

## 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 Lazio

##### 2. Number of LAGs:

8

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

Axis 1 – Measures 111, 121, 123, 124, 125, 132, 133

Axis 2 – Measures 216, 222, 223, 226, 227

Axis 3 – Measures 311, 312, 313, 321, 322, 323, 331

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

Axis 1 – Measures 111, 121, 123, 124, 125, 132, 133

Axis 2 – Measures 216, 222, 223, 226, 227

Axis 3 – Measures 311, 312, 313, 321, 322, 323, 331

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

EUR 1,104,243,536

##### Total budget for Leader axis:

EUR 64,290,623

##### Of which:

a. EU Funding:	EUR	17,303,040
b. Public funding:	EUR	22,022,051
c. Private funding:	EUR	24,965,532

## 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 - "interterritorial and transnational cooperation" is EUR 1,310,071, which is 0.12% 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	LAGs intending to participate in cooperation projects have to introduce preliminary TNC project proposals in their LDS.
Way of selecting cooperation projects	Cooperation project proposals are approved as part of the LDS. Final proposals have to be submitted to the MA by August 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2011.
Main topics of TNC proposed for the 2007-2013 programming period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local products;</li> <li>• Quality of life;</li> <li>• Rural tourism.</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	<p>Preliminary TNC project proposals are considered during the evaluation of the LDS. Following approval of the LDS, the MA grants LAGs a margin of six months to present final project proposals.</p> <p>Interventions may be implemented in the form of Cooperation projects, provided the following conditions are fulfilled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The intervention addresses private beneficiaries (identified through a call for proposals);</li> <li>• The intervention addresses public authority beneficiaries (in this case preliminary project proposals become final upon LDS approval);</li> <li>• The LAG is the beneficiary (the project may be directly implemented by the LAG's management structure or through third parties selected by means of a public selection procedure).</li> </ul>
Eligibility criteria for cooperation projects	<p>The involvement of at least two different countries, including at least one EU MS, is mandatory. Cooperation projects must aim to contribute to the achievement of the objectives identified in the LDS. Expenses may not exceed 5% of the total eligible public expenditure foreseen by the LDS.</p>
Selection criteria for cooperation projects	<p>Final project proposals will be approved by the regional MA, based on its assessment of the proposed actions' feasibility and the project holder's ability to produce benefits for the territories involved.</p>
Eligible activities of measure 421 Cooperation	<p>Eligible actions are those falling under the respective Leader/TNC theme the LAG has chosen for its LDS and the corresponding measure foreseen in the RDP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality of the food and territorial offer (measures 111, 121, 123, 124, 125, 132, 133, 311, 312, 313, 331);</li> <li>• Quality of life in rural areas (measures 111, 226, 227, 311, 312, 313, 321, 322, 323, 331);</li> <li>• Protection of the environment and natural resources (measures 111, 216, 222, 223, 226, 227, 311, 321, 323, 331);</li> <li>• Rural tourism (measures 226, 227, 311, 312, 313, 321, 322, 323, 331).</li> </ul>
Typical examples of eligible costs for TNC projects	<p>Expenses typically foreseen in the corresponding RDP measure are considered eligible.</p>
Specific documents concerning the cooperation partners required from LAGs	<p>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 will have to complete a specific application form, providing detailed information and data.</p>
The approval process of TNC applications	<p>The Lazio Region has issued its call for LDS submission, including cooperation project proposals. The MA has completed its assessment procedure on 23 June 2010 by selecting 8 LAGs and approving 1 transnational cooperation project. The definition of the terms to collecting the final projects is in progress.</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