

Pre-defined project:

„Building Competences for Inter-municipal and Inter-sectoral Cooperation as Tools for Local and Regional Development”

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Issues we address through the MRD program and pre-defined project

- **Successful decentralization**: LG's in Poland manage 1/3 of public funds and implement 2/3 of public infrastructure investments
- **Integrated management** within functional areas as requirements of the National Strategy for Regional Development and Europe 2020 goals
- Significant successes in municipal local development, but **insufficient competences for inter-municipal and inter-sectoral cooperation**

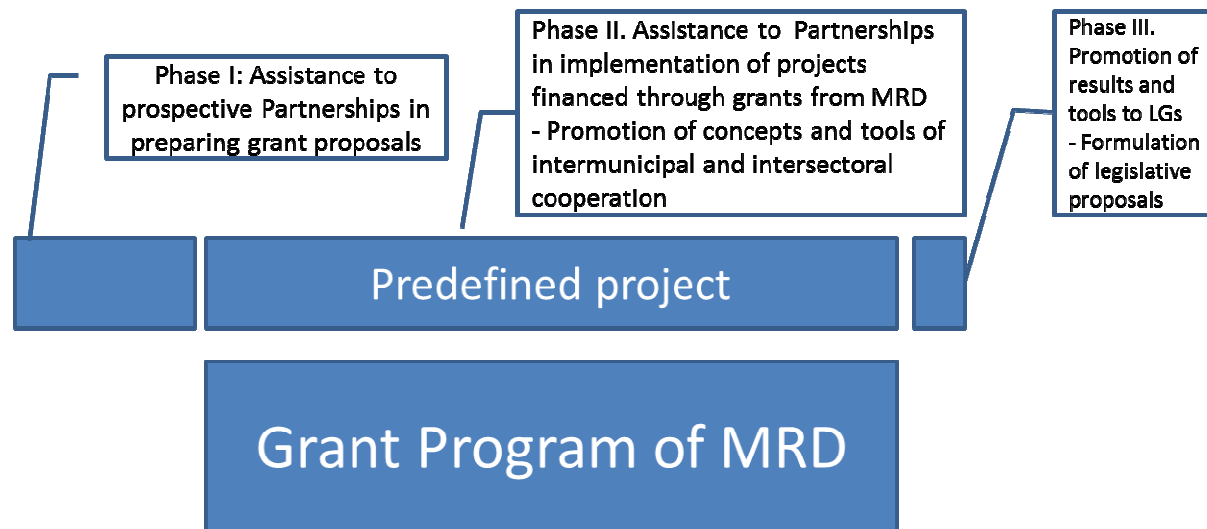
Role of the pre-defined project

- Assist participating local partnerships in implementing pilot projects (supported through MRD grants) aimed at testing **integrated urban development approach in the territorial context** – to add value to a simple use of the grant funds
- **Utilizing Norwegian experience in territorial** (inter-municipal and inter-sectoral) **cooperation** for the benefit of Polish LG units.

Expected outcomes of the pre-defined project

- **Increased inter-municipal and inter-sectoral cooperation** in planning and implementation of social and economic development strategies between local governments participating in the Project.
- **Development of the Polish model(s)** of inter-municipal and inter-sectoral cooperation. Testing multi-level governance in practice.
- Providing the Polish Government with a set of **recommendations of legal changes** to allow more effective cooperation in the field of integrated multi-level governance for local development.

A project structure and timeframe



Year:

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
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Other sources of support to LGS:

Other grants from EEA FM, grants and reimbursable assistance programs from EU

Phase I of the pre-defined project

- **Comprehensive diagnosis** of the current conditions for the inter-municipal and inter-sectoral cooperation, including the methods and techniques currently used and the existing barriers, which will allow for designing a more effective training and advisory programme.
- **Advisory services to LGUs** in development of partnerships and preparation of applications to a grant component with the help of the expert teams (information conferences and especially the work in the premises of the partnerships at the local level).

Phase II of the pre-defined project (1)

- The partnerships implement their projects funded by the **MRD grants**.
- They receive **assistance from PP** in the form of Local Consultants (LC) and Sectoral Experts (SE). Their services include:
 - a) on-site monitoring of progress, assistance for the partnerships in the takeover of deliverables from the contractors, active modernisation of the work process – if necessary, proposals of training, participation in meetings, conferences and seminars.
 - b) specialist support in resolving most complex issues in the respective areas;
 - c) specialist training – based on the demand identified in Phase 1.
- PP conducts the **monitoring of the implementation of all projects using the funding from the MRD grants** in the scope which will allow to:
 - a) define a model/models of collaboration between LGUs (partnerships of LGUs) for the sake of regional/ local development;
 - b) formulate legislative proposals to enhance the legal framework of LGU partnerships for the sake of regional/ local development.

Phase II of the pre-defined project (2)

- Additionally, PP will implement **educational and information component** of the Programme which, among other things, involves:
 - organizing study tours to Norway for partnerships participating in the Programme;
 - arranging regular thematic meetings of the partnerships (exchange of experience);
 - conducting a review of good practices in 2012 as an element of the *status quo* diagnosis and two editions of the **Local Governance Leader** Competition in 2014 and 2015;
 - organizing regional seminars to disseminate the results of the Programme – information and experience sharing;
 - holding information conferences – national conferences on the implementation and outcomes of the Programme and application of the cross-governmental and cross-sectoral collaboration;
 - creating a new section in the Database of Good Practices;
 - promoting and disseminating the knowledge and experience gathered during the Programme;
 - promoting the project and the methods of collaboration, including Good Practices;
 - offering ongoing legal support to LGUs planning and implementing cross-governmental and cross-sectoral collaboration in order to facilitate practical application of the promoted approach on the countrywide scale;
 - taking advantage of the experience of Norwegian local governments by organising visits of the representatives of LGUs from Norway to the Polish municipalities and counties;
- PP will offer **support to those partnerships which** participated in Phase 1 of the Programme but **did not receive MRD grants**, in the scope of identifying other possible sources of funding their projects

Phase III of the pre-defined project

- Submitting **legislative proposals** to the Joint Committee of Central and Local/Regional Government
- **Disseminating project results**

Potential role of KS and its members in implementation of the project

Through technical assistance and hosting study visit from Polish local partnerships:

- Share **experience in models of cooperation** among municipalities and counties;
- Share **knowledge of specific technical solutions** utilized in Norwegian municipalities;
- Provide information about ways of cooperation with local businesses and NGOs.

Thank You