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I. General information

Thematic provisions	Possible cooperation themes are not specified in the RDP (or other relevant official document). LEADER Cooperation can be integrated into the LDS upon LAG decision.
Territorial provisions	For TNC: rural territory (EU MS), non-rural territory (EU MS), rural territory (third country) For ITC: rural and non-rural territories in EU MS
Potential partners for TNC	Local action groups Group of local public and private partners (non-LAG) in a rural territory implementing a local development strategy Group of local public and private partners (non-LAG) in a rural territory implementing a local development strategy
Guidance in other languages / national language	There is a guidance in Greek.
Eligible beneficiaries for cooperation projects	Local Action Groups
Coordinating/lead partner provisions	Required as one of the eligibility criteria.
Simplified costs	Not applicable
Calls	There was a call published by the Managing Authority. MA has established an ongoing application process.
Project selection	Both the MA and the LAG are responsible for selection of preparatory support for projects and LEADER cooperation projects.
Budget allocation for cooperation to LAGs	A certain proportion of LDS budget is allocated to LEADER cooperation.

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II. Financial information

Total public expenditure	500 000 Euro
Maximum amount of support	The maximum amount of support for the preparatory technical support is 15.000 Euro for each LAG. There is no maximum amount of support for TNC nor for ITC projects.
Minimum amount of support	There is no minimum amount of support for TNC nor for ITC projects
Maximum rate of support	100%
Other provisions	

III. Preparatory support

Rationale	The support is provided to the Local Action Groups in order to facilitated the process to implement TNC or ITC projects.
Eligible beneficiaries	Local Action Groups
Basic eligibility criteria	The LAGs should demonstrate at their applications to the MA that the proposed actions fall into a specific cooperation project. The LAGs should apply the provisions of the National Public Procurement Legislation. At least one potential partner should be an approved LAG. The payments does not entail the requirement for the implementation of a cooperation project if, for example, it proved unsustainable. Support is been considered eligible, even if the project is not implemented and the LAG will not be required to reimburse funding.
Eligible actions	Meetings/ Participating/ organizing events, feasibility studies, advisory services on specific issues, translation services
Eligible costs	Travel, accommodation, Interpreters' fees, translation, Consultancy support Rental of venue for events and meetings, Catering, Studies for the region , research, analysis, feasibility studies, Advisory services on specific issues
Non-eligible costs	Personnel cost. Land purchase. The purchase of buildings. Building maintenance, facilities etc. Costs significantly greater than the cost of similar actions. Payments for gifts and donations . Personal entertainment actions. Fines, interest and penalties. Legal expenses related to appeals. Value Added Tax (VAT) (except in the case when the VAT is not recoverable under national VAT legislation). Expenditure that is not related to a transnational cooperation project.



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IV. Inter-territorial Cooperation

Rationale	Promoting cooperation and innovation between LAGs, encouraging entrepreneurship, LAGs can assist to spread knowledge, exchange of good practices and innovation in rural development.
Type of eligible territory	Rural terrirotry (EU MS) Non-rural territory (EU MS)
Basic eligibility criteria	LAGs should apply a proposal to the MA. In the proposal they should specify the purpose, the objectives of the cooperation project (e.g. critical mass, search for complementarity, knowledge transfer, etc.) and the partners. The project should contribute to the objectives of the LDS. In the proposal an analysis of the actions carried out under the cooperation project should also be included. In addition they, should specify the indicative project budget, the expected results (short term and long term) and an indicative timetable for implementing the project. The LAGs should apply the provisions of the National Public Procurement Legislation. At least one partner should be an approved LAG. A lead partner should be specified.
Eligible actions	Actions for the implementation of a cooperation project (for example common publications, training seminars and twinning arrangements).
Eligible costs	Feasibility studies. Expenses for the implementation of actions taken by the LAG in accordance with the Cooperation Agreement. Costs relating to the implementation of joint actions such as joint publications, trainings, meetings, publication of information materials. Travel and accommodation expenses. Catering Interpreters' fees, translation Consulting
Non-eligible costs	Personnel Cost. Land purchase. The purchase of buildings. Building maintenance, facilities etc. Costs significantly greater than the cost of similar actions. Payments for gifts and donations . Personal entertainment actions. Fines, interest and penalties. Legal expenses related to appeals. Value Added Tax (VAT) (except in the case when the VAT is not recoverable under national VAT legislation). Expenditure that is not related to a transnational cooperation project.



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V. Transnational Cooperation (TNC)

Rationale	Promoting cooperation and innovation between LAGs, encouraging entrepreneurship, LAGs can assist to spread knowledge, exchange of good practices and innovation in rural development.
Type of eligible territory	Rural territory (EU MS) Non-rural territory (EU MS) Rural territory (third country, non-EU)
Basic eligibility criteria	LAGs should apply a proposal to the MA. In the proposal they should specify the purpose, the objectives of the cooperation project (eg critical mass, search for complementarity, knowledge transfer, etc.) and the partners. The project should contribute to the objectives of the LDS. In the proposal an analysis of the actions carried out under the cooperation project should also be included. In addition they, should specify the indicative project budget, the expected results (short term and long term) and an indicative timetable for implementing the project. The LAGs should apply the provisions of the National Public Procurement Legislation. At least one partner should be an approved LAG. A lead partner should be specified.
Eligible actions	Actions for the implementation of a cooperation project (for example common publications, training seminars and twinning arrangements).
Eligible costs	Feasibility studies. Expenses for the implementation of actions taken by the LAG in accordance with the Cooperation Agreement. Costs relating to the implementation of joint actions such as joint publications, trainings, meetings, publication of information materials. Travel and accomodation expense. Catering Interpreters' fees, translation Consulting
Non-eligible costs	Personnel Cost. Land purchase. The purchase of buildings. Building maintenance, facilities etc. Costs significantly greater than the cost of similar actions. Payments for gifts and donations . Personal entertainment actions. Fines, interest and penalties. Legal expenses related to appeals. Value Added Tax (VAT) (except in the case when the VAT is not recoverable under national VAT legislation). Expenditure that is not related to a transnational cooperation project