

## Contest for the best projects of cross-border cooperation

June 14<sup>th</sup> 2013 is the deadline for sending applications to the Contest for best projects of cross-border cooperation, which is organised together with the Eastern Europe Initiatives Congress within the project “Lublin and Rzeszów – cooperation and use of development opportunities” co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund under the Operational Programme Development of Eastern Poland 2007-2013. It is addressed to all kinds of entities, including those without any formal or legal restrictions, such as cultural institutions, non-governmental organisations, informal creative groups, private individuals, as well as local governments and economic entities, both from the European Union countries and from the Eastern Partnership.

The main purpose of the Contest is to develop cross-border cooperation and to exchange good practices and experiences in the field of project initiatives of a developmental nature which are implemented in the area of Eastern Europe. One main prize, along with honourable mentions, will be awarded in each of the seven categories of the Contest (good governance, civil society, culture, tourism, education, Corporate Social Responsibility, social innovations). The awarded projects will be presented during the Congress and their brief descriptions will also be published in a promotional folder. As a result, thousands of recipients will be provided by information on the best practices of implementing partnership projects with the Eastern Partnership's countries.

You can apply for the Contest through an online form available on [www.kongres.lublin.eu/en/competition-form](http://www.kongres.lublin.eu/en/competition-form)

Additionally, prizes for the contest of the NGOmap programme will also be awarded during this year's Eastern Europe Initiatives Congress and the winners will also be hosted at the EEIC.

NGOmap is an international programme of support for non-governmental organisations from the countries covered by the EU Eastern Partnership programme. It was created by experienced representatives of non-governmental circles. It is an answer to the commonly reported needs to strengthen bonds and contacts exceeding national borders.

You can apply to the NGOmap contest through the website [www.ngomap.eu](http://www.ngomap.eu)