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Introduction

The 2016 Development Cooperation Plan inaugurates the implementation of the Multiannual Development Cooperation Programme 2016-2020 (MDCP 2016-2020), which was adopted by the Council of Ministers on 6 October 2015.

The Plan was drafted in accordance with the Development Cooperation Act of 16 September 2011. It sets directions, objectives and forms of development cooperation activities, as well as financial resources to be channelled to partner countries through bilateral and multilateral cooperation instruments.

2016 is a special year that will see the start of implementation of the new global development agenda. Activities will be undertaken with a view to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Geographic priorities of Poland's development cooperation in 2016 include four countries of the Eastern Partnership, four countries in Africa and two countries in Asia and the Middle East, as specified in the MDCP 2016-2020. Measures planned for 2016 address development needs of the priority countries of Poland's development cooperation, and take into account particular situations in those countries.

Apart from geographic priorities, the 2016 Development Cooperation Plan also specifies thematic priorities resulting from the MDCP 2016-2020. In 2016, bilateral cooperation activities will focus on good governance, democracy and human rights, human capital development, entrepreneurship and the private sector, agriculture and rural development, and environmental protection.

The Plan also outlines the multilateral dimension of Poland's development cooperation, including EU development cooperation and Poland's participation in international aid agendas.

This document consists of three parts. Part one describes the way special purpose reserve funds administered by the MFA and the MFA's budget funds will be expended. Part two sets out development cooperation activities to be implemented using funds that are administered by central government bodies. Part three provides information about Polish development cooperation funds which are transferred under obligations arising from EU membership. Specific financial allocations are presented in the Annexes hereto.

Part I

1. Development cooperation implemented from special purpose reserve funds allocated to development cooperation, and MFA funds

1.1. Thematic priorities of Poland's development cooperation

In 2016, development cooperation will focus on the following objectives within the framework of six thematic priorities specified in the Multiannual Development Cooperation Programme 2016-2020:

1) Good governance:

- regional development (including the strengthening of local governments), decentralization;
- public security and civil protection sector;
- enhancing the competences and capacities of public administration;
- reinforcing the rule of law and combating corruption;
- harmonising laws and institutions with EU and other international standards;
- access to reliable and objective information;
- independent media.

2) Democracy and human rights:

- democratic electoral process;
- human rights and civic freedoms;
- bolstering civil society organizations;
- civic dialogue.

3) Human capital:

- improving health care quality;
- inclusive education and universal access to quality education;
- civic education;
- social integration of people from groups at risk of exclusion.

4) Entrepreneurship and the private sector:

- competitive and innovative micro and small enterprises;
- social economy;
- entrepreneurship, especially among women and young people;
- education and vocational training.

5) Sustainable agriculture and rural development:

- food security;
- efficient and competitive agricultural production;
- access to markets;
- use of modern technologies in agriculture;
- modernizing local infrastructure.

6) Environmental protection:

- renewable energy sources;
- energy efficiency;
- water management;
- waste management;
- addressing the fallout of natural and man-made disasters;
- promoting sustainable development;
- preventing climate change and tackling its consequences;
- protecting natural resources.

Tasks falling under the headings 'democracy and human rights' and 'good governance' will be assigned to Solidarity Fund PL, among others.

1.2. Flagship initiatives

I. Eastern Partnership Academy of Public Administration

In cooperation with the National School of Public Administration, the MFA will continue to provide training to public administration staff in all the EaP countries in the framework of the Eastern Partnership Academy of Public Administration (EPAPA).

EPAPA's programme of specialist training includes lectures and workshops run by experienced experts and practitioners from Poland and other EU Member States. The subject matter covers: European integration, including the implementation of association agreements, membership in international organizations, civil service, local government reform and other topics as requested by partner countries.

II. Information Centre for Local Authorities in Moldova

Established in 2012, the Centre is tasked with supporting Moldova's local authorities, NGOs, and initiative groups in their efforts to strengthen local democracy, in particular the absorption of assistance and partnering with institutions from Poland and other EU Member States. The Centre is run by Solidarity Fund PL.

III. Scholarship programmes implemented through the Ministry of Science and Higher Education and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Scholarship policy is an important instrument to support the development of partner countries. Scholarships help both to develop human resources in a particular country, and to make contacts that will pay off for both sides in the future. Having acquired new knowledge and experiences, scholarship holders have the potential to initiate and support long-term change in their countries. The brightest ones can stay and study at Poland's top universities thanks to four scholarship programmes co-financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1. Stefan Banach scholarship programme

The programme aims to support socio-economic development in the EaP countries by increasing their citizens' level of education and vocational qualifications. The programme provides an opportunity to take up second-cycle studies in the following fields: exact sciences, natural sciences, engineering, agriculture, forestry, veterinary and social studies, as well as third-cycle studies in the following fields: humanities, theology, social sciences, economics, law, mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, engineering, agriculture, forestry, veterinary and Earth sciences.

2. Ignacy Łukasiewicz scholarship programme

The programme aims to support socio-economic development in developing countries (excluding the EaP countries) by increasing their citizens' level of education and vocational qualifications. The programme offers students from developing countries an opportunity to take up second-cycle studies in exact sciences and technology, as well as third-cycle studies in the following fields: mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, Earth sciences, engineering, agriculture, forestry and veterinary. During recruitment priority will be given to students from the following countries: Angola, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Kenya, Columbia, Mexico, Myanmar, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Senegal, Tanzania and Vietnam.

3. Konstanty Kalinowski scholarship programme

The programme aims to promote and support the development of democracy and civil society in Belarus, and to foster socio-economic development by increasing Belarusian citizens' level of education and vocational qualifications. The programme allows scholarship holders to obtain a higher education degree at selected Polish universities, and to take advantage of scientific apprenticeships, post-graduate and PhD studies.

4. Scholarship programme for students of Specialist East European Studies at the University of Warsaw

The programme aims to nurture young people from Eastern Europe and Central Asia as experts in Eastern affairs, and to prepare academic and public administration staff who will be contributing to the socio-economic development of their countries. The programme enables students to take up second-cycle studies at the University of Warsaw's Specialist East European Studies.

1.3. Development cooperation in priority countries

MFA funds and the special purpose budget reserve earmarked for development cooperation will co-finance projects of the MFA and its partners that will allow to achieve thematic priority objectives to the greatest extent possible.

Activities to be carried out in 2016 by public administration bodies, entities selected in the "Polish Development Assistance 2016" call for proposals, Polish diplomatic missions under the Small Grants Scheme (SGS), and through Solidarity Fund PL will be subsumed under result targets that are set for the ten priority countries of Poland's development cooperation.

No more than 10% of the special purpose budget reserve earmarked for development cooperation will be allocated to bilateral development cooperation with non-priority countries.

The "Polish Development Assistance 2016" call for proposals will finance, among others, module projects consisting of two or three separate modules that will be sequentially implemented in the years 2016-2017 or 2016-2018. This does not apply to the projects targeting Myanmar and Senegal.

Government administration bodies will be able to undertake activities (financed from the MFA's resources) falling within six thematic priorities of Poland's development cooperation.

SELECTED EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES

BELARUS

Poland's development cooperation will focus on supporting human capital, good governance, entrepreneurship and the public sector.

Polish aid measures under the [human capital priority](#) will aim to deliver the following results:

- 1) better access to social services for disabled people, children deprived of parental care and people with infectious diseases;
- 2) enhanced social integration of disabled people, children deprived of parental care and people with infectious diseases;
- 3) improved infrastructure and functioning of centres for disabled people and children deprived of parental care.

Actions to achieve these result will be taken as part of the "Polish Development Assistance 2016" call for proposals, by government administration bodies, and through the Small Grants Scheme.

Polish aid measures under the [good governance priority](#) will aim to deliver the following results:

- 1) support for independent media institutions;
- 2) building local authorities' institutional capacity to pursue an effective regional development policy.

Actions to achieve the results in 1) will be carried out directly by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Actions to achieve the results in 2) will be taken as part of the "Polish Development Assistance 2016" call for proposals, by government administration bodies, and through the Small Grants Scheme.

Polish aid measures under the [entrepreneurship and the private sector priority](#) will aim to deliver the following results:

- 1) development of micro and small enterprises in rural areas and small towns;
- 2) better access to high-quality education and vocational training, including technical education.

Actions to achieve these result will be taken as part of the "Polish Development Assistance 2016" call for proposals, by government administration bodies, and through the Small Grants Scheme.

GEORGIA

Poland's development cooperation will focus on supporting good governance and human capital.

Polish aid measures under the [good governance priority](#) will aim to deliver the following results:

- 1) enhancing institutional capacities of public administration to implement reforms arising from the EU-Georgia Association Agreement and the DCFTA, in particular the professionalization of the civil service;
- 2) enhancing institutional capacities of public administration to decentralize public authorities, in particular in terms of ensuring access to high-quality pre-school education;
- 3) implementing regional development policy, also by supporting the tourism sector;
- 4) development of national and regional emergency management systems, building public administration capacities and increasing operational capacities, in particular to prevent and react to natural and man-made disasters.

Actions to achieve the results in 1)-4) will be taken by government administration bodies, and in the framework of the Small Grants Scheme. Actions to achieve the results in 2), 3) and 4) will also be carried out through the "Polish Development Assistance 2016" call for proposals.

Polish aid measures under the [human capital priority](#) will aim to deliver the following results:

- 1) better access to social services, and improved infrastructure and functioning of centres for disabled people, victims of domestic violence and children deprived of parental care;
- 2) social and occupational activation of disabled people and people from rural areas;
- 3) strengthening the care system for and protection of the rights of children deprived of parental care, disabled people and victims of domestic violence.

Actions to achieve these result will be taken as part of the "Polish Development Assistance 2016" call for proposals, by government administration bodies, and through the Small Grants Scheme.

MOLDOVA

Poland's development cooperation will focus on supporting good governance, agriculture and rural development.

Polish aid measures under the [good governance priority](#) will aim to deliver the following results:

- 1) enhancing institutional capacities of public administration at the central, regional and local levels to implement key reforms arising from the EU-Moldova Association Agreement and the DCFTA, in particular in terms of public security and civil protection;
- 2) enhancing institutional capacities of public administration at the central, regional and local levels to implement an integrated approach to development policy, on a regional and local scale;
- 3) improving competitiveness of Moldovan micro and small enterprises.

Actions to achieve these result will be taken by government administration bodies, and through the Small Grants Scheme.

Polish aid measures under the [agriculture and rural development priority](#) will aim to deliver the following results:

- 1) improving farm efficiency and competitiveness;
- 2) expanding access to infrastructure and services in the agricultural sector;
- 3) implementation of innovative solutions relating to infrastructure development and modernization in rural areas, in particular diversifying energy sources, improving energy efficiency, as well as water and waste management;
- 4) development of non-agricultural business in rural areas;
- 5) enhancing agricultural entrepreneurs' ability to come together in production groups.

Actions to achieve these result will be taken as part of the "Polish Development Assistance 2016" call for proposals, by government administration bodies, and through the Small Grants Scheme.

UKRAINE

Poland's development cooperation will focus on supporting good governance, human capital, entrepreneurship and the private sector.

Polish aid measures under the [good governance priority](#) will aim to deliver the following results:

- 1) enhancing competences of public administration to implement reforms arising from the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement;
- 2) supporting key reforms, in particular local government and education reforms, as well as reforms to ensure the state's financial stability, counter corruption, illegal money flows and money laundering, and improve the system of tax and customs administration;
- 3) development of national and regional emergency management systems, building public administration capacities and increasing operational capacities to prevent and react to natural and man-made disasters.

Actions to achieve these result will be taken by government administration bodies, and through the Small Grants Scheme. Actions to achieve the results presented in point 3) will also be carried out as part of the "Polish Development Assistance 2016" call for proposals.

Polish aid measures under the [human capital priority](#)¹ will aim to deliver the following results:

- 1) better access to social services and healthcare infrastructure for internally displaced persons, in particular older people and children, including psychological support;
- 2) enhancing the social integration of internally displaced persons, in particular older people and children;

Actions to achieve these results will be carried out in the Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhya and Dnipropetrovsk oblasts through the "Polish Development Assistance 2016" call for proposals. Actions to achieve these results will also be taken by government administration bodies, and through the Small Grants Scheme.

Polish aid measures under the [entrepreneurship and the private sector priority](#) will aim to deliver the following results:

- 1) development of entrepreneurship by using innovative tools and technologies, in particular renewable energy sources;
- 2) development of entrepreneurship among internally displaced persons in the oblasts of Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhya and Dnipropetrovsk²;

¹ See Annexes for a table with expected results of Polish aid activities targeting internally displaced persons in Ukraine and the proposed methods of measurement.

² As above.

- 3) improved quality of education and vocational training, as well as infrastructure and equipment at educational and vocational training centres; better access to high-quality education.

Actions to achieve these results will be taken through the “Polish Development Assistance 2016” call for proposals, in the Small Grants Scheme framework, and by government administration bodies.

In 2016, development assistance in Ukraine will cover sustainable and long-term activities targeting internally displaced persons. Such measures will complement and reinforce the existing and future Polish humanitarian aid for IDPs and people affected by hostilities resulting from the conflict between Ukraine and Russia. In addition, the winner of the 2015 Lech Wałęsa Solidarity Prize will identify areas where Solidarity Fund PL will implement projects in 2016 to improve the infrastructure and equipment at educational centres for children from internally displaced families.

Further to this, through Solidarity Fund PL projects of Polish non-governmental organizations will be carried out as part of the Poland-Canada Democracy Support Programme, and the Fund’s office, established to support decentralization reform in Ukraine, will continue to be operated.

Under the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Poland and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on the Education of Ukrainian Citizens at the College of Europe in Natolin of 25 November 2009, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will co-finance scholarships for Ukrainian nationals. The initiative’s aim is to support Ukraine’s aspirations to join the European Union.

Cooperation will also be carried out through international organizations.

AFRICA

ETHIOPIA, TANZANIA, KENYA, SENEGAL³

Poland's development cooperation will focus on supporting three areas: human capital, environmental protection, and entrepreneurship and the private sector.

Actions to achieve the priority objectives set out below will be carried out as part of the "Polish Development Assistance 2016" call for proposals, and through Polish diplomatic missions and the Small Grants Scheme.

Polish aid measures under the [human capital priority](#) will aim to deliver the following results:

- 1) improved infrastructure and equipment at healthcare centres; a medical personnel better skilled to provide medical care to mothers and children;
- 2) improved infrastructure and equipment at educational centres of all levels; a more competent teaching staff.

Polish aid measures under the [environmental protection priority](#) will aim to deliver the following results:

- 1) a greater number of people with access to basic sanitary infrastructure and trained in hygiene;
- 2) more people/entities using renewable energy sources (sun, water and wind energy, geothermal sources, biomass);
- 3) reduction of areas affected by deforestation, desertification or degradation;
- 4) enhancing operational capacities to prevent, react to and eliminate the consequences of natural and man-made disasters.

Polish aid measures under the [entrepreneurship and the private sector priority](#) will aim to deliver the following results:

- 1) making women and young people more professionally active and increasing their rate of employment;
- 2) better access to technical education, training and career counselling for women and young people (including graduates); improved infrastructure for developing job skills;
- 3) increasing the competitiveness, efficiency and innovation of production groups, cooperatives and worker cooperatives, in particular in the agri-food sector.

³ See Annexes for a table with expected results of Polish aid activities in these countries and the proposed methods of measurement.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

MYANMAR

Poland's development cooperation will focus on supporting human capital, as well as entrepreneurship and the private sector.

Actions to achieve the priority objectives set out below will be carried out as part of the "Polish Development Assistance 2016" call for proposals, and through Polish diplomatic missions and the Small Grants Scheme.

Polish aid measures under the [human capital priority](#) will aim to deliver the following results:

- 1) improved infrastructure and equipment at healthcare centres; a medical personnel better skilled to provide medical care to mothers and children;
- 2) improved infrastructure and equipment at educational centres of all levels; a more competent teaching staff;
- 3) better access to social services (healthcare, education) for people at risk of social exclusion⁴.

Polish aid measures under the [entrepreneurship and the private sector priority](#) will aim to deliver the following results:

- 1) making women and young people more professionally active and increasing their rate of employment;
- 2) better access to technical education, training and career counselling for women and young people (including graduates); improved infrastructure for developing job skills;
- 3) increasing the competitiveness, efficiency and innovation of production groups, cooperatives and worker cooperatives, in particular in the agri-food sector.

⁴ Including disabled people and people requiring round-the-clock care, orphans, large families, long-term unemployed, older people, refugees, internally displaced persons.

MIDDLE EAST

PALESTINE

Poland's development cooperation will focus on supporting human capital, agricultural and rural development, as well as entrepreneurship and the private sector.

Actions to achieve the results set out below will be carried out as part of the "Polish Development Assistance 2016" call for proposals, by government administration bodies, and through the Small Grants Scheme.

Cooperation will also be pursued within international organizations. A contribution will be made to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA).

Polish aid measures under the [human capital priority](#) will aim to deliver the following results:

- 1) improved infrastructure and equipment at educational centres of all levels; a more competent teaching staff;
- 2) upgrading infrastructure and expanding access to pre-school education;
- 3) better access to social services (healthcare, education) for people at risk of social exclusion⁵.

Polish aid measures under the [agriculture and rural development priority](#) will aim to deliver the following results:

- 1) increasing incomes and enhancing food security of farms;
- 2) increasing the competitiveness, efficiency and innovation of production groups, cooperatives and agricultural cooperatives;
- 3) expanding market access for agri-food products; attaining higher quality of agricultural production.

Polish aid measures under the [entrepreneurship and the private sector priority](#) will aim to deliver the following results:

- 1) making women and young people more professionally active and increasing their rate of employment;
- 2) better access to technical education, training and career counselling for women and young people (including graduates); improved infrastructure for developing job skills;
- 3) stronger non-profit organizations that support vocational education and employment opportunities for women and young people in East Jerusalem.

⁵ Including disabled people and people requiring round-the-clock care, orphans, large families, long-term unemployed, older people, refugees, internally displaced persons.

TUNISIA AND AFGHANISTAN

The Multiannual Development Cooperation Programme 2016-2020 provides for a transition mechanism for Tunisia and Afghanistan, which had priority country status in the years 2012-2015. The mechanism will be phasing out the ongoing activities in the course of up to two years, i.e. until the end of 2017. This will make it possible to honour prior commitments.

In 2016, Poland's development cooperation in Afghanistan will be implemented through the World Bank and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Contributions will be made to the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund⁶ and the Law and Order Trust Fund for Afghanistan⁷.

In 2016, Poland's development cooperation in Tunisia will be phased out. Support activities will be conducted under the Small Grants Scheme, and through Solidarity Fund PL.

1.4. Supporting electoral process

In 2016, the MFA in cooperation with the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights and Solidarity Fund PL will support the organization of missions to monitor parliamentary elections in Belarus and Georgia. In justified cases, the MFA may decide to organize election observation missions to other countries.

1.5. Activities implemented through Solidarity Fund PL

The Fund will be tasked with implementing activities in the thematic priorities of democracy and human rights, and good governance. These measures can be implemented in the priority countries specified by the MFA, and in other recipients of official development assistance.

The following activities will be financed through Solidarity Fund PL:

- 1) projects of Polish non-governmental organizations identified through "Support for Democracy 2016" programme. It includes the organization of a grant competition and tender enquiries to benefit, among others, selected Eastern Partnership countries and Tunisia with a view to:
 - expanding citizens' access to reliable and objective information by developing independent media, in particular electronic;
 - supporting pro-democracy institutions, activists and movements;
 - supporting monitoring and advocacy activities of organizations defending human rights;
 - expanding access to high-quality education and civic education;
 - supporting civil society organizations;
- 2) projects of Polish non-governmental organizations carried out in the framework of the Poland-Canada Democracy Support Programme. The Programme includes a grant competition, and follows up on the projects that were initiated in 2015 with the aim to foster local democracy and independent media in Ukraine;

⁶ The Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund was established in 2002 on the initiative of the World Bank to support reforms of Afghanistan's public administration, and build public institutions. Poland has been contributing to the ARTF since 2006.

⁷ The Law and Order Trust Fund for Afghanistan was established to support Afghan police. The Fund is managed by the UNDP.

- 3) projects of Polish non-governmental organizations in the areas identified by the 2015 Lech Wałęsa Solidarity Prize winner:
 - supporting independent media in Belarus and Ukraine;
 - supporting families of the “Heavenly Hundred”;
 - improving the infrastructure and equipment at educational centres for children from internally displaced families;
- 4) supporting independent media in Ukraine.
- 5) organizing election observation missions.

Competitions and tender enquiries will encompass activities not covered in the “Polish Development Assistance 2016” call for proposals.

Solidarity Fund PL will undertake projects in the area of good governance by helping to enhance institutional capacities of public administration bodies. This should facilitate the implementation of key reforms arising from the Association Agreements between the European Union and Moldova, Ukraine and Georgia, as well as other important reforms in these countries. These activities will be implemented as the Fund’s own projects, which cover among others:

- Solidarity Fund PL’s office in Kyiv to support decentralization in Ukraine;
- Information Centre for Local Authorities in Moldova.

2. Humanitarian aid

- Humanitarian aid is particularly aimed at ensuring assistance, care and protection for people that have been affected by armed conflicts, natural disasters or other humanitarian crises caused by nature or man.. According to the Multiannual Development Cooperation Programme 2016-2020, humanitarian aid, given its specific nature and low predictability, will be implemented: irrespective of geographical priorities;
- in the following areas:
 - health and nutrition;
 - shelter;
 - education and social welfare;
 - water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH);
 - early recovery;
 - linking relief, rehabilitation and development (LRRD).

Humanitarian aid will be provided in compliance with the principles of neutrality, impartiality, humanity and independence, both through non-governmental organizations, Polish diplomatic missions, as well as through specialized state agencies and international humanitarian organizations. Cooperation will be undertaken, inter alia, with the following international organizations: UN OCHA, ICRC, UNHCR and UNRWA.

In 2016, support to refugees, internally displaced persons and persons affected by the armed conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine will be continued. .

Humanitarian aid, provided by the Polish Government since 2012, has been addressed to refugees and other people affected by the conflict in Syria. Given the scale of the migration crises, humanitarian aid addressed to refugees and internally displaced persons in the Middle East, specifically refugees from Syria, will be continued under the 2016 Development Cooperation Plan.

At the same time, support to internally displaced persons and other persons affected by the armed conflict in Ukraine will be continued. For this purpose, humanitarian activities will be implemented, as well as development activities, aimed at public administration capacity-building and increasing the potential to prevent and respond to natural and man-made disasters. Given the protracted character of the crisis in Ukraine, development aid activities will supplement and strengthen the humanitarian activities in order to provide internally displaced persons with a comprehensive and long-term support that is fully adjusted to their needs.

Humanitarian aid will be allocated through specialized aid agencies (in particular of the UN and EU) and through a bilateral channel, in cooperation with Polish non-governmental organizations.

Humanitarian aid activities will be implemented under the “Polish Humanitarian Aid 2016” call for proposals or on the basis of the Art. 10(2) of the Development Cooperation Act of 16 September 2011.

3. Development cooperation in international organizations

Multilateral cooperation is provided through specialized international organizations and institutions. Every year, the MFA supports, by means of contributions and voluntary payments, development activities of selected organizations, thus co-financing projects and programmes aimed at reducing poverty, system transformation, promoting human rights and democracy, and access to education.

In 2016, most of the funds allocated to multilateral cooperation will be disbursed through a contribution to the EU budget and the European Development Fund with the use of the European Commission’s financial instruments. Financial support will also be provided through United Nations institutions, as well as programmes and funds administered by other organizations and multilateral institutions.

Basic criteria behind decisions on multilateral contributions are as follows:

- contributions complement bilateral cooperation, while serving purposes that would not be implemented effectively in the framework of bilateral development cooperation;
- Poland will make contributions primarily to those multilateral funds and programmes that fall within Poland’s foreign policy objectives and the geographical and thematic priorities of Poland’s development cooperation programme;
- by reducing the number of contributions, larger sums will be contributed to funds and programmes that implement specific tasks which fall within key Polish development aid priorities.

Cooperation in the framework of international organizations will be conducted, among others, with selected agendas of the United Nations (UNDP, UN Women, UNAIDS, UNFPA, OHCHR, UNDEF, *Peace Building Facility*), OECD, and ODIHR.

In 2016, the co-financing will take place through the multilateral channel of the European Humanities University, which educates Belarusian citizens.

4. Global education

Global education is part of civic education and formation and includes education initiatives addressed to the Polish society. Its goal is to increase people's awareness of development problems and global interdependencies that affect global development processes. Global education projects in 2016 will be consistent with global education goals specified in the Multiannual Development Cooperation Programme for the years 2016-2020, i.e. they will be aimed at:

- enhancing the presence of global education in official curricula and teaching syllabuses at all levels of formal education in cooperation with the Ministry of National Education and its units, as well as the Ministry of Science and Higher Education;
- increasing public awareness of global problems;
- increasing the awareness of global problems and challenges in towns and cities with populations of less than 500 thousand inhabitants and providing training support to organizations with little experience in implementing global education projects.

Global education activities will be addressed to the public at large, children, young people and adults in the framework of the formal, extramural and non-formal education system.

Within the scope of global education objectives, activities with huge multiplication potential, permanent results and increasing the quality of educational initiatives will be treated as priority.

5. Volunteering

The "Polish Aid Volunteering 2016" Programme accommodates the need to eradicate poverty in the world, support social and economic development in partner countries and strengthen the potential of communities with which a volunteer cooperates. The Programme is moreover aimed at supporting Polish non-governmental organizations implementing development projects through volunteers and enables Polish citizens to engage directly in activities to the benefit of citizens in developing countries.

In 2016, the "Polish Aid Volunteering 2016" programme activities will be implemented in the following OECD/DAC official development assistance beneficiary countries: Bolivia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Jamaica, Kenya, Myanmar, Palestine, Paraguay, Peru, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. In the countries where the above mentioned "Polish Aid Volunteering 2016" programme activities will be implemented, they will cover the following thematic priorities of the Polish development cooperation system: human capital, environmental protection, agriculture and development of rural areas, as well as entrepreneurship and the private sector. At the same time, these projects will be consistent with selected Sustainable Development Goals.

6. Policy coherence for development

Policy Coherence for Development (PCD) is aimed at elaborating and implementing policies by countries so as to avoid activities, which have a negative impact on global development and development opportunities for other countries, including the social and economic development of the Polish development cooperation priority countries. At the same time, countries should seek to reconcile the objectives of their national policies with sustainable growth objectives. Under the policy coherence for development, Poland's priority is to support activities to combat illegal financial

flows under the following thematic priorities: combatting tax avoidance and money laundering. The PCD priority will be implemented on the basis of annual action plans elaborated by the Ministry of Finance, which leads in this area. In accordance with applicable rules, Poland will send to the European Commission and the OECD a report on the activities undertaken by individual ministries to ensure policy coherence for development within the scope of their competences, as well as a report on the implementation of annual action plans for the particular priority.

7. Cooperation with the private sector

The private sector plays an important role in the social and economic development of developing countries and is an important partner in activities for sustainable development and reducing poverty in the world. Taking into consideration potential opportunities to engage private entrepreneurs in development activities, the Polish development cooperation will support the private sector in developing countries. In 2016, the support will focus on the occupational activation of employees, promoting entrepreneurship and improving the productivity and competitiveness of entities operating in sectors with the highest potential for development. Moreover, it will be important to mobilize the Polish private sector to engage in cooperation with the private sector in developing countries by means of, among others, investments, transfer of knowledge and technologies and trade development.

8. Information activities

As regards information and promotional activities, the cooperation with radio broadcasters will be continued on the basis of co-production agreements, which is to further propagate development issues. Exhibitions will be organized and information leaflets and brochures about the Polish development cooperation programme will be published. As in previous years, the MFA will rely on public opinion polls to analyse changes in the attitudes of Poles towards development cooperation projects financed by Poland. A report on Poland's development activities completed in 2015 will be published as well.

9. Evaluation

In 2016, the process of evaluating Polish development cooperation projects and programmes will be continued to collect an objective body of knowledge about how relevant and effective the implemented development initiatives are. This knowledge will be later used to improve aid management and planning, in particular in the long-term perspective. Detailed information about the evaluation process will be provided in the 2016 Annual Evaluation Plan.

10. Forms and rules of cooperation with partners of the Polish development cooperation

Projects implemented by government administration bodies and their units

Projects conducted by government administration bodies will be implemented in selected EaP countries and Palestine. In the Polish development cooperation priority countries, the conducted

activities will be implemented under the specified thematic priorities, defined together with their results for a particular country.

In the 1st quarter of 2016, the MFA will announce a call for proposals addressed to government administration bodies and their units. The projects will be evaluated and agreed for implementation. Information about the selection of projects will be published on the website www.polskapomoc.gov.pl. It will be possible to apply for module projects within the call for proposals.

Projects implemented through non-governmental organizations⁸, local government entities, public and private higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units

The structure of the Polish development cooperation system, in particular the mode of distributing public resources to aid initiatives, enhances the effectiveness of implemented projects, and indirectly strengthens the potential of partners of the Polish development cooperation system.

In 2016, the announcement of the following calls for proposals is planned for the purpose of implementing cooperation with the above mentioned entities:

- **The „Polish Development Aid 2016” call for proposals**

The call for proposals will be announced in the last quarter of 2015. The sums allocated to particular countries/regions are subject to change depending on the final sum of the special purpose reserve for development cooperation and the final assessment of project applications. The minimum amount of donation for each project addressed to Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine will amount to PLN 200,000 under the call for proposals. The minimum amount of donation for each project for the benefit of Ethiopia, Kenya, Senegal, Tanzania, Palestine and Myanmar will amount to PLN 300,000 under this call for proposals.

Projects whose implementation period exceeds one year, may be submitted if their implementation period exceeds one year, in particular covering systematic activities with a multiplication effect, as well as regranting activities consisting of two or three modules implemented during following years under separate contracts⁹. The MFA may decide not to announce a call for proposals for particular projects in 2017 and/or 2018, if module projects use up all the funds earmarked for this purpose. It will not be possible to co-finance module projects addressed to Myanmar and Senegal.

Eligible entities: non-governmental organizations registered in Poland, local government entities (only in the case of projects conducted in Belarus, Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine), public and non-public higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units.

⁸ In the meaning of Art. 3 par. 2 of the Public Benefit and Volunteer Work Act of 24 April 2003 (Journal of Laws of 2014, item 1118, as amended), as well as entities specified in Art. 3 par.3 of this Act.

⁹ If appropriate resources and the correct implementation are ensured in the Budget Act for 2017 and 2018 and if there are no obstacles to continuing the project in successive modules, and if a report is filed on the modules implemented the previous year.

- **The “Humanitarian Aid 2016” call for proposals**

The call for proposals will be announced until the end of 2015. To provide humanitarian aid through Polish non-governmental organizations, the MFA announces a call for proposals to conduct public activities. Under the 2016 Plan, the MFA plans to conduct procedures aimed at refugees and internally displaced persons in the Middle East and in Ukraine. The call for proposals procedure is aimed at selecting the best projects according to adopted substantive criteria. In emergency situations, to protect people’s life or health, the MFA may commission a particular project outside an open call for proposals¹⁰.

Eligible entities: non-governmental organizations registered in Poland.

- **The “Global education 2016” call for proposals**

A call for proposals will be announced in the 1st quarter of 2016 to select specifically module projects (each amounting to a minimum donation of PLN 80,000) aimed at boosting the presence of global education in the formal, extramural and non-formal education systems, as well as projects increasing the awareness of citizens about global interdependencies and inequalities in the world.

Projects may be submitted if their implementation period exceeds one year, in particular covering systematic activities with a multiplication effect, as well as regranting activities consisting of two or three modules implemented during successive years under separate contracts¹¹. The MFA may decide not to announce a call for proposals for particular projects in 2017 and/or 2018, if the resources planned for the year are fully used up by module projects.

Eligible entities: non-governmental organizations registered in Poland, local government entities, public and private higher education institutions, research institutes, the Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units.

Within the call for proposals procedures, a task will be selected for the co-financing of global education projects, being an element of a venture co-financed from sources other than the state budget of the Republic of Poland (specifically from foreign sources). Entities eligible to receive a donation under this call for proposals: non-governmental organizations and private higher education institutions. The donation contract and the implementation of projects are dependent on the confirmed receipt of resources from an external donor.

- **The “Polish Aid Volunteering 2016” call for proposals**

The call for proposals will cover long-term general volunteering (more than 3 months) and short-term (from 6 weeks up to 3 months), addressed to qualified specialists. Non-governmental organizations offering volunteers will be able to compete for co-financing of volunteering activities in

¹⁰ Donations to humanitarian projects conducted by Polish non-governmental organizations may be provided by the MFA in accordance with Art. 10.2. of the Development Cooperation Act (Journal of Laws of 2011, No. 234, item 1386, as amended) and Art. 11a of the Public Benefit and Volunteer Work Act (Journal of Laws of 2014, item 1118, as amended), i.e. without announcing an open call for proposals. Should the MFA decide on providing humanitarian aid through non-governmental organizations in the case of a particular humanitarian crisis, the MFA may publish a call for project offers on the Internet site www.polskapomoc.gov.pl.

¹¹ If appropriate resources and the correct implementation are ensured in the Budget Act for 2017 and 2018, there are no obstacles to the continuation of the project in following modules, and the report on modules completed in the preceding year is submitted.

all of the OECD/DAC official development aid beneficiary countries: Bolivia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Jamaica, Kenya, Myanmar, Palestine, Paraguay, Peru, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. Upon returning to Poland, volunteers will have the opportunity to carry out educational activities addressed to Poles. The call for proposals is planned to be announced at the turn of the 1st and 2nd quarter of 2016.

Eligible entities: non-governmental organizations registered in Poland.

Projects implemented by foreign missions under The Small Grants Scheme

The Small Grants Scheme (SGS) enables projects to be implemented through Polish diplomatic missions. In the Polish development cooperation priority countries, projects will be implemented in selected thematic priorities, defined according to the objectives for a particular country. In other developing countries, projects will contribute to the implementation of four thematic priorities of the Polish development cooperation specified in the Multiannual Development Cooperation Programme for the years 2016-2020 (see page 4 of this Plan): human capital, entrepreneurship and the private sector, sustainable agriculture and development of rural areas, environmental protection. The SGS covers also development activities implemented in cooperation with the Polish private sector whose beneficiaries are local communities and private sector entities. Embassies of the Republic of Poland implement Project in countries chosen by the MFA and listed as beneficiaries of OECD/DAS official development assistance.

The distribution of funds allocated to small grants is included in Annex IV.

Eligible entities: Polish foreign missions.

11. Distribution of funds from the state budget's special purpose reserve "Implementing the Polish development programme and support for international cooperation towards democracy and civil society"

In accordance with the Multiannual Development Cooperation Programme for the years 2016-2020, Polish development cooperation focuses on 10 priority countries. Up to 10% of the resources from the state budget's special purpose reserve will be allocated to bilateral development cooperation with other countries, except for priority countries.

The MFA's National Coordinator for Development Cooperation is authorized to make decisions on the allocation of *reserve* funds for unplanned initiatives relating to development cooperation or on the re-allocation of funds between different positions of the Plan. To be passed, decisions of the re-allocation of funds do not require a modification of the Development Cooperation Plan for 2016.

The distribution of funds from the special purpose reserve is based on the draft Budget Act for the year 2016, submitted to the Sejm of the Republic of Poland and adopted by the Council of Ministers on 29 September 2015. If the final amount of the special reserve fund is changed in the course of drafting the 2016 budget, the Plan will be modified accordingly by a decision of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The distribution of funds allocated to small grants is presented in Annex III.

Part II

Development cooperation activities planned to be implemented in 2016 by government administration bodies using funds allocated directly by these bodies and counterpart funds¹²

The data below is based on estimates.¹³

Ministry of Finance	
Activity:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preferential loans (government aid credits to finance supplies from Poland) 	USD 118,254,652.38 and EUR 196,578,523.89
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repayment of overdue receivables due to the State Treasury from the Kingdom of Cambodia 	USD 976,791.51
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repayment of overdue receivables due to the State Treasury from Mozambique¹⁴ 	USD 25,490,500.73
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment of funds for the implementation of financial programmes from repaid receivables due to the State Treasury to the benefit of Mongolia 	PLN 300,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities of the customs services in the framework of the Eastern Partnership 	PLN 50,000
Payments and contributions to international organizations:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poland's participation in financing the European Union Official Development Aid by means of EU budget contributions¹⁵ 	EUR 197,200,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Development Association, (IDA) in respect of 15, 16 and 17 fund supplementation 	SDR 2,280,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Development Association, (IDA) in respect of the Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative (MDRI) 	PLN 920,000

¹² Information about *counterpart funds* of the MFA allocated to development cooperation in 2016 are provided in Annex V. Distribution of additional resources.

¹³ Amounts in foreign currencies were converted by using the NBP average exchange rates as of 5 August 2015.

¹⁴ Estimates. The debt reduction is dependent on the negotiations with Mozambique.

¹⁵ Estimates.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) – increase of capital 	USD 26,144,017.20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partial Agreement of the Council of Europe Development Bank 	EUR 6,600
Total	PLN 2,284,006,334

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Activity:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special-purpose reserve in the state budget allocated to development cooperation 	PLN 113,300,000

Payments and contributions to international organizations:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribution to the European Development Fund 	EUR 65,033,772
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribution to the Council of Europe budget 	EUR 2,920,800 <i>(equivalent to 40% of the contribution; 40% qualifies as ODA)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribution to the UN budget 	USD 4,498,560 <i>(equivalent to 18% of the contribution; 18% qualifies as ODA)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribution to the UN peacekeeping budgets 	USD 2,016,280 <i>(equivalent to 7% of the contribution; 7% qualifies as ODA)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributions to the UNESCO budget 	USD 775,800 <i>(equivalent to 60% of the contribution; 60% qualifies as ODA)</i> EUR 893,400 <i>(equivalent to 60% of the contribution; 60% qualifies as ODA)</i>
Total	PLN 426,362,742

Ministry of the Environment

Payments and contributions to international organizations:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) 	USD 56,920
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) from the budget of the National Atomic Energy Agency (NAEA) 	EUR 627,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) 	CHF 443
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer – Multilateral Fund 	PLN 5,674,509
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in the countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa (UNCCD) 	EUR 69,389
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), contribution to the UNECE Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (the Aarhus Convention) 	EUR 5,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UN Environmental Programme (UNEP) 	USD 150,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol (UNFCCC) 	EUR 167,232 <i>(equivalent to 61% of the contribution; 61% of the contribution qualifies as ODA)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Meteorological Organization (WMO) 	CHF 24,226 <i>(equivalent to 4% of the contribution; 4% of the contribution qualifies as ODA)</i>
Total	PLN 10,154,418

Ministry of the Interior and Administration	
Activity:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responding to humanitarian crises and carrying out rescue operations by the State Fire Service 	PLN 1,200,000 ¹⁶
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financing of the UNHCR Office in Warsaw 	PLN 225,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in police missions: EUMM in Georgia, EULEX in Kosovo, EUPOL in Afghanistan and UNMIL in Liberia 	PLN 3,000,000
Total	PLN 4,425,000

Ministry of Labour and Social Policy	
Payments and contributions to international organizations:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Labour Organization (ILO) 	CHF 2,095,301.40 (<i>equivalent to 60% of the Ministry's contribution; 60% of the contribution qualifies as ODA</i>)
Total	PLN 8,474,027

Chancellery of the Prime Minister	
Activity:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closer bilateral relations with Georgia to support the civil service reform in this country 	PLN 15,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bilateral cooperation with the National Agency of Civil Services of Ukraine to enhance the effects of the Polish-British twinning project called "<i>Support for the civil service development in Ukraine</i>" 	PLN 20,000

¹⁶ It is not possible to define the exact number and locations of rescue and humanitarian operations in response to a particular natural or human-made disaster. It is not possible to predict the real level of the State Fire Service's involvement in ODA beneficiary countries

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bilateral cooperation with other countries in Asia and Central and Eastern Europe to build professional and politically neutral civil service corps 	PLN 15,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International cooperation pursued by the Head of the Civil Service in the area of civil service, incl. organizational costs of workshops, providing assistance during study visits and to foreign delegations 	PLN 25,000
Total	PLN 75,000

Ministry of Infrastructure and Development

Activity:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of international initiatives for non-EU countries to support foreign partners in building effective institutional, organizational, management and personnel structures serving regional development 	PLN 40,005.48 (<i>Counterpart Funds – CPF</i>)
Total	PLN 40,005.48

Ministry of Health

Payments and contributions to international organizations:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Health Organization (WHO) 	USD 1,625,834 (<i>equivalent to 76% of the Ministry's contribution, 76% of the contribution qualifies as ODA</i>) CHF 1,541,291 (<i>equivalent to 76% of the Ministry's contribution, 76% of the contribution qualifies as ODA</i>)
Total	PLN 12,164,480

Ministry of Administration and Digitization

Payments and contributions to international organizations:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Telecommunication Union (ITU) 	CHF 318,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Universal Postal Union (UPU) 	CHF 280,805
Total	PLN 2,338,872

Ministry of National Education	
Activity:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Youth Exchange, implementation of projects and cooperation with 5 EaP countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia and Moldova 	PLN 350,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer Academy "Democracy at School" addressed to educators from EaP countries 	PLN 120,000
Total	PLN 470,000

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	
Activity:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expert assistance by the Agricultural Market Agency to agricultural sector institutions in the countries seeking EU membership 	PLN 20,000
Payments and contributions to international organizations:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) 	EUR 2,283,616 USD 3,106,090
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Board for Plant Genetic Resources (Bioversity International) 	EUR 15,125
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) 	EUR 79,200
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Food Programme (WFP) 	USD 200,000
Total	PLN 22,374,032

Ministry of Culture and National Heritage	
Activity:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research scholarships by the Polish History Museum to carry out research projects 	PLN 75,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarships for undergraduate, graduate and doctoral studies and internships for art students at universities supervised by the Minister of Culture and National Heritage 	PLN 350,000

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gaude Polonia – scholarships for young artists and translators of Polish literature from Central and Eastern Europe 	PLN 2,276,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thesaurus Polonia – scholarships for researchers focusing on culture, history and multicultural heritage of Central Europe 	PLN 300,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trainings, conservation and digitization of cultural heritage and others: Nesvizh Academy (Belarus), International Cultural Heritage Protection Centre in Zolkiew (Ukraine), Restoration and inventory works, digitization and expert opinions (Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, India, Turkey) 	PLN 4,000,000

Payments and contributions to international organizations:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNESCO World Heritage Fund 	USD 33,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNESCO Fund for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage 	USD 33,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) 	CHF 34,188
Total	PLN 7,383,962

Ministry of the Economy

Payments and contributions to international organizations:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) 	EUR 1,080,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) 	USD 20,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voluntary contribution to a selected OECD aid programme in Eurasia 	EUR 100,000
Total	PLN 4,968,218

Ministry of Science and Higher Education

Activity:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financing the organizational and administrative costs related to the implementation of aid programmes 	PLN 520,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarship for participants of scholarship programmes and research internships 	PLN 3,959,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short-term research internships for researchers from developing countries and the EaP countries (benefits) 	PLN 207,900
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondment of academic lecturers to foreign specialists Polish language teachers 	PLN 1,300,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry's own contribution to finance the education as part of the basic subsidy supplementing the support from the state budget's reserve for development aid allocated to the EaP countries and ODA countries 	PLN 2,600,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarships for foreigners – students, PhD students or long-term interns, Polish Government scholarship holders coming from ODA beneficiary countries (financing of benefits) 	PLN 16,000,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financing the costs of education provided to foreigners - students, PhD students and long-term interns, Polish Government scholarship holders, coming from ODA beneficiary countries 	PLN 16,000,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financing the costs of education provided to foreigners – students, PhD students and long-term interns coming from ODA beneficiary countries on a “no payment, no scholarship” basis 	PLN 43,200,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financing the costs of living and education of students from Ukraine under the “Polish Erasmus for Ukraine” intervention scholarship programme 	PLN 396,000
Total	PLN 84,182,900

Financial Supervision Authority

Activity:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International training programmes for interim-level financial supervision employees from Central and Eastern Europe in the framework of the TIFS training platform (Training Initiative for Financial Supervision) 	PLN 122,000
Total	PLN 122,000
TOTAL SUM	PLN 2,856,860,528

Part III

Poland's participation in the implementation of EU development policy

Contribution to the EU general budget

It is estimated that EUR 2.8 billion from the general EU budget in 2016 will be allocated to development cooperation under the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI), which represents 29% of the funds planned under Heading 4 "EU Global Europe". The European Union intends to allocate approx. EUR 1.47 billion to humanitarian aid (14.5% of the resources under Heading 4). It should be noted that resources under the DCI geographical instrument increased significantly up to 70-190%, and were allocated, among others, to cooperation with Central Asia (increase in payments by 153.4%), South Africa (increase in commitments by 124.5%, and payments by 186.1%), the Middle East (increase in payments by 105.5%), Asia (increase in payments by 94.6%), Afghanistan (increase in payments by 71.1%) and to cooperation with Latin America (increase in payments by 66.4%).

Poland's contribution to EU development aid in 2016 will amount to approx. EUR 197.2 million, i.e. approx. PLN 818.2 million.

Contribution to the European Development Fund (EDF)

The ceiling of contributions to the European Development Fund (EDF) in 2016 is set out in the Council Decision No. 2014/0298 (NLE) of 29 October 2014 on the financial contributions to be paid by Member States to finance the European Development Fund, including the ceiling for 2016, the amount for 2015 and the first instalment for 2015.

In the light of the updated forecasts of commitments, payments and contributions to be made by Member States in the years 2015-2019, reflected in the Communication from the Commission to the Council COM(2015) 523 *final* of 26 October 2015 on the European Development Fund, the total amount of contributions planned to be made by EU Member States to the European Development Fund is EUR 3.6 billion in 2016, of which EUR 3.45 billion to the European Commission (EC) and EUR 150 million to the European Investment Bank (EIB).

Based on the above forecasts, **the estimated contribution of Poland to the European Development Fund in 2016 will amount to:**

- **EUR 44,850,000** as a contribution to the EC,

- **EUR 1,950,000** to the EIB,

- **EUR 18,233,772.47** resulting from the necessity to settle the Bridging Facility established for the period between the end of the 10th European Development Fund and the entry into force of the 11th EDF (according to the Council Decision No. 2015/0246 on the third instalment for 2015 and the settlement of the Bridging Facility in 2016).

The Bridging Facility was established by the Council Decision 2013/759/EU of 12 December 2013 regarding transitional EDF management measures from 1 January 2014 until the entry into force of the 11th European Development Fund. The facility is composed of uncommitted balances from the previous EDFs. The facility is to ensure the availability of funds for financing aid activities for ACP countries at the turn of the 10th and 11th EDF, enable the implementation of programme documents and react to emergency events. The resources under the Bridging Facility will be settled in the Framework of the 11th EDF. Until the entry into force of the 11th EDF, uncommitted balances and decommitted funds from previous EDFs (the 8th, 9th, 10th EDF) amounted to approx. EUR 1.6 billion to be settled in 2016 by means of the contribution key applicable to the 10th EDF. It means that Poland will make a payment of EUR 18,233,772.47 (Poland did not contribute to the 8th and 9th EDF).

The total preliminarily estimated contribution of Poland to the European Development Fund in 2016 could amount to approx. EUR 65,034,000, i.e. approx. PLN 270 million (at the exchange rate EUR 1 = PLN 4.15).

ANNEX I - Expected results of Polish aid activities addressed to internally displaced persons in the provinces of Kharkiv, Zaporozhye and Dnipropetrovsk in Ukraine with proposed measurement indicators

SECTOR	EXPECTED RESULTS	PROPOSED INDICATORS
HUMAN CAPITAL	Easier access to social services and health-care infrastructure for internally displaced persons, in particular children and the elderly, together with psychological assistance.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quantity and area of the newly built/refurbished premises; 2. Quantity and type of transferred/installed furnishings (equipment and materials); 3. Number of internally displaced persons using the refurbished infrastructure; 4. Number of internally displaced persons treated by means of the new medical equipment;
	Closer social integration of internally displaced persons, in particular children and the elderly.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of persons from receiving communities using the modernized infrastructure allocated also to internally displaced persons; 2. Number of persons, representatives of the receiving community, using the new equipment; 3. Number and surface of the newly built/refurbished rooms used, apart from IDPs, by representatives of the receiving community.
ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR	Developing entrepreneurship among internally displaced persons in the provinces of Kharkiv, Zaporozhye and Dnipropetrovsk.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of persons who gained access to new jobs, incl. started their own business (self-employment) or were employed in an existing enterprise, which received support; 2. Reporting net income (or increased income) of enterprises that received support in the framework of the project; 3. Stronger feeling that the living and material situation has improved.

ANNEX II - Expected results of Polish aid activities in Tanzania, Kenia, Ethiopia and Senegal together with proposed measurement indicators

SECTOR	EXPECTED RESULTS	PROPOSED INDICATORS
HUMAN CAPITAL	Improving the infrastructure and equipment of medical units and improving the skills of the medical staff with regard to mother and child health-care.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quantity and area of newly built/refurbished rooms; 2. Quantity and type of transferred/installed medical furnishings (equipment and materials); 3. Number of persons using the refurbished infrastructure/medical centres; 4. Number of persons treated using the new medical equipment; 5. Number of trained medical employees; 6. Number of hours of conducted programmes, training and training internships; 7. Number of implemented or improved standards/procedures of health-care services; 8. Number of education materials prepared for training purposes; 9. Number of treatments and medical consultations carried out by the trained personnel; 10. Number of persons with access to the trained medical personnel.
	Improving the infrastructure and equipment of education centres at all education levels and improving the professional skills of teachers.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quantity and area of newly built/refurbished rooms; 2. Quantity and type of transferred/installed research and teaching equipment; 3. Number of pupils using the modernized infrastructure of education centres; 4. Number of pupils/students trained and using the new research and teaching equipment; 5. Number of trained teachers; 6. Number of hours and number of conducted programmes, trainings and training courses; 7. Number of implemented or improved standards/teaching syllabuses; 8. Number of teaching materials for training purposes; 9. Number of pupils/students per trained teacher; 10. Academic achievements of pupils/students taught by trained teachers (in the module projects).
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	Increasing the number of persons/entities with access to basic sanitary infrastructure and trained in hygiene.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of persons with access to basic sanitary infrastructure; 2. Number and type of the newly built sanitary infrastructure; 3. Number of addressees of campaigns promoting hygiene.
	Increasing the number of persons/entities with access to renewable energy (sun energy, water energy, wind energy, geothermal sources, biomass)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of households/entities (persons) with access to renewable energy; 2. Value of power generated by the installed machines powered by renewable energy; 3. Number and type of the installed machines powered by renewable energy; 4. Number of persons trained in using renewable energy.
	Reducing areas undergoing deforestation, desertification or degradation.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Size of areas where actions against deforestation, desertification or degradation were undertaken; 2. Number of newly planted trees and plants and area covered by new plantings; 3. Increase in the number of persons implementing the model of sustainable agriculture and fishery in partner countries; 4. Number of persons trained in actions against deforestation, desertification or degradation.

	Increasing operational capacities in preventing, reacting and removing consequences of natural and human-made disasters	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of trained rescuers; 2. Number of hours and number of conducted trainings/exercises in reacting to natural disasters; 3. Number and type of acquired rescue equipment (incl. personal protective equipment); 4. Number of training hours in operating rescue equipment; 5. Number of elaborated and implemented procedures of reacting to natural disasters; 6. Number of educational materials prepared for training purposes.
ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND PRIVATE SECTOR	Increasing the rate of employment and economic activity rate among women and young people	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of persons employed in micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and self-employed persons; 2. Number of persons accepted for internships and traineeships in enterprises and public institutions; 3. Number of newly started business projects; 4. Unemployment rate among women and young people; 5. Number of persons in the productive age among women and young people.
	Improving access for women and young people (including graduates) to technical education, training and vocational counselling, as well as improving the quality of infrastructure to improve vocational qualifications	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of hours and number of conducted trainings/vocational courses; 2. Number of graduates of training courses, technical and vocational courses; 3. Number of persons benefitting from support in the form of job consultancy; 4. Number of newly offered trainings and vocational courses; 6. Newly acquired skills and qualifications of participants of training and courses.
	Increasing competitiveness, productivity and innovation of producer groups, cooperatives and workers' cooperatives, in particular in the agri-food sector	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Level of production and labour productivity; 2. Amount of income from production, trade and sales; 3. Dynamics and value of sales of goods and services; 4. Share of a producer group, cooperative, worker cooperative on a particular market; 5. Amount of investment expenditures on durable consumer goods; 6. Amount of expenditure on research and development activities; 7. Number of obtained certificates, patents, licences, trademarks; 8. Implemented or improved standards/processes/production, management and sales systems; 9. Number of hours and type of trainings for managers and employees; 10. Level of education and qualifications of the employees.

ANEKS III. Distribution of special reserve funds

Activities implemented and commissioned by the MFA	PLN 50,300,000
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Activities implemented through Solidarity Fund PL	PLN 15,800,000
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Scholarship programmes	PLN 6,300,000
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Eastern Partnership Academy of Public Administration	PLN 600,000
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PLN 600,000

Projects implemented by government administration bodies in selected EaP countries and Palestine	PLN 6,000,000
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PLN 6,000,000

Support for independent information	PLN 21,600,000
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PLN
21,600,000

Eastern Partnership	PLN 20,750,000
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20,750,000**

BELARUS	<i>Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2016" call for proposals</i>	PLN 3,000,000
	<i>Small Grants Scheme</i>	PLN 800,000
		PLN 3,800,000

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PLN 3,000,000

Small Grants Scheme

PLN 800,000

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3,800,000**

GEORGIA	<i>Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2016" call for proposals</i>	PLN 3,500,000	
	<i>Small Grants Scheme</i>	PLN 800,000	
			PLN 4,300,000
MOLDOVA	<i>Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2016" call for proposals</i>	PLN 3,500,000	
	<i>Small Grants Scheme</i>	PLN 600,000	
			PLN 4,100,000
UKRAINE	<i>Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2016" call for proposals</i>	PLN 5,000,000	
	<i>Contribution to the UNDP for the project "Promoting Entrepreneurship among Conflict-affected population in Ukraine"</i>	PLN 2,000,000	
	<i>Co-financing costs of education of Ukrainian citizens in the College of Europe in Natolin</i>	PLN 750,000	
	<i>Small Grants Scheme</i>	PLN 800,000	
			PLN 8,550,000

Sub-Saharan Africa, South East Asia, Middle East

**PLN
16,625,000**

AFGHANISTAN	<i>Contribution to the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund</i>	PLN 1,000,000	
	<i>Contribution to the Law and Order Trust Fund</i>	PLN 1,000,000	
			PLN 2,000,000
ETHIOPIA	<i>Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2016" call for proposals</i>	PLN 2,000,000	
	<i>Small Grants Scheme</i>	PLN 500,000	
			PLN 2,500,000
KENYA	<i>Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2016" call for proposals</i>	PLN 3,000,000	
	<i>Small Grants Scheme</i>	PLN 500,000	
			PLN 3,500,000
SENEGAL	<i>Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2016" call for proposals</i>	PLN 1,000,000	
	<i>Small Grants Scheme</i>	PLN 100,000	
			PLN 1,100,000

TANZANIA	<i>Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2016" call for proposals</i>	PLN 3,000,000	
	<i>Small Grants Scheme</i>	PLN 100,000	
			PLN 3,100,000
PALESTINE	<i>Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2016" call for proposals</i>	PLN 2,000,000	
	<i>Cooperation in the framework of international organizations (contribution to the UNRWA)</i>	PLN 500,000	
	<i>Small Grants Scheme</i>	PLN 800,000	
			PLN 3,300,000
MYANMAR	<i>Projects implemented as part of the "Polish Development Aid 2016" call for proposals</i>	PLN 1,000,000	
	<i>Small Grants Scheme</i>	PLN 125,000	
			PLN 1,125,000

OTHER GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS**PLN 6,875,000**

Small Grants Scheme

PLN 5,475,000

Small Grants Scheme - Supporting economic growth in partner countries in cooperation with the private sector

PLN 1,400,000

HUMANITARIAN AID**PLN 9,000,000**

Regular contributions to general budgets/multilateral humanitarian assistance/humanitarian crisis response

PLN 4,500,000

Bilateral projects

PLN 4,500,000

GLOBAL EDUCATION AND VOLUNTEER WORK**PLN 4,405,000**

Projects implemented as part of the "Global Education 2016" call for proposals through:

- NGOs (incl. own contributions of PLN 1 million)

- state-funded institutions of higher education, local government entities, research institutes, Polish Academy of Sciences and its organizational units

PLN 2,705,000

Projects implemented by the Ministry of National Education

PLN 500,000

Projects implemented by NGOs as part of the "Polish Aid Volunteering 2016" call for proposals

PLN 1,200,000

COOPERATION in the framework of international organizations**PLN 3,245,000**

Regular and single contributions (in case of savings, the amount may be higher)

PLN 3,245,000

Other activities implemented by the MFA**PLN 600,000**

Evaluation

PLN 400,000

Information and administration activities

PLN 200,000

RESERVE**PLN 1,500,000****TOTAL****PLN 113,300,000**

ANNEX IV. Small Grants Scheme – Distribution of funds

List of Polish diplomatic missions authorised to implement projects in the countries of their accreditation

Country/Region	Amount
Eastern Partnership (selected priority countries)	
Belarus	EUR 170,000
Georgia	EUR 170,000
Moldova	EUR 130,000
Ukraine	EUR 170,000
Total	PLN 3,000,000
Sub-Saharan Africa, South East Asia, Middle East (selected countries)	
Ethiopia	USD 120,000
Kenya	EUR 105,000
Kenya (for the benefit of Tanzania)	EUR 20,000
Morocco (for the benefit of Senegal)	EUR 20,000
Palestine	EUR 170,000
Thailand (for the benefit of Myanmar)	USD 30,000
Tunisia	EUR 20,000
Total	PLN 2,125,000
Other geographical areas	
Albania	EUR 20,000
Algeria	EUR 20,000
Angola	USD 60,000
Armenia	EUR 50,000
Australia (for the benefit of South Pacific countries)	AUD 52,000
Bosnia and Herzegovina	EUR 20,000
China (specifically for the benefit of Mongolia)	EUR 25,000
Montenegro	EUR 20,000
Egypt	USD 35,000
India	EUR 65,000
Indonesia	EUR 40,000
Iraq	USD 20,000
Jordan	EUR 38,000
Kazakhstan (for the benefit of Kazakhstan)	EUR 20,000
North Korea	EUR 20,000
Colombia	USD 60,000
Cuba	EUR 30,000
Macedonia (for the benefit of Kosovo)	EUR 20,000
Malaysia	EUR 40,000
Morocco	EUR 20,000
Mexico	USD 60,000
Lebanon	USD 50,000
Nigeria	EUR 60,000
Pakistan	EUR 30,000
Peru	USD 50,000
South Africa	USD 90,000
Serbia	EUR 30,000
Uzbekistan (for the benefit of Tajikistan)	EUR 20,000
Thailand	USD 75,000
Venezuela	USD 50,000
Vietnam	USD 35,000
Total	PLN 5,475,000
Supporting economic growth in partner countries in cooperation with the private sector	PLN 1,400,000
Small Grants Scheme Total	PLN 12,000,000

Amounts in USD, EUR and AUD were converted at the NBP rate (Table no. 152/C/NBP/2015 as of 06.08.2015), accounting for foreign currency rate fluctuations up to 10%.

ANNEX V. Distribution of additional funds

Contribution to the project of the European Commission U-LEAD with Europe: *Ukraine Local Empowerment, Accountability and Development Programme* (CPF resources)

PLN 4,250,000

Contribution to the *Trust Fund for stability and addressing root causes of illegal migration in Africa* (CPF resources)

PLN 4,250,000

TOTAL

PLN 8,500,000