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⇒ Framework for the meeting

- ⇒ In-depth discussions of the actual difficulties in the implementation of Leader
- ⇒ Based on previous discussions and exchanges between members
- ⇒ Outcomes of EN RD Leader-related work to feed horizontally into other activities of the EN RD
 - ⇒ E.g. thematic working group 4 on delivery mechanisms



Scope of discussions (3 separate sessions):

⇒ Implementation of the bottom-up principle: decision-making process and mainstreaming issues

⇒ How to maximise the potentialities of Leader and overcome bottlenecks under the mainstream RD programmes?

⇒ Preserving the innovation/experimental character of Leader: difficulties identified and good practices

⇒ How to ensure accountability while boosting innovation?

⇒ Implementation of the transnational cooperation: key bottlenecks and solutions?

⇒ How to boost cooperation and overcome difficulties identified (one project, different schemes)?



Follow-up: creation of the 3 Focus Groups:

- ⇒ Voluntary basis, led by the members of the subcommittee
- ⇒ Building upon themes of 3 sessions discussed in subcommittee
- ⇒ Results for the next Leader subcommittee (due in April 2010)

Other proposals to be considered:

- ⇒ Request for exchanges between LAGs at EU level (events?)
- ⇒ More information exchanges on the implementation of Leader (cooperation procedures, Leader implementation in different countries, etc.)