

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 Campania Region

2. Number of LAGs:

13

3. Axes covered by LAGs:

Axis 1 – Measures 124

Axis 2 – Measures 216, 225, 227

Axis 3 – Measures 311, 312, 313, 321, 322, 323

4. Axes covered by TNC projects:

Axis 1 – Measures 124

Axis 2 – Measures 216, 225, 227

Axis 3 – Measures 311, 312, 313, 321, 322, 323

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

EUR 2,215,160,542

Total budget for Leader axis:

EUR 98,832,879

Of which:

a. EU Funding: EUR 59,117,450

b. Public funding: EUR 26,696,819

c. Private funding: EUR 13,018,000

SECTION B: PROGRAMMING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION PROJECTS

1. FINANCIAL ASPECTS

Budget for TNC projects (Total public funding: EU + public)	<p>The budget allocated to measure 421 - "interterritorial and transnational cooperation" is EUR 6,550,916, which is 7.63% of the total RDP public funding budget. The funds have not been pre-allocated to TNC projects and to the LAGs.</p> <p>In accordance with the National Guide for eligible costs, approved by the Ministry of Agriculture of Italy, eligible expenditure for a transnational cooperation project cannot exceed 300,000 Euro.</p>
Responsibility for the management of the Budget (MAs or LAGs)	The LAG is responsible for managing the TNC budget.
Special budget for the preparatory technical support of TNC projects	Each LAG can be provided with up to a maximum of EUR 15,000 Euro to cover preparatory technical support costs.

2. PROGRAMMING ASPECTS

Local Development Strategies and TNC	<p>LAGs can present within their LDSs their cooperation strategy, indicating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The level of the involvement of partners; • The relevance of the proposed actions in terms of the objectives of the project; • The methodology, the typology of the actions and the objectives they intend to pursue; • The amount of the funding request.
Way of selecting cooperation projects	The cooperation strategies will be selected together with the LDS and the action plan. Afterwards the LAG will have to submit a final project for each cooperation project, enclosed the cooperation agreement signed by all the partners, the implementing modalities, the financial and organization informations.
Main topics of TNC proposed for the 2007-2013 programming period	The main themes proposed by LAGs include the promotion of local products, the quality of life and rural tourism.
Cooperation with third countries	The cooperation with territories of third countries that have a similar approach is foreseen.
Maximum/minimum number of TNC projects per LAG	To avoid fragmentation and burdening of the LAG management with administrative activities of the partnerships, each selected LAG cannot participate in more than 3 TNC projects.

3.COMMON PROVISIONS FOR TNC PROJECT APPROVAL

<p>Information about procedures of approval and implementation of TNC projects</p>	<p>A committee established within the MA will assess the compliance of TNC project applications with the cooperation strategies of the LDSs.</p> <p>The implementation of the action will be subject to the approval of the cooperation project by all other MAs involved. The MA may give provisional approval, on condition that the other partners receive approval from their respective MA within the next six months from the planned start date of the project.</p> <p>An administrative selection procedure, distinct from the project selection one, has been put in place to facilitate the financing of preparatory technical support expenditures. The submission of applications is accepted at any time from the moment the LAGs were selected.</p>
<p>Eligibility criteria for cooperation projects</p>	<p>The participation in TNC with other rural areas belonging to one or more Member States and/or with territories of third countries that have a similar approach is foreseen.</p>
<p>Selection criteria for cooperation projects</p>	<p>As part of the LDS approval process the selection of cooperation strategies will consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistency with the strategies pursued by the LDS; • Technical feasibility and project quality; • Organizational model adopted; • Appropriateness of costs; compliance and eligibility of expenditure pursuant to EU, national and regional legislation. <p>The selection of full projects will verify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The presence of a joint action • The consistency with regional policies related to the international dimension; • The presence of at least one partner from another Member State; • Existence of a signed cooperation agreement between the partners
<p>Eligible activities of measure 421 Cooperation</p>	<p>The cooperation should include operations relevant to the local strategy. The projects must address RDP measures of axis 1, 2 and 3.</p>
<p>Typical examples of eligible costs for TNC projects</p>	<p>The only expenditures eligible for financing include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning, within a limit of 2% of the total cost and within a limit not exceeding 6,000 Euro; • Animation, needed to develop the partnership and the supporting actions, monitoring, and reporting up to a limit equal to 7.5% of the total cost and for an amount that cannot exceed 22,500 Euros; • Joint action, for which only the actions foreseen by measures 411, 412 and 413 of the RDP can be carried out, as well as expenses not covered, provided these are strategic to the project itself, consistent with regional policies and do not exceed 20% of the total cost. <p>In accordance with the National Guide for eligible costs, approved by the Ministry of Agriculture of Italy, eligible expenditure for a transnational cooperation project cannot exceed 300,000 Euro.</p>



Specific documents concerning the cooperation partners required from LAGs	As part of for the LDS selection/approval process, the Managing Authority required the completion of the application form for cooperation projects established by the Italian Rural Network, which also included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a declaration of the absence of overlapping with other cooperation projects;• the curriculum of the lead partner LAG which demonstrates experience in the field of Cooperation and in the thematic area of the project;• the curriculum of the other partnering LAG(s);• a declaration, from which the financial solidity of the partnering LAGs can be derived.
The approval process of TNC applications	The Managing Authority concluded the selection of the LAGs. The MA gave the acceptance to 10 transnational cooperation projects and is waiting for the partnership agreements.

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