

Annex 1

DESCRIPTION OF BILATERAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES¹⁾ (max 2 pages)

Project title:	Opoczno 2.0
Name of the Project Promoter's Partner	Opoczno Municipality
Name of the Project Partner	Sunnfjord Municipality

A. List and description of thematic/sectoral/institutional areas relevant to the implementation of the Project Promoter's development plans, which will be supported by the NO/IS Project Partner

B. as part of a bilateral cooperation project²⁾:

Name of thematic/sectoral area or aspect of institutional development	Description and relevance of this thematic/sectoral area in the context of implementation of the Project Promoter's development policy or development of its institutional capacity
1. Adaptation to climate change	<p>The main goal of Opoczno is to seek the city's innovation potential in the field of the circular economy in partnership with the local community and business entities operating in the city. In the case of the Opoczno project, areas of searching for innovations will be the creation of high-quality public spaces, circular construction, and urban eco-mobility.</p> <p>Circular economics and rationalization of activities taking into account climate change is the foundation for further territorial development</p>
2. Support and development of entrepreneurship	<p>Necessary for the development of Opoczno is the development and implementation of a coherent and comprehensive policy for the development of entrepreneurship to the extent resulting from the diagnosed needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • school-level education in regard to the popularization of social and economic activity; • integration and promotion of the local business community; • exploitation of endogenous economic potential; • active support for youth entrepreneurship. <p>The aforementioned activities are the foundations of economic revival of Opoczno, necessary to achieve the goals of the project.</p>
3. Building local identity and promoting regional culture	<p>Opoczno is a region with a rich folk culture, but this culture is not effectively used in building a sense of shared identity and local community. Sunnfjord has a track record of using local cultural resources to increase citizens' participation in social life and in building internal cohesion.</p> <p>Mutual knowledge of cultural heritage, methods of cultural education, cultivation of traditions, and above all social integration on the basis of regional culture will be the basis for building an endogenous local brand and a sense of identification of residents of Opoczno.</p>
4. Building civil society and increasing civic participation	<p>The basis of participatory governance is communication between government representatives and residents. In the Opoczno</p>

	<p>Municipality, the dominant communication model at present is one-way communication. Stimulating individual development and increasing community involvement relies heavily on cross-sectoral dialogue between representatives of various groups of stakeholders, carried out in a structured manner.</p> <p>No advisory, consultative or otherwise cooperative bodies have been established in the Opoczno Municipality.</p> <p>The participation of civic society in co-governance is an integral element of sustainable socio-economic development, which is the Promoter's goal.</p>
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C. Forms of support by the NO/IS Project Partner planned for specific thematic/sectoral/institutional areas relevant to the implementation of the Project Promoter's development plans²⁾:

Name of thematic/sectoral area or aspect of institutional development	Forms of support by the Project Partner planned for specific areas of thematic/sectoral or institutional development (e.g., study visits, on-site or on-line consulting assistance, consultations with NO institutions, exchange of materials, etc.) and their brief description
1. Adaptation to climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops on circular economy in Opoczno and Sunnfjord • Advisory assistance related to the development of the OPO LAB Municipal Circular Economy Laboratory • Exchange of relevant materials, plans and strategies for climate change adaptation • Consulting assistance related to environmental mobility
2. Municipal support for the business community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study visits to Opoczno and Sunnfjord with workshops • Sharing the municipality's working methods and resources to support the business community and entrepreneurship • Advice on accelerator program for new start-up ideas and plans to support local business development
3. Building local identity and promoting regional culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study visits to Opoczno and Sunnfjord • Participation in the Folk Festival in Opoczno and the Førde Traditional and World Music Festival • Sharing the municipality's working methods and resources to support the dissemination of cultural heritage
4. Building civil society and increasing community participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study visits with workshops on methods of citizens' engagement • Sharing experiences related to political organizations, youth council, council of seniors, council of disabled people • Sharing experiences in regard to citizens' engagement and providing supervisory assistance in developing plans, platforms and areas for public consultation • Exchange of experiences and possible measures to strengthen local democracy, starting with participation in the National Local Democracy Project for 2022-2023

Note:

- 1) This document is to be read in conjunction with Annex 2 - Timeline of Activities
- 2) Additional rows representing subject areas and/or forms of assistance can be added as needed