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- CBC in the light of the 7th Cohesion Report
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1. General information

1.1 Applicant border / cross-border region:

Euroregion of the Białowieża Forest

1.2 Title of the cross-border measure* [project(s), programme(s) / strategy(ies)]:

„Together we protect the Białowieża Forest“

1.3 Period:

November 2013 - December 2015

1.4 Lead Partner:

Association of Local Governments
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1.6. Was there any financing of the measures/projects?

If so, what kind:

Co-financing within the Programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine 2007-2013 in the amount of EUR 3 828 207,08 (constituting 90% of total eligible costs of the action).

1.7 Links to other projects, measures (only if applicable):

n/a

2. Contents

2.1 Objectives of the measures/projects (strategy?) with regard to the motto 2017:

Improvement of quality of life of inhabitants by means of better security of people, property and environment in the cross-border region of the Białowieża Forest of Poland and Belarus within 3 years after project's completion.

2.2 Organisational structure and activities to implement the objectives (e.g. joint secretariat, contract, etc.):

Grant Contract for the implementation of the co-financed action .

Project management system within the project (very effective given such a big number of cooperating institutions).

2.3 When have the measures/projects (strategies) been implemented?

The results of the project were achieved at the end of its implementation (i.e. end of December 2015).

Objectively verifiable indicator of the goal (i.e. 2.1) achievement will be increased capacities of fire service units (project beneficiaries) to carry out rescue actions and rescue firefighting actions within 3 years since the date of project's completion (i.e. 2018 – 2015+3) – by 200 items. The baseline value of the capacity is to carry out 718 actions yearly in 2011 while the target value is estimated at 918 actions yearly in 2018.

2.4 Special framework conditions (a. geographical, political, etc. / b. only rural area (no regional metropolis), mountainous areas, external border).

n/a

3. Contribution of the measure (added value) to the improvement of the border/cross-border region:

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The project had for objectives:

- Rise of the security level of environment by improvement of fire service units preparation to rescue-firefighting action within cross-border region of the Białowieża Forest (concerns fire service units involved into the project).
- Construction of integrated system of population and environment protection within cross-border region of the Białowieża Forest of Poland and Belarus by means of expanding cooperation between rescue services of Poland and Belarus.

Those objectives can be measured through following indicators:

- Improvement of facilities of fire service units within the cross-border region of the Białowieża Forest (Poland and Belarus): 12 equipped fire service units in Poland and 6 in Belarus.

Additionally, the knowledge, skills and practices needed to provide quality rescue services by firefighting units' personnel (in comparison to the knowledge levels before and after trainings conducted) has been improved thanks to the imple-

mentation of the action. Achievement of the results and objectives of the project will contribute in the future to improve the quality of life of inhabitants through increase of safety of people, property and natural environment in the cross-border area of Poland and Belarus.

4. Added value for the development of cross-border cooperation at European level

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Main regions of threats within the region included in the project are connected with fire threats and other local threats meaning: point ones (connected with storing of toxic industrial substances in installations and stationary containers), linear ones (connected with industrial pipelines of flammable media), transport ones (connected with dangerous materials transport), flood ones (connected with flooding), radiation and constructing infrastructure. As cross-border region of Poland and Belarus is a region being at the same time the European Union border, transport of materials within this region is of particular significance. Dangerous goods transported through regions of Podlaskie Voivodship, Grodno Oblast and Brest Oblast constitute a potential threat of accidents occurrence. The region included in the project is mainly the region of Białowieża Forest (huge forest complexes) which is included in different forms of natural protection. During spring and summer months periodical drought occurs here what rises fire threat in forests, as well as in mid-forest places and situated in direct neighbourhood of forest terrains.

The above mentioned factors lead to the risk of natural disasters occurrence which lead to destruction of environment, property and people's lives. It can also lead to loss of unique cultural and natural heritage existing within cross-border regions of Poland and Belarus i.e. incredibly precious regions of Białowieża Forest. Project results enabled the cooperation, knowledge and experiences exchange concerning rescue services organizations. It was especially important due to large disproportions in equipment between Polish and Belarusian services. A number of investments conducted in former years within the territory of Białowieża Forest Euroregion concerning provision of additional rescue infrastructure to fire services caused improvement of Polish fire-fighters competences in the scope of organization of rescue actions.

5. Further annexes yes no

Which ones?

- a) Short description of the contents of the measures/projects/strategy (in English, not more than 2-3 pages)
- b)
- c)
- d)

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Date

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(if submitted by e-mail please also insert your name and contact details!)

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