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# **Added Value of Networking**

## **Success Story**

Success Story title		e Guidelines on inter-territorial and transnational cooperation
Theme	Cooper	ration
NRN	Germany	y Coordinator NSU
Partners Leader responsible persons from the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection		
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Geo-loca	eo-location Eisenach	
Beneficiaries Leader responsible persons from the German Ministry and the regional Ministries, Approval Authorities, Paying Agencies, Regional NSUs		

#### Background

The administrative rules in Leader are more difficult in this funding period. Lots of administrative bodies are involved in the administrative procedures. Most of them are not aware of the possibilities of Leader concerning the interpretation of the rules (which are usually used for measures in the first pillar of Agriculture funding and not for projects like it is in most cases in Leader). The aim of the workshop was to talk about the possibilities of the interpretation of administrative rules from different perspectives.

One of the smaller workshops during this event was about inter-territorial and transnational cooperation. The administrative rules for those projects are extremely difficult. A lot of communication is needed between all involved authorities and there is no common guidelines. National rights from all European countries and in Germany from all Länders have to be considered.

Therefore the participants decided to create a new working group to create a kind of guideline for some of the German Länder for inter-territorial and transnational cooperation.

#### Main activities

The working group on inter-territorial and transnational cooperation' with participants from the MA, Approval Authorities and Paying Agencies developed a kind of guideline which makes it much easier for them to support the LAGs in developing a common project. Additionally the administrative bodies get an understanding about the importance of a special project structure for TNC. Main topics of this guideline are: precondition for a project approval, types of cooperation projects, types of invoicing and final report of the lead partner.



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### Contribution of the NSU

The NSU was the organizer of the first workshop, took part and gave its knowledge to the working group.

#### Success factors

The development of a working group and of the guideline thanks to the first workshop organized by the NSU Germany