

I. General information

Thematic provisions	Not applicable
Territorial provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For inter-territorial projects: Rural and non-rural territory in EU MS. At RDP level there are no restrictions regarding the types of non-rural territories. For TNC projects: Rural and non-rural territories in EU MS; Rural territories in third countries (non-EU). No restrictions at RDP level with regard to the types of non-rural territories.
Potential partners	For TNC projects, local action groups, group of local public and private partners (non_LAG) in a rural territory implementing a local development strategy.
Guidance in other languages / national language	Available in Dutch.
Eligible beneficiaries for cooperation projects	Local action groups Other local actors
Coordinating/lead partner provisions	A lead partner is required for a cooperation project to be eligible for support.
Simplified costs	Applicable to inter-territorial and transnational cooperation. Personnel costs are only eligible for the duration of the project and for the personnel directly involved in the substantive execution of the project. Maintenance of accurate time logging is compulsory, with records being kept per half-day. The wage costs will be calculated via a standard table. The following elements are incorporated into the standard wage table: gross wage, employer's social security contributions, holiday pay, end of year bonus, occupational accident insurance, travel costs to and from work and luncheon vouchers. Overheads are allocated on a flat-rate basis and will be a maximum of 15% of personnel costs. The overheads must be requested explicitly in advance. The requested percentage cannot be increased during the project.
Calls	The Managing Authority publishes the call for cooperation projects (in 2016). The call is permanently open.
Project selection	Preparatory actions for cooperation projects are selected by the LAG. Cooperation projects are selected by the Managing Authority.
Budget allocation for cooperation to LAGs	Equal amount has been allocated to each LAG for cooperation projects.

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II. Financial information

Belgium – Flanders

Total public expenditure	A total of 1.25 million Euro has been allocated to LEADER cooperation (750,000 Euro of this is EAFRD contribution, the remaining part is regional contribution). 60,000 Euro has been allocated for preparatory actions (50% EAFRD, 50% regional contribution)
Maximum amount of support	The maximum amount of support for preparatory actions related to one project is 5,000 Euro. The maximum amount of support for a LEADER cooperation project is 125,000 Euro.
Minimum amount of support	Not specified in the RDP (or other relevant official document)
Maximum rate of support	preparatory actions: 100% ; LEADER cooperation projects: 95%
Other provisions	

III. Preparatory support

Rationale	XXXX
Eligible beneficiaries	Local action groups ; other local actors
Basic eligibility criteria	The preparatory support costs (in the context of effective and efficient preparation) may be refunded at 100% up to a maximum of 5,000 Euro per project provided that the PG has authorised preparatory support costs in advance. The preparatory support costs that are eligible for subsidy include: networking costs, travel and subsistence expenses, consulting, translations, feasibility studies, etc.
Eligible actions	Meetings, participation at events, feasibility study for the cooperation projects
Eligible costs	Travel, accommodation, interpreters' fees, translation, rental of venue for meetings and events, catering: Other eligible costs include: networking costs, travel and subsistence expenses, consulting, translations, feasibility studies, etc.
Non-eligible costs	Not described

IV. Inter-territorial Cooperation

Rationale	XXXX
Type of eligible territory	Rural and non-rural territory in EU MS. At RDP level there are no restrictions regarding the types of non-rural territories.
Basic eligibility criteria	<p>Eligibility conditions: 1. Investment and service provision projects relate to the defined LEADER territory. 2. The investment project or service provision project fits within the objectives of the approved local development strategy. 3. The co-promoter(s) are themselves responsible for the remaining amount of the project costs (minimum 5%) via their own funding, possibly combined with funding from the province and/or local authority and/or partners. Funds from the Flemish rural fund can be considered local authority own funding. Other Flemish project subsidies cannot be combined with LEADER co-financing. 4. The project promoter and co-promoter(s) are eligible as beneficiaries. 5. The same project costs cannot be subsidised under different European programmes. Duplication of financing from European funds is therefore not allowed. 6. The financing of pure studies without implementation is not eligible for subsidy. 7. A cost estimate with an indication of the nature of the sources of funding. Commitment conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For investment projects, a commitment from the project promoter that the investment will not change its function within 5 years of the last payment. • The relevant logos and slogan will appear on the material used for communication with the public. • The project will be started within 3 months of approval. • Correct and prompt declarations must be submitted in order to receive public funding • Compliance with non-discrimination and equal opportunities principles • The project must not receive European aid from other funds for the same parts of the project. • The project promoter shall take the necessary steps during and after the execution of the project to enable the exercise of supervision and authority over the execution of the project. This applies both for EU officials and authorised officials of the Federal, Flemish and Provincial government • In cases where the law on public procurement applies, the promoter must comply with that legislation. • The project can only be approved if the permits that are known to be required have been applied for at the time the project is approved
Eligible actions	Meetings, participations at events, publications, website, joint services, study visit
Eligible costs	Travel, accommodation, catering, interpreters' fees, translation, consulting, telecommunication and/or postal services, rental of venue for meetings and events, share of common costs related to joint publications and/or website
Non-eligible costs	The following investment costs are not eligible for support: - the acquisition, including leasing, of real estate, for example land and buildings; - studies without implementation. The following wage costs are not eligible for subsidy: - wage costs for mere 'supervision' (usually by the top management); - expenditure for fringe benefits such as group insurance, supplementary pension, hospital insurance, etc. (These costs cannot be subsidised under any heading); - work clothing, civil liability insurance; - recruitment costs; - severance payments, redundancy payments.

V. Transnational Cooperation (TNC)

Rationale	XXXX
Type or eligible territory	Rural and no-rural territories in EU MS Rural territories in third countries (no-EU) No restrictions at RDP level with regard increasingly the types or no-rural territories.
Basic eligibility criteria	<p>Eligibility conditions: 1. Investment and service provision projects relate to the defined LEADER territory. 2. The investment project or service provision project fits within the objectives of the approved local development strategy. 3. The co-promoter(s) are themselves responsible for the remaining amount of the project costs (minimum 5%) via their own funding, possibly combined with funding from the province and/or local authority and/or partners. Funds from the Flemish rural fund can be considered local authority own funding. Other Flemish project subsidies cannot be combined with LEADER co-financing. 4. The project promoter and co-promoter(s) are eligible as beneficiaries. 5. The same project costs cannot be subsidised under different European programmes. Duplication of financing from European funds is therefore not allowed. 6. The financing of pure studies without implementation is not eligible for subsidy. 7. A cost estimate with an indication of the nature of the sources of funding. Commitment conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For investment projects, a commitment from the project promoter that the investment will not change its function within 5 years after the last payment. • The relevant logos and slogan will appear on the material used for communication with the public. • The project will be started within 3 months of approval. • Correct and prompt declarations must be submitted in order to receive public funding • Compliance with non-discrimination and equal opportunities principles • The project must not receive European aid from other funds for the same parts of the project. • The project promoter shall take the necessary steps during and after the execution of the project to enable the exercise of supervision and authority over the execution of the project. This applies both for EU officials and authorised officials of the Federal, Flemish and Provincial government • In cases where the law on public procurement applies, the promoter must comply with that legislation. • The project can only be approved if the permits that are known to be required have been applied for at the time the project is approved.
Eligible actions	As for inter-territorial cooperation
Eligible costs	As for inter-territorial cooperation
Non-eligible costs	The following investment costs are not eligible for support: - the acquisition, including leasing, of real estate, for example land and buildings; - studies without implementation. The following wage costs are not eligible for subsidy: - wage costs for mere 'supervision' (usually by the top management); - expenditure for fringe benefits such as group insurance, supplementary pension, hospital insurance, etc. (These costs cannot be subsidised under any heading); - work clothing, civil liability insurance; - recruitment costs; - severance payments, redundancy payments.