

## Assessment of the Impact of interventions on specific objectives of the Cross-Border Cooperation Programme 2014-2020 INTERREG V-A Poland – Denmark – Germany – Lithuania – Sweden

### Study time

- October 2022 to February 2023. The Programme situation evaluated as of end of 2022.

### The Contractor

- EU Consult

### Research methods used in the study

- Desk research (documents, strategies, reports)
- CAWI with Lead Partners of regular projects
- IDI with Members of the Monitoring Committee, Managing Authority, Joint Secretariat and Contact Points
- FGI with Project Partners from 5 countries
- Case study of the most interesting projects and their results
- Expert Panel (evaluation of the implementation of the Programme indicators by external experts).

### Key results

The vast majority of the Programme's output indicators for the specific objectives have already been achieved by the end of 2022.

Most indicators met or even exceeded their target values. The only result indicator that did not meet its target value was performance in the uptake of green technologies to decrease the pollution discharges. This was caused by high and growing costs in the environmental technologies sector. Over the 6 years of the Programme, a lot has changed in terms of the environment, available technologies and the level of priority needs.

The Programme beneficiaries strongly believe the partnerships formed for the projects are of great value and the joint work, problem solving and cooperation led to meaningful outcomes.

The successful adjusting of the dynamics of the Programme and the seed-money scheme were the key factors contributing to achieving the Programme's objectives.

The co-financed projects brought mostly soft results: the development of intellectual capital, development of institutional capacity, development of open-mindedness and the ability to cooperate across borders. The more palpable results of the Programme were the newly elaborated and tested-in-practice strategies, business models and the piloting of technological solutions.

The South Baltic Programme has clearly supported an important number of partnerships in the South Baltic Area. Some 2,000 links have been established between project partners of the 64 regular projects and the more than 400 organizations involved in them. The cities with the highest number of formed partnerships were: Gdańsk, Klaipeda, Rostock and Szczecin. Most of the partnerships established declare to continue their cooperation in the future. The durability of partnerships to some extent depends on satisfaction with cooperation and the results achieved.

Social media and website were deemed as the most effective tools in the scope of information and communication activities of the Programme.