

## I. General information

<p><b>Thematic provisions</b></p>	<p>Main TNC themes specified in the RDP include :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trekking, Hiking and slow tourism on the Historical itineraries.</li> <li>Eco-museums, network, valorisation and development.</li> <li>Slow Sports and improving the tourism for sports activities in rural areas.</li> <li>MAB UNESCO – Networking among Biosphere Reserves.</li> <li>Landscape valorisation.</li> <li>Planning and governance of rural landscape.</li> <li>Rivers and water management: models for agro-environmental agreement.</li> <li>Soft-economy: new ways for local products valorisation and commerce.</li> <li>Birdwatching and “Biowatching” network</li> </ul>
<p><b>Territorial provisions</b></p>	<p>The priority is cooperation with rural and non-rural territories (coastal) in EU MS . Cooperation is also possible with third countries (only rural territories).</p>
<p><b>Potential partners</b></p>	<p>eligible partners can be :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local action groups and FLAGs</li> <li>Group of local public and private partners in a rural territory implementing a local development strategy</li> <li>Group of local public and private partners in a non-rural territory implementing a local development strategy</li> </ul>

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### I. General information (continued)

<b>Guidance in other languages / national language</b>	Not available in other languages. The National Rural Network proposes guidelines and application form with the aim to get a homogeneous framework useful to put in relation the different projects and to facilitate the dialogue among the Managing Authorities. The documents are under discussion among the Ministry and the Regional MA.
<b>Eligible beneficiaries for cooperation projects</b>	Local Action Groups
<b>Coordinating/lead partner provisions</b>	A lead partner is required for a cooperation project to be eligible for support
<b>Simplified costs</b>	The support shall be granted as a capital contribution in the form of reimbursement of costs eligible according to EU Reg. 1303/2013 art. 67 section 1 letter a). For cooperation projects that come to the signing of the agreement and approval by the Managing Authority it is granted in the rate of 100% within a maximum limit of 10% of the total cost of the project. For cooperation projects that do not arrive to the subscription agreement, the maximum reimbursable amount for each LAG is 10,000 Euros for the whole programming period
<b>Calls</b>	Cooperation is integrated in the LDSs and projects can be submitted on an ongoing basis.
<b>Project selection</b>	Preparatory actions are selected by the Local Action Group. In the selection of projects for inter-territorial or transnational cooperation, the Local Action Group and the Managing Authority are both involved.
<b>Budget allocation for cooperation to LAGs</b>	A certain proportion of the LDS budget is allocated to LEADER/CLLD cooperation.
<b>Other provisions</b>	Inter-territorial and transnational cooperation are integrated into the Local Development Strategies

## II. Financial information

<b>Total public expenditure</b>	<p>Preparatory actions: 405 000 Euro          Inter-territorial cooperation: 245 000 Euro          Transnational cooperation: 160 000 Euro          Cooperation actions: 3 703 000 Euro          Total funding for LEADER/CLLD Cooperation: 4 108 000 Euro</p>
<b>Maximum amount of support</b>	Not specified in the RDP (or in other relevant official document)
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<b>Maximum rate of support</b>	<p>80% (ITC, TNC)          100% (preparatory actions)</p>
<b>Other provisions</b>	<p><i>the maximum rate of support for ITC/TNC projects is 80% of eligible costs - consequently a 20% match funding is applicable . The Managing Authority can assess the coherence of the proposed project budget with the proposed goals. The maximum amount of support is defined as the maximum foreseen in the relevant LDS for cooperation.</i></p>

## III. Preparatory support

<b>Rationale/ purpose of the support</b>	To facilitate the partnership setting up; identification of partners with objectives in accordance with the Strategy; endorsement of the partnership by the local actors.
<b>Eligible beneficiaries</b>	Local action groups
<b>Basic eligibility criteria</b>	Eligible actions for preparatory support include meetings, participation at events, feasibility study for the cooperation project, travel, food, accommodation of LAG staff, communication and information including interpretation and translation of texts, awareness and information to the territories involved, equipment rental, catering, the acquisition of specific expertise
<b>Eligible actions</b>	See above.
<b>Eligible costs</b>	<p>Costs incurred before the start of the project.</p> <p>Costs related to partners search, including those for travel, food, accommodation of LAG staff.</p> <p>Expenses related to communication and information, including interpretation and translation texts, awareness and information of the territories.</p> <p>Expenses related to activities, carried out locally, to build partnerships with other territories, including the organization of meetings, the rental of premises, equipment rental, catering services, interpretation and translation; feasibility studies, surveys and research, the acquisition of specific expertise.</p> <p>Consultancy support</p> <p>General expenses for the organization and coordination of design and entertainment activities</p>
<b>Non-eligible costs</b>	-

## IV. Inter-territorial Cooperation

<b>Rationale/ purpose of the support</b>	Identification of projects in coherence with the Strategy; assessment of the project feasibility and setting up of an effective partnership.
<b>Type of eligible territory</b>	Rural territory, non-rural territory (coastal areas) in EU MS
<b>Basic eligibility criteria</b>	It's a LAG task to identify and select the cooperation projects to be submitted to the Region, as well as to select the proposals for partnerships to adhere among those from other territories both regional and European. The conditions under which considered eligible cooperation projects should be listed by the LAGs in the relevant strategies. So that projects prove receivable by the MA must submit clarity characteristics and design quality through the presence of the following requirements: coherence with the LAG strategy; sufficient critical mass in terms of partnerships and resources, to ensure the success of the project; compliance with transparency requirements in the implementation of interventions; evidence of an added value in terms of cooperation; innovative nature with regard to action in non-cooperative mode; concreteness of the planned operation; there are conditions for the sustainability of projects even after financing.
<b>Eligible actions</b>	Eligible actions include meetings, participation at events, publications, website, joint services, joint products, study visits.
<b>Eligible costs</b>	Eligible costs for cooperation projects include 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 website
<b>Non-eligible costs</b>	Non-eligible costs for LEADER/CLLD cooperation have not been specified in the RDP (or other relevant official document) – the general rules of the RDP apply.

## V. Transnational Cooperation (TNC)

<b>Rationale/ purpose of the support</b>	Identification of projects in coherence with the Strategy; assessment of the project feasibility and setting up of an effective partnership.
<b>Type of eligible territory</b>	Rural and non-rural territories (coastal areas) in EU MS Rural territories in third countries
<b>Basic eligibility criteria</b>	It's a LAG task to identify and select the cooperation projects to be submitted to the Region, as well as to select the proposals for partnerships to adhere among those from other territories both regional and European. The conditions under which considered eligible cooperation projects should be listed by the LAGs in the relevant strategies. So that projects prove receivable by the MA must submit clarity characteristics and design quality through the presence of the following requirements: coherence with the LAG strategy; sufficient critical mass in terms of partnerships and resources, to ensure the success of the project; compliance with transparency requirements in the implementation of interventions; evidence of an added value in terms of cooperation; innovative nature with regard to action in non-cooperative mode; concreteness of the planned operation; there are conditions for the sustainability of projects even after financing.
<b>Eligible actions</b>	Eligible actions include meetings, participation at events, publications, website, joint services, joint products, study visits.
<b>Eligible costs</b>	Eligible costs for cooperation projects include 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 website
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