



**10th European Week of
Regions and Cities**
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Workshop description

Organiser:

European Commission Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development in collaboration with the European Network for Rural Development Contact Point

Title:

Transnational cooperation: A key tool for Community-Led Local Development

Theme:

The experiences of LEADER (CLLD): the contribution of transnational cooperation between local action groups to innovative local development strategies - (CLLD)

Workshop date / time / room:

10 Oct 09.00-10.45 workshop 10B01

Workshop description (max. 100 words):

Transnational cooperation (TNC) is a source of inspiration, a tool to support innovative local development strategies. The cooperation between rural areas, involving different territories of Member States or of third countries has been one of a major component of LEADER since the beginning.

Through transnational cooperation projects, local action groups (LAGs) and local actors acquire knowledge new to an area and find new solutions to local problems.

The workshop will present experience and will show that the strengthening of local human, technical and management capacities is one of the main benefits of cooperation. The potential of TNC in the next programming period will be also discussed by LEADER practitioners.

Name and organisational affiliation of Chair:

Adrian Neal (ENRD Contact Point)

Name and organisational affiliation of speakers

(seminars and workshops: max. 4 / debates: max. 6):

- **Jean-Michel Courades** (European Commission DG AGRI- G3) and **Marina Brakalova** (ENRD Contact Point): *The added value of the TNC in LEADER*
- TNC in action
 - **Kristiina Liimand** (Tartu Rural Development Association- Estonia): *The role of the Leader-Inspired-Network-Community project (LINC)*
 - **José Ángel Garcia Lucas** (LAG Adri Jiloca Gallocanta- Spain): *The European Network for Ornithological Tourism (RETO)*
- Panel discussion
 - All speakers
 - **Dorothee Duguet** (French National Rural Network)
 - **Juha-Matti Markkola** (Finnish National Rural Network)