

BB-L Interconnection Vision for a Joint Interaction Area

Cooperation project in the field of spatial and regional development to strengthen the links between East Brandenburg and the Lubuskie Voivodeship

Project Approach

The Brandenburg-Lubusz region faces common challenges of structural and demographic change. The spatial effects of these will be analysed as part of the project and solutions will then be developed in a participatory manner in order to strengthen the socio-economic resilience of the region and support the harmonisation of living conditions.

The Brandenburg-Lubusz interconnection region represents the central part of the entire German-Polish interconnection region, for which the '2030 Common Future Vision' (GZK 2030) already exists.

The project is based on the five fields of action of the GZK 2030 and includes the following priorities:

- Elaboration of a territorial diagnosis of regional socio-economic structures and challenges of the Brandenburg-Lubusz interaction area
- Development of two expert reports on the polycentric settlement structure and the use of renewables
- Development of a joint vision for the future of the Brandenburg-Lubusz interaction area including recommendations for action
- Reinforcing the identity as a joint interaction area
- Consolidation of administrative cooperation in the field of spatial and regional development

Spatial Focus

The spatial focus of the project is on the funding area of the INTERREG VI A cooperation programme Brandenburg-Poland, which also corresponds to the area of the Euroregions Pro Europa Viadrina and Spree-Neiße-Bober. Neighbouring parts of the German-Polish interaction area will be included in the project as required.

The project area is located in the heart of the German-Polish interaction area and is situated between major metropolitan centres such as Berlin, Szczecin, Wrocław and Poznań. Conceptually, the project closes a gap, as regional concepts for spatial and regional development already exist for other cross-border regions of the German-Polish interaction area (Saxony-Lower Silesia, Szczecin Metropolitan Region).

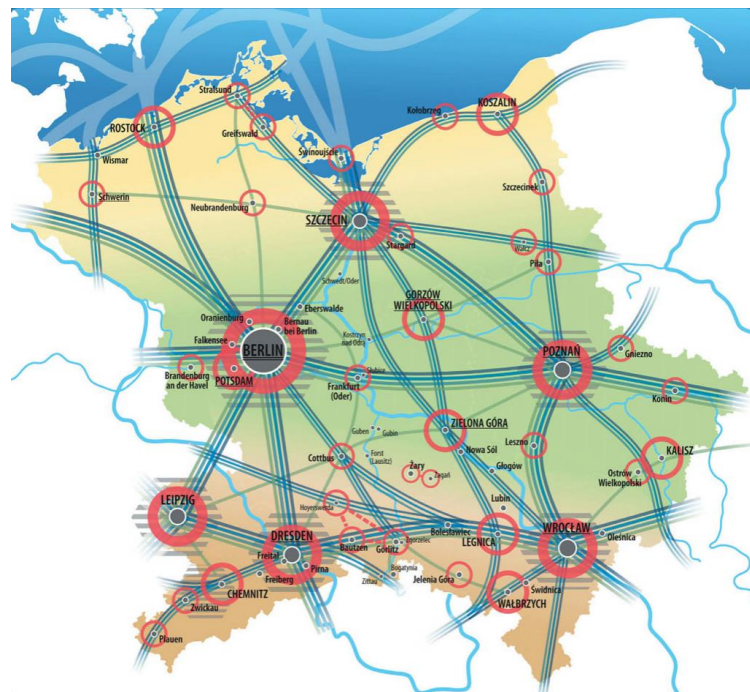
Fig. 1 Map of the Interreg programme area Brandenburg-Polska

Source: [Interreg](#)



Fig. 2 German-Polish interaction area

Source: [Gemeinsames Zukunftskonzept, Vision 2030](#)



Work Schedule and Results

The project aims to create a content-related and organisational basis for a long-term, joint process of cross-border spatial and regional development and to jointly identify the challenges and opportunities of the Brandenburg-Lubusz region. It is divided into three work packages (WP).

WP 1: Joint Basis for Administrative Cooperation in the Field of Spatial and Regional Development

- **Measure 1.1:** Elaboration of a territorial diagnosis, a socio-economic status analysis for the Brandenburg-Lubusz interaction area
- **Measure 1.2:** Establishment of permanent structures for cooperation in the field of spatial and regional development in the BB-L interaction area, including the appointment of a Brandenburg-Lubusz expert group on cross-border spatial and regional development
- **Measure 1.3:** Media and public relations - Part 1, by way of a kick-off conference and publication of the project results
- **Measure 1.4:** Language learning as a basis for the creation of sustainable structures for administrative cooperation in the field of spatial and regional development, including language courses for employees of the Marshal's Office, creation of a German-Polish glossary of spatial planning

WP 2: Elaboration of a Joint Vision for the Future of the BB-L Interconnection Area

- **Measure 2.1:** Elaboration of development guidelines and identification of key projects for cross-border spatial and regional development
- **Measure 2.2:** Continuation of permanent structures for cooperation in the field of spatial and regional development in the BB-L interaction area, including the continuation of the Brandenburg-Lubusz working group for cross-border spatial and regional development
- **Measure 2.3:** Media and public relations - Part 2, including the organisation of a mid-term spatial planning conference, media coverage of local and regional workshops and publication of the project results
- **Measure 2.4:** Declaration of intent to intensify cooperation in the field of spatial development between the Lubuskie Voivodeship and the Federal State of Brandenburg
- **Measure 2.5:** Start of implementation of the Joint Vision for the Future BB-L for cross-border spatial development as part of two German-Polish expert reports in the fields of energy supply and polycentric settlement structure
- **Measure 2.6:** Media and public relations - Part 3, including the organisation of a concluding spatial planning conference for the presentation of the project results

WP 3: Learning Administrations - Boosting the Cross-border Spatial Development Expertise of Administrations

- **Measure 3.1** Specialist excursions, in the programme area (Brandenburg and Lubuskie Voivodeship) and outside the programme area (Warsaw, Berlin, Brussels)
- **Measure 3.2:** Media and public relations - Part 4, including media accompaniment of the specialist excursions

Partnership

Deepening and consolidating the cooperation between the project partners is a key objective of the project, as is the involvement of local and regional planning authorities and regional authorities, as well as multipliers of cross-border cooperation.

An interdisciplinary group of experts from practice and science (spatial planning, sociology, urbanism, energy) is supporting the project. In addition, themed workshops with local stakeholders from spatial planning and multipliers from the region will be organised in the individual project stages to support the development of the project results and enable the discussion of draft documents.

Duration and Budget

36 months (04/2024 – 03/2027), €1.02 million

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