

I. General information

Thematic provisions	Cooperation projects have to be linked to Priority 6 – Focus area 6b.
Territorial provisions	EU and non EU rural territories
Potential partners	Local action groups
Guidance in other languages / national language	Guidelines defined at national level by the NRN available in Italian and in English.
Eligible beneficiaries for cooperation projects	Local action groups
Coordinating/lead partner provisions	A lead partner is required for a cooperation project to be eligible for support.
Simplified costs	Not foreseen
Calls	LAGs will include their cooperation projects in their LDSs.
Project selection	The Managing Authority selects the cooperation project at the same time as the Strategy. Subsequently to the approval of the LDS, LAG submits the executive projects to be evaluated by the MA for funding.
Budget allocation for cooperation to LAGs	€ 350,000
Other provisions	Cooperation interventions must be planned within LDS, in accordance with the types of intervention defined by Reg. (EU) no. 1305/2013, art. 44, par. 1, letters a) and b) and with the CLLD priorities. Eligible expenditure and interventions are further specified in the guidelines defined at national level, in order to ensure the maximum homogeneity and operational sharing of the implementation methods of the intervention.

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II. Financial information

Total public expenditure	€ 5,250,000
Maximum amount of support	<p>Preparatory activity up to 9% of the total cost of each cooperation project of which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • project drafting, up to 2% of the total cost of the LAG participation quota per each cooperation project; • animation, monitoring and reporting actions, up to a maximum of 7% of the LAG participation quota per each cooperation project and in any case for a maximum not exceeding € 22,500.00.
Minimum amount of support	Not specified
Maximum rate of support	100%
Other provisions	Actions not foreseen in the RDP may also be considered as eligible provided they are strategic for the project and consistent with the regional policies.

III. Preparatory support

Rationale/ purpose of the support	The RDP does not include any specific information
Eligible beneficiaries	Local action groups
Basic eligibility criteria	Costs are eligible during the period from the date of publication of the notice for submitting the LDSs to the date of submission of the application for support and are recognized in the maximum of 9% of the total cost of the cooperation project (see 'maximum amount of support' of 'Financial information' box).
Eligible actions	See below
Eligible costs	Partner search; communication and information; organization of meetings; feasibility studies, research, acquisition of specific consultations and others inherent activities; organization and coordination of project and animation activities directly related to the construction of the cooperation project; acquisition or development of computer programs and acquisition of patents, licenses, copyrights, trademarks.
Non-eligible costs	The RDP (or other relevant official document) does not define a list of non-eligible costs.

IV. Inter-territorial Cooperation

Rationale/ purpose of the support	To favor the construction of partnerships between territories, to enhance the endogenous resources of the territories in a phase of mutual exchange of experiences, to foster the joint realization of concrete actions of local development and promotion of rural areas, to enhance exchanges of experience and good practice..
Type of eligible territory	National territories
Basic eligibility criteria	Consistency with the LDS strategies; project level; economic value of the cooperation project; coherence of the partnership with the proposed project
Eligible actions	See eligible costs
Eligible costs	Staff employed in carrying out the cooperation project activities; organization, coordination and implementation of meetings between partners; interpretation and translation services; information and communication actions and tools;; instrumental interventions for joint action; organization and implementation of project activities; coordination, monitoring and evaluation of the lead partner; expenses related to the constitution and the current management of any eventual common structure.
Non-eligible costs	Not defined in the RDP

V. Transnational Cooperation (TNC)

Rationale/ purpose of the support	To favor the construction of partnerships between territories, to enhance the endogenous resources of the territories in a phase of mutual exchange of experiences, to foster the joint realization of concrete actions of local development and promotion of rural areas, to enhance exchanges of experience and good practice.
Type of eligible territory	EU and third country territories
Basic eligibility criteria	Consistency with the LDS strategies; project level; economic value of the cooperation project; coherence of the partnership with the proposed project. It is required the presence of another EU LAG.
Eligible actions	See below
Eligible costs	Staff employed in carrying out the cooperation project activities; organization, coordination and implementation of meetings between partners; interpretation and translation services; information and communication actions and tools;; instrumental interventions for joint action; organization and implementation of project activities; coordination, monitoring and evaluation of the lead partner; expenses related to the constitution and the current management of any eventual common structure. In case of cooperation with an area of a third country, expenditure foreseen in line with those of Leader although not incurred in the Leader area, are eligible.
Non-eligible costs	Expenses incurred in a third country and not in line with those provided by Leader are not eligible.