



## Final Report On The Implementation of the Regional Operational Program of the Mazowieckie Voivodeship for 2014-2020

- **5 845** projects supported
- **2,2 billion** euro in EU funding
- **2,2 billion** euro already transferred to beneficiaries
  
- **280** competitive and non competitive calls for proposals (including Technical Assistance projects) with a total value of **986,9 mln euro**, of which the EU contribution amounted to **741,5 mln euro**
- **11 010** applications for funding submitted
- **3,5 billion euro** euro of requested support from the EU



**European funds** change the lives of the inhabitants of Mazovia. Hundreds of investments were implemented in all regions, the common goal of which was to improve the quality of life, environmental protection, development of entrepreneurship, provide education, as well as health care financing. The 2014–2020 financial perspective enabled funding for over **5.8 thousand** projects, and the implemented investments responded to residents' needs. Local governments, the business, cultural and research institutions and health care facilities, as well as non-governmental organizations benefited from the support. The amount of the EU aid reached EUR **2.2 billion**.

Under the regional programme for 2014–2020 over **1.7 thousand** projects were implemented in rural areas, representing 30.6% of all projects, with EU support amounting to **2.2 billion euro**, corresponding to 23.2% of the total value of all projects.

	<b>Number of projects*</b>	<b>EU financing*</b>
	*Priority Axis X	*Priority Axis X
	- Technical Assistance	- Technical Assistance
 Research and Development	<b>509</b>	<b>233,1 mln euro</b>
 E-services	<b>183</b>	<b>151,8 mln euro</b>
 Development of innovation and entrepreneurship	<b>2 314</b>	<b>190,4 mln euro</b>
 Transition to a low-carbon economy	<b>435</b>	<b>420,5 mln euro</b>
 Environmentally friendly economy	<b>188</b>	<b>67,7 mln euro</b>
 The quality of life	<b>85</b>	<b>259,0 mln euro</b>
 Development of transport	<b>46</b>	<b>279,1 mln euro</b>
 Development of labour market	<b>257</b>	<b>142,7 mln euro</b>
 Social activation and fight against poverty	<b>879</b>	<b>190,2 mln euro</b>
 Education	<b>889</b>	<b>179,9 mln euro</b>
 React-EU for the Mazovia	<b>45</b>	<b>30,6 mln euro</b>



Project title: **Opportunity for Activity**

Beneficiary: **BIAŁOBRZEGI COUNTY**

**Project objectives:**

- Increasing social and professional activity of county residents, especially those at risk of social exclusion;
- Improving quality of life of the local community through investments in educational and road infrastructure

The project had both an intervention and development character, focused on:

- Activating residents.
- Creating conditions for education and employment.

**Main project outcomes:**

For county residents

- Increased social and professional activity of people at risk of social exclusion.
- Individual support pathways tailored to project participants.

**For local institutions:**

- Strengthening the role of the County Family Support Centre as a coordinator of activation measures.
- Development of local partnerships – cooperation with non-governmental organisations and employers.

**Social and educational outcomes:**

- Improved educational conditions in upper secondary schools.
- Increased accessibility of road infrastructure for residents of the Promna municipality.

**Local cooperation:**

- The project also supports municipalities where former state-owned farms (PGRs) operated in the past.
- Involvement of local leaders and members of parliament in securing funding.

**Long-term outcomes:**

- Improved quality of life of residents through better access to education and transport;
- Strengthened regional development potential;
- Increased investment attractiveness of the county.

**Indicators:**

- Number of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion supported under the programme – **42 370 persons (Priority Axis IX).**
- Number of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion who obtained qualifications or acquired competences after leaving the programme – **25,650 persons (Priority Axis IX).**

Project title: **School Closer to Science – creating conditions for experiment-based teaching in 7 municipalities of the Warsaw Functional Area by enhancing the skills and competences of teachers in applying the experimental method, equipping schools with educational kits and tools for teaching natural sciences, and developing the competences of students in natural science subjects, inter alia through the implementation of educational and research projects**

Beneficiary: **COPERNICUS SCIENCE CENTRE**



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### **Project Objectives:**

- Introduction of the experimental method into the teaching of science subjects.
- Development of teachers' and students' competencies.
- Equipping schools with modern educational tools.

### **Project Outcomes:**

For Teachers:

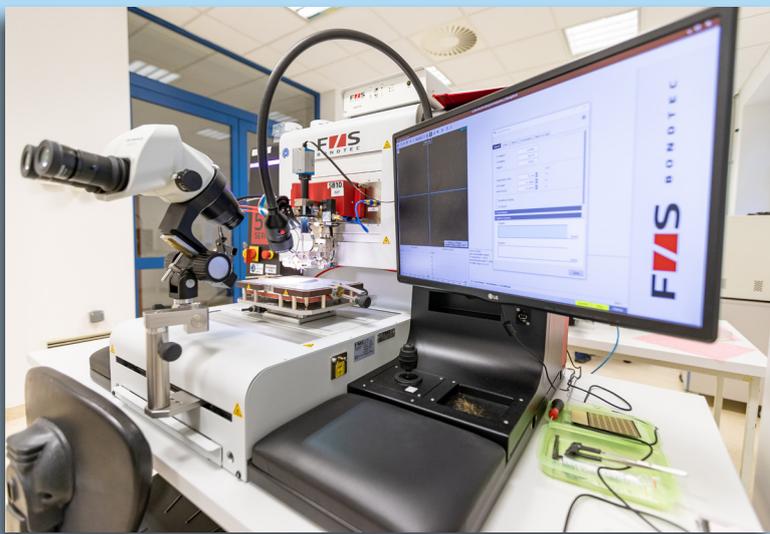
- 160 teachers from 38 schools participated in a series of workshops at the Copernicus Science Centre.
- They gained practical skills in applying the research method.
- They created their own lesson plans and experiments.
- They collaborated with scientists and trainers through tutoring.

For Students:

Nearly 2,000 students participated in classes developing mathematical, scientific, and IT competencies.

### **Indicators:**

- Number of students receiving support in developing key or universal skills within the program – **185,821 students (Priority Axis X)**
- Number of schools and educational institutions equipped under the program with ICT equipment for conducting educational activities – **1,505 schools and institutions (Priority Axis X)**



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Project Title: **Opportunity for Activity**  
Beneficiary: **ŁUKASIEWICZ RESEARCH NETWORK – INSTITUTE OF MICROELECTRONICS AND PHOTONICS**

### **Project Objectives:**

The project focused on expanding the research potential of three teams working within the ITE Centre for Nanoelectronics, Microsystems, and Photonics. It included the purchase of a set of devices for the experimental line for MEMS microsystem technology, sensors, and detectors (ITE Piaseczno), as well as the purchase of a set of devices for the experimental line for micromanufacturing of microsystems, sensors, and detectors.

### **Project Outcomes:**

The project implementation ensured a complete modernization of the research infrastructure of the Centre for Nanoelectronics, Microsystems, and Photonics and complemented the infrastructure projects carried out by ITE under the POIG program in the 2007–2014 perspective. The support obtained enabled the transformation of the existing research laboratory into a complete technological platform for the development of next-generation nanoelectronic and photonic devices and their transfer to the economy, in close cooperation with academic institutions and industry.

### **Indicators:**

- Research and Innovation: number of companies cooperating with research centers – **360 companies**
- Production Investments: private investments complementing public support for enterprises (grants) – **€90,2 million**

Project Title: **Virtual Warsaw Functional Area (Virtual WOF)**

Beneficiary: **CITY OF WARSAW**



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### Project Objectives:

The project aimed to increase the accessibility, utilization, and quality of public services related to access to information and public infrastructure in the Warsaw Functional Area (WOF) by creating a portfolio of free mobile solutions.

### Project Outcomes:

- e-Accessibility – implementation of a micro-navigation and contextual information system in public spaces and facilities.
- e-Tourism – creation of a personalized e-guide enabling exploration of WOF's tourist resources according to user preferences, using contextual information and augmented reality.
- E-transport - preparation for implementation (needs assessment, selection of appropriate technology) of a travel and mobility planning tool for the Warsaw Functional Area, based on public transport, in the form of an intelligent mobile application using real-time data, capable of flexibly responding to changes and equipped with a contextual information module
- e-parking - delivery of an e-control tool in the form of a system aimed at improving the enforcement and control of parking fee payments.
- e-environment - development of a system for the collection, processing and presentation of data related to air quality in the municipalities of the Warsaw Functional Area.

### Indicators:

- Number of entities that made public sector information available online – **286**
- Number of public services made available online with a maturity level of at least 3 – **1,850**



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Project Title: **Digital Knowledge Accelerator – Support for the Early Development Phase**  
Beneficiary: **Digital Knowledge Observatory**

### **Project Description:**

The project aimed to provide support for initiatives assisting business entities in the early stages of development through a Foundation (Business Support Institution) with experience in business incubation and acceleration.

### **Project Outcomes:**

Support was provided to 35 SMEs through workshop activities with trainers, as well as individual advisory services, including external consulting and mentoring. Specialized support covered PR, acceleration and organizational development, capital investments and investor relations, as well as technological ICT, business, and technological acceleration.

### **Indicators:**

- Production Investments: number of enterprises receiving grants – **1,956 enterprises**
- Production Investments: private investments complementing public support for enterprises (grants) – **€165.6 million**

Project Title: **Installation of Renewable Energy Systems in the City of Ciechanów, Głinojeck Municipality, Opinogóra Górna Municipality, and Strzegowo Municipality**

Beneficiary: **City Municipality of Ciechanów**



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**Project Objectives:**

The project aimed to increase the share of renewable energy sources in overall energy production through the installation of 655 renewable energy production and distribution systems in the Mazowieckie Voivodeship.

**Project Outcomes:**

- 438 photovoltaic panel installations
- 128 solar collector installations
- 88 domestic hot water heat pump installations
- 1 electric vehicle charging station

**Indicators:**

- Installed electricity and heat capacity: **172.2 MW**
- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions: estimated annual decrease in greenhouse gas emissions – **439.1 thousand tons**



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Project Title: **Conservation, Modernization, and Adaptation of Historic Buildings of the University of Warsaw Botanical Garden at 4 Ujazdowskie Avenue in Warsaw for Cultural and Educational Purposes**

Beneficiary: **University of Warsaw**

### **Project Objectives:**

The project involved adapting the historic buildings of the University of Warsaw Botanical Garden to preserve their existing functions while assigning new cultural and educational functions, including the creation of an Educational and Cultural Centre.

### **Project Outcomes:**

- Reconstruction of the pavilion along with the western connector, with a usable area of 863.21 m<sup>2</sup>.
- Workshops for children and youth promoting science, lecture and exercise rooms.
- Purchase of modern equipment, including multimedia tools, to enhance the educational and cultural offerings of the Centre.

### **Indicators:**

- Number of historic buildings supported – **64**
- Expected increase in visits to supported cultural and natural heritage sites and tourist attractions – **991,000 visits per year**

Project Title: **Coordinated Comprehensive Cardiology Care at the St. John Paul II Mazovian Voivodeship Hospital in Siedlce Ltd.**

Beneficiary: **St. John Paul II Mazovian Voivodeship Hospital in Siedlce Ltd.**



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**Project Objectives:**

Improvement of the quality of healthcare services in the field of comprehensive cardiology care.

**Project Outcomes:**

- Purchase and installation of technological equipment for the Invasive Cardiology Center.
- Expansion of CT and MRI scanners and the ablation system with additional components and software.
- Provision of comprehensive cardiac rehabilitation.

**Indicators:**

- Number of supported healthcare entities – **124 healthcare entities**
- Value of purchased medical equipment – **€65.9 million**



Project Title: **Expansion of Transport Infrastructure along Rotmistrz W. Pilecki Street in Siedlce**

Beneficiary: **City of Siedlce**

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### **Project Objectives:**

- Extension and outfitting of the constructed tunnel structure;
- Construction of access roads, bicycle paths, and sidewalks with parking spaces;
- Construction of a roundabout at the intersection with Składowa Street;
- Reconstruction of Kolejowa Street with service roads;
- Construction of exits to platforms and passenger elevators;
- Reconstruction of utility conflicts;
- Infrastructure works (lighting, stormwater drainage, noise barriers);
- Construction of the roadway and viaduct over Partyzantów Street and reconstruction of Partyzantów Street.

### **Project Outcomes:**

- Improved accessibility of the node on the TEN-T railway network;
- Availability of the planned transport interchange in Siedlce and adjacent investment areas;
- Increased safety and quality of life for city and subregion residents;
- Improvement of the natural environment.
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### **Indicators:**

- Total length of new roads: **51.43 km**
- Total length of reconstructed or modernized roads: **198.95 km**

Project Title: **Thermomodernization of Public Utility Buildings – to Improve the State of the Natural Environment**

Beneficiary: **Mszczonów Municipality**



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**Project Objectives:**

Increase energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy sources in the Mszczonów Municipality through the thermomodernization of three public utility buildings and the installation of photovoltaic panels.

**Project Outcomes:**

- Thermomodernization of the Mszczonów Cultural Center: insulation of external walls.
- Thermomodernization and expansion of the Primary School in Lutkówka: replacement of the distribution system, insulation of vertical and horizontal pipelines, installation of locally regulated radiators.
- Thermomodernization of the Volunteer Fire Brigade in Mszczonów.

**Indicators:**

- Number of energy-modernized buildings – **651 buildings**
- Reduction of annual primary energy consumption in public buildings – **201 million kWh/year**

## Saving the Health and Lives of Residents

Within the framework of the Regional Operational Program of the Mazowieckie Voivodeship for 2014-2020, activities supporting hospitals and emergency medical teams, whose staff take care of residents' health and lives on a daily basis, were continued. Since the beginning of the pandemic, financial support from the European Union for the healthcare sector through non-competitive projects of the Mazovia Voivodeship amounted to nearly €100 million. As a result, over 70 hospitals received, among other things: ventilators, cardiomonitors, defibrillators, X-ray machines, hospital and intensive care beds, as well as ambulances for patient transport. Some facilities were equipped with contactless temperature measurement kits at building entrances. Protective equipment was also provided, including masks, goggles, face shields, protective suits, gloves, and disinfectants. Thanks to European funds, support also reached rescuers from five emergency medical and sanitary transport stations in Warsaw, Ostrołęka, Siedlce, Płock, and Radom.

## Support for Schools in Remote Education

Schools benefited from EU assistance to provide conditions for remote education. The EU contribution for this purpose exceeded €13 million. Since the beginning of the pandemic, 516 institutions received equipment necessary for preparing and conducting lessons in a remote format.

European funds were used to purchase, among other things, laptops, tablets, multimedia boards, interactive monitors, touchscreens, printers, and software. Teachers and students from various areas of Mazovia benefited from this support.

Under Priority Axes IX and X, nearly 2,400 individuals and 457 entities received support to counteract the negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.



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## The European Union Helps Mitigate the Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic

### REACT-EU: Combating the Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic

In response to the crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the European Union prepared a joint recovery plan for Europe, known as NextGenerationEU. One of its main components is the REACT-EU mechanism, which so far has provided funding for 45 projects in Mazovia, totaling over €30 million. European funds from the REACT-EU instrument are being invested in Mazovia in two areas:

- Thermomodernization of public utility buildings to increase their energy efficiency, thereby contributing to improving the quality of the air we breathe daily. Energy modernizations are applied to government offices, schools, kindergartens, and cultural institutions. Examples of such investments include: the Sports and Recreation Centre in Warka, the Multimedia Natura Centre in Ostrołęka, and the Municipal Social Welfare Centre in Białobrzegi.
- Digitization of services for residents, which is crucial for ensuring the flow of information. Thanks to EU funding, further digitization will be possible at the Mazovian Bródnowski Hospital and Czerniakowski Hospital in Warsaw. Support has also been provided for initiatives aimed at creating an open data base for local governments.



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## Promotion of European Funds in Mazovia

All activities were carried out in accordance with the “Communication Strategy of the Regional Operational Programme for the Mazowieckie Voivodeship for 2014–2020”. The set objectives were achieved through actions in the areas of information, promotion, education, and exchange of experiences. Thanks to the promotional activities, the following increased, among others:

- Recognition of European Funds and EU Funds in Mazovia – up to **97%**,
- Residents’ awareness of projects or areas of support – up to **80%**,
- Residents’ awareness of the impact of the Funds on Mazovia’s development – up **92%**,
- Percentage of residents personally benefiting from European Funds – up to **76%**.

### Examples of Implemented Tasks:

- Organized training sessions and informational meetings for over **25 tys. people**;
- Managed portals dedicated to the Funds and European Funds social media profiles on YouTube, Twitter/X, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, and Pinterest, as well as European Funds Information Points;
- Conducted wide-reaching campaigns: **6** campaigns about announced calls and 4 campaigns about the results of European Funds implementation;
- Sent newsletters and notifications to selected target groups (**over 4,000 subscribers**);
- Organized **52** regional conferences for over **10,500 participants**;
- Published a magazine and e-magazine titled “**European Funds in Mazovia**”;
- Produced films and spots, which gained recognition online (some with over 100,000–200,000 views on YouTube) and were also awarded at the Advertising spots competition “European funds in focus” of the **Energa-CAMERIMAGE Festival (6 statuettes)**.



<sup>1</sup> The above results are based on the Study on the Recognition and Knowledge of European Funds in Polish society – 2022 edition – conducted on behalf of the Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy (MFIPR).

In implementing the tasks resulting from the Annual Information and Promotion Action Plans, principles of accessibility for people with disabilities were followed. This included, among other things, websites adapted to WCAG 2.1 (AA) standards, audio materials, and online broadcasts with subtitles or a sign language interpreter, films with audio description, and venues where events were held were equipped with facilities for people with disabilities.

The best example of cyclical promotional activities, which was even recognized with the prestigious **TOP EVENT 2018 award**, is the **Mazovia Development Forum** organized in Warsaw by The Masovian Unit for the Implementation of EU Programs . Each year, the events involved several dozen experts and organizations representing various communities – beneficiaries of European Funds. The Forum also became a platform to showcase the winning projects of the „Leader of Change” Competition. Each event attracted over a thousand visitors in person, with several thousand more watching the live broadcast (**over 26,500 participants in total**). Even the Forum held entirely online due to COVID-19 restrictions gained **6,953** views.



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