

**Annual report for 2020 from the implementation
of the Regional Operational Programme
for Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodship
2014-2020**

SUMMARY

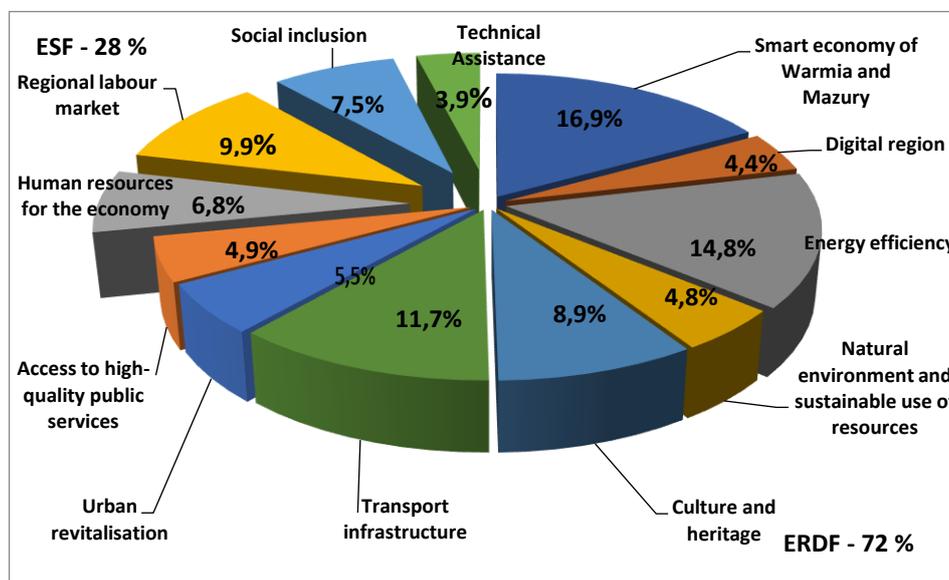
Regional Operational Programme for Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodeship 2014-2020 (ROP WiM 2014-2020) is focused on support of Warmia and Mazury economy and training of human resources for it, labour market integration, improving access to the public services, overcoming energy exclusion of the region improving, the natural environment, increasing the cohesion of transport system, urban revitalization and decreasing poverty in the region.

The expected results of the ROP W&M 2014 – 2020 will be achieved by means of thematic and territorial concentration of supported projects related to the following priority axes:

1. Smart economy of Warmia and Mazury.
2. Human resources for the economy.
3. Digital region.
4. Energy efficiency.
5. Natural environment and sustainable use of resources.
6. Culture and heritage.
7. Transport infrastructure.
8. Urban revitalisation.
9. Access to high-quality public services.
10. Regional labour market.
11. Social inclusion.
12. Technical Assistance.

The ROP WiM 2014 – 2020 is a two-fund operational programme, financed from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the European Social Fund (ESF). The total allocation of EU funds equals 1,73 bn euro, of which 72% (i.e. over 1,24 bn euro) is financed by the ERDF and 28% (i.e. over 486 million euro) is provided by the ESF.

Estimated share of funds into certain priority axes of the Programme, was presented on the chart.



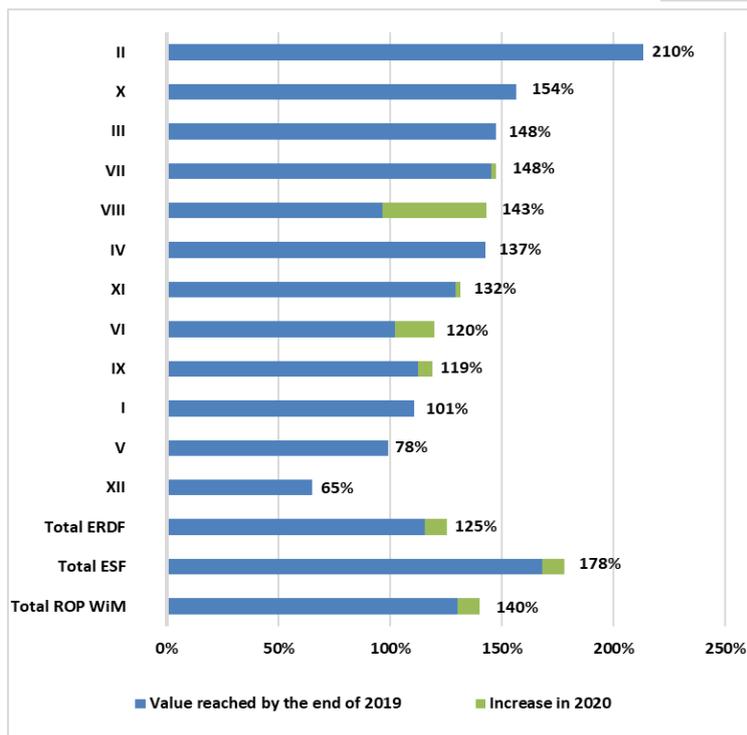
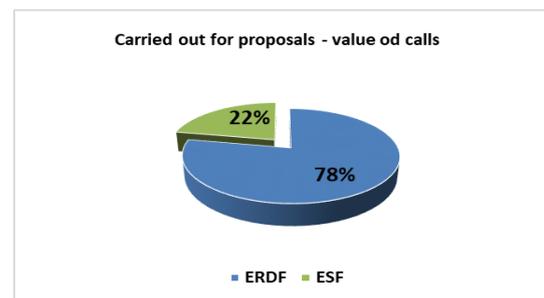
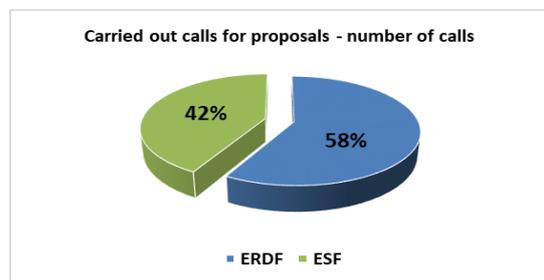
The ROP WiM 2014-2020 was adopted by the European Commission on 12 February 2015, subsequently on the 24th March, 2015 approved by the Management Board of Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodship. In addition to the Managing Authority of the ROP WiM 2014-2020 (the Management Board of the Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodship), three Intermediate Bodies participated in the implementation of the Programme: i.e. the Voivodship Labor Office in Olsztyn, Warmia and Mazury Regional Development Agency S.A. in Olsztyn and ITI Olsztyn.



Announced 536 calls, worth over 2.86 billion euro

Since the launch of the Programme conducted a total of 536 calls for proposals for funding. A larger number of them concerned actions financed from the ERDF (311 calls for proposals). As part of the ESF, 225 calls were made. The total amount of co-financing allocated to the beneficiaries amounted to 2.86 billion euro, of which 2.22 billion euro under the ERDF and 0.64 billion euro from the ESF.

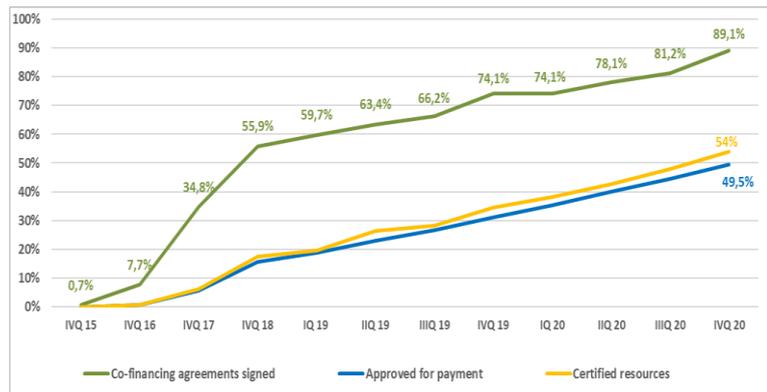
As a result of the calls, the formal evaluation positively passed 7 377 submitted applications. Their total value amounted to nearly 3.42 billion euro, including 2.42 billion euro are the resources of the European Union. This represented approx. 140% of the allocation of the ROP WiM 2014-2020. In 2020, the value of applications correct in formal terms increased by over 170 million euro (about 10 p.p). The graph below presents the value of correct formal applications in relation to the allocation of priority axes.



REQUESTS FOR FUNDING formally correct (% axis allocation)

- I. Smart economy of Warmia and Mazury
- II. Human resources for the economy
- III. Digital region
- IV. Energy efficiency
- V. Natural environment and sustainable use of resources
- VI. Culture and heritage
- VII. Transport infrastructure
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- XI. Social inclusion
- XII. Technical Assistance

In 2020, the Managing Authority took steps to contract the funds of the ROP WiM 2014-2020 as much as possible. Their effectiveness is demonstrated by the implementation status of the Programme at the end of 2020. The value of co-financing agreements signed reached the level of 89,1% of the Programme allocation, of which as much as 9,7 p.p. was realized in 2020.



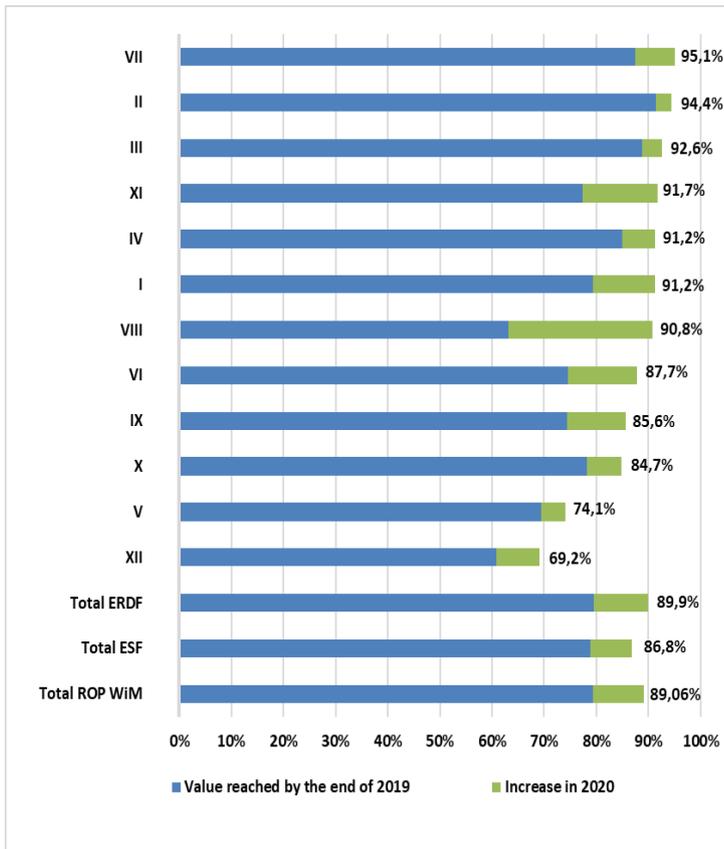
There was also a steady, regular increase of the expenditures (value of accepted payment applications) and their certification. Value of accepted applications on payment at the end of 2020 amounted into 49,5% of allocation of the Program, however value of certified funds amounted to 54 % of the Program allocation.



4.496 contracts were signed, for the amount of EU funding over 1.54 billion euro, which represents 89.1% of the Programme budget

By the end of 2020, 4.451 contracts were signed and 45 decisions were issued (for projects in the Technical Assistance axis) with a total value 2.24 billion euro. Nearly 1.54 billion euro is co-financing from the European Union (89.1% of the allocation of the ROP WiM 2014-2020), including

1.12 million euro from the ERDF (approx. 89.9% of the ERDF allocation) and 422 million euro from the ESF (approx. 86.8% of ESF allocation). The year 2020 brought an increase of 810 contracts/decisions for co-financing projects with EU funds in the amount of over 168 million euro. The value of co-financing agreements signed in relation to the allocation of individual priority axes is presented in the chart below.

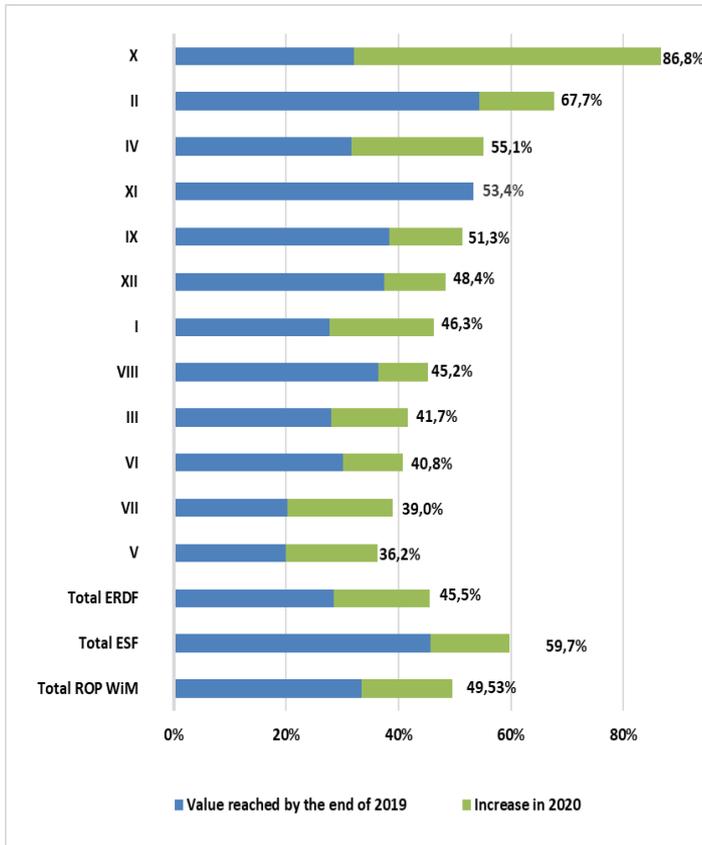


- Co-financing agreements signed (% axis allocation)**
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Beneficiaries were paid nearly **856 million euro** of EU funds, which represents **49.53%** of the Programme budget

The total value of European Union co-financing issued by beneficiaries, based on approved applications for payment, amounted to nearly 856 million euro (approx. 49.53% of the ROP WiM 2014-2020), including ERDF for over 565 million euro (approx. 45.5% of ERDF) and ESF amounting to over 290 million euro (approx. 59.7% of ESF allocation). The year 2020 brought an increase in the funds spent by the beneficiaries in the amount of approx. 280 million euro. The value of approved applications for the payment in relation to the allocation of individual axes are presented in the chart below.



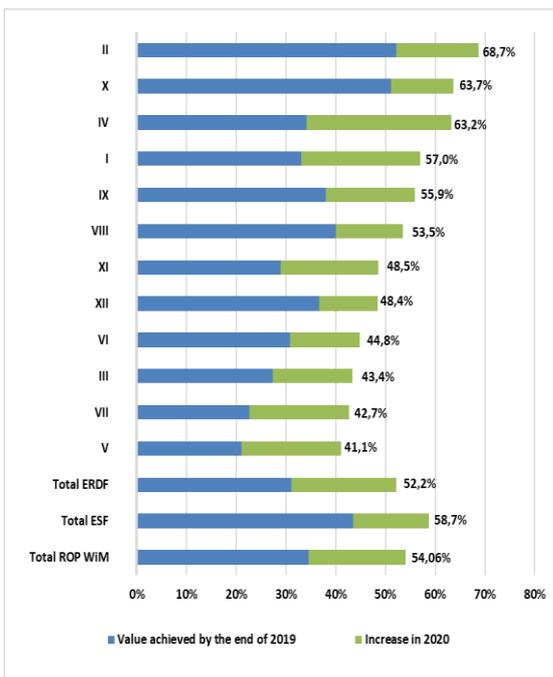
- Approved applications for payment (% axis allocation)**
- I. Smart economy of Warmia and Mazury
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The European Commission has approved over **934 million euro** of EU funds, which represents **54.05%** of the Programme budget

The amount of over 1.1 billion euro of eligible expenditure, incurred by the beneficiaries has been submitted for certification to the European Commission. Over 934 million euro of expenditures are EU funds (approx. 54.05% of the allocation of the ROP WiM 2014-2020), including ERDF approx. 649 million euro (approx. 52.2% of ERDF allocation) and ESF for almost 286 million euro (approx. 58.7% of ESF allocation). The year 2020

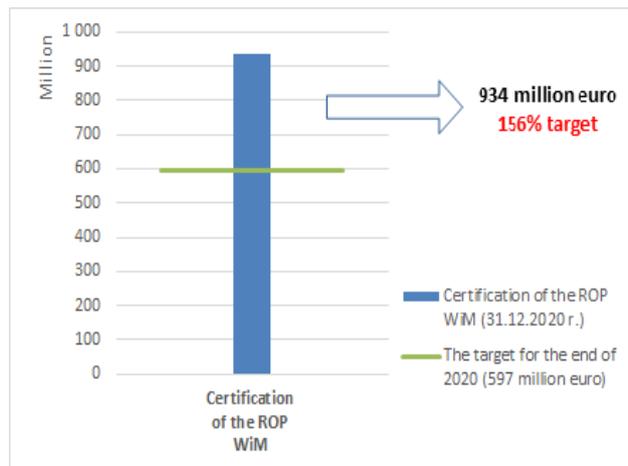
brought an increase in EU funds certified to the European Commission of over 338 million euro. The value of certifies EU funds in relation to the individual priority axes are presented in the chart below.



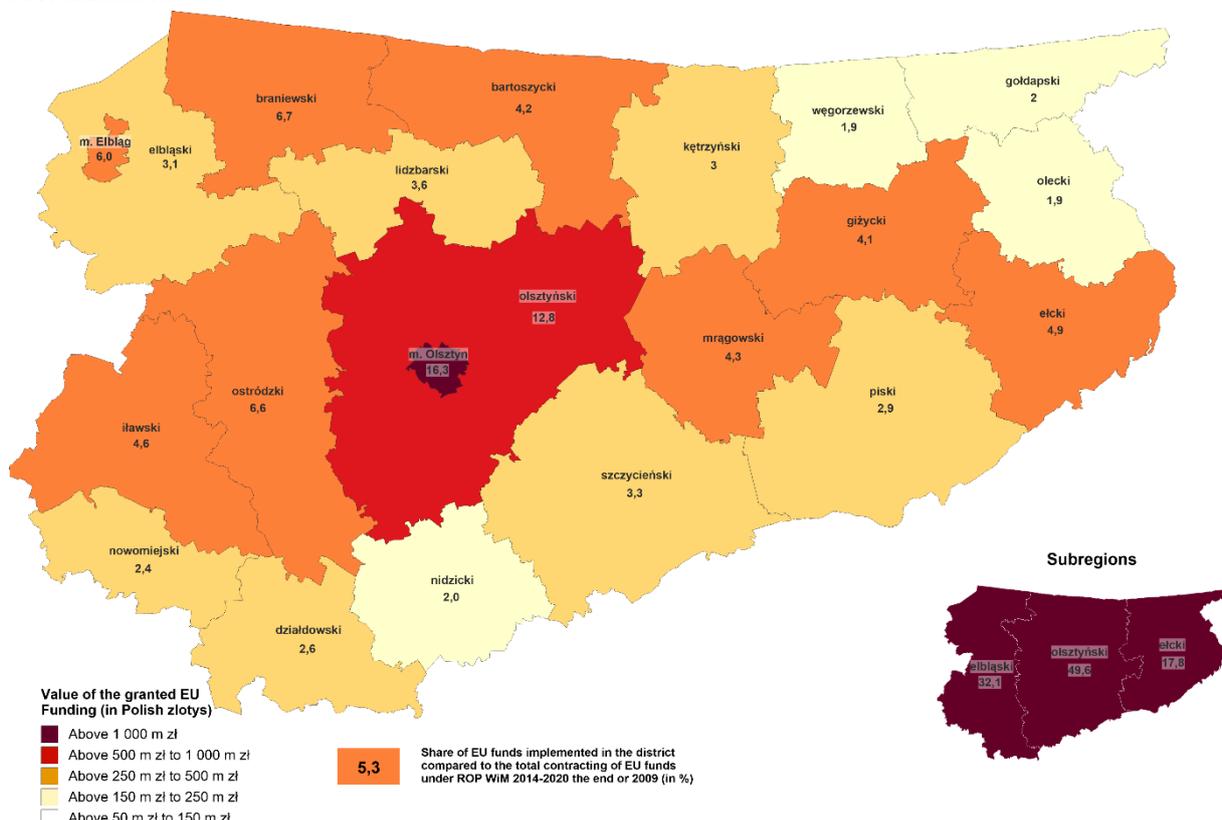
RESOURCES CERTIFIED TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION (% of the axis allocation)

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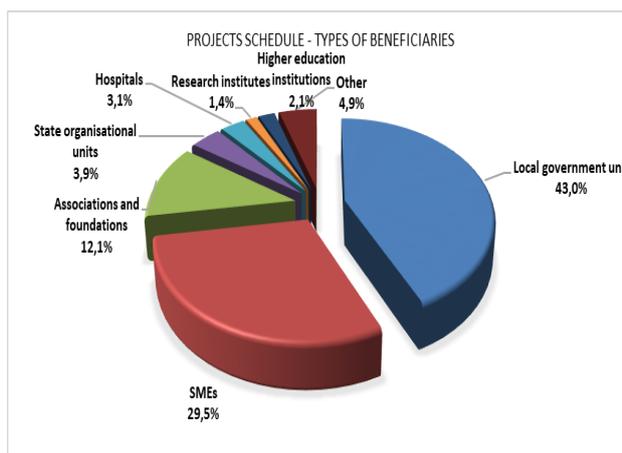
In 2020, MA ROP WiM 2014-2020 managed to achieve a large number of objectives, more than was planned, related to the certification of funds defined within the framework of the so-called "n+3 rule". The above mentioned rule defines the levels of the EU funds that should be transferred to the European Commission to be allocated (certified) by the end of a given year. In the case of the ROP WiM 2014-2020, by the end of 2020, it was necessary to certify over 597 million euro of the EU contribution, and over 934 million euro was performed, which is approx. 156% of the commitment resulting from the "n+3" rule.



The spatial distribution of the support provided (excluding the projects of the Technical Assistance axis and implemented with the use of financial instruments) shows an uneven breakdown of subsidies (at the level of subregions as well as certain territorial self-government units). The highest value of EU funds went to the Olsztyn subregion (approx. 49.6% of the total contracting of EU funds). In the Elbląg subregion, the value of EU funds in the implemented projects was about 32.1% of the total contracting of EU funds, and in the Ełk subregion – approx. 17.8%. As the map below shows, the support went to each powiat. The most resources received poviats from the central part of the voivodship, i.e. the city of Olsztyn (over 16.3% of the total contracting of EU funds) and the Olsztyński powiat (approx. 12.8%). Comparing the breakdown of subsidy to axes specified in the Strategy of the Voivodship, one may notice that the support is directed mainly to these areas, especially areas of low developmental potential, including near-border territories and the ones requiring restructuring and revitalisation.

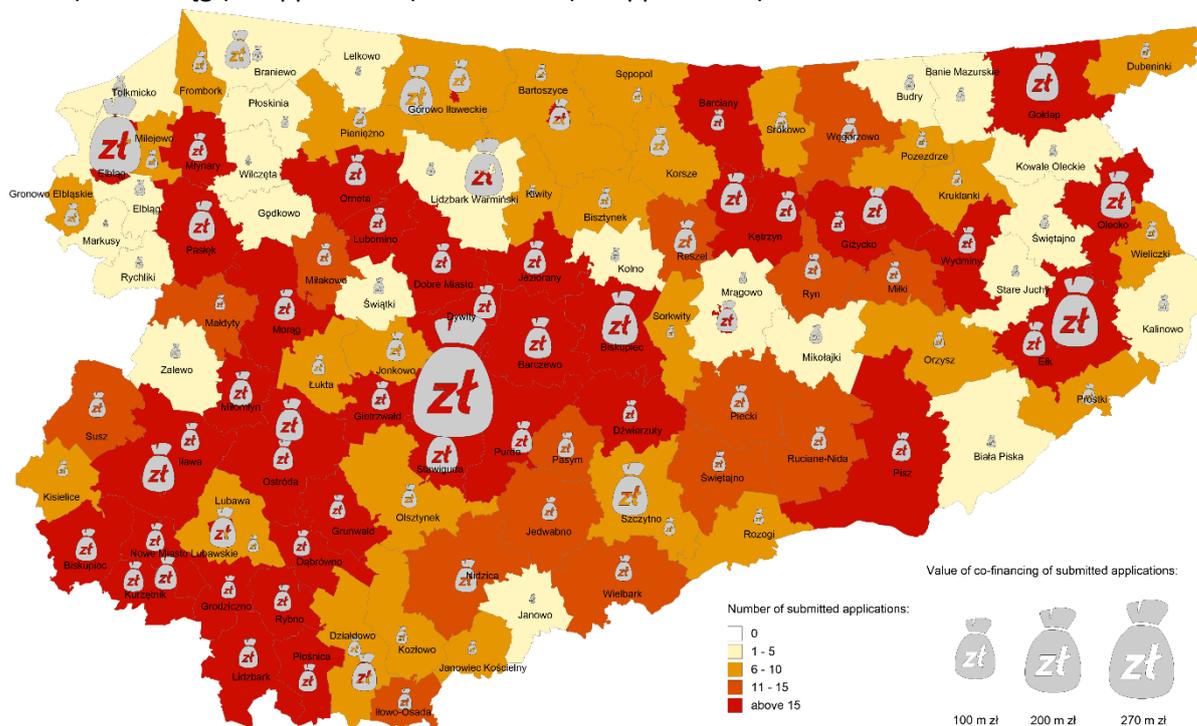


The main beneficiaries of the financial support were territorial self-government units and their organisational units, which received approximately 43% of the EU co-financing for all implemented projects. Besides, EU support went to enterprises - 29.5%, foundations and associations - 12.1%, state organisational units - 3.9%, hospitals - 3.1%, universities - 2.1% and research institutes - 1.4%. The share of other types of beneficiaries amounts to 4.9%.



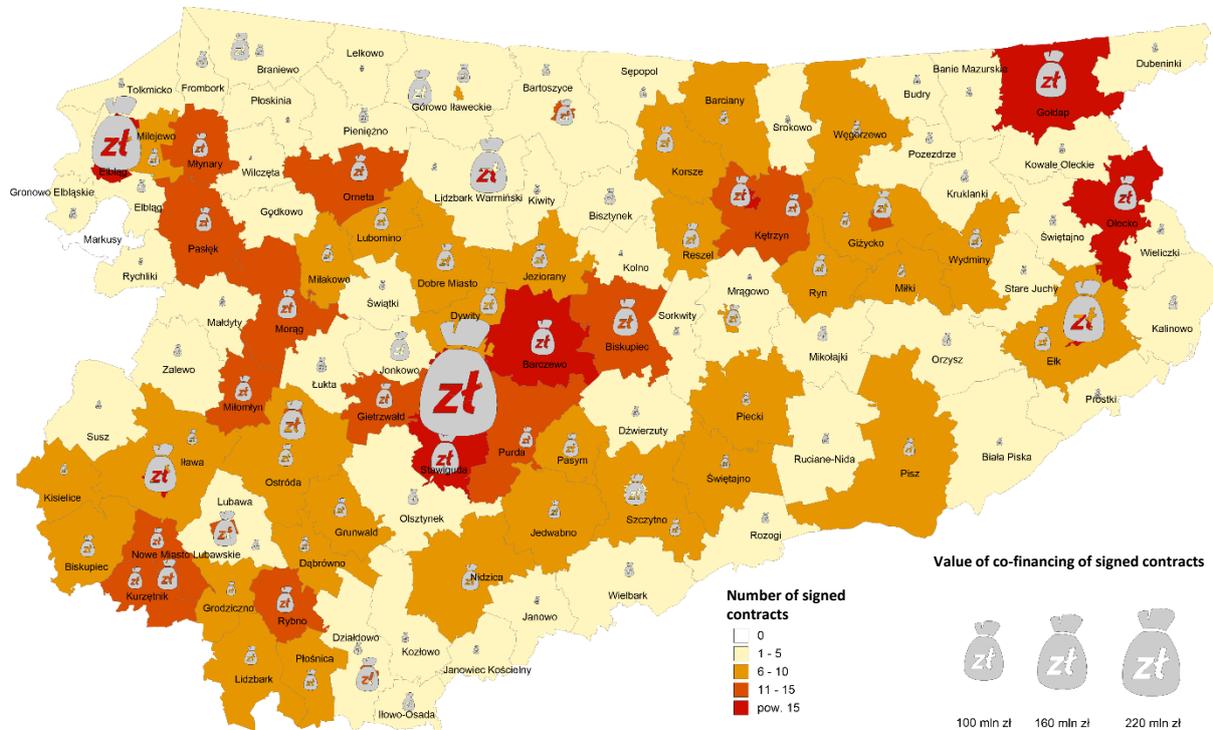
The map below shows the interest in obtaining funds from the ROP WiM 2014-2020 among individual units of territorial self-government of the Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodeship. It is measured both, by the number of submitted applications for co-financing and their value.

As you can see, among all local government units, there is no commune that has not applied for funds under the ROP WiM 2014-2020. Compared to 2019 there was an improvement, because then identified three such communes. The most active in applying for funds under the ROP WiM 2014-2020 are the city of Olsztyn (97 applications submitted for funding) and other subregional cities, i.e. Elk (54 applications) and Elbląg (36 applications) and Olecko (37 applications).



The number of local self-government units, which do not pursue any project within the ROP WiM 2014-2020 (have not signed any agreements for co-financing) has been constantly decreasing every year. In 2020, there was only 1 municipality of this kind in the Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodeship (Markusy commune).

Compared to 2019 there was an improvement, because there were 5 such communes identified (14 communes in 2018 and 21 communes in 2017). The following map presents the distribution of projects implemented by individual communes from Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodship. The most occurs in the case of the city of Olsztyn (66 projects) and in other subregional cities, i.e. Elbląg (37 projects) and Ełk (33 projects).



The value of EU co-financing for projects implemented in rural areas was approx. 314 million euro. This represented more than 20.4% of all projects and approx. 18.2% of the allocation of the Programme.

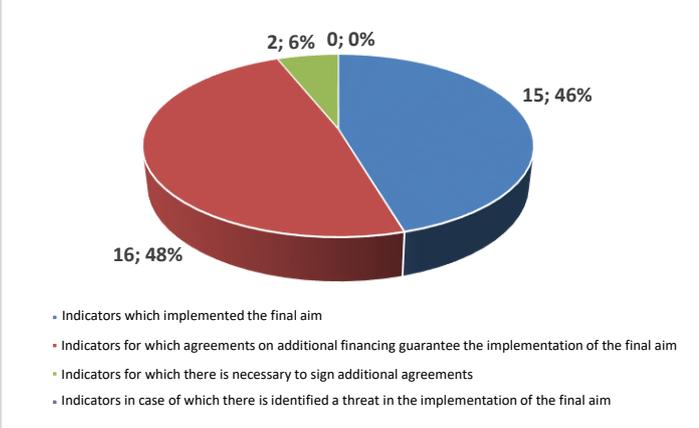
In terms of sectors of the economy, the highest amount of funds was directed to public administration – 13.8% of the value of EU co-financing contracts signed, transport - 12 %, education – 11.5 %, construction – 7.8%, power – 5.7%, health care – 4.9 %, and financial and insurance activities – 4.2%.

Approximately 6.5% of the ROP WiM 2014-2020 funds (113 million euro) was allocated for projects implemented form of Integrated Territorial Investment (in Olsztyn and its functional area) and Integrated Territorial Investment" (bis) (in Elbląg and Ełk and their functional areas). By the end of 2020, the value of EU co-financing of signed contracts in the above-mentioned formulas amounted to over 102 million euro, which about 56 million euro under ITI and above 46 million euro under ITI". This represents approx. 90% of the total allocation dedicated to the implementation of these instruments (95.5% of ITI allocation and 84.9 % of ITI" allocation). The percentage of contracted allocation in instruments of Integrated Territorial Investments is slightly higher than the contracting level of ROP WiM 2014-2020 (i.e. 89.6%), which confirms the effectiveness of this support instrument.

ROP WiM 2014-2020 is also implemented using repayable financial instruments. An amount of over 60 million euro has been earmarked for them. Support in their use is granted to the SME's sector in Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodship. On 29 May 2017, an agreement between the self- government of Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodship and Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego was signed, conferring upon

this institution the role of the Manager of Fund of Funds. By the end of 2020, 1 022 agreements were signed with the final recipients, for an amount of approx. 39.11 million euro. As many as 953 enterprises received support under financial instruments.

As of the end of December 2020, 15 indicators of the performance framework (46% of all indicators) have already reached the target value estimated for the end of 2023. For subsequent 16 indicators of frameworks of performance (48% of the total number), the concluded agreements on additional financing guarantee the implementation of this objective. For 2 indicators of framework of performance (6% of the total number), it is needed to sign additional agreements on additional financing in order to achieve the objective assumed for 2023. Presently, none of the indicators presents an identified threat for the implementation of the target value.



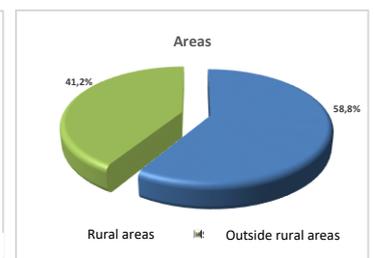
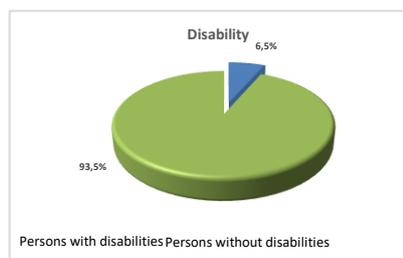
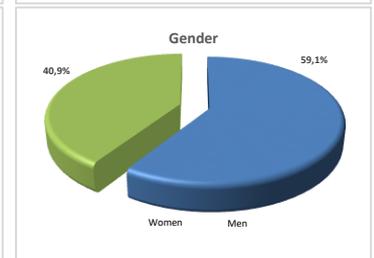
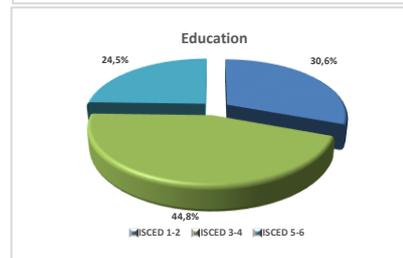
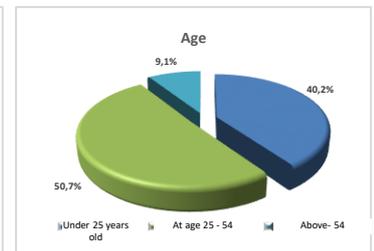
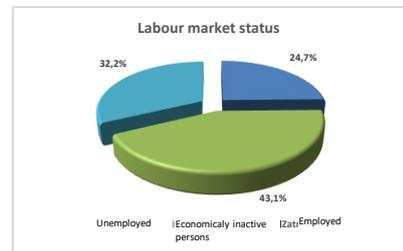
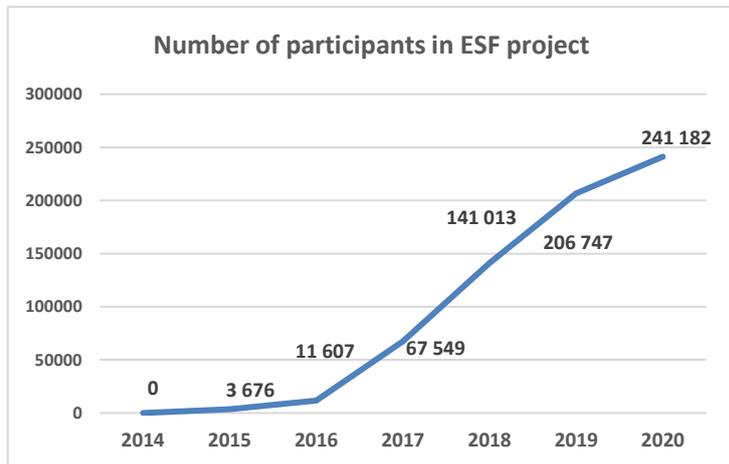
The year 2020 has already brought the first significant effects of the implementation of the Regional Operational Programme for Warminsko-Mazurskie Voivodship 2014-2020. They are presented in the diagram below.

ROP WIM 2014-2020 IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

<p>HUMAN CAPITAL</p> <p>241 182 of the project participants under the ESF (17% population of the voivodship), 15 714 persons with disabilities received support.</p>	<p>COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE</p> <p>Modernisation of 169 km of road. Creation of almost 1 076 km of tourist routes.</p>	<p>ECONOMY</p> <p>3 401 enterprises received support. 8 112 new work places were created.</p>
<p>DIGITALISATION</p> <p>Providing 3 072 public services with online access, which will benefit 152 247 persons.</p>	<p>LABOUR MARKET</p> <p>59 589 unemployed persons were supported, i.e. every 2nd unemployed person in the voivodship, 48% of the project participants found employment after the end of the projects.</p>	<p>EDUCATION</p> <p>2 154 schools and 88 790 students received support, i.e. every 3rd students in the voivodship, 11 119 teachers, i.e. 2nd teacher in the voivodship.</p>
<p>HEALTH</p> <p>127 medical support. 16 584 benefited from preventive examination.</p>	<p>CULTURE AND REVISALISATION</p> <p>Support received 90 institutions of cultural and national heritage. 214 infrastructure facilities were revitalised, and they are used 1 112 843 persons.</p>	<p>ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION</p> <p>1 598 power generation units from Renewable Energy Sources of 150,26 MW were rebuilt. 439 149 persons were included in the Waste Collection concept.</p>

Data based on financing agreements and requests for payment from the start of the programme until 31 December 2020

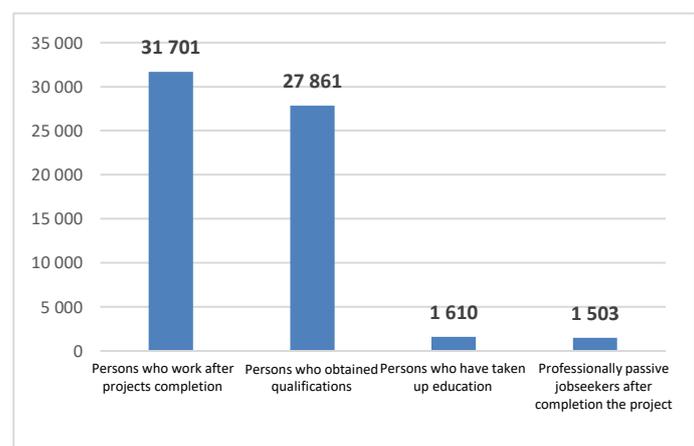
Nearly 241 thousand participants have been supported under the European Social Fund ROP WiM 2014-2020. This represents approx. 17 % of the population of Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodship. The graphs below present both the growth of project participants in individual years of implementation as well as their characteristics in terms of age, gender, status on the labor market, education, areas of residence and disability.



In 2020, the implementation of some projects has already been completed, as compared to the above, and the first significant effects and results of the support provided as part of the European Social Fund ROP WiM 2014-2020 appear.

Of all participants supported under the European Social Fund, approx. 28 thousand people work after completing the project. A significant number, because more than 32 thousand persons obtained qualifications as a result of the support received from the ROP WiM 2014-2020. The next graph shows the results of projects implemented under the ESF, achieved at the end of 2020.

The way how EU support under the ROP WiM 2014-2020 can change and change the situation of the inhabitants of Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodship, their quality of life, work, education, is demonstrated by the statements of beneficiaries and participants under the following Webinars and training sessions. They were implemented as part of the information and promotion activities conducted by the Managing Authority. Examples of webinars:



ACCESSIBILITY OF PROJECTS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

EXPERT:
JUSTYNA STAŃCZAK-ANUSZEWSKA
SPECIALIST FOR THE EU FUNDS

13 February 2020 at 12:00 (noon)

Source : www.rpo.warmia.mazury.pl
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FVftDeAsjeE&list=PLcrz8BUvTsrw7LuoJKvyj33BRz40nQUzx&index=21>

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Liquidity support for micro, small and medium enterprises - online meeting

Information about the online meeting

You are invited to join a free online meeting addressed to the entrepreneurs from the Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodeship. The topic of the meeting is: Liquidity support for micro, small and medium enterprises. The offer of a liquidity loan will be presented during the online meeting. The offer will be presented by the representatives of:

- Association "Centre for the Economic Development of Pałyka",
- Regional Development Agency of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn
- Olsztynskie Agencja Rozwoju S. A. (a development agency in Olsztyn)

Date and place of the meeting

29 June 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
The meeting will be conducted online

Source : www.rpo.warmia.mazury.pl
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nn4R8fU76JI&list=PLcrz8BUvTsrw7LuoJKvyj33BRz40nQUzx&index=23>

PROPER FINALISING OF PROJECTS
co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund
as part of the Regional Operational Programme for the Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodeship
for the years 2014-2020

Expert: Michał Byliniak
17 December 2020



Source : www.rpo.warmia.mazury.pl
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZfPQBQBvEvXY&list=PLcrz8BUvTsrz-L509b7ofBAJ3kMhpcEnF&index=1>

Application of GDPR in the projects
implemented as part of the Regional Operational Programme
for Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodeship
for the years 2014-2020 (ROP WIM 2014-2020)

Expert - Agnieszka Janiszewska-Skowron, Lawyer, GDPR expert

11 December 2020



Source : www.rpo.warmia.mazury.pl
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FQezSUKdeg&list=PLcrz8BUvTsrz-L509b7ofBAJ3kMhpcEnF&index=2>

APPLICATION OF ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS
FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
In the projects implemented as part of the Regional Operational Programme
for the Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodeship
for the years 2014-2020
(ROP WIM 2014-2020)

Expert: Michał Byliniak
8 December 2020



Source: www.rpo.warmia.mazury.pl
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YW9fnque38s&list=PLcrz8BUvTsrz-L509b7ofBAJ3kMhpcEnF&index=3>

PROPER FINALISING OF PROJECTS
co-financed by the European Social Fund
as part of the Regional Operational Programme for Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodeship 2014-2020

Expert: Michał Byliniak
7.12.2020 r.



Source : www.rpo.warmia.mazury.pl
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvKXu4AnsS0&list=PLcrz8BUvTsrz-L509b7ofBAJ3kMhpcEnF&index=4>

ACCOUNTING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ESF PROJECTS
simplified methods and employment of the perspective
as part of the Regional Operational Programme for Warmińsko-
Mazurskie Voivodship 2014-2020

Expert: Michał Byliniak
23.11.2020 r.



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ELIGIBILITY OF EXPENDITURE IN THE PROJECTS
co-financed by the European Social Fund as part of
ROP WiM 2014-2020
taking into account the latest changes and the guidelines

Expert: Michał Byliniak
20 November 2020



Source : www.rpo.warmia.mazury.pl
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bp3GTafiFaFs&list=PLcrz8BUvTsrz-L509b7ofBAJ3kMhpcEnF&index=6>



Online training entitled: ROP WiM 2014-2020 funds
in the context of COVID-19 legal regulations
for potential beneficiaries of ROP WiM
2014-2020.

Scheduled: 18 November 2020

Expert: dr Henryk Borko - Eurofinance Training Sp. z o.o.

Organiser:

THE MARSHAL'S OFFICE OF WARMIA AND MASURIA.



Source : www.rpo.warmia.mazury.pl
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ANhprD02oB8&list=PLcrz8BUvTsrz-L509b7ofBAJ3kMhpcEnF&index=7>

ELIGIBILITY OF EXPENDITURE IN THE PROJECTS
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taking into account the latest changes and guidelines

Expert: Michał Byliniak
12 November 2020



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7QxmkGsEJQ&list=PLcrz8BUvTsrz-L509b7ofBAJ3kMhpcEnF&index=8>

THE PRINCIPLE OF COMPETITIVENESS
applicable to the projects co-financed within the framework of
ROP WiM 2014-2020

Expert: Michał Byliniak
9 November 2020



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PUBLIC PROCUREMENT IN PROJECTS
co-financed by the European Social Fund as part of ROP WiM 2014-2020 -
selection of contractors of training services for
potential beneficiaries of RPO WiM
2014-2020

Expert: Michał Byliniak
6 November 2020



Source : www.rpo.warmia.mazury.pl
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rKV4llnXiog&list=PLcrz8BUvTsrz-L509b7ofBAJ3kMhpcEnF&index=10>

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT IN PROJECTS
co-financed by the European Regional Development
Fund as part of PRO WiM
2014-2020 - PZP,
the principle of competitiveness, market research

Expert: Michał Byliniak

26 October 2020



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PUBLIC PROCUREMENT IN PROJECTS
co-financed by the European Regional Development
Fund as part of PRO WiM
2014-2020 - PZP,
the principle of competitiveness, market research

Expert: Michał Byliniak

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PREPARATION OF THE APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT as
part of the implementation of the projects
ROP WiM 2014-2020

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As part of the European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund a number of investments implemented of completed by the end 2020 within ROP WiM 2014-2020, which constitute examples of „good practices” projects co-financed from EU funds. Below are a few of them.

Project title: Meadery of the Holly Warmia

Beneficiary: BEE+ SPÓŁKA Z OGRANICZONĄ ODPOWIEDZIALNOŚCIĄ

The amount of EU funding awarded: PLN 833,399.19

The project consists of launching of a meadery producing mead from selected best quality bee honey obtained exclusively from the apiaries in Warmia, with the use of innovative packaging method consisting in protecting the bottled product against the access of oxygen with the use of sterilised beeswax, and the application of an innovative product-sales approach based on personalisation of suppliers of raw material throughout the entire chain of the process of production and sale. The project is a continuation of a tradition that existed in Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodship before 1989, which was confirmed by an appropriate scientific opinion. The financial support under sub-measure 1.5.2 is allocated to projects the aim of which is to create a competitive advantage of small and medium-sized enterprises by means of designing an offer consisting of the reconstruction of the historical economic landscape of the region. The project is based on recreating, from scratch, the production of traditional mead.



Project presentation:

<https://mapadotacji.gov.pl/projekty/790429/>

Project title: Development of natural heritage by building cycling routes along the Łyna River in Olsztyn

Beneficiary: OLSZTYN MUNICIPALITY

Amount of the EU grant awarded: PLN 3,617,375.85

The project combines the construction of a system of recreational paths with supporting



infrastructure on the banks of the Łyna River, within the boundaries and in the immediate vicinity of the protected landscape areas of the Middle Łyna Valley. Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodship is the second-largest Voivodship in terms of the share of protected landscape areas in the total area of a Voivodship. Over 56% of the area is covered with various forms of legal protection. It is not without reason that this location was chosen to design the

cycling routes, running along the Łyna River, along the largest tributary of the Pregoła River from

Warmia and Mazury, and within the area of the city forest - the largest urban forest complex in Europe. The planned bicycle routes are designed taking into account the existing natural resources, the specificity of the terrain, the existing footpaths and the presence of vegetation and trees. The cycling routes are combined with the existing transport routes and the recreational bicycle trails in the area of Olsztyn. The main beneficiaries of the project are cyclists. The purpose of the project is to develop cycling tourism and to extend the length of the tourist season as much as possible. Cycling tourism is growing successively from year to year in Poland, which is the result of the development of the cycle network. This form of travel allows exploring the areas that are difficult to reach by other means of transport or the regions where other forms of tourism are not permitted.

Project presentation:

<https://olsztyn.eu/gospodarka/projekty-ue/x-regionalny-program-operacyjny-warmia-i-mazury-2014-2020/lynostrada.html>

Project title: Construction of a sewage treatment plant in Łukta

Beneficiary: ZAKŁAD GOSPODARKI KOMUNALNEJ W ŁUKCIE SPÓŁKA Z O.O.

Amount of the EU grant awarded: PLN 8,651,097.45

The project involves the construction of a mechanical and biological sewage treatment plant in Łukta, operating based on nitrification and denitrification in the activated sludge with oxygen stabilisation of sludge in a continuous flow system with an average daily capacity of 1.266 m³/d. The sewage treatment plant, which consists of three independent technological lines of biological sewage treatment meets the needs of the agglomeration of Łukta, including the surrounding areas. The project will ensure the treatment of municipal wastewater in accordance with the parameters specified by the EU and domestic legislation, it will allow accepting the assumed volume of wastewater and load to the sewage treatment plant, it will minimise the emission of pollutants to the ground, groundwater and surface water along with domestic and industrial wastewater, thus, it will improve the condition of the natural environment it will satisfy the needs related to the uneven flows occurring in the periods of inflow of industrial wastewater, melting water or heavy rainfall.



Project presentation:

<http://wfosigw.olsztyn.pl/2019/07/25/w-lukcie-powstanie-nowa-oczyszczalnia-sciekow/>

Project title: Extension of the voivodship road 512 along the section Pieniężno - Bartoszyce

Beneficiary: WARMIŃSKO-MAZURSKIE VOIVODSHIP

Amount of the EU grant awarded: PLN 189,400,201.17

The project is implemented within the framework of improving the internal accessibility of transport of Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodship. The planned investment is situated in the Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodship, in the districts of Braniewo and Bartoszyce, in the area of municipalities: Pieniężno, Górowo Iławeckie and Bartoszyce. The developed DW 512 is connected with the roads of supra-regional importance, with DK51 leading towards the north to the border with Russia, to the border crossing in Bezledy-Bagratiowski, and towards the south via the European road S7 (E77) to Warsaw. DW 512 is connected to DW 507 in Pieniężno, and it directs the traffic to the European road S22 (E28) (Maciejewo), it also transfers the traffic to another border crossing with Russia



- Grzechotki-Mamonowo. Thus, the investment improves the connection to the TEN-T road network. Connecting upper and lower-level roads will improve the external transport accessibility of the region and its internal consistency. The investment will allow better connection of the Voivodship via DW 512 with the TEN-T network. The road section that is to be developed as part of the project runs through areas that are particularly valuable in terms of nature, such as the regions located within the zone of Natura 2000 "Ostoja Warmińska".

Project presentation:

<http://dw512pieniezno-bartoszyce.pl/>

Project title: Support for medical entities established by Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodship to finance the equipment and material needs to prevent the spread and to fight the infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus

Beneficiary: WARMIŃSKO-MAZURSKIE VOIVODSHIP

Amount of the EU grant awarded: PLN 10 243,860.00

Within the framework of this project it is planned to purchase by and on behalf of the partners of the project tangible assets, equipment and materials to prevent the spread of and to fight the SARS-CoV-2 infection. The project was completed in 2020, and the purchased equipment and materials will be placed in service as soon as they are delivered. As part of the project medical and diagnostic equipment was purchased (including mobile versions), medicines, sanitary equipment (masks, disposable devices), reagents and medical materials, disinfectants, personal protective equipment, tests, specialised equipment to transport patients.



Project presentation:

<https://www.funduszeuropejskie.gov.pl/strony/wiadomosci/finansowy-zastrzyk-wsparcia-dla-szpitali-na-warmii-i-mazurach/>

Project Title: On the way to physical activity - edition 2

Beneficiary: FEDERACJA ORGANIZACJI SOCJALNYCH WOJEWÓDZTWA WARMIŃSKO-MAZURSKIEGO FOSA

Amount of the EU grant awarded: PLN 3,639,217.64

The project aims to raise the level of social, health, educational and professional activity of 140 women and 100 men living in the Olsztyn Functional Urban Area. Activities will be aimed at social and health activation (workshops on social and life skills, psychologists' support, specialist advice, social work, local activity) as well as educational and professional activation (vocational counselling, vocational and qualification courses, internships, job placement).



Innovation in the project will be the use of the JOBfirma model, a simulation of a company that will develop independence and habits necessary to take up employment, and a Support Centre - training in personal etiquette. As a result of the project min. 48 persons will obtain and maintain employment.

Project presentation:

<https://federacjafosa.pl/projekt/6-w-drodze-do-aktywnosci-edycja-2/>

Project title: Synergy 2

Beneficiary: FUNDACJA PROJEKT ARCHE

Amount of the EU grant awarded: PLN 386,463.12

The main objective of the project is to increase access to social services and integration with the local community of 50 persons (30 women and 20 men), inhabitants of Wydmyny municipality, at risk of poverty or social exclusion, by providing support in 2020-2022. The project involves: Local activity organiser and streetworker, psychological workshops, assertiveness workshops, workshops on family volunteering, workshops on strengthening family ties, joint family trips, co-responsibility-family local events.



Project presentation:

<https://www.facebook.com/synergiaprojekt/>

Project title: Don't get excluded after 50 - develop language and digital skills

Beneficiary: "CENTRUM EDUKACYJNE ŻELAZNA" MAGDALENA KARPIK-ADAMSKA

Amount of the EU grant awarded: PLN 1,699,546.51

The Project will include 456 persons aged 50 and more who are interested in gaining/improving competences. The participants will be persons belonging to disadvantaged groups, i.e. showing the largest skills gap and having the greatest need for access to education.



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Project activities include computer training (20 editions) and language courses: English (13 editions), German (4 editions), French (1 edition). The aim of the project is to obtain appropriate qualifications through participation in the aforementioned training courses, due to which the persons participating in them will increase their chances on the labour market.

Project presentation:

<http://www.rozwijaj-kwalifikacje.pl/o-projekcie/>

Project title: My business

Beneficiary: Gołdap District

Amount of the EU grant awarded: PLN 3,746,735.79

The aim of the project is to develop entrepreneurship in the area of the Ełk, Gołdap and Olecko districts through non-repayable support for 134 persons, including mainly unemployed and economically inactive aged 30 and over who are disadvantaged on the labour market, from among whom, 108 will set up their own business. In the project the following tasks will be implemented: training support consisting of group training in setting up and running a business and preparation of business plans, non-repayable financial support for setting up a business, transitional support in the form of financial assistance for the project participant in the first months of running the business. As a result of the project, 108 business activities will be set up, which will contribute to the development of entrepreneurship in the EGO area.



Project presentation:

https://www.dotacje.powiatgoldap.pl/?page_id=43

Project title: Supporting social assistance institution in Elbląg concerning combating COVID-19

Beneficiary: ELBLĄG MUNICIPALITY

Amount of the EU grant awarded: PLN 1,514,122.48

The aim of the project is to increase the emergency life and health protection of residents and employees of institutions providing care services in the city of Elbląg concerning the COVID-19 pandemic. To achieve the aforementioned goal, it is necessary to ensure continuity of work of care staff in a situation of possible staff absence during the pandemic. In order to prevent the spread of the COVID-19, it was also assumed that the institutions covered by the project will be supplied with protective equipment to combat or counteract the effects of the pandemic, as well



as to carry out tests detecting COVID-19. The target groups of the project are residents of institutions providing care services: 24-hour institutions, day care institutions, dependent persons using care services in their place of residence, homeless persons and the staff of the aforementioned institutions, especially those working in direct contact with the residents. It will result in increased safety of personnel and residents of social assistance institutions, in which,

due to the project implementation, safety and continuity of activities, as well as appropriate level of provided services will be ensured.

Project presentation:

<https://www.elblag.eu/index.php/zdrowie/15627-wsparcie-dla-placowek-pomocowych>