# Informative note on the project: "Infrastructure rehabilitation of roads leading to International Customs points from Briceni and Larga, in the Briceni district"

*The applicant*: Mayor's office of the city Briceni.

Priority 1: "Rehabilitation of physical infrastructure"

Action 1.2: "Rehabilitation and upgrading of the existing network of roads and international connections"

### I. General project data

1. **The overall objective of the project:** Rehabilitation and upgrade of the road access to International Customs Points near Briceni and the village of Larga in the Briceni district, of the North region (city of Briceni, village of Larga, village of Cotiujeni, village of Grimancauți), increasing traffic safety and traffic flow as well as security of transit traffic for about 400,000 people/year, i.e. 132,000 vehicles/year.

## 2. The project it is expected to achieve the following major objectives:

Procurement activities, implementation of the project activities, monitoring activities, communication activities, and increased visibility of the project.

## 3. Partner (partners):

- 1. City Hall of the village Larga, district Briceni.
- 2. City Hall of the village Cotiujeni, district Briceni.
- 3. City Hall of the village Grimancauți, district Briceni.
- 4. District Council, Briceni.
- 4. The location of the project: The North Region, district Briceni, villages: Larga, Cotiujeni, Grimancauti
- 5. The total amount of the project: 27, 360, 500.00 MDL, amount requested from NFRD 26, 627, 000.00 MDL, what constitutes 97,31% of the total cost of the project.
- 6. Total contribution 733, 500.00 lei (2,68 %) This contribution is not sought from NFRD.
- 7. Duration of project implementation: 12 months.

## II. Conceptual note

#### Explanation

The regional project is aimed at 4 localities integrated into the district of Briceni and the access to a road that passes through these localities to the customs point with Ukraine.

The geographical position of the city located in Briceni district borders Ukraine to the north, Romania to the west, the district of Edinet to the South, and the district of Ocnita to the East, Briceni represents an important transit point to Romania and Ukraine. Improved infrastructure and strategic customs destination routes make the area a prime location for regional development when considering the established development strategies.

#### Potential beneficiaries of the project/target group

*Target-groups* are the local authorities, the local community in the city of Briceni and villages of Larga, Cotiujeni, Grimancauti, as well as suppliers of the products and services

*Final beneficiaries* of the project are: citizens of the city, Briceni, and villages, Larga, Cotiujeni, and Grimancauți; People traveling through the city, approximately 400,000 people/year, i.e. 132,000 vehicles/year; The inhabitants of the surrounding areas; Economic agents from the city of Briceni and villages of Larga, Cotiujeni, and Grimancauti.

#### **Project products.**

Following the implementation of the project, 2,395 m of regional road will be repaired/rehabilitated, 1400 m of road will be reconstructed.

#### **Results of the project**

Improved road safety, traffic flow, and connections between all cities/towns in the region.

#### **Multiple effects**

Implementation of the project is the basis for sustainable development in Briceni and could create a foundation for the development of economic activities and tourism for the Briceni district. The new road infrastructure which connects with the modernized customs points, is expected to increase the number of tourists, reducing access time, and transit time to and from these locations.

Also, the project will support the socio-economic development of the area, by encouraging private tourism related initiatives as a result of increasing access to the local market, which could be a major contribution in the development of local and regional cross-border cooperation with Ukraine.

In addition, the project can be replicated and the other regional roads of the Briceni district, by the formation of well defined partnerships between local public authorities with common interests related to infrastructure development, which will increase the number of beneficiaries.

Last, but not least, the project creates synergy with other projects and partners plans to undertake in accordance with the overall development strategy.

#### III. Social and economic impact of the project

Following the implementation of the project the local authorities: City Hall Briceni, City Hall Larga; Vity Hall Cotiujeni; City Hall Grimancauti will get a rehabilitated and rebuilt road infrastructure, which will attract a large number of benefits that will contribute to regional development.

9900 inhabitants of the city Briceni, 4,560 inhabitants of Grimancauti village, 3809 inhabitants of village Cotiujeni, 4,700 inhabitants of the village Larga, about 400,000 people transiting annually Briceni city and surrounding areas, residents will have access to a safe road infrastructure which will facilitate access to customs points. The road infrastructure rehabilitation and reorganization of traffic flow created will result in a more attractive city, with a central area less crowded in terms of transit traffic. This implies that a decrease in the level of pollution and noise will follow and will create an improved atmosphere for more harmonious social development. In the long term, by attracting people from surrounding areas and improving and developing relations between the villages and the capital of the district, the project will allow for the propagation of ideas like civility and modernity in the more rural areas and improve the quality of life of those locations.