1. **Basic Information**

1.1. **CRIS Number**: 2003/004-379/05.24  
1.2. **Title**: Development of industry and entrepreneurship in the Ropczyce region  
1.3. **Sector**: Economic and Social Cohesion  
1.4. **Location**: Poland, Podkarpackie Voivodship, Town and Gmina of Ropczyce

2. **Objectives**

2.1. **Overall objective**  
Increase of competitiveness of small- and medium-sized companies in the Ropczyce region

2.2. **Project purpose/Immediate objectives**  
Increase of the accessibility of 50 ha industrial areas and 20 ha available investment areas  
Improvement of operating conditions and development of existing SMEs, as well as establishing new ones

2.3. **Accession Partnership and NPAA priorities**  
The project is designed to address issues related to the AP priority in economic and social cohesion policy regarding the preparation for the implementation of regional programmes and Community Initiatives. The project in particular responds to the economic criterion identified in the AP concerning improving the competitiveness of the Polish economy. The project corresponds also to the NPAA priority "Regional policy and co-ordination of structural instruments".

2.4. **Contribution to the Preliminary National Development Plan**  
The project is in line with the sixth axis of the preliminary NDP, which is “Strengthening development potential of regions and countering marginalisation of certain areas”. The priorities of this axis will be implemented by means of several measures including development and modernisation of infrastructure serving to strengthen competitiveness of regions.

The project is compliant with the priorities of the Operational Programme of the Podkarpackie Voivodship.

2.5. **Cross border impact**: N/A

3. **Description**

3.1. **Background and justification**  
The Ropczyce poviat is located conveniently in respect of its communication accessibility on the crossing of two important traffic arteries, i.e. the international E40 Kraków-Rzeszów-Medyka road, and the Regional road from Mielec to Barwinek. The County is inhabited by more than 70,000 people. This area, like the whole Podkarpackie Region, faces large social and economic problems resulting from unsatisfactory, poor competitiveness of local economy, including low level of saturation with small- and medium-sized companies. The unemployment rate in the poviat approximates 19.1%. The core of the Poviat's development is the town of Ropczyce, with ca. 15,000 inhabitants. In the north part of the town, a large industrial and service zone, with the surface area of about 70 ha, has been located. In that zone, there operate 4 large companies, which employ total 2,000 workers, and 43 small- and medium-sized companies, which, in total, employ ca. 1,000 people. The dominating industries are: metallurgy, sugar, feed and construction industries. Therefore, total employment in the zone amounts to 3,000 employees, who come both from the Ropczyce County area, as well as from the neighbouring gminas. The zone keeps growing and there are still potentials for a continued development of business in that area. There are some 20 hectares of land within the zone to be developed and utilised. The whole zone is provided completely with all necessary infrastructure: water network, sewage, gas, power and telephone lines. The 12-hectare part is the property of the State Treasury, while the remaining 8 hectares belong to the Commune of Ropczyce. In the zone there are also 20 unoccupied workshop buildings and post-industrial facilities, with the overall surface area of ca. 10,000 m² which can be developed (7 buildings are owned by the municipality, while 13 buildings are owned by the State Treasury). An essential barrier to the growth of the above-referenced business entities and to the development of available investment areas
and post-industrial facilities is posed by their poor communication accessibility. This difficulty results from the lack of a road which would directly link those areas with the international E40 road, and which would bypass the centre of the town of Ropczyce. Presently, the E40 road passes through the town centre, which has been dominated by single- and multiple-family development, and in which there are public buildings, offices, banks, schools, a high-school complex, a college, kindergartens, shops, small restaurants, service outlets, etc. It is a narrow, single-lane road which has to accommodate domestic and international transit traffic. The traffic intensity is ca. 17,000 vehicles per 24 hours. This creates great difficulties for vehicles of companies located in the referenced industrial zone, for those belonging to entities co-operating with them, as well as for trucks owned by businesses located along the Ropczyce-Mielec direction. Due to the type of production (sugar, metallurgy, feed and construction services) all those entities use a high-tonnage road transportation. Trucks owned by those companies have great troubles with joining the traffic when driving from the Regional Mielec-Barwinek road, and then, when exiting beyond the town of Ropczyce, especially along the Rzeszów-State border direction. According to the analyses that have been conducted and information provided by those businesses, the trucks waste 15 minutes on the average. Thereby, the business entities incur additional costs and their competitiveness in relation to other companies becomes reduced. This situation discourages also potential investors who are interested in the available investment and post-industrial areas. It is for that reason a company, that tried to set up production for air industry, based on the scheduled employment of ca. 350 workers, have chosen another location for its enterprise. The Project applies for, consisting in the construction of a road section, providing access to the industrial zone, linking it with the E40 road towards the Rzeszów-Medyka direction (border crossing to Ukraine) and bypassing the town centre, that will considerably improve communication links for entrepreneurs operating in the zone. The next stage of the same Project, consisting of linking the zone with the E40 road towards the Kraków direction, will be accomplished in 2006-2007, based on resources of the Gmina of Ropczyce. The route of the planned road, the scope and technology of construction works will allow to bypass the town centre and the area of residential housing, providing for quick and free from the possibility of collisions access to the zone. In this way, the time of travelling through the town will be reduced by ca.15 minutes, and, at the same time, the transportation costs, incurred by companies will be reduced, while their competitiveness will increase. The investment attractiveness of available areas and post-industrial facilities will also unquestionably increase. In addition, natural environment will be less polluted, and the number of road accidents will decrease. It should be stressed that the natural and human resources of the Ropczyce Poviat will allow, when supported by the College of Farming Engineering and Management, for development of business entities, both in the existing industries (mainly construction), and in the machine and road industries. Available investment areas and post-industrial facilities will be sold in accordance with the Law of Real Estate Management. In order to encourage potential investors, the Town Council of Ropczyce has approved a resolution on granting advantages (real-estate tax exemptions) to those business entities which would create new jobs. This has also been followed by promotional activities, including, among others, placing the offer on Web page of the Town Office. As a result of that, several entrepreneurs have expressed their preliminary interest in investing in the area. The course of the road has been consulted with inhabitants in the first quarter of 1994, at the stage of preparing the General Development Plan of the Town Ropczyce, and during the meetings of Town Authorities with inhabitants in the third quarter of 2002, and at the stage of decision-making about the building development conditions (third quarter of 2002).

The planned road will be constructed according to the Regulation of Minister of Transport and Sea Economy dated March 2, 1999, about technical specifications of the public roads and their locations (Dz. U. No 43 pos. 430) – and fulfills requirements of the EU conforming to Directive No 96/53/EC as well as complies with the EU standards regarding weights and dimensions of this type infrastructure.

3.2. **Linked activities**

- establishing a college (College of Farming Engineering and Management; mechanical profile, management), the main shareholder of which would be the Town and Commune of Ropczyce
- adjusting education profiles of local high schools to the needs of local labour market (mechanical and economic profiles)
- promotional activities concerning free investment areas,
- approving a resolution by the Town Council of Ropczyce on introduction of real-estate tax exemptions for investors who create new jobs
3.3. **Results**
- Implementation of the project will provide adequate road access to a large existing industrial and service zone of about 70 ha including 20 ha to be developed as a new investment area.
- The new road will reduce the travelling time through the town for ca. 480 business entities.
- 30 new enterprises and 200 new jobs will be created.
- It will comply with EU standards regarding weights and dimensions of this type infrastructure. Whole the area will be provided with utilities what will create favourable investment conditions especially for small- and medium-sized companies.

3.4. **Activities**
For successful implementation of the project the following actions have to be undertaken:
- execution of road works along, ca. 3.9 km of the road 6 m wide with shoulders on both sides 1.5 m wide and other parameters in accordance with the Executive Order of the Minister of Transport and Maritime Economy of 2 March 1999 on technical conditions that should be met by roads and their localizations (Polish Journal of Laws No. 43 Item 430).
- construction of road shoulders along, ca. 3.9 km both sides.
- construction of the bridge over the Wielopolka river, 27 m long span., 9 m wide of 40 t bearing capacity.
- construction of rain water ditches along the road edges ca. 3.9 km.

3.5. **Lessons learned**
- Under the Final Assessment Report for Assistance funded under PL-9808 Special Preparatory Programme (SPP) and PL-9909 Regional Policy and Cohesion, prepared by OMAS, some recommendations have been made. They are also relevant to the above-mentioned project. Therefore the Ministry of Economy together with the IA and Office of the Committee for European Integration have established stronger institutional co-operation between those organizations (responsible for the programming and implementation of the Phare – ESC assistance).
- LPM (Logical Planning Matrix) methodology is applied correctly and contains clear, quantifiable indicators of achievement of the project’s objectives.
- The implementation of the Phare 2003 ESC Programme should be based on the experience gained during the implementation of previous Phare programmes, especially ESC 2000, 2001 and 2002 ESC Programmes. Therefore documents concerning land acquisition and conformity with the local spatial development plans are required during the current programming exercise. For this purpose the Polish authorities (Ministry of Economy and Office of the Committee for European Integration) have established a scrutiny system (in form of a checklist) that should be used at the early stage of programming Phare 2003 ESC assistance, eliminating proposals which do not meet the above-mentioned criteria.

4. **INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK**

4.1. The beneficiary of the project will be Town and Gmina of Ropczyce.
4.2. The Engineer/Manager of the project will be selected through tender pursuant to the Polish Act on Public Procurement. Cost of Project Manager’s remuneration will be financed from the Beneficiary’s own resources and has been included in the Project budget.
4.3. Upon Project completion, the Town and Gmina of Ropczyce will become the owner of the road and bridge and will maintain them from its own resources.
4.4. The investment will be implemented pursuant to the regulations of the Decentralised Implementation System – "Practical Guide to Phare, Ispa and Sapard Contract Procedures”
4.5. The implementation of the project will not cause any changes to the institutional framework described above.

5. **DETAILED BUDGET**

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**TOTAL**: € 2 100 000
The overall value of the investment including employment of the Project Manager will amount to 2.8 MEUR. The cost of the employment of the Project Manager will be borne by the beneficiary in the amount of 0.1 MEUR. Co-financing will be available.

6. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

6.1. Implementing Agency

PAO: Ms. Krystyna Gurbiel, Undersecretary Of State In The Ministry Of Economy, Labour and Social Policy, Pl. Trzech Krzyzy 3/5, 00-507 Warsaw, Poland, Phone: + 48.22.693.56.28, 629.31.47, Fax: + 48.22.693.40.05

Implementing Authority for Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme, Contact person: Ms. Grazyna Weclew ska, Krucza 36 Street, 00-522 Warsaw, Poland, Phone +48.22.695.99.10-11, fax +48.22.695.99.12-13

6.2. Twinning: N/A

6.3. Non-standard aspects: N/A

6.4. Contracts

Contract 1 (works): 2.7 MEUR. The contract for investment part of the project will be financed from Phare funds (2.1 MEUR) and financial resources of the Beneficiary (0.6 MEUR) on the basis of joint co-financing.

Contract 2 (engineer): 0.1 MEUR. The Contract will be financed exclusively by the Polish Party.

7. IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Start of tendering/Call for proposals: second quarter 2003
Preparation of tender documentation: second quarter 2003
Beginning of contracting process: third quarter 2003
Start of project activity: first quarter 2004
Project completion: fourth quarter 2005

8. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Procedures related to the implementation of the project will be implemented according to the law and will respect equal opportunities for all interested institutions and natural persons in spite of their sex, race and nationality. The employment of men and women will be based on applicable EU standards with reference to EOE (Equal Opportunity of Employment), which will be announced in official press advertisements during the recruitment procedures.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The "Environmental Impact Assessment" was prepared by experts in environmental impact assessment: Dr. Stefan Klimczyk (License No. 9), Romualda Rucinska, Eng. (License No. 63) and Krystyna Nowosiad-Sobanska, M.Sc. Eng., an expert in nature (License No. 120). The document unequivocally proves that the planned Project poses no hazard (pollution, noise emission) and that the required conditions of environmental protection will fully be complied with. The appropriate EU requirements and standards will also be fulfilled. EIA is available in the Beneficiary headquarter.

10. RATES OF RETURN

"Project Feasibility Study" was made by the Rzeszów Agency of Regional Development in Rzeszów in August 2002. According to it, the EIRR value shall be 15%, and the current net value at 10% discount rate shall be PLN 3,258,393 (EUR 844,143.26). Project implementation shall also be highly recommendable for social reasons, as it is bound to considerably improve vehicle and pedestrian traffic safety, as well as to decrease air pollution in the town centre. FS is available in the Beneficiary headquarter.
11. INVESTMENT CRITERIA

11.1. Catalytic effect
The Phare support will be conducive to achieving economic and social cohesion goals in Podkarpackie voivodship, which otherwise could be attained only in a more distant future and on a more modest and less efficient scale.

11.2. Co-financing
The project is co-financed by the Polish sources. The national contribution amounts to 25 % of the total project cost.

11.3. Additionality
The financial means transferred to the Beneficiary for the project implementation, covering the investment costs as they are planned within the project do not displace other financing sources, especially from the private sector and the IFI system; it is solely the co-financing of identified priorities and does not replace national resources.

11.4. Project readiness and size
The project will be ready for implementation, contracting and disbursement in accordance with requirements of Phare 2003 ESC programme. The feasibility study and a report on environmental impact assessment have been prepared. The beneficiary holds the right to dispose of land. The building permit will have been obtained by 2002. The Polish co-financing has been included in the budget of the beneficiary.

11.5. Sustainability
The project will contribute to the long-term sustainable development of the region, as described in the Operational Programme for Podkarpackie Voivodship. After implementation, all maintenance costs related to the investment will be covered by the beneficiary.

11.6. Conformity with state aid provisions
All aspects of the project will be developed with respect to the state aids provisions of the European Agreement.

11.7. Contribution to Draft National Development Plan
The project is in line with the fifth axis of the draft NDP, which is “Strengthening development potential of regions and counteracting marginalisation of certain areas”. This axis will be implemented by means of several priorities including development and modernisation of infrastructure serving to strengthen competitiveness.

12. Conditionality and Sequencing

Successful implementation of the project depends on the following conditions:

- maintaining the time schedule specified in the programme
- fulfilling all requirements, concerning the tender procedure, contract, reporting and monitoring
- selecting a contractor capable of proper Project development.

Completion terms of main activities:

- obtaining the Building Permit by the end of 2002;
- preparing tender documentation: 2nd quarter of 2003;
- announcing tender proceedings: 3rd quarter of 2003;
- awarding contract: 1st quarter of 2004;
- completing the Project: 4th quarter of 2005;

ANNEXES

- Annex 1. The Logframe matrix
- Annex 2-4. Detailed implementation, contracting and disbursement schedule
- Annex 5. Annexes on Environmental Impact Assessment and Nature Conservation
## ANNEX 1 - PROJECT LOGICAL FRAMEWORK MATRIX

### PROJECT TITLE: DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE ROPCZYCE REGION

**Programme number**

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<td>How: data provided by local administration bodies When: 2 years after the Project completion Who: the Beneficiary</td>
<td>Assumptions Economic growth of the country and of local businesses, increased demand for services and goods</td>
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<td>How: reports by local government and Project development documents When: immediately after the Project completion Who: the Beneficiary</td>
<td>Assumptions Active economic promotion of the Ropczyce County</td>
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### Preconditions

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Date of Drafting: 4th quarter 2002  
Planning period: 01/2004-04/2005

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- **CONTRACTING**  
  - 2,1  

- **DISBURSEMENT (PAYMENT)**  
  - 0,30  
  - 0,70  
  - 1,00  
  - 1,10  
  - 1,2  
  - 1,5  
  - 1,9  
  - 2,1  
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Legend:  
- D = design of sub-projects;  
- C = tendering and contracting;  
- I = contract implementation and payment.
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(Please complete this section for each project in case of grouped applications)

1. Development consent

Has development consent\(^1\) already been given to this project?

Yes [ ] No [X]

If yes, on which date

If no, when was the formal request for the development consent introduced

and by which date is the final decision expected? [_______] 12.2002

Specify the competent authority or authorities, which has given or will give the development consent

The district of Ropczyce-Sedziszów

Is the above authority considered to be the competent authority responsible for performing the duties of Directive 85/337/EEC as amended by 97/11/EEC on Environmental Impact Assessment?

Yes [X] No [ ]

- If no, please specify for this project who is designated as competent authority for the purposes of the EIA Directive:

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2.1. Is the project a class of development covered by:

- Annex II of Directive 85/337/EEC, as amended by Directive 91/11/EC [ ] (go to question 2.4)
- Not covered by Directive 85/337/EEC, as amended by Directive 91/11/EC [ ] (only the section on nature conservation needs to be completed)

2.2. Has an EIA already been carried out?

Yes [X] No [ ]

If yes, has the EIA been carried out before development consent has been given?

Yes [X] No [ ]

On which date has it been finalised [_______] 08.2002

If no, provide an estimation of the date when the procedure will be finalised [_______] /_______/______

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\(^1\) i.e. decision of the competent authority or authorities which entitle the developer to proceed with the project

2.3. When covered by Annex I of the EIA Directive a similar procedure as the one described in the EIA directive will need to be applied and the following documents included.

Necessary documents are:

a) the non-technical summary of the Environmental Impact Study carried out for the project. A non-technical summary shall include at least:

- a description of the project comprising information on the site, design and size of the project,
- a description of the measures envisaged in order to avoid, reduce and, if possible, remedy significant adverse effects,
- the data required to identify and assess the main (direct and indirect effects) which the project is likely to have on the environment on the following factors:
  - human beings, fauna and flora (including those environmentally sensitive areas which might fall in future under the protection of the Birds (79/409/EEC) and Habitats (92/43/EEC) Directives);
  - soil, water, air, climate and the landscape;
  - material assets and the cultural heritage;
- the interaction between the factors mentioned in the first, second and third indents
- and any further information which might derive from any of the obligations deriving from Annex IV of the EIA Directive.

b) the results of consultations with the competent environmental authorities; indicating in what way the concerns of the designated consultees have been taken into account.

c) the results of consultations with the public concerned. The information provided should cover the following:

- the concerned public which has been consulted,
- the places where the information has been consulted,
- the time which has been given to the public in order to express its opinion,
- the way in which the public has been informed (for example, by bill-posting within a certain radius, publication in local newspapers, organisations of exhibitions with plans, drawings, tables, graphs, models, etc.),
- the manner in which the public has been consulted (for example, by written submissions, by public enquiry, etc.)
- the way in which the concerns of the public have been taken into account.

d) in case a project is likely to have significant effects on the environment in another state the results of the transboundary consultation with those states affected by the project needs to be provided demonstrating that the procedure of article 7 of the EIA Directive. In addition, information indicating in what way the concerns of the designated consultees and concerned public have been taken into account will also need to be provided.

e) Evidence that the decision to grant or refuse development consent has been made available to the public by the competent authority, including the

- the content of the decision and conditions attached thereto,
- the main reasons and considerations on which the decision has been based,
- a description, where necessary, of the main measures to avoid, reduce and, if possible, offset the major adverse effects.

Note: In relation to b), c) and d) these may be represented in the form of a statement, conclusion or certification by the competent environmental authorities describing and testifying that all obligations as described in the intends above have been followed.

2.4. When covered by Annex II of the EIA Directive has an Environmental Impact Assessment been carried out for this project?

Yes □ No □

- If yes include the necessary documents (see question 2.3.).

- If no explain the reasons and give the thresholds, criteria or case by case examination carried out to reach the conclusion that the project has no significant environmental effects:

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3 A guidance document describing the minimum criteria to ensure that a similar procedure has been applied can be found on http://www.inforegio.cec.eu.int
Have the results of the determination whether a project listed in Annex II of the Directive requires a formal EIA or not (made by the competent authority) made available to the public?

Yes ☐  No ☐

If yes, on which date  ____________

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4 The decision needs to be based on the procedure described in article 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 and the screening criteria of Annex III of Council Directive 97/11/EC amending Directive 85/337/EEC.
1. Assessment of effects on sites of nature conservation importance

1.1. Is the project likely to affect sites of nature conservation importance (i.e. potential Natura 2000 sites)?

Yes [ ] No [X]

- If yes - please go to question 1.2.
- If no - please fill out Annex I (Declaration by the authority responsible for sites of nature conservation importance = potential future Natura 2000 sites)

1.2 In this case an appropriate assessment according to art. 6(3) of the directive 92/43/EEC ("Habitats Directive") is obligatory.

1.2.1 Have this appropriate assessment been carried out?

Yes [ ] No [X]

This appropriate assessment can take the form of an EIA according to Directive 85/337/EEC as amended by 97/11/EC. If this is not the case, please describe briefly the procedure carried out and include a non-technical summary of the impact study.

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1.2.2 Based on the results of the above appropriate assessment, will the project have a significant negative impact on a site of nature conservation importance?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

- If yes, please fill out Annex II (Information to the Commission according to Article 6(4) of the Habitats Directive. This Annex has to be signed by the authority responsible for sites of nature conservation importance = potential future Natura 2000 sites)
- If no, please fill out Annex I (Declaration by the authority responsible for sites of nature conservation importance = potential future Natura 2000 sites)

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5 For the purpose of the Pre-Accession instruments a site of nature conservation importance (= potential future Natura 2000 site) in candidate countries is a site falling under one or more of the following categories:
(a) sites, which have been identified by the competent national authorities as sites to be proposed for the Natura 2000 network as laid down in the Birds Directive (79/409/EEC) and Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC)
(b) sites listed in the latest inventory of Important Bird Areas (IBA 2000) for candidate countries or (if available) equivalent more detailed scientific inventories endorsed by national authorities
(c) wetlands of international importance designated under the Ramsar Convention or qualifying for such protection
(d) areas to which the Bern convention on the conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Art. 4) applies, in particular sites meeting the criteria of the Emerald network
(e) areas protected under national nature conservation legislation
ANNEX I - Declaration by the authority responsible for sites of nature conservation importance (potential future Natura 2000 sites) (EQUIVALENT TO Annex I(a) of the Cohesion Fund form)

Responsible authority PROVIDENCIAL CONSERVATOR OF NATURE
Having examined the project application
(title) Development of Industry and Entrepreneurship in the Ropczyce region.
which is to be located at Ropczyce
we declare that (tick the appropriate box):
☒ The project is not likely to have significant effects on a site of nature conservation importance
on the following grounds:
   Evaluation of the influence on Environment

Therefore an appropriate assessment required by Article 6 (3) was not deemed necessary.
☐ Following an appropriate assessment, according to Art. 6(3) of Directive 92/43/EEC, the project
will not have significant negative effects on a site of nature conservation importance.

Signed: ..................................
(Authority responsible for monitoring sites of nature conservation importance)
Official Seal:

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6 taking into account the requirements of Art. 6(3) of Directive 92/43/EEC