

## 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 for the period 2007-2013

##### 2. Number of LAGs:

9

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

Axis 1 – Measures 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 121, 123, 124, 125, 126, 132, 133

Axis 2 – Measures 211, 212, 214, 215, 216, 223, 226, 227

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

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

Axis 1 – Measures 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 121, 123, 124, 125, 126, 132, 133

Axis 2 – Measures 211, 212, 214, 215, 216, 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 451,053,118

##### Total budget for Leader axis:

EUR 85,976,850

##### Of which:

a. EU Funding: EUR 21,209,400

b. Public funding: EUR 33,173,677

c. Private funding: EUR 31,593,773

## 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 7,903,618, which is 2.78% 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	Pursuant to Article 36(4) of Regulation (CE) No. 1974/2006, preference is given to local development strategies (LDS) which integrate significant cooperation actions.
Way of selecting cooperation projects	Cooperation project proposals are approved as part of the LDS.
Main topics of TNC proposed for the 2007-2013 programming period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality of life;</li> <li>• Local products;</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	Following selection and approval of the LDS LAGs present final cooperation project proposals, which will be evaluated by a Regional Committee within 60 days from the date of submission.
Eligibility criteria for cooperation projects	The participation of LAGs selected under axis 4 of the RDP, in cooperation with other public, private or mixed subjects functional to the achievement of the objectives of the LDS is mandatory.



Selection criteria for cooperation projects	The integration of cooperation in the LDS is mandatory. The MA's evaluation focuses on the number of cooperation projects foreseen in the LDS and the feasibility of these projects.
Eligible activities of measure 421 Cooperation	Measure 421 does not provide for specific interventions: all actions funded under axes 1, 2 and 3 of the programme may be also addressed through cooperation projects.
Typical examples of eligible costs for TNC projects	Eligibility of expenses for implementing actions is determined by criteria set for the RDP measure in question. Reference is made to the National Guide of eligible costs, approved by the Ministry of Agriculture of Italy
Specific documents concerning the cooperation partners required from LAGs	(for more details see: <a href="http://www.reterurale.it/speseammissibili">www.reterurale.it/speseammissibili</a> ).  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.
The approval process of TNC applications	The Liguria Region has issued its call for LDS submission, including cooperation project proposals. The MA has completed its assessment procedure on 20 March 2009 and launched the procedures for the submission of the final projects.

### 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