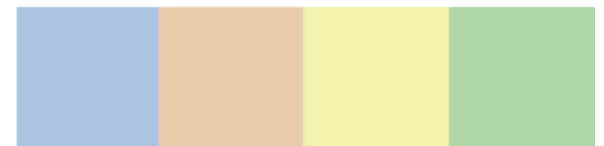
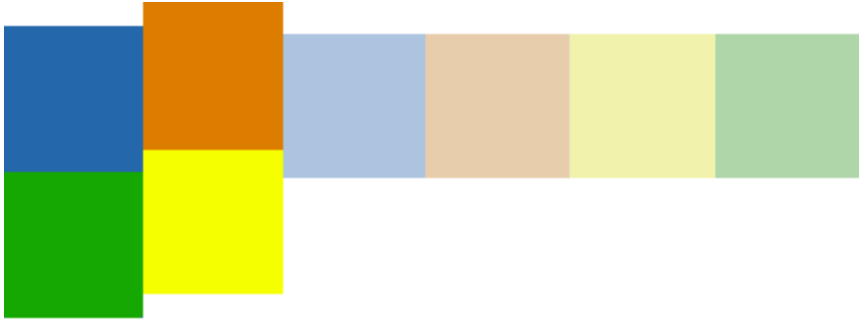


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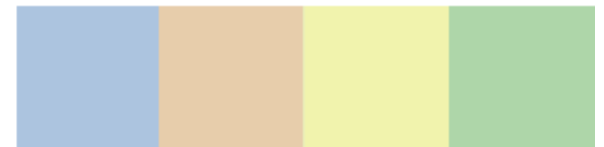


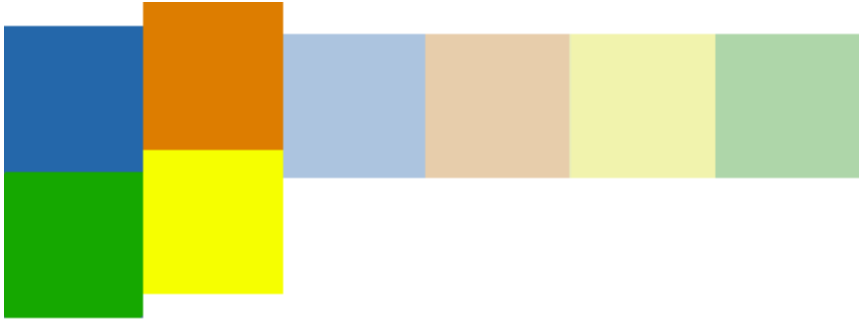


Support for transnational cooperation

There are four areas of activity in the first contractual year:

1. An inventory of needs and of existing guides
2. Development of an *'Integrated European Cooperation guide'*
3. Preparation and setting-up of databases
4. Prospective work on potential direct support to project holders



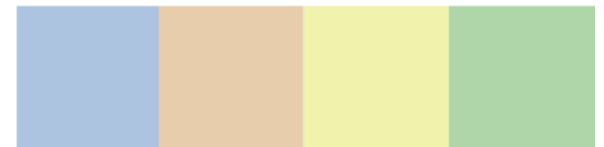


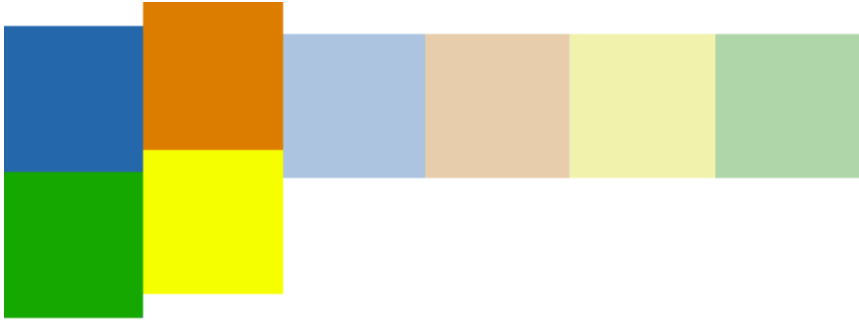
1. An inventory of needs and existing guides:

The objective is to develop a survey and carry out interviews with NRNs and LAGs in order to identify and understand needs and priorities:

- To ascertain factual information regarding state of art: existing databases of TNC projects; cooperation guides; contacts; level of expertise/experience in different countries
- To help to identify needs and priorities of NRNs and LAGs and to help target the various support services
- It will involve classifying information according to different needs
- Involve the primary stakeholders; NNUs; LAGs, but may also take account of stakeholders from e.g. Nature Parks, Farming Associations; and other local development structures

The findings of this enquiry feed into activities 3 and 4 described below

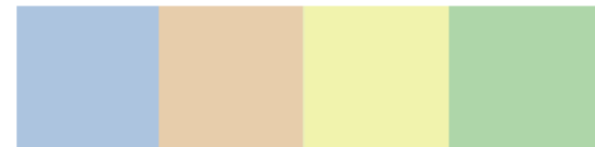


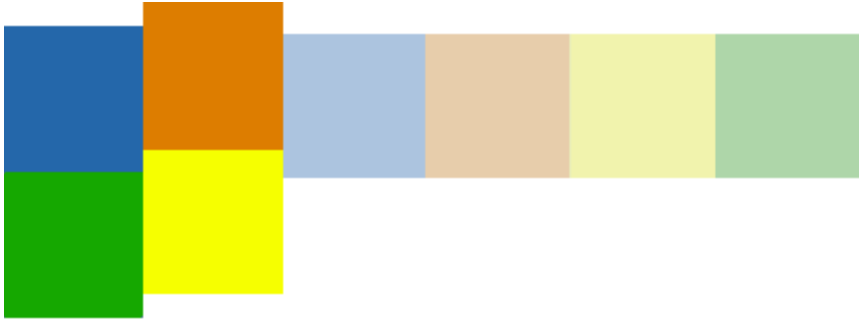


2. Development of an '*Integrated European Cooperation guide*'

The objective is to create an "Integrated European Cooperation Guide" based on existing guides to promote and facilitate transnational cooperation during the 2007-13 programming period, as a complement to the administrative guide "*GUIDE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEASURE COOPERATION UNDER THE LEADER AXIS OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES 2007-2013*" (already prepared by the EC).

It will provide practical information at project level, and should be considered as a support manual for the beneficiaries (LAGs and possibly project holders).

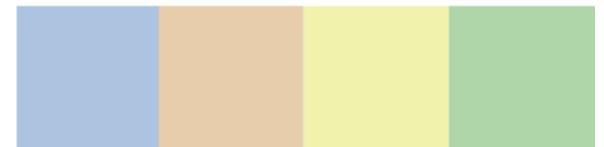


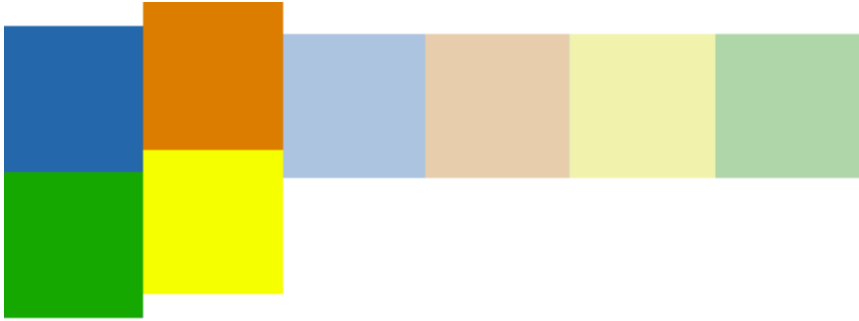


2. Development of an '*Integrated European Cooperation guide*' (continued)

Based on the results of the 'needs enquiry/inventory':

- This guide will address a wide range of rural stakeholders with different levels of experience in EU-27;
- It will be developed as a 'web-based' application to ensure that the guide is dynamic, can be easily updated; and can provide links to other sources.





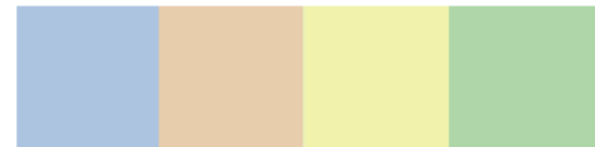
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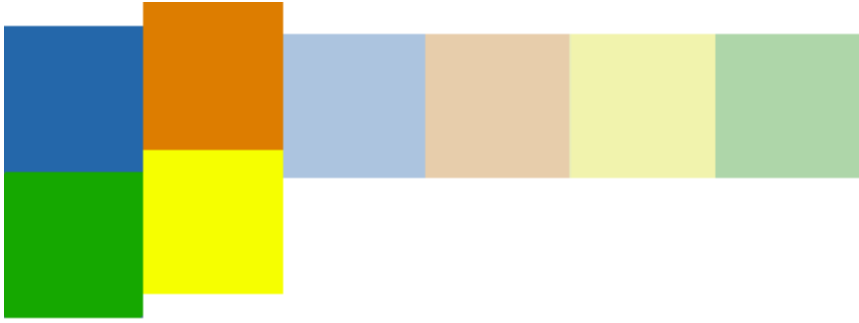
The objective is to establish structured databases that facilitate transnational cooperation by:

- Developing a partner search tool as a priority
- Preparations for regular updating of information about approval notifications
- Database of TNC projects approved by the Managing Authorities

In addition

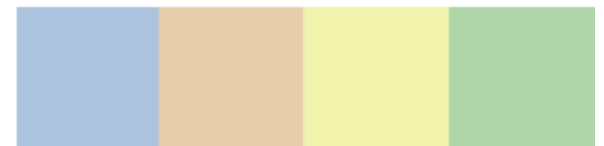
- Encourage partners to use and contribute to such databases as the PST
- Improve efficiency by facilitating contact during events; via the Newsletter etc.
- Continuous updating of information

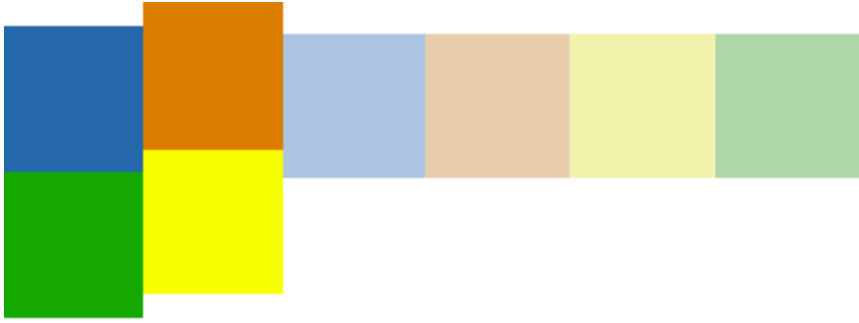




4. Prospective work on potential direct support to project holders:

Means preparatory work until July 2009 to examine the possibilities for different kinds of support that may be made available for project holders (assistance for feasibility studies, contributions to trainings etc), and how any potential support could be delivered.





Thank you for your attention!

