SECTION A: COUNTRY SPECIFIC DETAILS

1. Name of the programme:
   Rural Development Programme of the Czech Republic for 2007–2013

2. Number of Local Action Groups (LAGs):
   112

3. Axes covered by LAGs:
   LAGs cover measures over Axis 1, 2 and 3. They define the axes and measures applied for their territory in their local rural development plans:
   - Axis 1 – Measures 111, 114, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125
   - Axis 2 – Measures 226, 227
   - Axis 3 – Measures 311, 312, 313, 321, 322, 323, 331

4. Axes covered by Transnational Cooperation (TNC) projects:
   TNC projects include 8 measures over Axis 1 – 4:
   - Axis 1 – Measure 111
   - Axis 2 – Measure 227
   - Axis 3 – Measures 313, 321, 322, 323, 331
   - Axis 4 – Measure 421

5. Total RDP budget for all the four axes (including EU+ public+ private expenditure):
   EUR 4,657,366,165
   Total budget for axis 4:
   EUR 285,485,462
   Of which:
   - a. EU Funding: EUR 164,660,278
   - b. Public funding: EUR 41,165,069
   - c. Private funding: EUR 79,660,115
## SECTION B: PROGRAMMING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION PROJECTS

### 1. FINANCIAL ASPECTS

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<th>Budget for TNC projects (Total public funding: EU + public)</th>
<th>The total budget allocated to measure 421 is EUR 17,596,915. This is 8.55% of the axis 4 public funding and 0.48% of the total public RDP budget. This amount includes funding both for inter-territorial and transnational cooperation; there is no pre-division of this funding between the two types of cooperation. The budget per transnational project can be within a range of a minimum of approx. EUR 6,000 (CZK 150,000) and a maximum of approx. EUR 200,000 (CZK 5,000,000) for the Czech part of the project. The maximum of public funding is 90% of the total eligible expenses.</th>
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<td>Responsibility for the management of the Budget (MAs or LAGs)</td>
<td>The Managing Authority (MA) grants a financial framework for cooperation projects for each call for project applications.</td>
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<td>Special budget for the preparatory technical support of TNC projects</td>
<td>No special budget for the preparation of TNC projects has been set. Preparation costs can be included in the budget of the actual TNC project itself.</td>
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### 2. PROGRAMMING ASPECTS

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<th>Local Development Strategies and TNC</th>
<th>LAGs do not have to specify in their Local Development Strategies (LDS) their project ideas in relation to TNC. It is always possible for LAGs to apply for a TNC project, even if it has not been included in the LDS.</th>
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<td>Way of selecting cooperation projects</td>
<td>Grant receivers are the LAGs. They submit the projects to the Paying Agency (PA), which do an administrative inspection including assessment some of the eligibility criteria. For final selecting cooperation projects is set up Selection committee. This Selection committee selects the cooperation projects according to selection and other eligibility criteria.</td>
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<td>Main topics of TNC proposed for the 2007-2013 programming period</td>
<td>Main topics are education and information activities, development of rural cultural heritage, tourism, cultural events and promotions and regional products.</td>
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<td>Cooperation with third countries</td>
<td>There are no restrictions regarding cooperation with third countries.</td>
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<td>Maximum/minimum number of TNC projects per LAG</td>
<td>LAGs are not required to implement cooperation projects.</td>
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### 3. COMMON PROVISIONS FOR TNC PROJECT APPROVAL

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<td>Eligibility criteria for cooperation projects</td>
<td>• LAGs must meet all eligibility criteria laid down by rules. Cooperation shall involve at least one LAG selected under the Leader axis.</td>
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| Selection criteria for cooperation projects | 1) Transnational cooperation project  
2) Involvement of LAG not supported under the Leader axis  
3) Participation in the presentation  
4) Added value of cooperation  
5) Efficiency – substantiation of expenses  
6) Usefulness, comprehensiveness, advisability  
7) Demand of public  
8) Involvement of public in the implementation and sustainability of project  
9) Sustainability  
10) Partners – involvement of other subjects  
11) Innovation (an innovative project)  
12) Integrated approach, synergistic effect  
13) Balance impact of the project  
14) Quality of the project preparation  
15) Regional identity |
| Eligible activities of measure 421 Cooperation | We have divided the eligible expenditure into 6 codes:  
1) soft events with a defined number of participants, excursions  
2) soft events for general public  
3) acquisition of equipment  
4) construction expenditure  
5) study  
6) management and support of project |
| Typical examples of eligible costs for TNC projects | • Preparation of a cooperation project;  
• Coordination of a cooperation project during the implementation phase. |
| Specific documents concerning the cooperation partners required from LAGs | Agreement between all project partners. |
| The approval process of TNC applications | LAG submit projects to the Paying Agency (PA). The maximum time limit set for approval by the Member States’ authorities of the TNC project partners is 9 months, but agreement must be signed to 31.12.2013. |

**List of abbreviations:**

- EU: European Union
- LAG: Local Action Group
- LDS: Local Development Strategy
- MA: Managing Authority
- MS: Member State
- PA: Paying Authority
- TNC: Transnational Cooperation
- RDP: Rural Development Programme

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