

PARTNER SEARCH FORM

**for the preparation of projects within the Small Projects Fund
of the Interreg NEXT Poland-Ukraine Program 2021-2027**

Priority. ENVIRONMENT	
Specific objective	Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy
Information about the institution which is seeking for a partner	
Name of institution	Municipal Institution "Just Transition Agency"
Country	Ukraine
Legal status	Municipal Institution
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Profile of the partner institution you are looking for	
Legal status	☐ Units of state, regional and local administration, associations of these units and institutions subordinate to them; ☐ Other public law entities (e.g., chambers, government administration bodies); ☐ Utility companies;

- ☒ Local environmental institutions;
- ☐ Housing associations, condominiums and associations of co-owners of multi-apartment buildings.
- ☒ Schools, vocational education and training (VET) institutions, units of higher education and research institutions;
- ☐ Non-governmental organisations.
- ☐ Other (please specify).....

Project proposal description

Description of the
project idea

The project develops a joint Polish-Ukrainian model for transforming degraded lands in coal-mining regions, focusing on the recultivation of a 5-hectare temporary solid waste landfill in Sheptytskyi for a 1.6 MW solar plant as a pilot site. Partners will collaborate on developing engineering solutions and project documentation, including site leveling plans, technical designs for gas drainage systems, soil protection layers, and cost estimations for installing photovoltaic structures. This cooperation allows both partners to gain unified expertise in preparing complex industrial sites for energy conversion, enhancing cross-border energy independence and environmental safety. A key component is engaging youth in innovation through a joint three-day school hosted at our vocational lyceum and the FabLab space. During the intensive program, Ukrainian and Polish students will focus on "Robotics in Waste Management", using advanced equipment to design prototypes for automated systems for sorting waste and monitoring territories. As a result, the

	partners will achieve a proven methodology for waste-to-energy transformation and establish a network of young innovators with digital competencies in the circular economy sector.
Expected role of the partner institution	The partner will provide consulting and best-practice expertise based on the EU's experience in transforming industrial/mining sites into green energy hubs. They will actively participate in the development of the engineering and project documentation (landfill leveling, gas drainage, and PV system design), ensuring that the technical solutions meet international environmental and safety standards. This collaborative approach will allow the partner to adapt the Sheptytskyi pilot methodology for potential application on similar sites in their own region. The partner will be co-responsible for the curriculum of the three-day "Robotics in Waste Management" school. They will delegate students and mentors to participate in the intensive workshops at the FabLab, ensuring a genuine cross-border exchange of knowledge. The partner will contribute to the design of robotics tasks and prototyping challenges, helping to bridge the gap between theoretical vocational training and high-tech environmental practices.
STATEMENT	

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