

I. General information

Thematic provisions	None,. Inter-territorial and transnational cooperation are integrated into the LDS.
Territorial provisions	Interterritorial cooperaiton: Rural territory (EU MS) TNC: Urban territory (EU MS), Rural territory (third country)
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	Available in English, Estonian
Eligible beneficiaries for cooperation projects	Local action groups
Coordinating/lead partner provisions	A lead partner is required for cooperation projects to be eligible for support.
Simplified costs	Simplified costs are applicable to cooperation projects. SCO for project management (15 % of direct personnel cost). Not applicable to preparatory actions.
Calls	Cooperation is integrated in the LDSs and projects can be submitted continuously.
Project selection	The responsibility of te Local Action Group for all types of actions.
Budget allocation for cooperation to LAGs	The budget for cooperation is not pre-allocated by the MA to LAGs. Cooperation is integrated into the LDSs.

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II. Financial information

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Total public expenditure	2,5 m Euro
Maximum amount of support	Not specified in the RDP (or other relevant official document). For preparatory actions. Maximum amount of support for each LAG that participates in cooperation project may not exceed 200 000 euros.
Minimum amount of support	Not specified
Maximum rate of support	100% for preparatory actions, 90% for cooperation projects for Estonian LAG-s who apply support for LEADER cooperation.
Other provisions	-

III. Preparatory support

Rationale	Trans-national project differs from traditional LEADER project as it demands more effort in preparation and coordination, because in those projects there are partners from different countries involved. Preparatory technical support is designed to find out whether future cooperation would be feasible and whether there are some constraints to overcome before entering the real cooperation project. Support for preparation of inter-territorial cooperation project is possible from sub-measure 19.4 Support for running and animation costs.
Eligible beneficiaries	Local Action Groups
Basic eligibility criteria	For preparatory actions of TNC Letter of Intent is needed (can be an e-mail); that gives information about: partners, aim of the project, possible activities and time for implementation of the future cooperation project. Duration of the project is maximum 2 years.
Eligible actions	Feasibility studies, consultations, meetings.
Eligible costs	Travel, accommodation, interpreters' fees, translation, rental of venue for events and meetings, catering, telecommunications and/or postal services Rental of venue for meetings and events .
Non-eligible costs	VAT in the case that the applicant may apply for VAT refund by the Law of VAT. state fee, service fees for bank operations, interest and other financial expenses related to the service Costs for scholarships, donations, prizes Financial penalties such as fines etc Costs for legal and accounting services Cost of the partner that is not the applicant

IV. Inter-territorial Cooperation

Rationale	In the frames of Inter-territorial cooperation project between two or more LAG-s enables to implement joint projects, do joint marketing activities and share knowledge.
Type of eligible territory	Project must include actions that develop LAG territory (EU MS). Events (such as meetings etc.) might be arranged in non-rural territory.
Basic eligibility criteria	Duration of the Co-operation project will be maximum 3 years.
Eligible actions	Meetings Participation at events Arrangement of events Publications Website Joint services Joint products study visits Investments in physical assets
Eligible costs	Travel Accommodation Catering Interpreters' fees Translation Consulting Telecommunication and postal services Rental of venue for meetings and events Share of common costs related to joint publications and/or website
Non-eligible costs	VAT in the case that the applicant may apply for VAT refund by the Law of VAT of Estonia. state fee, service fees for bank operations, interest and other financial expenses related to the service Costs for scholarships, donations, prizes Financial penalties such as fines etc Costs for legal and accounting services Cost of the partner that is not the applicant

V. Transnational Cooperation (TNC)

Rationale	Transnational Cooperation bears several benefits for local communities: cooperation expands local views, brings new knowledge and skills, including governance skills, brings innovative ideas and solutions to local development actions. In the frames of a TNC LAGs can make joint effort and get rural area more visible by doing joint marketing. A TNC is good way to enhance sharing of experiences and bringing in new competencies.
Type of eligible territory	Rural and urban territory (EU MS) Rural territory (third country, non-EU) Project must include actions that develop LAG territory.
Basic eligibility criteria	<i>Duration of the Co-operation project will be maximum 3 years.</i>
Eligible actions	Meetings Participation at events Publications Website Consulting Joint services Joint products Study visits Investments in physical assets
Eligible costs	Travel Accommodation Catering Interpreters' fees Translation Telecommunications and/or postal services Rental of venue for meetings and events Share of common costs related to joint publication and/or website
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