



# Conference LEADER cooperation

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# Eligible partners and territories

- ▶ Rural LAGs.
- ▶ Other local public-private partnerships with an active role on rural development since in partnership with the LAG.
- ▶ FLAGs in the coastal areas in the EU Member States (Structural Funds/CLLD) funded by the EMFF programmes.
- ▶ LAGs in the urban areas in the EU member states (Structural Funds/CLLD).
- ▶ LEADER-like communities or groups implementing a rural development strategy in the 3rd countries and countries outside de EU.



# Selection process and calls for TNC projects

- ▶ Managing Authority will approve the projects within 60 working days after the submission of the project to MA.
- ▶ In the case of TNC projects the previous decision stays conditioned until all the transnational partners present the proof of approval by their managing authorities.
- ▶ The approval decision expires in 4 months in case the other MS don't have the approval by their MA.
- ▶ The call for TNC projects will be ongoing in certain periods.



# Duration of TNC project

The maximum duration of a TNC project is 36 months, counted from the date of the submission of the acceptance term.



# Budget and Numbers

- ▶ The budget for TNC projects is 5% of the total amount (of EAFRD) of the LDS of each LAG.

Minimum: 90 000 €

Maximum: 340 000 €

Average: 150 000 € - 250 000 €

- ▶ Total allocated budget for cooperation in RDP is **9 784 470 € (EAFRD)**

No expected number of TNC projects defined

- ▶ Maximum amount of support for preparatory support is **8 300 €/application**
- ▶ Maximum amount of support per TNC project is **85 000 €/LAG/Project**
- ▶ Level of support is 90% of eligible costs





# Eligibility criteria related with project

	<b>Preparatory Support</b>	<b>Implementation of the Project</b>
<b>Eligibility criteria</b>	<p><b>a)</b> Correspond to the themes expressed in the LDS</p> <p><b>b)</b> Present a cooperation development plan defining the objectives, activities and potential partners</p> <p><b>c)</b> Start after the date of submission of the application, or at a later date to be defined in the call for the submission of applications</p> <p><b>d)</b> Ensure, where applicable, the sources of external financing capital</p>	<p><b>a)</b> Correspond to the themes expressed in the LDS</p> <p><b>b)</b> Provide technical, economic and financial coherence</p> <p><b>c)</b> Start after the date of submission of the application</p> <p><b>d)</b> Ensure, where applicable, the sources of external financing capital</p> <p><b>e)</b> Present information on the cooperation project partners, objectives and activities to be developed by each partner and its budgets</p>

# Eligibility criteria related with partners

- ▶ a) To be legally established;
- ▶ b) With tax obligations fulfilled;
- ▶ c) Not to have been convicted in judicial procedure;



## Eligibility criteria related with partners

- ▶ e) To have an organized accounting system;
- ▶ f) To demonstrate ability to run a project;
- ▶ g) To present a cooperation protocol containing the plan of activities to be developed with the obligations, duties and responsibilities of all the partners involved as well as the designation of the LAG coordinator of the cooperation project.



## Selection criteria related with project

	Preparatory Support	Implementation of the Project
<b>Selection criteria</b>	<p><b>a)</b> The bigger number of transnational cooperation intentions</p> <p><b>b)</b> The level of maturity of the intentions of cooperation in regard to the potential partners and future thematics of the TNC projects</p>	<p><b>a)</b> The relevance of cooperation in relation to the thematic objectives of european territorial cooperation</p> <p><b>b)</b> Contribution of cooperation to the integration of local actors in networks of strategic activities</p> <p><b>c)</b> Contribution of cooperation to expand and multiply the impact of the LDS</p> <p><b>d)</b> Contribution of cooperation to increase the visibility of the territory</p> <p><b>e)</b> The ability to improve, add and disseminate the results obtained in previously executed</p>

## Eligible costs

### Preparatory support

- ▶ Market studies
- ▶ Strategic impact assessement
- ▶ Consultancy services procurement
- ▶ Travel and accomodation
- ▶ Personnel and running costs



# Eligible costs

## Implementation of the TNC projects

### i) Direct costs:

- ▶ Market studies
- ▶ Strategic impact assessement
- ▶ Consultancy services procurement



# Eligible costs

- ▶ Travel and accomodation (In Europe: 1250 €/person; other countries: 2750 €/person - support rate = 90%)
- ▶ Information and promotion activities
- ▶ Expenses with facilities and equipment required for common action
- ▶ Personnel costs

# Eligible costs

## ii) Indirect costs:

- ▶ Facilities and operating expenses namely water, electricity, communications, cleaning services, premises insurance, hygiene and cleaning products (15% of the personnel costs)

# Non-eligible costs

## Tangible investments:

- ▶ Buildings - property acquisition
- ▶ Second-hand equipment

## Intangible investments:

- ▶ Financial guarantee
- ▶ The interest on debts
- ▶ Leasing costs
- ▶ VAT





# Final Remarks

Evaluation/Decision on support:

- ▶ TNC projects - up to 4 months

Duration:

- ▶ Preparatory support - 12 months
- ▶ TNC projects - 36 months

TNC and inter-territorial cooperation **are integrated** into the LDS

MA publishes the calls for cooperation projects - **ongoing**

# Specific priorities/themes

- ▶ 1st Tourism and promotion of territories - 26,1%
- ▶ 2<sup>nd</sup> Innovation and entrepreneurship - 17,5%
- ▶ 3<sup>rd</sup> Local products - 15%
- ▶ 4<sup>th</sup> Historical and cultural heritage - 11,5
- ▶ 5<sup>th</sup> Natural resources and environment - 9%
- ▶ 6<sup>th</sup> Short supply chains - 8,1%
- ▶ 7<sup>th</sup> Agriculture - 6,8%
- ▶ 8<sup>th</sup> Social inclusion - 6%

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