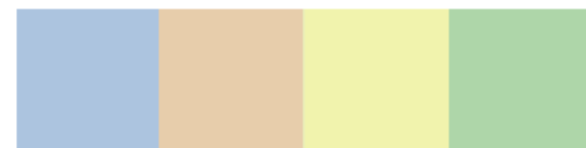
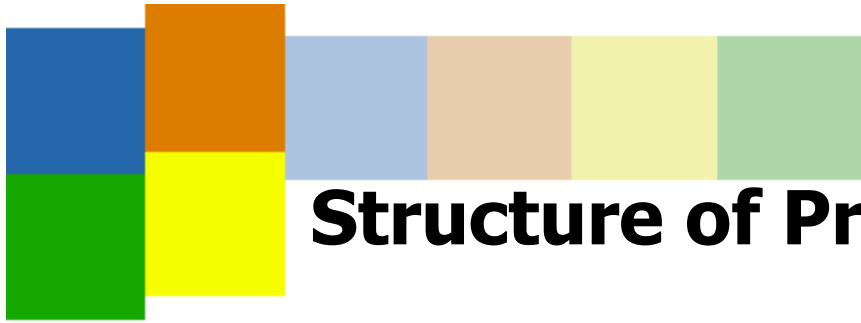


Outline of Indicative Ideas for the 2nd Year Annual Work Programme of the EN RD Contact Point, with Special Reference to Leader

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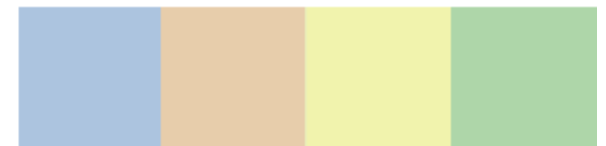


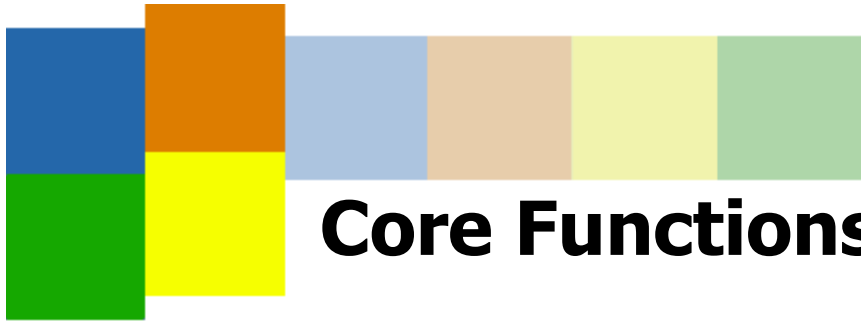
Structure of Presentation

- **The context:**
 - understanding the needs of NRNs and LAGs
 - core functions of EN RD CP

- **Main points for future work of the EN RD CP:**
 - TNC support services/tools
 - specific databases
 - activities involving and supporting NRNs

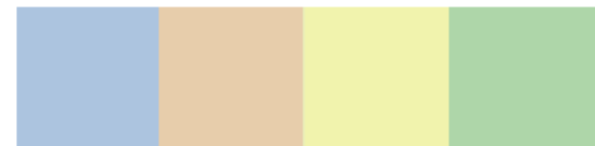
- **Concluding remarks:**
 - how best can EN RD and NRNs respond to needs?





Core Functions and Tools of EN RD CP

1. Support to Coordination Committee, Leader Subcommittee, Thematic Working Groups
 2. Support for transnational cooperation
 3. Information exchange and coordination with National Rural Networks
 4. Promotion and representation
 5. Information line
 6. Support for analysis of programmes and monitoring indicators
 7. Relevant experiences ("good" practices)
- *Using a range of tools (website, publications, seminars, etc) to support networking throughout EN RD ...*
 - *... To put in place platforms that anyone in EN RD can utilise, eg for TNC, sharing relevant experiences, etc*

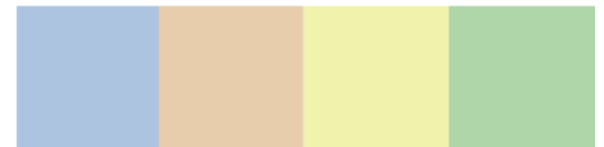




TNC Support Services/Tools

- **Responding to needs and priorities as identified by NRNs and LAGs:**
 - understanding rules and procedures
 - identification of suitable partners
 - coordination and management of partnerships

- **Supporting Leader and other stakeholders:**
 - Leader Cooperation:
 - transnational cooperation (TNC)
 - inter-territorial cooperation (ITC)
 - Broader Cooperation (Leader and “Non-Leader”):
 - intensive networking, eg sharing experience
 - projects with various sources of funding

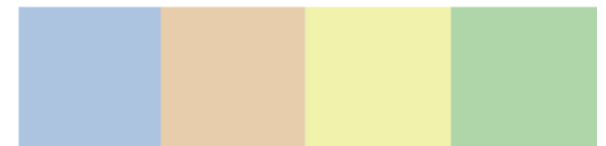


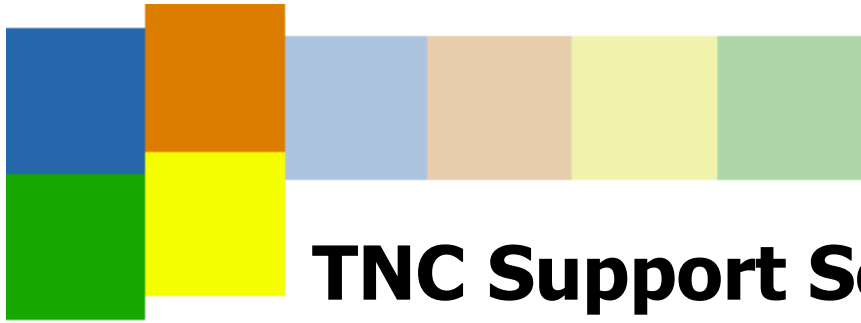


TNC support services/tools

TNC Guide:

- **Consolidated European Guide:**
 - web-based guide, with links to examples, resources,
 - preparation of first version started with an inventory of 46 relevant guides
- **To be supplemented next year with:**
 - approval procedures in all Member States
 - good examples of cooperation between rural stakeholders
- **Could be extended later on:**
 - to cover cooperation outside Leader

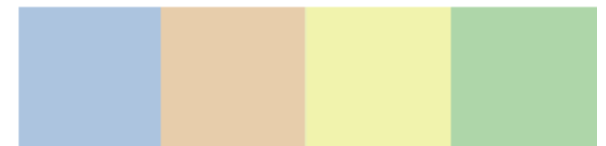




TNC Support Services/Tools

TNC support activities:

- **Cooperation Fair**
 - to stimulate and facilitate cooperation in general and new cooperation projects in particular
 - follow-up could include support to “twinning” between NRNs or in-depth working in small groups of NRNs
- **Workshops on cooperation**
 - to support potential partners in different steps of the life-cycle of projects, such as: first steps in preparing a cooperation project; partnership coordination; joint project evaluation
- **E-Learning Platform** for exchange and training in the field of TNC

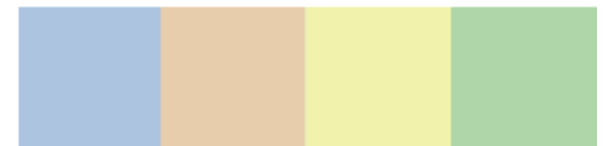




Databases of Relevance to Leader

- **General databases on Leader:**
 - Local Action Groups
 - examples of relevant experience (“good” practice)
 - administrative documents

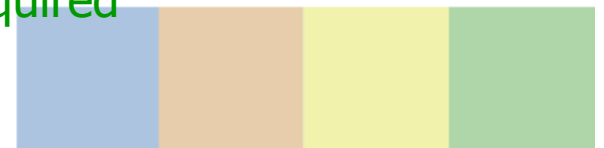
- **Specific databases on cooperation:**
 - Partner Search Tool (PST)
 - cooperation projects under approval
 - approved cooperation projects

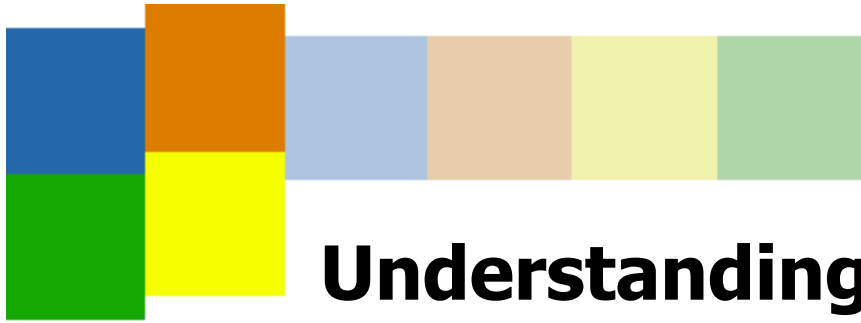




Activities Supporting Specific Needs of NRNs

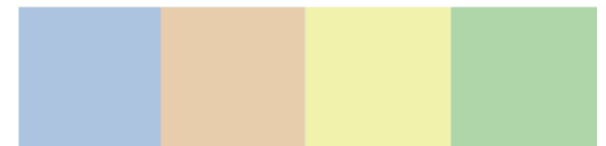
- **Regular Working Meetings with NSUs**
 - 4 to 6 times a year: direct exchange of information and experience between EN RD (CP) and NRNs (NSUs), and amongst NRNs (NSUs)
- **Workshops for national and regional level stakeholders**
 - on themes of common interest to (groups of) NRNs, responding to specific training needs, e.g. on creation of LAGs, managing projects, financing projects, etc
 - practical help to ensure the correct use of web-based tools and guides/handbooks, etc
- **On-the-spot visits to NRNs**
 - to maintain and further intensify the exchange of information and to engage the NRNs in the evolution of the EN RD activities and tools
 - provide NRNs with advice and assistance, as required





Understanding & Responding to Needs

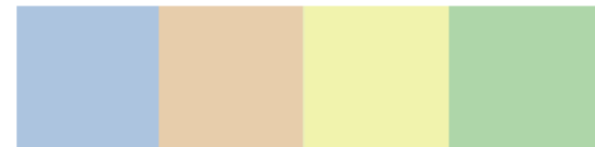
- **How should the EN RD and NRNs respond to needs?**
 - What are the best tools to support networking and cooperation?
 - Which are the main target groups for TNC support?
 - What should be the balance between direct and indirect support for TNC?
 - How soon and how important is to extend support to cooperation outside Leader?
 - Which are the key areas of complementarity between EN RD and NRNs?





Learning and Benefiting from Leader

- **Is the Leader approach making a significant contribution to achieving RD policy objectives?**
 - consistency in objectives: RDP – LAG strategy – projects (?)
- **What is the potential transferability of Leader approach to the implementation of other parts of RD policy?**
 - develop a “Leader Mk II” for wider application?





Outline of indicative ideas

Thank you for your attention

