

I. General information

Thematic provisions	The RDP (or other relevant official document) does not specify a list of possible cooperation themes except TNC in culture and arts (specific selection criteria).
Territorial provisions	Geographical priority for TNC – cooperation with rural territories in EU MS and in third countries.
Potential partners	Local action groups Group of local public and private partners (non-LAG) in a rural territory implementing a local development strategy
Guidance in other languages / national language	Not available
Eligible beneficiaries for cooperation projects	local action groups, other local actors
Coordinating/lead partner provisions	a lead partner is not required for a cooperation project to be eligible for support
Simplified costs	Not applicable
Calls	cooperation is integrated into the LDSs and projects can be submitted on an ongoing basis
Project selection	The Local Action Group selects preparatory actions and projects for inter-territorial cooperation. The Managing Authority selects transnational cooperation projects.
Budget allocation for cooperation to LAGs	Transnational and inter-territorial cooperation can be integrated into the LDSs based on LAG decisions. A certain proportion of the LDS budget is allocated to preparatory actions and inter-territorial cooperation. Transnational cooperation, budget included, is managed at MS level.

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II. Financial information

Total public expenditure	8 000 000 Euro
Maximum amount of support	The maximum amount of support is not specified in the RDP (or other relevant official document)
Minimum amount of support	Not specified
Maximum rate of support	For preparatory actions, the support rate is fixed in the LDS, the maximum is 80%. For TNC 80% support rate, for inter-territorial Cooperation support rate is fixed in the LDS (maximum 80%).
Other provisions	Domestic match funding requirement (any local level cooperation project contribution required): 20% (based on the 80% maximum rate of public support <EAFRD + national/regional contribution>) for preparatory actions and inter-territorial cooperation support rate is fixed in the LDS (maximum 80%)

III. Preparatory support

Rationale	careful and accurate planning of cooperation projects is one of the key factors for the successful implementation of concrete activities in the context of cooperation projects
Eligible beneficiaries	local action groups, other local actors
Basic eligibility criteria	Preparatory actions have to be in line with the LDS / their purpose has to be the implementation of a concrete project / financing of the preparatory action has to be ensured
Eligible actions	Eligible actions include meetings and the preparation of feasibility study for the cooperation project
Eligible costs	eligible costs include travel, accommodation, interpreters' fees, consultancy support, translation, rental of venue for meetings and events
Non-eligible costs	non-eligible costs include taxes and tax accountancy, councillors, insurance and financial costs, investments financed by leasing, catering – restricted and have to be well-founded

IV. Inter-territorial Cooperation

Rationale	<p>Cooperation can improve the innovative character of local development actions and strengthen competitiveness of rural areas. TNC gives supplementary European added value to local development. I</p> <p>Cooperation in culture and arts is one thematic focus area of TNC in Austria. This is supposed to bring new perspectives and ideas as culture and art are excellent tools for communication.</p>
Type of eligible territory	Rural territories
Basic eligibility criteria	For both inter-territorial and TNC projects a key eligibility criterion is compliance with the LDS. Another criterion is that financing has to be ensured.
Eligible actions	Eligible actions include meetings, participation at events, publications, website, joint services, joint products, study visits.
Eligible costs	eligible costs – travel, accommodation, interpreters' fees, translation, consulting, 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	non-eligible costs include taxes and tax accountancy, councillors, insurance and financial costs, investments financed by leasing, catering – restricted and have to be well-founded

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V. Transnational Cooperation (TNC)

Rationale	<p>Cooperation can improve the innovative character of local development actions and strengthen competitiveness of rural areas.</p> <p>TNC gives supplementary European added value to local development.</p> <p>Cooperation in culture and arts is one thematic focus area of TNC in Austria. This is supposed to bring new perspectives and ideas as culture and art are excellent tools for communication.</p>
Type of eligible territory	<p>Rural territories in EU MSs</p> <p>Cooperation with third countries: rural territories in third countries in case of transnational cooperation</p>
Basic eligibility criteria	<p>For both inter-territorial and TNC projects a key eligibility criterion is compliance with the LDS. Another criterion is that financing has to be ensured.</p>
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