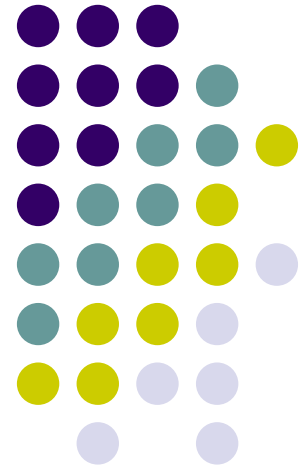


Role of central, regional and local authorities in the development of CBC



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In the context of cross-border cooperation in EU

National level



the task for Ministry of the Interior:

Participate in implementation of the European Initiative INTERREG III and PHARE Cross-border cooperation programs and in programming and implementation of European territorial cooperation programs;

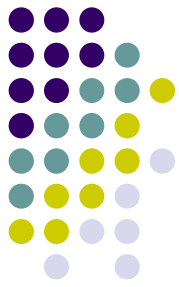
Regional Policy Department of the Ministry:

- acts as MA of the Lithuania-Poland-Kaliningrad (Russian Federation) Neighborhood program;
- administrates the implementation of INTERREG IIIA Latvia-Lithuania-Belarus Neighborhood program, Baltic sea region INTERREG IIIB Neighborhood program, INTERREG IIIC (North, East, South, West) program, INTERACT program and PHARE 2002-2003 Cross-border cooperation in Baltic Sea Region program in Lithuania;
- participates in programming of European territorial cooperation programs;
- elaborates the drafts legal documents, necessary for implementation of the programs (Government and Minister decrees, rules, programs' documents etc.)
- disseminates the information on EU programs, funds available and the results of implementation;
- participates on selection of the projects and provide the conclusions on their feasibility;



Regional Policy Department of the Ministry:

- participates in control of the EU funds and national co-financing use;
- prepares and describes the management and control system;
- provides the consultancy for the grant beneficiaries on the implementation of the projects;
- prepares the reports on programs implementation;
- prepares the proposals for the position of Lithuania on European draft documents as regards territorial cooperation;
- prepares and coordinates the draft international agreements on territorial cooperation programs and provides the measures for adjusting of European acts into national law



Regional level

- participates in programming of European territorial cooperation programs;
- participates on selection of the projects, steering and monitoring of the INTERREG IIIA programs;
- disseminates the information on EU programs and funds available;
- implements the projects as beneficiaries



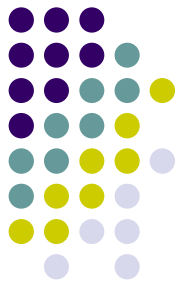
Local level (including Nemunas euroregion Marijampoles office)



- participates on selection of the projects, steering and monitoring of the INTERREG IIIA programs through the Association of municipalities;
- implements the projects as beneficiaries

All levels institutions

INTERREG III National sub-committee: consults the delegations of state in the INTERREG III programs' projects selection on feasibility of actions and suitability of the partners (joining 25 participants in total, including representatives of all 10 counties, most of the ministries of Lithuania and Association of municipalities)





In the context of European trans-frontier cooperation



National level responsible for:

- the implementation of the Regional development program (publications, annual fee, annual round table with the “euroregions” in Lithuania)
- preparation of the international agreements
- preparation of the proposals for the position of Lithuania on European draft documents as regards territorial cooperation;
- implementing the measures for adjusting of European acts into national law

Regional level and Local level



- members of “euroregions”
- implements the actions on trans-frontier co-operation according to the regional and local programs