



Focus Groups

Questions for discussion

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Connecting Rural Europe



Focus Group 1

1. Based on your experience what would be your proposals to improve the implementation of Leader in particular regarding the following aspects:

- Division of responsibilities and decision making roles between MAs, PAs and LAGs;
- LAG overall capacity;
- Implementation of typical Leader projects (e.g. small scale projects and complex projects);
- Control system rules;
- Financial rules including support to LAG running costs.





Focus Group 2 Discussion

1. Based on your experience what are the key ingredients for innovation?
2. What does innovation mean in your local context? If any, what kind of criteria have you established to select innovative projects?
3. Are there many innovative projects in your area? (yes/no) How do you explain it?
4. Can you provide an example of innovative project in your area?





Focus Group 3 Discussion

1. Can you tell us about difficulties encountered in this programming period and solutions found by the partners involved?
2. According to your experience what are the parameters that define a joint action? Can you support FG3 with the collection of typical examples of joint action?
3. Which are the general categories of expenditure considered as common eligible costs whose funding is shared among partners?
4. What have turned out to be the key areas in which cooperation projects are most helpful to address local development challenges?

