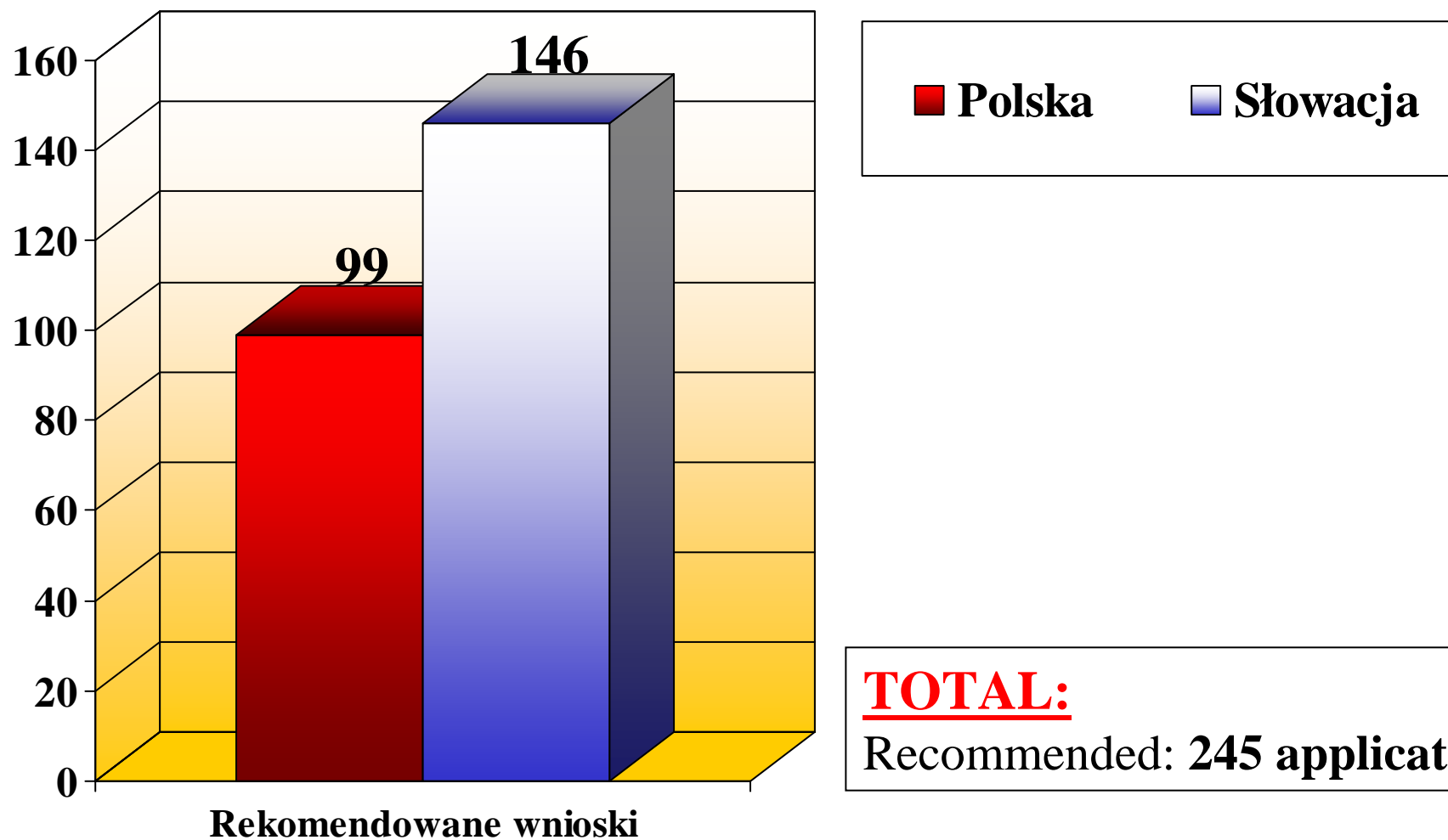
# Applications submitted in 1st and 2nd call – comparison (without microprojects)

## Porównanie liczby złożonych wniosków w I i II naborze



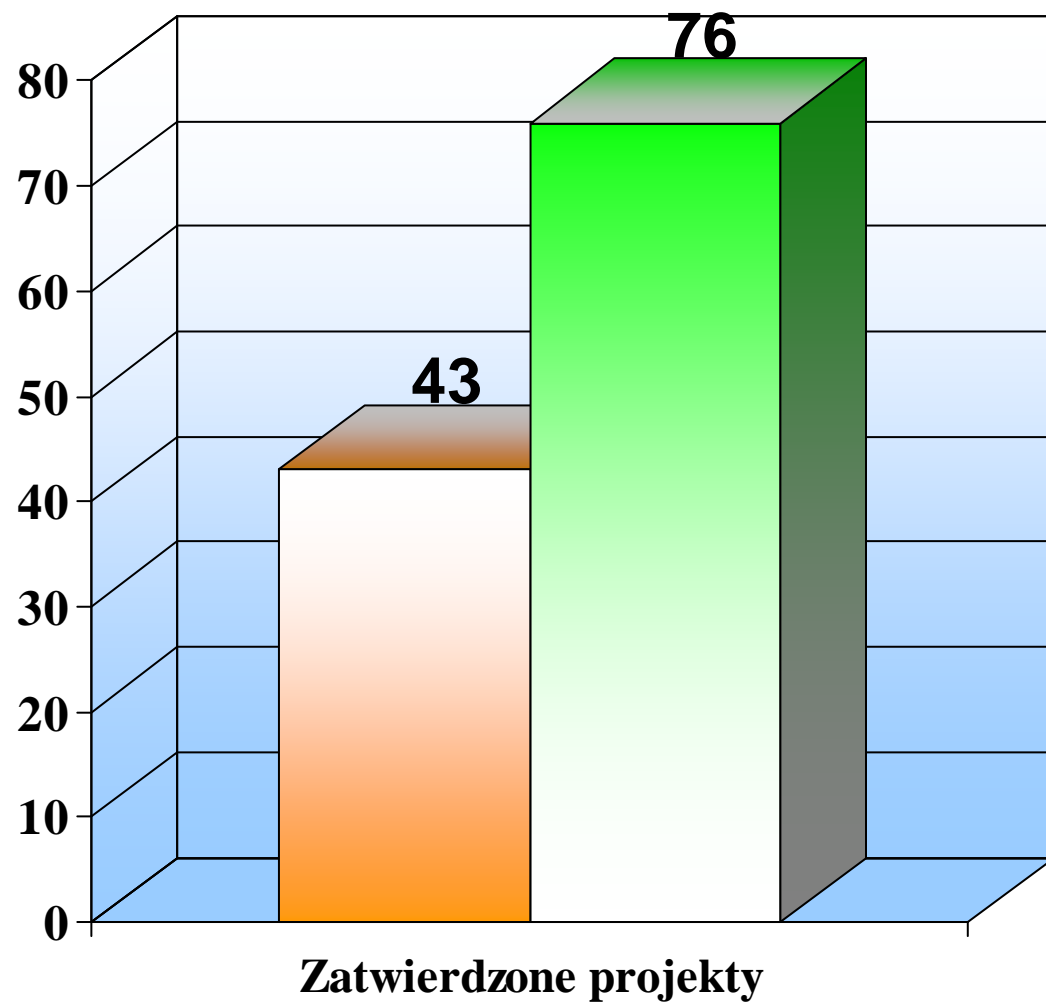
Total: 369, out of which: Polish side: 182  
Slovak side: 187

# 1st and 2nd call – recommended applications (without microprojects)



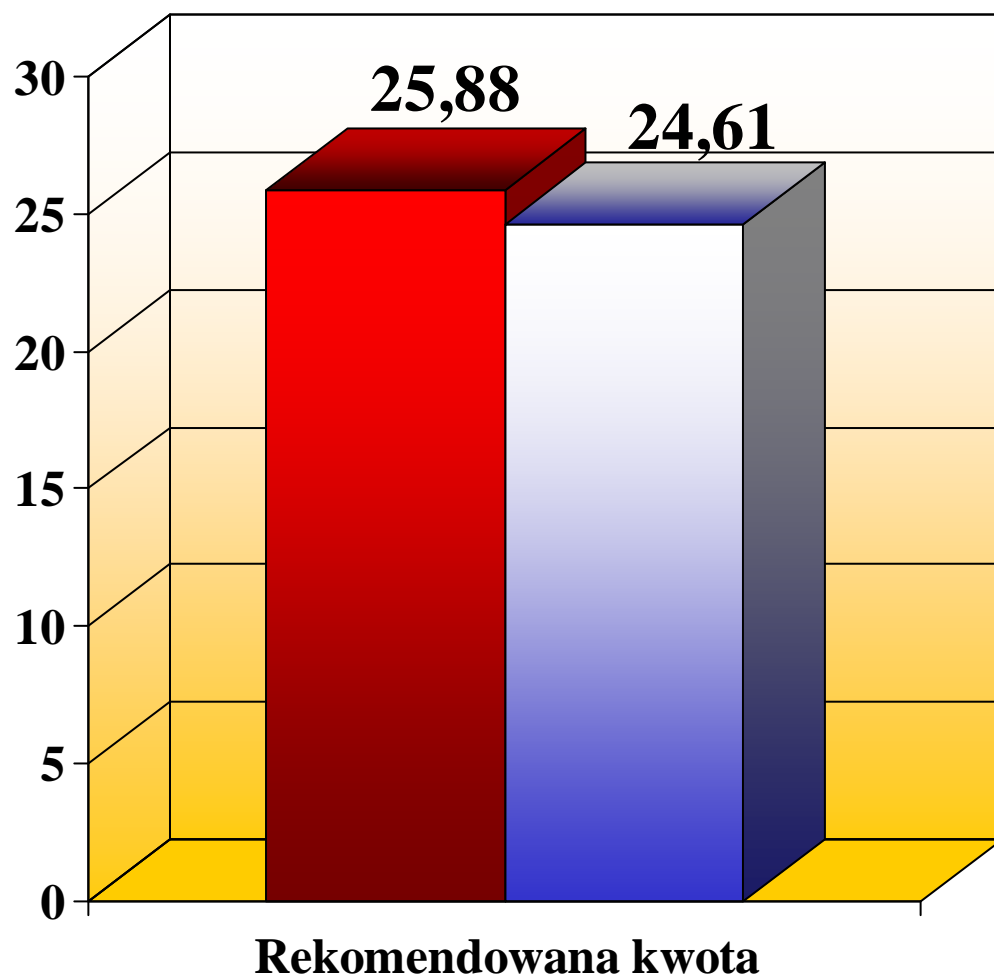
**TOTAL:**  
Recommended: **245** applications

# 1st and 2nd call – approved applications (without microprojects)



**TOTAL**  
Approved: **119** applications

**1st and 2nd call**  
**– recommended amounts of ERDF co-financing**  
( in millions of euro, without microprojects)

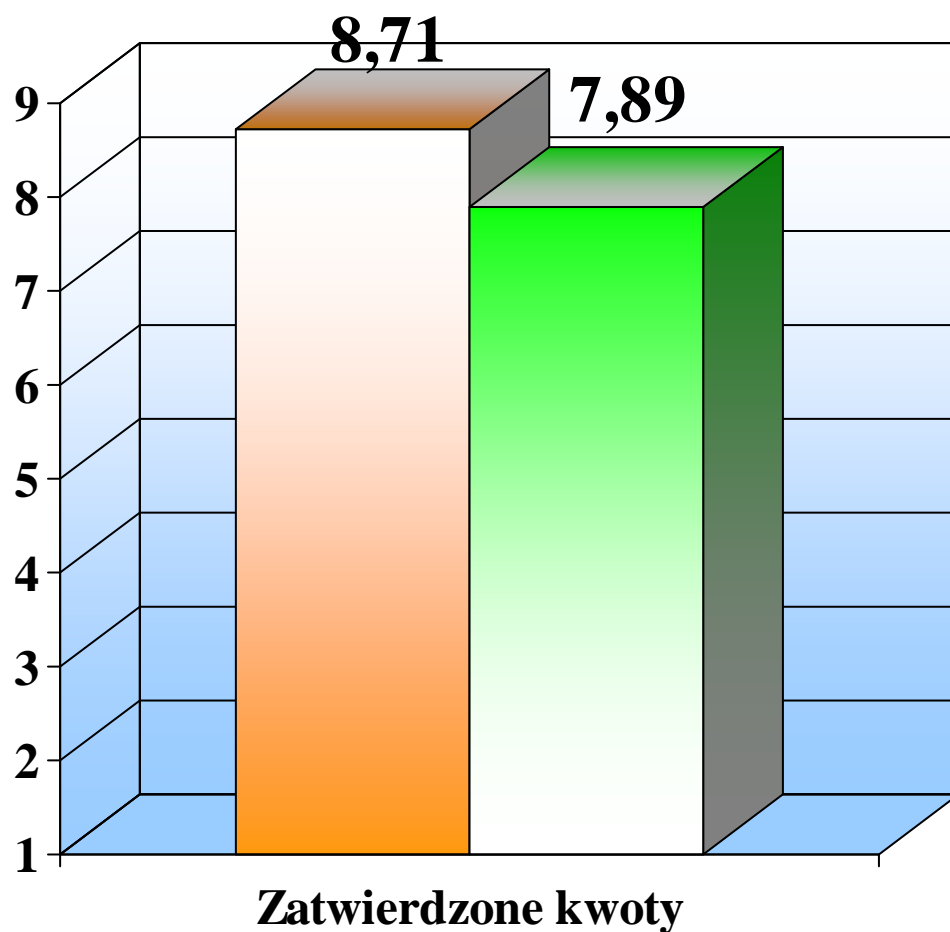


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**TOTAL:**

Recommended ERDF co-financing: € 50 463 219,52

# 1st and 2nd call – approved amounts of ERDF co-financing ( in millions of EURO without microprojects)



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## **TOTAL:**

Approved ERDF co-financing:  
**€16 601 426,00**

# Microproject Facility

- Continuation of the Small Project Fund within Phare CBC
- A separate measure, decentralised and managed by Euroregions (Beskidy, Tatry, Karpacki) on the Polish side and by Higher Territorial Units (Zilina and Presov) on the Slovak side
- Projects approved by Sub-steering Committee
- 10% of the programme allocation (ERDF: 2 million euro)
- ERDF co-financing rate 2.000 – 20.000 EUR
- Foreign partner required
- Max. project's duration – 12 months
- 196 microprojects approved (112 Polish and 84 Slovak) for the total allocation

# Current situation

- Project submission, evaluation and approval processes done within 15 months
- 119 projects and 196 microprojects under implementation (some already finished)
- 100% of the funds distributed
- N+2 should not be a problem (this year)

# Neighbourhood Programme

Poland –Belarus – Ukraine  
INTERREG IIIA/Tacis CBC  
2004-2006

# Neighbourhood Programme

- programme approved by the European Commission on 5 November 2004
- ERDF: 37,8 million euro
- Tacis CBC: 8 million euro
- max. ERDF/Tacis contribution per project:  
1 million euro



# Priorities and measures

**Priority 1** Modernisation and development of the cross-border infrastructure

Measure 1.1.: transport

Measure 1.2.: natural environment protection

Measure 1.3.: tourism: business and infrastructure

**Priority 2** Developing the human capital and institutional cross-border cooperation

Measure 2.1.: Strengthening of cross-border institutional cooperation and enhancing the quality of the human capital

Measure 2.2.: Support for local communities' initiatives (Micro Project Facility)

**Priority 3** Technical Assistance

# Institutional structure

## **Poland:**

- Managing Authority – Ministry for Regional Development
- Paying Authority (for ERDF) – Ministry of Finance
- Joint Technical Secretariat – Phare CBC Implementing Authority
- 4 Contact points (in each voivodship)
- 4 Intermediate bodies (contracts with beneficiaries)

## **Ukraine, Belarus:**

- EC Delegation in Kiev
- Infopoint in Lviv

# Application process

## **Joint:**

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# Contracting and payments

## Contracting and payments to beneficiaries (separate):

Contracts are signed:

- For ERDF: by one of four voivods (Polish regional governmental administration)
- For Tacis CBC: by EC Delegation in Kiev

Payments:

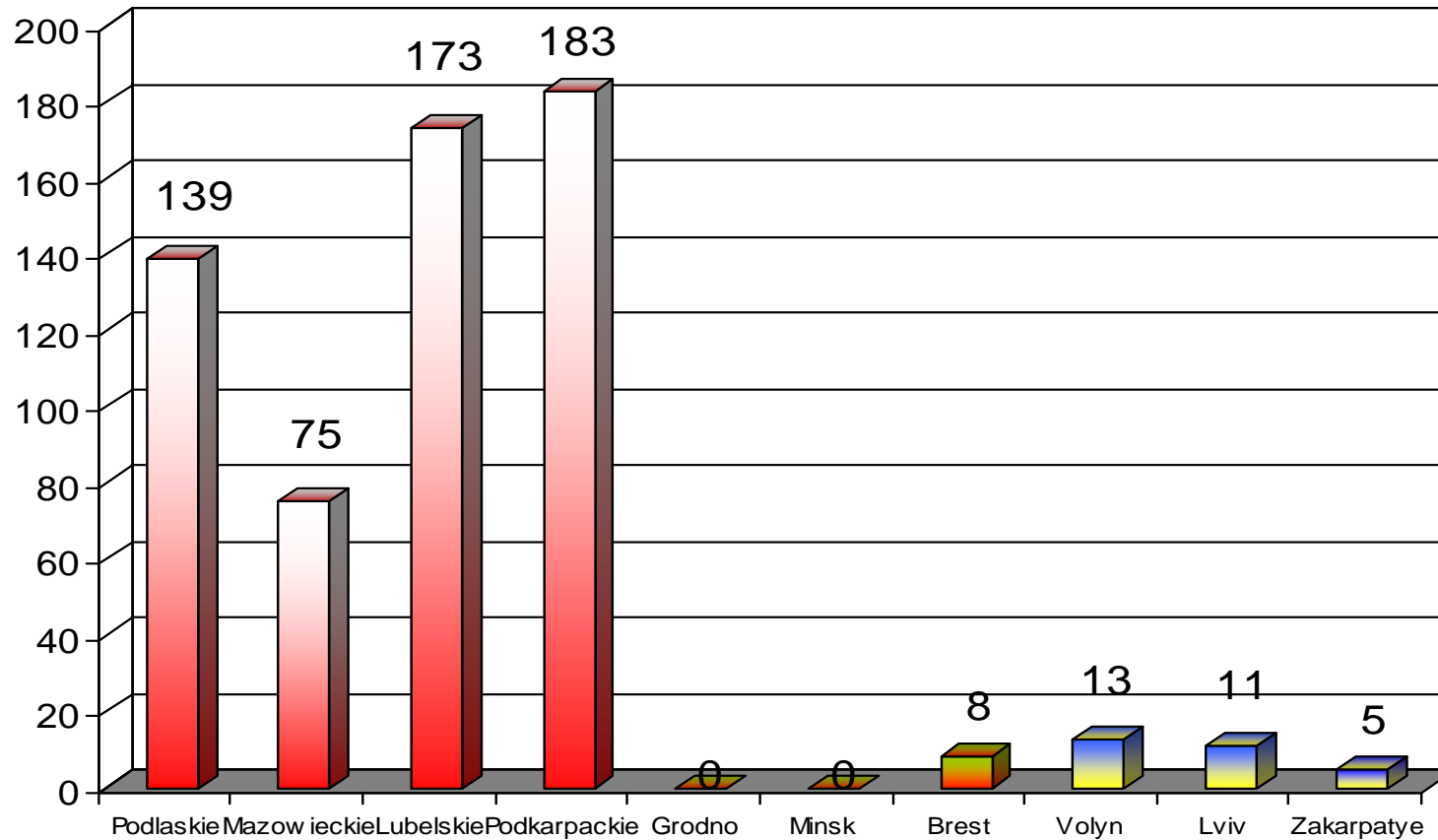
- Paying Authority (ERDF)
- EC Delegation in Kiev (Tacis CBC)

# **Calls for proposals**

- 1) ERDF call for proposals (January-March 2005)
- 2) 1st (joint) call for proposals (June-August 2005)
- 3) 2nd (joint) call for proposals (August – October 2006)

## Number

## of applications submitted

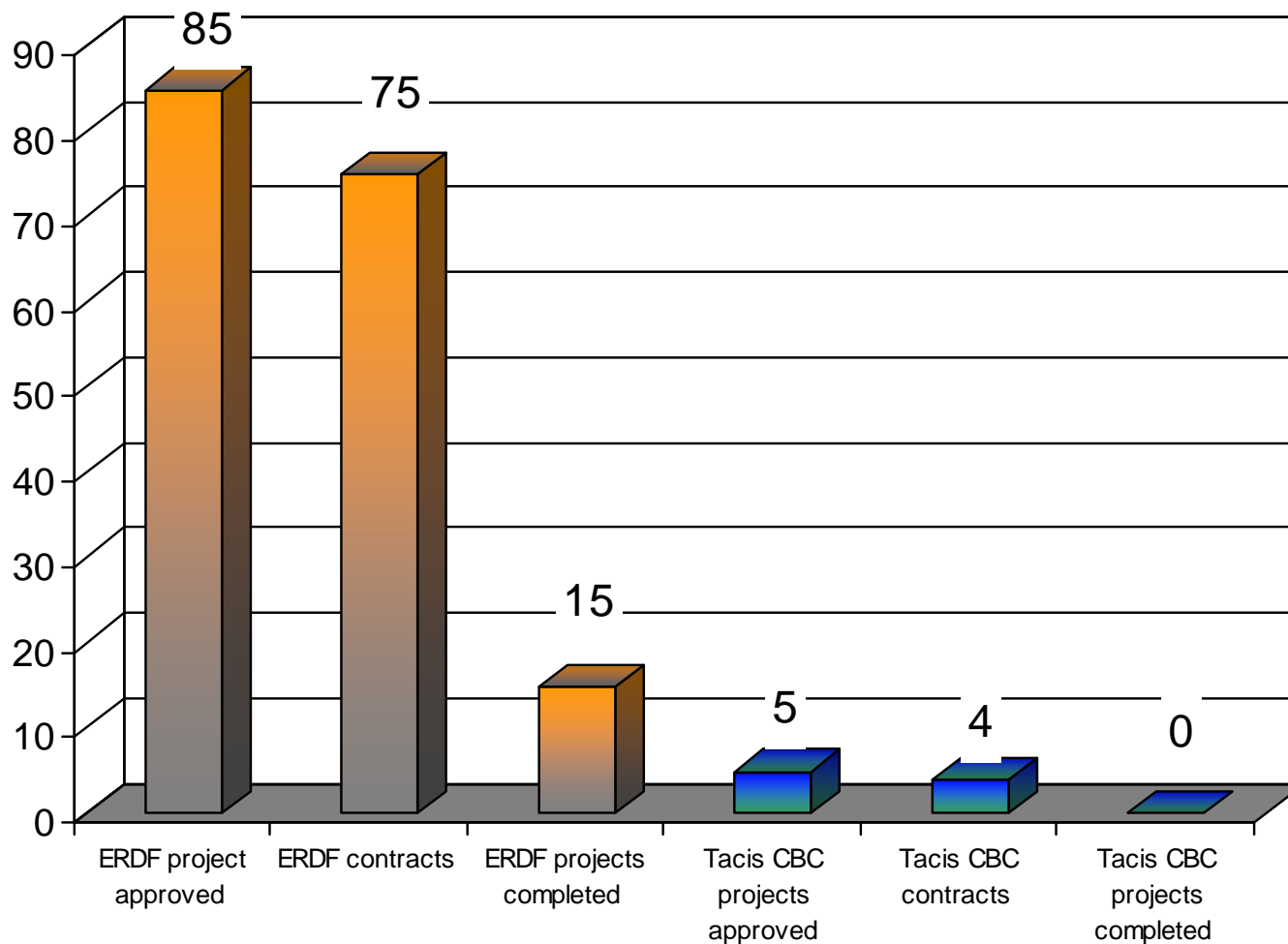


**TOTAL:**

**Poland: 570, Ukraine: 29, Belarus: 8**

# Steering Committee

## projects approved/contracts/projects completed



# Microproject Facility

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- A separate measure, decentralised and managed by Euroregions (Karpacki, Bug, Puszcza Białowieska, Niemen) on the Polish side
- Projects approved by Sub-steering Committee
- 20% of the ERDF allocation (ERDF: 7 million euro)
- ERDF co-financing rate per project: 5.000 – 50.000 EUR
- Foreign partner required
- Max. project's duration – 12 months
- 166 projects approved for 2/3 of the total ERDF allocation
- The remaining allocation to be distributed to the final beneficiaries by the end of this year

# Current situation

- Project submission, evaluation and approval processes according to plan
  - over 80% ERDF already distributed
  - over 10% Tacis CBC already distributed
- 90 projects and 166 microprojects under implementation (some already finished)
- N+2 should not be a problem (this year)

## A few conclusions

- As Interreg programmes are rather complicated by nature (different countries with different legislation, languages), the institutional structures should be simple
- Demand for cross-border co-operation activities is many times higher than the allocation available
- Details of programme implementation should be jointly elaborated before the first call for proposals
- Microprojects very well complemented larger projects (twice more microprojects than all other projects, decentralised administration)
- Contracts and reporting system should be simplified