

I. General information

Thematic provisions	The same as for other LEADER projects in Ireland: Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation; Social Inclusion; Rural Environment
Territorial provisions	Types of territory eligible for TNC : rural territory (EU MS), non-rural territory (EU MS), rural territory (third country, non-EU) Types of territory eligible for Inter-territorial cooperation: rural territory (EU MS), non-rural territory (EU MS)
Potential partners	Local action groups Group of local public and private partners in a rural territory implementing a local development strategy within or outside the EU Group of local public and private partners in a non-rural territory implementing a local development strategy
Guidance in other languages / national language	Guidance available in English. (also to be available in Irish).
Eligible beneficiaries for cooperation projects	Local action groups Other local actors
Coordinating/lead partner provisions	A lead partner is required for a cooperation project to be eligible for support.
Simplified costs	Not applicable
Calls	The Managing Authority publishes calls for projects. The call is permanently open (from 2016).
Project selection	Both the Local Action Group and the Managing Authority have a role in selection of preparatory actions and cooperation projects.
Budget allocation for cooperation to LAGs	€10 Million
Other provisions	TNC and inter-territorial cooperation are integrated into the Local Development Strategy.

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II. Financial information

Ireland

Total public expenditure	10m Euro
Maximum amount of support	€200,000
Minimum amount of support	Not specified in the RDP (or in other relevant official document)
Maximum rate of support	Preparatory Technical Support -100% Full cooperation projects – in line with the maximum rates for other LEADER Projects in Ireland
Other provisions	N/A

III. Preparatory support

Rationale/ purpose of the support	Allows LAGs and other project promoters to investigate the merit and potential to develop concrete actions that could form a full co-operation project.
Eligible beneficiaries	Local action groups Other local actors
Basic eligibility criteria	Support for a preparatory technical project (Pre-Development Phase) is contingent on all of the LAGs and other project promoters involved in the project demonstrating that they are envisaging the implementation of a full co-operation project
Eligible actions	Meetings, feasibility study for the cooperation project
Eligible costs	Travel, accommodation, interpreters' fees, consultancy support, translation, rental of venue for events and meetings, catering
Non-eligible costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs associated with Phase 1 Networking Activities • Costs incurred after an agreement for a full cooperation project has been signed • Running costs of the project promoter

IV. Inter-territorial Cooperation

Rationale/ purpose of the support	Co-operation of a LAG area with other geographical areas is a key component of the LEADER methodology and enhances the innovative character of local development by combining knowledge, skills and experience in thematic areas common to the strategies of each participating LAG area. Co-operation projects must demonstrate genuine added value for the areas concerned.
Type of eligible territory	Types of territory eligible for inter-territorial cooperation: rural territory (EU MS), non-rural territory (EU MS)
Basic eligibility criteria	Co-operation between at least 2 LAGs in the same State. The implementation of a concrete joint project with clearly defined deliverables producing benefits for all of the participating areas. Projects can be focused on a broad range of actions such as capacity building, common publications or physical investment.
Eligible actions	Meetings, participation at events, publications, website, joint services, joint products, study visit
Eligible costs	Travel, accommodation, catering, interpreters' fees, consulting, translation, telecommunication and/or postal services , rental of venue for meetings and events , share of common costs related to joint publication and/or website
Non-eligible costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs incurred prior to the signing of the formal agreement for a full Cooperation Project • Running costs of the project promoter

V. Transnational Cooperation (TNC)

Rationale/ purpose of the support	Co-operation of a LAG area with other geographical areas is a key component of the LEADER methodology and enhances the innovative character of local development by combining knowledge, skills and experience in thematic areas common to the strategies of each participating LAG area. Co-operation projects must demonstrate genuine added value for the areas concerned
Type of eligible territory	Types of territory eligible for TNC : rural territory (EU MS), non-rural territory (EU MS), rural territory (third country, non-EU)
Basic eligibility criteria	Co-operation between at least 2 LAGs in the different States. The implementation of a concrete joint project with clearly defined deliverables producing benefits for all of the participating areas. Projects can be focused on a broad range of actions such as capacity building, common publications or physical investment.
Eligible actions	As for inter-territorial cooperation
Eligible costs	As for inter-territorial cooperaiton
Non-eligible costs	As for inter-territorial cooperaiton