# CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME FOR THE YEARS 2021-2023

# BETWEEN

# THE GOVERNMENT OF POLAND

# AND

# THE GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS

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The President of the Flemish delegation thanks for the warm welcome and presents the members of his delegation.

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### PREAMBLE

To implement the dispositions of the Co-operation Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Poland and the Government of Flanders, that was signed in Warsaw on the 6th of June 1994, the Government of the Republic of Poland and the Government of Flanders, hereafter called the Parties,

have agreed as follows, for the years 2021 – 2023:

### 1. IN GENERAL

### 1.1. WO II Memorial in Roeselare and permanent expo in Poznan

Poland and Flanders (further as both Parties) will assist the local authorities of Roeselare in creating a Memorial about the liberation of Flanders by the First Polish Armoured Division. If necessary, both Parties will also support parallel initiatives such as a route through the liberated Flemish cities and a wall of fame with an indication of all fallen Polish soldiers.

An opening in March 2022 to mark the birthday anniversary of General Maczek's 130th birthday would be ideal.

Flanders donated the 'Armoured wings' exhibition to the Tank Museum in Poznan. The Flemish Party has agreed with the museum that the exhibition will have a permanent character and will tell the story of the liberation of Flanders by the First Polish Armoured Division. If conditions permit, an opening event will be organized in cooperation with the General Representative of the Government of Flanders.

### 1.2. Anniversaries or historical events

### 1.2.1 General Stanisław Maczek

On account that in 2022 we will be celebrating the 130th birthday anniversary of General Stanisław Maczek, it is the chief intention of the Polish Embassy in Belgium, one which has already been discussed with many partners, from Poland and Flanders, to effect the creation of a memorial to General Maczek in the Kingdom of Belgium. The authorities of the town of Roeselare has agreed to provide a location for this purpose – post-German bunker from the period of II World War.

Flemish partners in this project would include the Association of the First Polish Armoured Division Belgium (Vereniging 1e Poolse Pantserdivisie Belgie vzw), representatives of Roeselare authorities and the 'Polish Memorandum' association.

The partners on the Polish side would include: the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Culture, National Heritage and Sport, the Ministry of National Defence, the Office for War Veterans and Victims of Oppression, the Institute of National Remembrance and the Polish History Museum.

Both parties will look into further ways to contribute to the commemoration of the efforts made by the soldiers of the Polish 1st Armoured Division commanded by General Maczek in the liberation of Flanders from German occupation in September 1944 through carrying out joint projects to that end.

### 1.2.2 Great Emigration

The year 2021 will mark the 190th anniversary of the beginning of the Great Emigration of Poles to Belgium and the 160th anniversary of the death of J. Lelewel, a prominent historian, numismatist and political activist, who settled in Belgium in 1833. These anniversaries will serve as an opportunity to recall the role and scientific achievements of the famous Pole by organising an exhibition dedicated to

the Great Emigration, with J. Lelewel being one of its most prominent figures; the exhibition is to be shown in Warsaw, Brussels, Paris and Vilnius.

Partners: the Emigration Museum in Gdynia, the Red Star Line Museum in Antwerp, the Polish History Museum, KBR (former Royal Library), Societe royale de numismatique de Belgique, European Parliament (professor Z. Krasnodębski).

### 1.2.3 Maria Skłodowska-Curie

• The period 2021–2023 will mark anniversaries associated with M. Skłodowska-Curie which will provide a very good opportunity to take joint action to offer a closer look (in the form of a conference or otherwise) at the relationship that the Polish Nobel Prize winner had with Belgium, including her scientific contacts. We will invite to join the project: R. Debaillie, author of the book about M. Skłodowska-Curie and I. Curie entitled La brave petite Belgique; D. Zędzian, author of the study Polish Traces in the History of Belgium and B. Van Tiggelen of the Catholic University of Leuven; Among the partners of the project would be the authorities of Veurne.

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### 1.2.4 Holocaust and Human Rights

- The year 2023 will mark the 80th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and it would be important for both sides to prepare a joint project commemorating this event with the involvement of the Polin Museum, the Warsaw Ghetto Museum and the Jewish Museum in Brussels and in cooperation with Jewish organisations from Flanders, especially from Antwerp.
- The Embassy plans to again become involved in the preparations for the cyclical project 'Train des mille' organised by the War Heritage Institute and the Memoire d'Auschwitz Association in Brussels. It is an educational project for young people, which ends with a several-day 'train of remembrance' from Brussels to Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Partners: the War Heritage Institute, the Memoire d'Auschwitz Association, the Polin Museum, the Jewish Museum in Brussels, the Kazerne Dossin Memorial, Museum and Documentation Centre on Holocaust and Human Rights.

### 1.3. Outreach in Flanders and Poland

The Polish Party will continue to cooperate within the framework of cyclical events promoting a positive image of both countries, thus contributing to the dynamics of cultural, sports and scientific ties. The Polish Partner cooperates with several Polish and Flemish partners.

These events are Polish Culture Days in Roeselare (September) and Polish Days in Antwerp (June), Ghent (November), Bruges (May) and Adegem (September).

Poland also encourages the Flemish partners to support the organisation of next editions of the 'Polish Run', a run regularly jointly organised by the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Brussels and the East Poland House in Brussels as part of the European Week of Sport.

Flanders intends to organize in 2023 a 'Flemish week' in a Polish city with the cooperation of Polish and Flemish partners.

The exhibition 'Armoured wings' was an implementation of the last working programme; The Flemish Party has donated the exhibition to the Tank Museum in Poznan. Covid-19 has so far prevented an official opening that could take place from autumn 2021

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# 2. EDUCATION IN GENERAL

The Parties will support exchange of information on the systems of education, their development plans and direction of reforms, particularly in the following areas:

- exchange of experience and good practices,
- remote education in vocational education and training
- inclusion of the employers in the vocational education process, with particular focus on dual learning,
- career guidance for schools,
- e-resources in vocational education and training.

The Parties will support cooperation between schools and educational establishments, in particular under eTwinning, eTwinningPlus and new programmes of the European Union in the field of education, training, youth and sports, as well as within the framework of direct partnerships.

The parties encourage development of cooperation between vocational schools and vocational education establishments, chambers of skilled crafts, social partners and companies in the field of

traineeships and placements in companies in order to allow education in real work environment and to improve employability and professional competences.

The cooperation will comply with the conditions directly agreed by the interested units.

The Polish side is interested in cooperation in teaching Polish in the local educational system and in educational institutions of the Polish diaspora.

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The Parties will encourage the exchange of information between schools and educational institutions in Flanders and the Wielkopolska region, in the following areas:

- possibilities of cooperation between vocational schools and employers in vocational education,
- organisation of study visits, apprenticeships and internships,
- creating effective models of cooperation between schools and institutions in the field of education,
- Good practices in medical and paramedical educational programmes.

The Parties will support cooperation between schools and educational establishments, while making use of existing international, European and national exchange and cooperation schemes, in particular under eTwinning, eTwinningPlus and the Erasmus+ programme in general, as well as within the framework of direct inter-institutional partnerships.

The parties encourage development of cooperation between vocational schools and vocational education establishments, social partners, including professional organisations and companies in the field of traineeships and placements in companies in order to allow education in real work environment and to improve employability and professional competences.

The cooperation will comply with the conditions directly agreed by the interested units.

The Polish side is interested in cooperation in teaching Polish in the local educational system and in educational institutions of the Polish diaspora.

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# 3. HIGHER EDUCATION

### 3.1. Exchanges

1. The Polish Party encourages using scholarships offered by the Polish National Agency For Academic Exchange (NAWA), in particular under the Ulam Programme which allows foreign scientists holding a doctoral degree to do post-doctoral fellowships in Poland;

and the 'Poland My First Choice' Programme which enables students to pursue second-cycle studies at the best Polish higher education institutions.

For more information about the above programmes, visit the website of the Agency <u>https://nawa.gov.pl/en/scientists/the-ulam-programme</u> <u>https://nawa.gov.pl/en/students/foreign-students/poland-my-first-choice-programme</u>

2. the Polish Party shall annually offer the Flemish side six (6) scholarships for Polish language and culture courses, organised by the Polish National Agency For Academic Exchange. Students of Flemish origin not participating in scholarship exchange under this cooperation programme may apply for Polish language and culture courses via the general enrolment procedure.

For more information about Polish language and culture courses, visit the website of the Agency <a href="https://nawa.gov.pl/en/the-polish-language/summer-courses-of-the-polish-language-and-culture">https://nawa.gov.pl/en/the-polish-language/summer-courses-of-the-polish-language-and-culture</a>

3. The Polish Party can delegate professionally prepared specialists – language teachers – at the request of universities and other higher education institutions under the 'Teachers Programme' of the Polish National Agency For Academic Exchange. Expenses are covered partly by the delegating Party and partly by the hosting higher education institution in line with the general principles of hiring staff in higher education establishments in Flanders.

For more information about the 'Teachers Programme', visit the website of the Agency <u>https://nawa.gov.pl/en/the-polish-language/teachers-programme</u>

4. The Flemish Party awards scholarships to highly talented international students who want to study a master's programme at a Flemish university, a school of arts or the Antwerp Maritime Academy through the Master Mind Scholarship Programme. The Flemish Party confirms that Polish students, wishing to pursue Master studies in Flanders can apply within this programme. Link: https://www.studyinflanders.be/scholarships/master-mind-scholarships

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### 3.2. Educational institutions

<u>The Polish Institute in Brussels</u> collaborates with the History Institute of the Jagiellonian University and with the Faculty of Arts and Philosophy (Faculteit Letteren en Wijsbegeerte) of the University of Antwerp. The parties involved have launched the initiative of elaborating a programme of joint workshops and lectures for history students of both universities. The project has two objectives: 1. To broaden the students' knowledge of the history of Polish and Flemish cities from the Middle Ages until the present day using the newest research perspectives and teaching methods; 2. To integrate Polish and Flemish students and faculty members by creating appropriate conditions for sharing experiences and views and for dialogue within an international group. The detailed scientific programme of the weekly workshops in Kraków and in Antwerp, involving students from both universities, has been prepared by representatives from the Jagiellonian University and the University of Antwerp.

<u>The College of Europe</u> has a campus in Flanders (Bruges) and Poland (Natolin). Flanders awards each academic year a scholarship for a student in Natolin who comes from a country of the Eastern Neighbourhood.

The Flemish Party is very pleased by the continued interest of Polish young people in the study of Dutch (+700 students). The knowledge of the Dutch language offers multiple opportunities for cooperation in areas such as economic development and scientific research.

The Flemish side is interested to support <u>the Dutch studies at different Polish universities</u> together with the Dutch-Flemish organisation for promotion of the Dutch language "The Taalunie" (de Taalunie) & the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Poland. Embassy of Belgium Delegation of Flanders will therefore actively take part in the supporting mechanism OPON (cooperation of Dutch faculties at Polish universities, the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Embassy of Belgium Delegation of Flanders).

The departments involved can count on the assist of <u>The Taalunie</u>, such as support to academic networks, basics grants for Dutch departments, guest speakers and guest writers, scholarship funds, project grants (academic, didactic and cultural), summer courses for teachers and students, support and workshops on literary translation and a new platform (from Autumn 2021) "Mijn Nederlands" ("My Dutch") with online access to information, grants, resources, courses, contacts & networks.

The Taalunie will co-operate with the University of Wroclaw to subtitle movies. A workshop will be organised in the autumn of 2021.

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### 4. AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

### Co-operation in the field of science and research

The Parties consider it important to develop scientific-research cooperation in agriculture and rural areas and in the agri-food sector, covering the implementation of joint activities, initiatives, research and scientific projects, as well as exchanges of experts and scientists, organisation of joint events (such as scientific forums and seminars, training courses), exchange of experiences, knowledge, skills, information and know-how.

- (i) Innovation and innovative solutions and technologies in the agri-food sector and transfer of innovation to the agricultural sector;
- (ii) Digitisation of agriculture;
- (iii) Industry 4.0;
- (iv) Big Data;
- (v) Food systems;
- (vi) Bio-economy and circular economy;
- (vii) Agroecology;
- (viii) Sustainable management of natural resources and adapting agriculture to climate change;
- (ix) New models of cooperation and demographic changes in rural areas.

The new Horizon Europe research program gives a lot of opportunities to implement those joint actions.

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# 5. SOCIAL CARE, PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTHCARE

### 5.1. Cooperation in the field of nursing.

Possible areas of cooperation are:

- development of telemedicine in nursing. Cooperation of medical institutions providing this type of care, consisting in exchanges of employees of the institutions concerned and learning directly about telemedicine solutions functioning in both countries (institutions).
- Exchange of experience of epidemiological nurses and concerning procedures followed in both countries, in the aspect of epidemiological threats understood as an opportunity to learn about the competence and specific nature of the work of these specialists, as well as the differences and similarities in how their duties are performed, especially in the aspect of the persistent pandemic.

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#### 5.2. Care services for the elderly and disabled persons

Poland proposes cooperation in areas (exchange of experience, information, organisation of study visits):

- effective solutions used in the care of the elderly;
- new technologies in the care of seniors;
- participation of the elderly in social life (councils of seniors).

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Mazovian Centre of Social Policy Ms. Urszula Kupis Senior specialist in the Senior Policy Department e-mail: <u>urszula.kupis@mcps.com.pl</u> Tel.: +48 22 37 68 509. The Polish Party proposes cooperation (exchange of experience, implementation of joint partnership projects co-financed from EU funds, exchange of information, organisation of study visits) in activities in the currently developed areas of social assistance and social policy, in particular:

- active integration, including social integration of persons with disabilities;
- incubation of social innovation, including for the elderly and dependent people, related to accessibility;
- social services, including those provided for people with disabilities, for people with autism and Asperger syndrome, development of sheltered housing;
- Sustainable Development Goals of Agenda 2020;
- cooperation with non-governmental and civic education organisations;
- social research;
- development of telemedicine and remote care, including for the elderly;
- Preventing domestic violence and supporting families and the foster care system. processes of deinstitutionalisation.

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### 5.3. Preventive healthcare

The Polish Party proposes cooperation and exchange of experience in the following areas:

• Exchange of knowledge in the scope of implementation of preventive projects, including those co-financed

from EU funds or other European funds – including in the scope of good practices/successes and negative experiences encountered during implementation of preventive programmes;

- Support for citizens' mental health:
  - preventing depression,
  - preventing suicides,
- Improving physical aptitude across various age groups among the residents of the Wielkopolskie Voivodeship;
- Preventing obesity across various age groups among the residents of the Wielkopolskie Voivodeship;
- Prevention and early detection of major health problems among the residents of the Wielkopolskie Voivodeship (malicious tumours, cardiovascular diseases and respiratory diseases);
- E-health, telemedicine.

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# 6. SOCIAL POLICY AND THE LABOUR MARKET

### 6.1. The Polish Party proposes establishing cooperation in the following areas:

- Exchange of information and experience on counteracting the effects of unemployment;
- Forms and methods of combating unemployment during an economic recession;
- Exchange of experiences concerning the effectiveness of various forms of support for the unemployed and methods of their activation as well as concerning forms of supporting quality jobs creation.

Exchange of experiences concerning the labour market may be particularly relevant in connection with the anticipated changes in this area, resulting from the declared state of epidemic and the related freezing of the economy, as well as seeking new solutions in the field of labour market policy.

Regarding the urgency to implement the principles of sustainable development, in order to ensure the quality of jobs and the need to develop a low-carbon economy, it would also be advisable to exchange experiences (between institutions, employers), on the one hand, in the field of solutions for the creation of safe work environments and counteracting discrimination on the labour market, and on the other – in the field of creating 'green jobs'.

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### 6.2. The project "Pomorskie! I'm coming back here, I'm working here"

Cooperation in the promotion of the project 'Pomorskie! I'm coming back here, I'm working here. The project is implemented in the period 01.10.2019 – 31.03.2022 and concerns cooperation with 8 EU/EEA countries, including Belgium. The aim of the project is to support the return of Poles living and working abroad, including in Belgium, who plan to return to the country to settle and take up employment in the Pomorskie Voivodeship. Project participants will receive support such as:

- Preparation of an individual action plan adjusted to the needs and predispositions of the participants,
- Free vocational courses and trainings in one of the selected industries,
- Certificates confirming qualifications recognized in the industry,

- Job placement and support in employment with a reliable employer,
- Support in adaptation in the new place of residence,
- Psychological and legal support if necessary,
- Training scholarship,
- Translation of foreign documents to confirm professional qualifications,
- Reimbursement of travel expenses during counseling, training, as well as childcare costs during the training.

This is the area that involves cooperation with EURES advisers from Belgium. Their task is to help promote the project and disseminate information about it among the Poles living in Belgium and the Polish clients of Belgian labour offices.

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# 7. TOURISM

Both Parties support the exchange of information on tourism markets and promote tourism events taking place both in Poland and in Flanders.

The Parties support the organisation of study visits for journalists, radio and television reporters, researchers and tourism specialists.

In order to exchange experiences and views on tourism, both Parties will support the organisation of seminars and workshops, during which topics proposed by each partner will be discussed.

The Polish Tourism Organisation in the cooperation with the Embassy of the Republic of Poland to the Kingdom of Belgium will continue the common projects devoted to the promotion of the Polish tourism in Flanders. It concerns first of all the 2. edition of Liberation Bike Ride. The Polish Tourism Organisation confirms its readiness to support the organisation of the Polish Run, as it was in all previous editions of the event.

The other projects in which the Polish Tourism Organisation in Brussels is ready to be involved as a partner are:

- Train de mille
- The anniversaries of Maria Skłodowska-Curie
- The 190. anniversary of the beginning of the Great Emigration of Poles to Belgium
- The Polish Cultural Days in Flemish cities
- and other cultural projects mentioned in the Programme.

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### 8. CULTURE, CULTURAL HERITAGE

### 8.1. Culture and cultural heritage

- 1. Both Parties support continued cooperation in the field of cultural heritage.
- 2. Both Parties will support the development of cooperation in the field of research and presentation of Flemish painting.
- 3. Both Parties are interested in developing cooperation between cultural institutions from both countries.

The Flemish Party points to the considerable cooperation there is in the cultural field. Flanders explicitly opts for a bottom-up approach in which artists themselves choose with whom and where a collaboration is started. The Flemish decrees in the field of culture make it possible that Flemish ensembles and artists can count on financial support.

The Flemish Party draws attention to the possibilities for artists, writers and translators to enter the residence programs of the following organizations (participants should meet the criteria and pass the selection).

- Overview of all available residencies in Flanders and Brussels <u>https://www.kunsten.be/en/residences-and-workplaces/</u>
- "Flanders Literature" offers residences for translators in the Translators' House in Antwerp (<u>https://www.flandersliterature.be/translators-house</u>).

With the financial support of the Flanders Chancellery and Foreign Office, the Flanders Symphony Orchestra will go 2022 on a Polish concert tour in the National Forum Of Music in Wrocław, the Philharmonic Henryk Wieniawski in Lublin and in the National Polish Radio Symphony Orchestra Concert Hall in Katowice.

Flanders supports also the exhibition "Different Perspectives. Dutch and Flemish painting from the ERGO Hestia Collection" in the National Museum in Warsaw (May 7-July 25, 2021).

The performance of "La reprise – histoire(s) du theatre" by the Flemish director Milo Rau during the Malta Festival 2021 in Poznan is supported by Flanders.

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Both Parties will support the proposed cooperation of the Kraków Festivals Office with cultural institutions in Flanders, such as

A) Presentation of Polish early music at the Polish Early Music Days in Flanders and at the Misteria Paschalia Festival in 2022 and 2023. The project is carried out in collaboration with Concertgebouw Brugge, MAFestival Brugge, AMUZ Festival of Flanders in Antwerp and others, – to be confirmed. Project carried out in cooperation with REMA – European Early Music Network.

Kraków Festival Office – Misteria Paschalia Festival plans to organise Polish Early Music Days in Flanders in cooperation with the Polish Institute in Brussels. The event will include performances of music by Polish composers ordered for Misteria Paschalia from Western European artists (among others from Belgium, such as Huelgas Ensemble, Vox Luminis). The purpose of this activity is to draw the attention of the milieu involved in performing early music, whose presence is particularly strong in Belgium, the Netherlands, France and Italy, to the musical heritage of Poland and Central Europe.

Polish Early Music Days in Flanders are planned as one of the European stages of the concert tour of ensembles performing the ordered projects in order to promote Poland's musical heritage.

The units involved in cooperation representing the Polish side:

Krakow Festival Office – Misteria Paschalia Festival Ms. Joanna Broniec – Misteria Paschalia Director e-mail: jbroniec@biurofestiwalowe.pl

The Polish Institute in Brussels e-mail: <u>bruksela@instytut</u>polski.pl

The unit involved in cooperation representing the Flemish side:

The Bruges Philharmonic – Concertgebouw Brugge Mr. Albert Edelman – Artistic Coordinator, Concertgebouw Brugge e-mail: Albert.edelman@concertgebouw.be B) Programme and artistic exchange in the scope of music education between the following festivals: Opera Rara, Sacrum Profanum and ICE Classic and Concertgebouw Brugge, MAFestival Brugge, Festival of Flanders in Antwerp and Ghent

 cooperation in promotion of early music and period performance in 2022–2023

### The unit involved in cooperation representing the Polish side:

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The Bruges Philharmonic – Concertgebouw Brugge Mr. Albert Edelman – Artistic Coordinator, Concertgebouw Brugge e-mail: <u>Albert.edelman@concertgebouw.be</u>

# C) The Krakow Festival Office will continue cooperation in 2021–2023 with the Ghent World Soundtrack Awards Film Festival.

The unit involved in cooperation representing the Polish side:

Krakow Festival Office ul. Wygrana 2 30-311 Kraków Tel.: +48 12 354 25 00 Fax: +48 12 354 25 01 Ms. Joanna Broniec e-mail: <u>jbroniec@biurofestiwalowe.pl</u> The unit involved in cooperation representing the Flemish side:

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#### 8.2. Cooperation proposal submitted by the Mazowieckie Voivodeship

STATE ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM:

Presentation of exhibition 'Treasures of Middle Ages' in one of Flanders' museums

Suggested partners:

1. Archeological Museum in Bruges

https://www.visitbruges.be/en/archeologiemuseum-archeological-museum

### 2. Provinciaal Archaeologisch Museum

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### 8.3. Cooperation proposal submitted by the Małopolskie Voivodeship

- a. Organisation of grant competition dedicated to cooperation with Flanders exchange of artists, concerts, festivals, workshops, etc.
- b. Krakow Festival Office (KBF) cooperation in the area of films. Krakow Film Commission together with VAF, Flanders Audiovisual Fund, is a partner in the project 'LIM – Less is More' led by the French Le Groupe Ouest. Cooperation has been going on continuously since 2017. Taking into account the dynamic development of LIM, it is worth considering for the voivodeship to enter into the cooperation. Every year, KBF assigns EUR 20,000 to LIM; this goes towards one workshop a year to be held sum in Kraków. KBF is involved in continuous cooperation with Flanders within the Cine-Regio network. The feature film Wielkie zimno (Grand froid - original title) was co-produced with the Flanders region.
- c. Study visit of filmmakers from Małopolska to Flanders and vice versa. Possibility of entering into cooperation with Belgian film producers the Belgians base their production on international co-productions (because it is a small country = small audience) so there is much scope for cooperation with Polish producers.
  - i. Sharing experience with regard to financing film productions Belgium has highly developed mechanisms for supporting the creative sector;
  - ii. Sustainable filming Belgians are leaders in the area of sustainable film production;
  - iii. Cultural promotion of Małopolska at the International Film Fest Ghent;
  - d. Participation of Polish artists in the festival a Polish event at the festival (music, film, theatre further details of the proposal may be agreed upon in coordination with the festival organisers) <u>https://www.gentfestival.be</u>;
  - e. Participation of artists from Flanders in cultural events in the Małopolskie voivodeshop e.g.:
    - i. Participation of the Belgian folk ensemble Amorroma in the 'Rozstaje' festival;
    - ii. Participation of the Belgian street theatre Circus BUNK<sup>®</sup> in the Street Festival in Kraków.

The unit involved in cooperation representing the Polish side:

Marshal Office of the Małopolskie Region Department of Culture, National Heritage and Promotion Ms. Monika Gubała, Director e-mail: <u>Monika.Gubala@umwm.malopolska.pl</u>

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### 9. YOUTH

**9.1.** Both sides shall, according to the interest of the other, continuously exchange information and documentation on developments in the field of youth policy and youth work.

**9.2.** Both Parties are willing to exchange delegations of maximum four (4) experts in the framework of a mixed delegation composed of responsible officials, youth workers and youth researchers/experts, for a study visit (policy and practice) of maximum seven (7) days, in order to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the youth (work) policy at all levels (local, regional, national and international).

**9.3.** Both Parties are willing to exchange delegations of maximum four (4) experts in the framework of a mixed delegation composed of responsible officials, youth workers and youth researchers/experts for a period of maximum seven (7) days, with the aim of strengthening mutual learning and deepening and expanding the priority themes and instruments of the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027 framework (Council Resolution of 29 November 2018), the Council of Europe Youth Policy Cooperation Framework (Council of Europe Youth Sector Strategy 2030 Resolution CM/Res(2020)2) and/or the United Nations Youth Policy Framework (https://www. un.org/development/desa/youth/world-programme-of-action-for-youth.html & UN Security Council Resolution 2250 on youth, peace and security <u>https://www.securitycouncilreport.org/atf/cf/%7B65BFCF9B-6D27-4E9C-8CD3-</u>CF6E4FF96FF9%7D/s res 2535(2020) e.pdf

**9.4.** Both sides declare their readiness to send and host officials, youth workers and youth researchers/experts to participate in interesting and relevant European and international (youth) events.

**9.5.** The organizational and financial conditions for exchange of delegations and for participation of decision-makers, youth workers and young researchers / experts in European and international (youth) events organized in the territory of one of the contracting parties shall be the subject of direct agreement of the interested entities.

Units involved in co-operation from the Flemish side:

Departement of Culture, Youth and Media Ms. Liesbet Servranckx International Affairs Liesbet.servranckx@vlaanderen.be Tel.: +32 2 553 0667

### 10. SPORTS

The Parties are interested in cooperation in promoting the Erasmus+Sport programme among Flemish and Polish sports organisations in order to support direct mutual contacts between them as well as sharing knowledge and experience in the area of sports.

### The unit involved in cooperation representing the Polish side:

Ministry of Culture, National Heritage and Sport Department of International Relations e-mail: <u>dwz@kulturaisport.gov.pl</u>

### Unit involved in co-operation from the Flemish side:

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# 11. ENVIRONMENT

Both Parties are interested in cooperation in the following areas:

- 1. Protective measures in non-forest and water ecosystems, consisting mainly in maintaining wetlands in the best possible condition and preventing their overgrowth due to succession, as a form of limiting the negative effect of climate change on wetland areas;
- 2. Active protection of non-forest ecosystems including ways of exploiting biomass;
- 3. Nature education;
- 4. Sharing information and expertise on sustainable forest management;
- 5. Exchange of information and expertise on educational activities in forestry, including the possibility of cooperation between forestry schools run by the Minister of Climate and Environment and schools in Flanders providing education in that scope.
- 6. Circular economy

#### The units involved in cooperation representing the Polish side:

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### 12. MOBILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

### 12.1. Ports, maritime and inland waterway transport

<u>Inland waterway transport.</u> The Polish Party is interested in cooperation in the scope of sharing experience and good practices which could provide valuable information for the implementation of projects such as Danube-Oder-Elbe and also for planning and carrying out investments in intermodal transport, including in particular increasing the capacity of sea ports through the expansion of inland ports that serve as intermodal hubs for freight transhipment and distribution of goods inland via inland waterways (e.g. the Port of Antwerp – Albert Canal, setting up transhipment and industrial zones in sea port facilities, etc.). Another valuable area of cooperation would be topics associated with climate change and their impact on inland waterway transport. One of the proposed forms of cooperation is organising study visits.

The Flemish Party is also interested in exchanging best practices related to intelligent transport systems (including smart and autonomous shipping).

Education on maritime and inland waterway transport. Poland is interested in scientific and student exchanges and in implementing joint scientific and research projects.

The Flemish Party offers the Polish Party the possibility to send experts to seminars, in the field of port training and port management, organised by APEC (Antwerp/Flanders Port Training Center) during the validity of this programme. The Flemish Party shall cover the costs of the participation. The participants cover travel expenses.

The units involved in cooperation representing the Polish side:

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Units involved in co-operation from the Flemish side:

Specific for APEC

Flanders Chancellery and Foreign Office Mr. Peter Van Heesvelde Policy adviser <u>Peter.vanheesvelde@vlaanderen.be</u>

### 12.2. Road transport and traffic safety

The Polish Party is interested in:

- Road surface diagnostics through assessment of technical parameters: sharing experience and best practices, supporting bi- and multilateral contacts between various entities involved in R&D and their intensification, among others, by organising information exchange platforms, promoting and facilitating joint activities of researchers from both countries;
- Waste management, waste recycling, curbing exploitation of limited resources, also in the scope of building and maintaining the existing transport infrastructure in connection with the depletion of global resources and the general problem of environmental pollution.

### The units involved in cooperation representing the Polish side:

Road and Bridge Research Institute ul. Instytutowa 1 03-302 Warsaw Tel.: +48 22 698 06 06 Tel.: +48 22 814 50 25 Fax: +48 22 814 50 28 email: ibdim@ibdim.edu.pl

### 12.3. Air transport

The Polish Party is interested in:

- Assistance in establishing a contact network between the Polish and Flemish aviation sectors and organising meetings and study exchanges;
- Exchanging experiences in elaborating and implementing strategies for the development of the air transport sector, elaborating airport policies with particular focus on sharing experience in the scope of innovative and intermodal transport techniques;
- Assistance in establishing and enhancing contacts with stakeholders from the region (including sharing good practices and organising meetings);
   Assistance in organising video-conferences to exchange experiences in airport management, building a contractor portfolio or designing a pricing policy.

### 12.4. Multimodal integration

Both Parties are willing to exchange information, knowledge, experience and expertise regarding one or more of the following topics:

• Planning and organisation of an integrated, regional, multimodal transport system covering urban and regional bus transport;

The units involved in cooperation representing the Polish side:

Ministry of Infrastructure:

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# 13. SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

**13.1.** <u>The Parties will investigate ways of optimising further cooperation within the European Research</u> <u>Area</u>, with respect to both research groups and science and innovation policies.

Arrangements for cooperation in the field of science as well as in R&D may be set out in a detailed agreement, if the Parties agree to sign such an agreement.

Both Parties encourage exchange and cooperation in the field of science and technological innovations. The Parties will establish contact opportunities for scientific institutions, research centres, companies, higher education institutions, research funding organisations and administrative services in charge of science and technological innovation policy.

With regard to multilateral cooperation, both Parties will support where appropriate joint participation of Flemish and Polish scientists in European research and development framework programmes.

Making full use of their experience and considering the need for further technological development of Poland and Flanders, the Parties will support the efforts of scientists, research groups and entrepreneurs to establish and manage joint projects focused on development and innovation where

appropriate. The platform for such cooperation can be the existing EU and European programmes as well as partnerships and projects funded by the European Commission under Horizon Europe.

The unit involved in cooperation representing the Polish side:

National Centre for Research and Development Mr. Cezary Błaszczyk Deputy Director – Department of International Cooperation Tel.: +48 22 39 07 254 e-mail: <u>cezary.blaszczyk@ncbr.gov.pl</u>

**13.2.** The National Science Centre and the FWO both signed up in a bottom-up cross-European initiative – called Weave – that was launched in December 2020. Elaborated since 2018 under the umbrella of Science Europe – an association representing several dozen European agencies financing scientific research and large research organisations – whose objective is to launch a joint competition under the multilateral lead agency procedure and as such simplifying the submission and selection procedure. Weave is not a new, separate funding programme. It makes use of existing funding channels for fundamental research (with the corresponding timelines and conditions) within the portfolio of one of the partners who have officially signed the Weave initiative. The National Science Centre is interested in cooperation with FWO starting from 2022.

The unit involved in cooperation representing the Polish side:

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**13.3.** With regard to multilateral cooperation, both Parties will support where appropriate joint participation of Flemish and Polish scientists under European research and development framework programmes.

The unit involved in cooperation representing the Polish side:

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**13.4.** The objective of <u>the project 'Public administration support for the research and development</u> <u>sector</u>' is to exchange experiences concerning public support and coordination in developing the research and development sector. Ongoing globalisation processes contribute to decreasing competitiveness of the European Union economy. In order to counteract this phenomenon, it is crucial for the European Union and its Member States to advance the research and development sector which contributes to creating innovative products and services. Launching modern products/ services

requires a knowledge-based economy, specialised in specific future-oriented areas, such as biochemistry, IT, robotics, pharmaceutics, etc.

However, the functioning of the research and development sector is costly and burdened with a high risk of failure. In order to properly stimulate the development of the research and development sector (hereafter R&D), it is essential for regional administration authorities to have adequate experience.

The Flemish region has a well-developed R&D infrastructure which contributes to the creation of many product and service innovations. It is worth emphasising the close cooperation between universities and other higher education institutions and the private sector as well as support of R&D by the public sector, including self-government units. The Małopolska Voivodeship has potential owing to the significant academic centre operating in Kraków.

Through exchanging good practices with the Flemish Region it may be possible to gain essential knowledge about promoting and developing the R&D sector.

The project provides for study visits; each Party shall cover the costs of travel, accommodation and mission expenses of its delegates.

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# 14. INVESTMENT AND TRADE

### 14.1. Initiatives and sectors of mutual economic cooperation

Flanders is the main partner in the Polish-Belgian trade. In this context, it is important to enhance mutual economic cooperation, especially in the fields of trade and investments. It will be important to engage in promoting trade relations through regular trade fairs (if they can be planned), including agrifood, building and construction, fashion, furniture and transportation fairs, etc., and also in organising trade missions, matchmaking sessions (B2B), study visits of representatives of business, chambers of commerce, trade agencies, science organisations and public administration from Flanders and Poland (both at government and local level) as well as events dedicated to export and investment conditions in both countries.

Regarding the implementation of the foreign expansion objectives contained in the Polish Strategy for Responsible Development, Poland is particularly interested in boosting Polish investments in Flanders and also in increasing Polish exports to this region with assistance and cooperation with the Polish Investment and Trade Agency (PAIH). Cooperation between Polish and Flemish SMEs is of particular significance, especially in sharing experience in internationalization of SME's.

Flanders Investment & Trade (FIT) organises site-visit programmes to Flanders for Polish companies which consider investment in the region". Of course our counter parts at PAIH can point interested companies in our direction, we do the same when Flemish companies are interested in investing in Poland.

The promising sectors that may significantly contribute to boosting mutual economic cooperation include, on the Polish side, sectors of particular importance to the Parties, including: agri-food, furniture, construction and logistics, energy and e-mobility.

Within its export promotion strategy, FIT focuses on the following promising target sectors in Poland. Construction and building materials, food and retail, environment renewable energy, logistics and storage, healthcare - elderly care, finance - EU funds, ICT and FinTech, drones, gaming and e-mobility.

Furthermore, the VLAM (Flemish Center for Agro & Fisheries Marketing) focuses on the products of the Flemish agricultural, horticultural and fishing sectors.

- The Flemish Party is committed to enhancing and promoting trade relations between Poland and Flanders. For that purpose, the partners will exchange information regarding business and investment opportunities. Both sides may offer the exchange of information regarding its market and sectors, useful contacts, experience and knowledge in the field of promoting international entrepreneurship.
- Given the experience and achievements of Flanders in the field of innovation policy, including support for artificial intelligence, and cooperation within clusters, as well as other activities aimed at developing Industry 4.0., Poland would also be interested in further exchange of experience and launching joint undertakings in this area.

Intensification, with the support of Flanders Investment & Trade (FIT) of economic cooperation between Poland and Flanders, with emphasis on extremely important medical technologies, particularly in telemedicine or in the cultural and creative sector. The appropriate partner for the last sector is Flanders DC of Flanders District of Creativity.

The launch in 2017 of the economic prize 'Eagle of the Economy', awarded by the Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the Kingdom of Belgium to Flemish companies actively operating on the Polish

market, is a good example of strengthening business cooperation between Poland and Flanders. The Polish side express the willingness to continue cooperation with the Flemish partners in selecting candidates and organizations to participate in this prestigious annual event attended by high-ranking politicians or businessmen from both countries.

Both Parties will continue to attach a special importance to regional economic cooperation by establishing new partnerships between regions, cities and municipalities in both countries and developing in existing ones. The parties note with satisfaction the existing partnerships which proved their value also during the COVID-19 pandemic (for example, on 28 May 2020, the mayor of the town of Szamotuły donated FFP2 masks to Sint Andries hospital in the partner town of Tielt).

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### 14.2. Regional and traditional products from the Małopolska region

'Promotion of producers of regional and traditional products from the Małopolska region as well as and dishes in which these products are used' and possibly of other producers and products.

The project 'Made in Małopolska' (currently in progress) will soon be changed to 'Małopolska recommends' – promotion of the Małopolskie Voivodeship on European markets.

'Origin matters' – is the idea behind the project 'Małopolska recommends' whose main objective is to present robust regional business, interesting design, good taste, valuable initiatives as well as particularly attractive places and buildings in the region. There are currently over 50 partners from various sectors and segments of the Małopolska economy participating in the project. As part of

cooperation with Flanders, it would be possible to present under the auspices of the Voivodehip all the best products from Małopolska that deserve extensive promotion also on European markets.

Economic Forum in Krynica – cooperation within the Economic Forum, as guests in the Małopolska region. Exchanging experiences, establishing cooperation, attending discussion panels.

### The unit involved in cooperation representing the Polish side:

Marshal Office of the Małopolskie Region Department of Culture, Promotion and National Heritage Ms. Magdalena Kasperska, Chief Specialist e-mail: <u>Magdalena.Kasperska@umwm.malopolska.pl</u>

### 14.3. Specific Intentions of the Pomorskie Region

- Support granted to companies by regional authorities in response to the economic downturn caused by the spreading coronavirus;
- Mechanisms of stimulating / supporting companies' export operations in the wake of the economic downturn caused by the spreading coronavirus;

### The unit involved in cooperation representing the Polish side:

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# 15. DEVELOPING PUBLIC SERVICES

The Polish Party proposes cooperation with regard to developing a system of governance and coordination in the implementation of development objectives, taking into account partnership and social participation, including the exchange of experience and knowledge concerning:

- implementation of modern strategic governance models (such as networked governance, inter-territorial, multi-level governance),
- civic development of strategies and co-responsibility for their implementation (including through greater involvement of private funds),
- following up on development objectives with the use of IT systems.

### The unit involved in cooperation representing the Polish side:

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# 16. GENERAL AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

### 16.1

The provisions of the present Co-operation Programme do not preclude the possibility of implementing other activities, exchanges or projects that will be agreed upon by the Parties through diplomatic channels.

### 16.2

Both Parties will agree on the provisions for each specific event through diplomatic channels. Any disputes concerning the interpretation or implementation of the present Co-operation Programme shall be solved by negotiations between the Parties through diplomatic channels.

### **16.3**

Both parties agree that each Party is responsible for its own costs related to the exchange of experts.

### 16.4

The present cooperation programme takes due account of the Belgian competence division written in the Constitution.

The next meeting of the Joint Commission will be held in Brussels in the fourth quarter of the year 2023.

Done in Warsaw on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 in two original copies English and Polish, the two texts being equally valid. Should any differences in the interpretation of the Co-operation Programme occur, the English version shall prevail. The Flemish Party will provide a Dutch translation.

For the Government of Flanders

For the Government of the Republic of Poland

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