

## Germany – Brandenburg

### PROGRAMMING PERIOD 2007-2013

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

##### SECTION A: **COUNTRY SPECIFIC DETAILS**

1. **Name of the programme:**

Entwicklungsplan für den ländlichen Raum Brandenburgs und Berlin

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

14

3. **Axes covered by LAGs:**

LAGs may address by means of the Leader approach axes 3 and 4.

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

Axis 4: all TNC projects are allocated to measure 421.

No thematic restriction has been established with regards to the thematic orientation of TNC projects.

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

EUR 2.18 billion

**Total budget for Leader axis:**

EUR 84.5 million

Of which:

a. EU Funding: EUR 52.7 million

b. Public funding: EUR 13.2 million

c. Private funding: EUR 18,6 million

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

### 1. FINANCIAL ASPECTS

Budget for TNC projects  (Total public funding: EU + public)	There is no specific TNC budget, i.e. funds have neither been pre-allocated to TNC projects nor to the LAGs.
Responsibility for the management of the Budget (MAs or LAGs)	Not applicable.
Special budget for the preparatory technical support of TNC projects	The maximum funding available to support expenses for project initiation is EUR 3.500,00 Euro, provided this amount equals 85% of the total expense (the applicant is expected to support 15% of total expenditure).  Preparatory actions are treated in the same way as any other project: submission of application, regional authority issues approval, processing of claim according to reimbursement principle.

### 2. PROGRAMMING ASPECTS

Local Development Strategies and TNC	There is no obligation to nominate TNC projects already in the local development strategy (LDS), but their purpose must be in line with the objectives of the LDS.
Way of selecting cooperation projects	The LAG must be the project holder (recipient of funding), which therefore is in charge of project selection. The approval is issued by the subordinate approval authority of the Ministry (MA), i.e. the administrative district's authority.
Main topics of TNC proposed for the 2007-2013 programming period	Cooperation projects relate to themes, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tourism;</li> <li>▪ Culture;</li> <li>▪ Cross-border regional development;</li> <li>▪ Development of cross-border partnerships.</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 requirement 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	<p>The approval of TNC projects follows the same funding guidelines applied for other measures of axis 3 and 4.</p> <p>The funding guideline's full procedures concerning the approval and implementation of projects under axis 3 and 4 are available as via the Ministry's website:</p> <p><a href="http://www.eler.brandenburg.de/sixcms/detail.php/bb1.c.211396.de">http://www.eler.brandenburg.de/sixcms/detail.php/bb1.c.211396.de</a></p>
Eligibility criteria for cooperation projects	TNC projects must comply with the requirements of the funding guidelines issued by the MA (cf. above website link). Accordingly, the actions shall be consistent with the LDS.
Selection criteria for cooperation projects	The selection of TNC projects follows the same funding guidelines applied for other measures of axis 3 and 4.
Eligible activities of measure 421 Cooperation	Cross-border regional development initiatives and the development of cross-border partnerships are considered eligible TNC activities.
Typical examples of eligible costs for TNC projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligible costs include: project-related travel expenses, translations, concepts/studies, staff costs directly related to the project, project implementation costs.</li> <li>• Not eligible for funding are: travel expenses of the project partners, rental fees, office equipment, office material, office overhead costs, subsistence and expenditure not directly linked to project implementation (cultural events, excursions).</li> </ul>
Specific documents concerning the cooperation partners required from LAGs	No document other than a signed letter of intent or cooperation agreement is required.
The approval process of TNC applications	<p>TNC project applications may be submitted at any time to the subordinate approval authority of the Ministry (MA), i.e. the administrative district's authority.</p> <p>No maximum delay has been set by when Member States' authorities of the other TNC partners must issue their approval, once the application of the LAG from Brandenburg is approved.</p>

### 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