

# Germany – Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania

## PROGRAMMING PERIOD 2007-2013

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

#### SECTION A: COUNTRY SPECIFIC DETAILS

##### 1. Name of the programme:

Entwicklungsprogramm für den ländlichen Raum Mecklenburg-Vorpommern 2007 – 2013  
(EPLR M-V)

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

13

##### 3. Axes covered by LAGs:

Leader actions may address any measure under any of the axes of the RDP

##### 4. Axes and measures covered by TNC projects:

TNC may address any measure under any of the axes of the RDP

##### 5. Total RDP budget for all the four axes (including EU+ public+ private expenditure):

EUR 1,271,000,000

##### Total budget for Leader axis:

EUR 71,000,000

Of which:

a. EU Funding: EUR 56,800,000

b. Public funding: EUR 14,200,000

c. Private funding: n/a

## SECTION B: PROGRAMMING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION PROJECTS

### 1. FINANCIAL ASPECTS

Budget for TNC projects (Total public funding: EU + public)	To date, a particular budget for transnational cooperation has not been established in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, neither at LAG- nor at project level.
Responsibility for the management of the Budget (MAs or LAGs)	Decisions relating to the allocation of TNC funding are taken by the Managing Authority (MA) on a case by case basis, as needed.
Special budget for the preparatory technical support of TNC projects	No provision for a particular budget covering the preparation (initiation) of transnational cooperation projects has been made. Decisions accepting claims for such expenditure will be taken on a case by case basis (cost category: LAG management).

### 2. PROGRAMMING ASPECTS

Local Development Strategies and TNC	LAGs have rarely included TNC in their local development strategies (LDS). They mainly focus on inter-regional cooperation, e.g. with neighbouring LAGs. However, TNC project applications may still obtain approval, even if TNC was conceptually not foreseen in the LDS.
Way of selecting cooperation projects	In accordance with the bottom-up principle TNC projects will be selected by the LAGs. Like for any other Leader project funding, the State Offices for Agriculture and Environmental Protection (MA) will be in charge of approving TNC projects.
Main topics of TNC proposed for the 2007-2013 programming period	In Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania LDS themes that relate to (inter-regional) cooperation include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tourism;</li> <li>• Agriculture;</li> <li>• Employment;</li> <li>• Education;</li> <li>• Science.</li> </ul>
Cooperation with third countries	There are no restrictions defined regarding Cooperation with third countries.
Maximum/minimum number of TNC projects per LAG	No restriction has been established concerning the number of TNC projects a LAG may engage in.

### 3. COMMON PROVISIONS FOR TNC PROJECT APPROVAL

Information about procedures of approval and implementation of TNC projects	No specific TNC approval or implementation procedures or instructions have been established.
Eligibility criteria for cooperation projects	Due the – so far – low demand for TNC projects, no specific eligibility criteria have been put in place.
Selection criteria for cooperation projects	Due the – so far – low demand for TNC projects, no specific selection criteria have been put in place.
Eligible activities of measure 421 Cooperation	TNC project preparation / initiation activity to determine the focus of cooperation (cost category: LAG management); • Other typical examples are presently not available.
Typical examples of eligible costs for TNC projects	Typical examples are presently not available.
Specific documents concerning the cooperation partners required from LAGs	There are currently no specific rules that impose documentation requirements on TNC project partners when submitting applications to approval authorities in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania.
The approval process of TNC applications	Particular deadlines for the submission of TNC project applications or specific TNC approval procedures do not exist. Selected TNC project proposals will be submitted by LAGs to their respective MA (State Offices for Agriculture and Environmental Protection) for approval.

#### 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