

## PROGRAMMING PERIOD 2007-2013

### ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE OF TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION (TNC) UNDER LEADER AXIS

#### 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

Budget for TNC projects (Total public funding: EU + public)	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Responsibility for the management of the Budget (MAs or LAGs)	The Managing Authority (MA) grants a financial framework for cooperation projects for each call for project applications.
Special budget for the preparatory technical support of TNC projects	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.

### 2. PROGRAMMING ASPECTS

Local Development Strategies and TNC	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.
Way of selecting cooperation projects	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.
Main topics of TNC proposed for the 2007-2013 programming period	Main topics are education and information activities, development of rural cultural heritage, tourism, cultural events and promotions and regional products.
Cooperation with third countries	There are no restrictions regarding cooperation with third countries.
Maximum/minimum number of TNC projects per LAG	LAGs are not required to implement cooperation projects.

### 3. COMMON PROVISIONS FOR TNC PROJECT APPROVAL

Information about procedures of approval and implementation of TNC projects	The procedures concerning the approval and implementation of TNC projects are available via the Ministry's website: <a href="http://eagri.cz/public/eagri/dotace/program-rozvoje-venkova-na-obdobi-2007/opatreni-osy-iv/">http://eagri.cz/public/eagri/dotace/program-rozvoje-venkova-na-obdobi-2007/opatreni-osy-iv/</a>
Eligibility criteria for cooperation projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LAGs must meet all eligibility criteria laid down by rules. Cooperation shall involve at least one LAG selected under the Leader axis.</li> </ul>
Selection criteria for cooperation projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Transnational cooperation project</li> <li>2) Involvement of LAG not supported under the Leader axis</li> <li>3) Participation in the presentation</li> <li>4) Added value of cooperation</li> <li>5) Efficiency – substantiation of expenses</li> <li>6) Usefulness, comprehensiveness, advisability</li> <li>7) Demand of public</li> <li>8) Involvement of public in the implementation and sustainability of project</li> <li>9) Sustainability</li> <li>10) Partners – involvement of other subjects</li> <li>11) Innovation (an innovative project)</li> <li>12) Integrated approach, synergistic effect</li> <li>13) Balance impact of the project</li> <li>14) Quality of the project preparation</li> <li>15) Regional identity</li> </ol>
Eligible activities of measure 421 Cooperation	<p>We have divided the eligible expenditure into 6 codes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) soft events with a defined number of participants, excursions</li> <li>2) soft events for general public</li> <li>3) acquisition of equipment</li> <li>4) construction expenditure</li> <li>5) study</li> <li>6) management and support of project</li> </ol>
Typical examples of eligible costs for TNC projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of a cooperation project;</li> <li>• Coordination of a cooperation project during the implementation phase.</li> </ul>
Specific documents concerning the cooperation partners required from LAGs	Agreement between all project partners.
The approval process of TNC applications	<p>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.</p> <p>LDS: Local Development Strategy  MA: Managing Authority  MS: Member State  PA: Paying Authority  TNC: Transnational Cooperation  RDP: Rural Development Programme</p>

#### List of abbreviations:

EU: European Union	MS: Member State
LAG: Local Action Group	PA: Paying Authority
LDS: Local Development Strategy	TNC: Transnational Cooperation
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