

## **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 Umbria Region

##### 2. Number of LAGs:

5

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

Axis 3 – Measures 312, 313, 321, 323, 331, 332

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

Axis 3 – Measures 312, 313, 321, 323, 331, 332

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

EUR 1,060,270,873

##### 6. Total budget for Leader axis:

EUR 48,775,682

Of which:

a. EU Funding: EUR 17,837,900

b. Public funding: EUR 40,540,682

c. Private funding: EUR 8,235,000

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

1. FINANCIAL ASPECTS	
Budget for TNC projects  (Total public funding: EU + public)	The budget allocated to measure 421 - "inter-territorial and transnational cooperation" is EUR 3,800,341, which is 0.49% of the total RDP public funding budget. The funds have not been pre-allocated to TNC projects.
Responsibility for the management of the Budget (MAs or LAGs)	LAGs are responsible for managing the TNC budget.
Special budget for the preparatory technical support of TNC projects	A special budget for the preparation of TNC projects is not foreseen.

2. PROGRAMMING ASPECTS	
Local Development Strategies and TNC	Local Partnerships intending to undertake cooperation initiatives present these in their Local Development Strategy (LDS). The inclusion of cooperation is considered advantageous in the course of the evaluation of the LDS.
Way of selecting cooperation projects	The Umbria Region has issued a call for submission of LDS, including cooperation project proposals.
Main topics of TNC proposed for the 2007-2013 programming period	The main proposed themes are the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rural tourism;</li> <li>• local products.</li> </ul>
Cooperation with third countries	No specific restrictions have been indicated with regards to cooperation with third countries.
Maximum/minimum number of TNC projects per LAG	Not specified.

3.COMMON PROVISIONS FOR TNC PROJECT APPROVAL	
Information about procedures of approval and implementation of TNC projects	The same procedures as for the LDS selection apply.
Eligibility criteria for cooperation projects	There are no specific criteria for the participation of partners in TNC projects.
Selection criteria for cooperation projects	There are no specific criteria for evaluation of cooperation projects.
Eligible activities of measure 421 Cooperation	Cooperation projects must relate to those measures of axis 3, which can be addressed through Axis 4 of the RDP. They must be consistent with the objectives and the central theme of the LDS.
Typical examples of eligible costs for TNC projects	Funding covers the costs incurred for the implementation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actions foreseen by measure 413;</li> <li>• Technical assistance activities, supporting preparatory steps for the development of cooperation projects, such as: partner search, establishment of contact and preparation of the cooperation project application.</li> </ul>
Specific documents concerning the cooperation partners required from LAGs	In addition to the requirements established by the Guide for the implementation of the measure Cooperation under the Leader axis of rural development programmes 2007-2013, LAGs have to complete a specific application form, providing detailed information and data.
The approval process of TNC applications	The MA approved 1 TNC project.

### 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