"Reveal the uniqueness of PBU borderland" Contest III place in the category: The beauty of nature; author: Marek Bednarz, Poland; place: Gulbieniszki, Cisowa Góra, Podkarpackie Voivodeship

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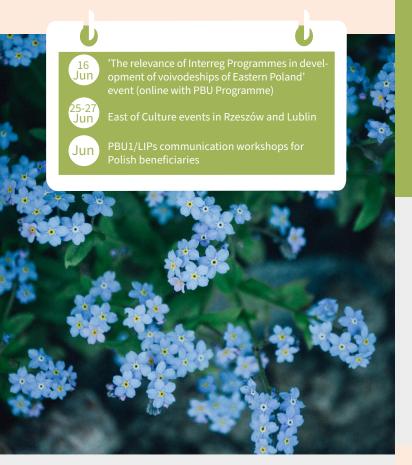
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Micro-projects update

JTS conducted trainings on implementation issues for beneficiaries of the PBU2 and PBU3 projects that are ready to start their journey with the Programme or who face any challenges on the way to reach the final goals.

7 micro-projects have already completed their activities.

21 grant contracts within PBU3 have been signed by both parties and already 4 Lead Beneficiaries have requested for the pre-financing payment.



PBU projects on air

It is safe to say that our projects and their efforts are appreciated and noticed by the European Union institutions. The trilateral *RESCUE* project, which supports the improvement of access to medical services, is often cited as an example. The EC chose it from among many to illustrate good practices and the effective use of EU additional funds it received for fight with the pandemic. Lately, the project was chosen to be presented on the across-Europe postcard campaign.

Also recently, <u>TouchingThePast</u> project was qualified to the Interreg podcasts to speak on the topic <u>Re-invigorating</u> the fight against inequality. The project supports access to culture for persons with a visual impairment. It is currently entering advanced stage of implementation. The project has already conducted a series of trainings for museum personnel to show various aspects of communication with the visually impaired and the blind, providing information on visual arts, which usually is perceived in a two-dimensional way, but for them, the story needs to be told differently. The trainings also concerned the preparation of 3D art models and experiencing the world with limitations.

ECDay 2021

We have completed the first stage of the Educational Campaign for Schools 2021 competition – "Youth Voices of PBU!". This is the second year-round in which the tasks for teenagers are more challenging and focused on a modern approach to make activities more attractive for young audience. To apply, the school teams had to plan a post on social media, create a promotional video idea and a 21-line rap text about the PBU Programme and its projects. We received over 40 applications from the three countries. Finally, we selected 24 teams for the September finals (more soon on our FB).

CarpathianBee

The *CarpathianBee* microproject is in the last phase of implementation and is also one of the most active projects, the results of which are both interesting and exciting. Just to remind, the project is dedicated to the smallest beneficiary in the history of the Programme – tiny bees. Please find information summarizing project's activities and discover some of its impressive achievements HERE.

May highlights on PBU website

- Project stories 18. Smart roads smart citizens
- Programme as an organizer of the Scientific Conference in Lutsk, Ukraine
- Finalists of the Educational Campaign for Schools 2021
- Theater across the borders

Regular project publication update

Publication on the PBU 2014-2020 regular projects has been updated (available now in the <u>Programme website library</u>). The first brochure (which is a part of a larger collection with LIPs and upcoming micro-projects) was delivered in June 2020.

Currently, the regular project publication with all relevant and up-to-date information is re-issued in English and additionally in Polish, Russian and Ukrainian languages to present these significant projects to a wider audience.