

**Eastern Partnership
Territorial Cooperation Programmes:
Belarus-Ukraine
Moldova-Ukraine**

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Agenda

1. **Eastern Partnership Territorial Cooperation:** Status, geographic coverage, objectives, beneficiaries, financial allocations, management framework
2. **Joint Operational Programmes (JOP) Moldova-Ukraine and Belarus-Ukraine:**
 - a) Objectives, priorities and actions; indicators of achievement; indicative breakdown of funds
 - b) Programme implementation and management
3. **EaPTC Support Programme:** Capacity Building, awareness raising and advocacy activities
4. **Q&A session;** general discussion



Eastern Partnership Territorial Cooperation: *An Overview*



- EaP TC is an EU action from the ENPI Regional Programme Strategy East 2010-13
- Commission Implementing Decision C(2013) 8293 adopted on 22.11.2013
- Indirect centralised management with GIZ (Delegation agreement of 16.12.2013)
- Strategy for EaPTC Programmes adopted upon country consultations on 15.04.2014 (priorities, eligible regions, target groups, financial framework, management provisions etc.)

EaP Territorial Cooperation Programmes

- EaP TC programme **Ukraine – Belarus**
 - **Ukraine:** Volyn, Rivne, Zhytomyr, Kyiv and Chernigiv oblasts
 - **Belarus:** Brest and Gomel oblasts
- EaP TC programme **Moldova – Ukraine**
 - **Moldova:** the whole country's territory
 - **Ukraine:** Chernivtsi, Vinnytsya and Odesa oblasts
- EaP TC programme **Armenia – Georgia**
 - **Georgia:** Samtskhe-Javakheti and Kvemo Kartli regions
 - **Armenia:** Shirak, Lori and Tavush regions (marzes)
- EaP TC programme **Georgia – Azerbaijan**
 - **Georgia:** Kvemo Kartli and Kakheti regions
 - **Azerbaijan:** Ganja-Gazakh and Sheki-Zaqatala regions

Operational objectives: issues of local / regional development

- I. Improving the living conditions of local communities in the border regions through joint projects supporting economic and social development
- II. Addressing common challenges in the fields of environment, employment, public health and any other field of common interest having a cross border dimension
- III. Culture, education and sports



Types of beneficiaries

- **State actors:** local and regional authorities, public service providers (hospitals, educational, research and cultural institutions, communal service providers, associations);
- **Non-state actors:** CSO in all their diversity (independent policy / research foundations, citizens' initiatives and unions, youth organisations, SME associations)

Financial framework

- Total programme budget (for four programmes and administration) – Euro 12,5 million (only EU contribution)
- 10% co-financing by grant beneficiaries
- Project size (indicative):
 - Min – **20 000 EUR**
 - Max – **250 000 EUR**

EaPTC Programmes' budget allocation (million EUR)

Belarus – Ukraine	3.30
Moldova – Ukraine	3.30
Armenia – Georgia	1.35
Azerbaijan – Georgia	1.35
Total	9.30

EaPTC management: institutional framework

- **Joint Decision Making Committee (JDMC)**
- **Territorial Cooperation Managing Authority
(MA)**

JDMC main functions

- **Defines priorities** of each programme with the assistance of the EaPTC Support Programme and approves the joint operational programme;
- Decides on the optimal **allocation** of the programme resources by priorities;
- **Renders advice** to the Managing Authority on the project **selection criteria and the guidelines for applicants**;
- **In coordination with the Managing Authority, selects projects** to be financed by the territorial cooperation programme, which will have to be confirmed by the EU
- **Monitors** progress towards the objectives of the programme by reviewing the reports submitted by the Managing Authority

Functions of Managing Authority

- Prepare and announce calls for proposals;
- Collect and register project applications;
- Organise project selection;
- Sign grant contracts and make payments;
- Supervise the operational and financial implementation of projects;
- Report to the EC on the financial and operational implementation of projects

EaPTC Joint Operational Programmes

Belarus-Ukraine

Moldova-Ukraine



JOPs: status

- Both programmes discussed at bilateral working groups and provisionally accepted:
 - BY-UA on 3 July 2014
 - MD-UA on 15 July 2014
- Final approval will follow by written procedure by late August 2014
- Public and inter-institutional consultations are on-going
- Formal adoption expected September 2014



Analysis of programme regions

- National statistics – regional data
- Field research, interviews with officials and experts in both countries,
- Review of regional development strategies and plans;
- Findings at EaPTC support programme capacity building events

Common findings – SWOT (1):

- (S) Favourable climatic conditions for agriculture, established contacts between regions
- (S) Richness of natural and cultural heritage resources
- (S) (MD) Extensive experience in cross-border cooperation programmes with EU countries
- (W) (MD) Regional economies strongly depend on agriculture
- (W) (BY) Regional economies have divergent structures
- (W) (MD) Strong outward migration
- (W) Underdeveloped SME sector



Common findings – SWOT (2)

- (O) Rising demand for ecologically clean products
- (O) Friendly political and economic relations between regions
- (O) Attractiveness of cultural exchange and agro-tourism
- (O) (MD) Further integration to EU markets under DCFTA
- (T) Divergence of income levels by economic activities
- (T) Vulnerability to climate change – more frequent natural disasters
- (T) (BY) Diverging trade policies, and public administration in regions
- (T) (BY) Long-term consequences of Chernobyl



JOP PRIORITIES



Priorities under operational objective 1 (living conditions)

Belarus - Ukraine	Moldova - Ukraine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Support to SME on business-related information with focus on trade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Promotion of closer business links across the border
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Raising tourist and investment attraction of regions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Diversification of rural income sources and development of alternative employment opportunities in rural areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Human capital and employment, career guidance for youth, social inclusion of disabled 	

Priorities under operational objective 2 (common challenges)

Belarus - Ukraine

- Joint **monitoring** and **information exchange** on environmental situation, energy saving, renewable energy and waste management
- Public health – **disease prevention** and **early diagnostics**

Moldova - Ukraine

- Solving cross-border **environmental problems**, **enhancing emergency preparedness**

Priorities under operational objective 3 (culture, education and sports)

Belarus - Ukraine

- Preservation of cultural and historic **heritage**, promotion of cooperation in the areas of **culture** and **sports**

Moldova - Ukraine

- Promotion of multi-cultural diversity and social integration of **ethnic minorities** across the border
- Facilitation of people-to-people links between **youth organisation** in social issues, culture, education and sports

Examples of actions (BY-UA)

- **Tourist and investment attraction**
 - Setting up a network of tourist operators
 - Joint trainings to local service providers
 - Exchange of experience in investment attraction at local level
- **Disease prevention and early diagnostics**
 - Exchange of best practices in gerontology and social solutions for ageing population
 - Improving early diagnostics of Chernobyl-related diseases
 - Information exchange on communicable diseases

Indicators of achievement

Aspect	Measured by indicator	Base-line	Target BY-UA	Target MD-UA
The increased level of structured and institutionalised contacts between local authorities of the bordering regions	Number of applications received in response to call for proposals	0	65	120
	Number of organisations involved in the applications	0	180	336
The number of joint projects implemented across the borders	Number of grant contracts signed	0	28	20
	Number of projects completed	0	28	20
The increased intensity of cross border contacts between the local communities	Number of joint cross-border events implemented within the projects	n/a	62	75

JDMC composition BY-UA

Belarus	Ukraine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ministry of Foreign Affairs (lead) ▪ National Coordinating Unit of EU Programmes in Belarus ▪ Brest Regional Executive Committee ▪ Homel Regional Executive Committee ▪ Brest Trans-boundary Infocentre ▪ Homel Regional Development Agency ▪ Belarusian National EaP Civil Society Platform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ministry of Economic Development and Trade (lead) ▪ Ministry of Foreign Affairs ▪ Volyn Oblast State Administration ▪ Rivne Oblast State Administration ▪ Zhytomyr Oblast State Administration ▪ Kyiv Oblast State Administration ▪ Chernihiv Oblast State Administration ▪ Ukrainian National EaP Civil Society Platform

Observers (in advisory capacity without voting rights)

- European Commission represented by the Delegations of the European Union
- GIZ as Managing Authority

JDMC composition MD-UA

Moldova

- **State Chancellery (lead)**
- **Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration**
- **Ministry of Finance**
- **Ministry of Regional Development and Construction**
- **Association of Heads of Districts**
- **Moldovan National EaP Civil Society Platform**

Ukraine

- **Ministry of Economic Development and Trade (lead)**
- **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
- **Odesa Oblast State Administration**
- **Vinnytsya Oblast State Administration**
- **Chernivtsy Oblast State Administration**
- **Ukrainian National EaP Civil Society Platform**

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- **GIZ as Managing Authority**
- **Team of Eastern Partnership Territorial Cooperation Support Programme**



Eligibility of beneficiaries (Directive 2004/18/EC)

Belarus	Moldova	Ukraine
<p>Public bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Law on local government and self-government of 4.1.2010 №108-3; •Law on Territorial and Administrative System of 5.5.1998; № 154-3 <p>Public equivalent bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bodies established and owned by local administrations <p>Non-governmental and non-profit organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Law on Public Associations of 4.10.1994 №3254-XII •Law on Republican State-Public Associations of 19.7.2006 № 1503 	<p>Public bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Law on Local Public Authorities no.436 of 28.12.2006 <p>Public equivalent bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Law on State Undertakings, no.146 of 16.06.1994 •Government Decision approving the Regulation of Municipal Enterprises, no.387, of 06.06.1994 <p>Non-governmental and non-profit organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Law on Public Associations, no 837 of 17.05.1996 •Law on Republican State-Public Associations of July 19, 2006; № 1503 	<p>Public bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Law On Local Self-government in Ukraine of 21.05.2007 № 280/97-BP •Law On Local State Administration of April 9, 1999 № 586-XIV <p>Public equivalent bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Civil Code of Ukraine of 16.01.2003, № 435-IV, Art 81 <p>Non-governmental and non-profit organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Law on Public Associations of 22.03.2012 № 4572-VI •Law on Charity and Charitable Organisations of July 5, 2012 № 5073-VI

Indicative financial allocations

	EU financing		Co-financing (countries)	Other donors	Co-financing (project partners)	Total funding
	Per cent	thsd EURO				
Operational objective I: Improving living conditions	40	1,320.0	0	0	146.67	1,466.67
Operational objective II: Addressing common challenges	40	1,320.0	0	0	146.67	1,466.67
Operational objective III: Culture, education and sports	20	660.0	0	0	73.33	733.33
Total	100	3,300	0	0	366.67	3,666.67



**Forward Action by EaPTC
Support Programme:**
Capacity Building
Awareness Raising and Advocacy
Communication



Capacity building for stakeholders

✧ Main topics relevant to all four TC programmes:

- TC opportunities and specific information about requirements
- Development of projects and preparation of project proposals
- Identifying cross-border partners
- Following the application procedures

✧ Modules:

- B1: Opportunities within territorial cooperation programmes;
- B2: Project idea generation;
- B3: Initial partner identification;
- B4: Project preparation (General);
- B5: General Info Day/Question & Answer Sessions;
- B6: Partner Search Forum (Related to CfP);
- B7: Project preparation workshop (Related to CfP);
- B8: Individual support / advice in project preparation;
- B9: General training for successful applicants;
- B10: Procurement and financial training

Advocacy Activities

- Stakeholder Mapping
- Meeting with Donors/National and Local Authorities/Beneficiaries
- List of Complimentary Resources
- Collection of Best Practices of Territorial Cooperation Programmes
- Public Consultations on JOPs
- Guides to National Legislations



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Eastern Partnership Territorial Cooperation

Territorial cooperation programmes open an opportunity for Eastern Partnership countries to identify and jointly address common challenges in their border regions towards sustainable economic and social development at local level.

EaPTC comprises four territorial cooperation programmes: Armenia – Georgia, Azerbaijan – Georgia, Belarus - Ukraine and Moldova - Ukraine.

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Communication Activities

- Newsletters and Media Briefings
- Regional Conferences and Launching Conference
- Informational Multipliers Network
- Social media:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/eaptc.eu>
 - https://twitter.com/EaP_TC
 - <http://www.linkedin.com/groups/EaPTC-5109143>

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