

I. General information

Thematic provisions	The projects will be mainly developed in the areas where the LAGs have already gained sufficient expertise. The list of thematic areas of intervention include: the development and innovation of sectors and local production systems (agro-food, forestry, crafts and manufacturing); development of renewable energy chain (production and energy savings; sustainable tourism, preservation of the landscape, land use and biodiversity (plant and animal; enhancement of cultural and landscape heritage linked to the territory; accessibility to social services, improving the quality of life of local populations and social inclusion; diversification of economic opportunities, knowledge transfer)
Territorial provisions	Type of territory eligible for TNC: rural territory (EU MS), non-rural territory (EU MS), rural territory (third country, non-EU) Type 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 (non-LAG) in a rural territory implementing a local development strategy, Group of local public and private partners (non-LAG) in a non-rural territory implementing a local development strategy
Guidance in other languages / national language	Available in English. Guidelines for the implementation of the cooperation measure issued by the Italian National Rural Network will be also translated into English.
Eligible beneficiaries for cooperation projects	Local action groups
Coordinating/lead partner provisions	A lead partner is not required for a cooperation project to be eligible for support.
Simplified costs	Not applicable
Calls	Calls are not published by the Managing Authority. Cooperation is integrated into the LDS and projects can be submitted continuously.
Project selection	Both the local action group and the Managing Authority can select preparatory actions. The local action group selects cooperation projects.
Budget allocation for cooperation to LAGs	The expenditure related to preparatory actions cannot exceed 1.5% of the eligible costs of the relevant project. (which the preparatory actions aim to prepare)
Other provisions	Cooperation is integrated into the local development strategy.

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II. Financial information

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Total public expenditure	The available resources for the implementation of Leader / CLLD provided in the financial plan amounted to 48,600,000.00 Euro (<i>including the LEADER Cooperation sub-measure as well</i>). Cooperation is integrated into the local development strategies.
Maximum amount of support	Not specified in the RDP (or in other relevant official document)
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Maximum rate of support	100%
Other provisions	-

III. Preparatory support

Rationale/ purpose of the support	1.000.000,00 Euro (max 200.000 Euro/LAG) for supporting the preparatory activities.
Eligible beneficiaries	Local action groups
Basic eligibility criteria	LAGs should be able to demonstrate they are preparing to undertake concrete cooperation projects
Eligible actions	Meetings, participation at events, feasibility study for the cooperation project Awareness raising, sensitivisation and information activities on the territories. Organization, coordination and animation of activities directly related to the construction of the cooperation project.
Eligible costs	Travel, accommodation, interpreters' fees, consultancy support, translation, rental of venue for events and meetings, catering,
Non-eligible costs	Not defined in the RDP (or other relevant official document)

IV. Inter-territorial Cooperation

Rationale/ purpose of the support	Giving an added value to the local values, promoting relationship existing between territories, promote conjunct actions for the local development and for promoting rural territories.
Type of eligible territory	rural territory (EU MS), non-rural territory (EU MS)
Basic eligibility criteria	LAGs should indicate in the LDSs the selection criteria of the cooperation projects.
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	Not defined in the RDP (or other relevant official document)

V. Transnational Cooperation (TNC)

Rationale/ purpose of the support	Giving an added value to the LDS, trying to spread best practices, to develop innovative experiences and to create system events.
Type of eligible territory	rural territory (EU MS), non-rural territory (EU MS), rural territory (third country, non-EU)
Basic eligibility criteria	LAGs should indicate in the LDSs the selection criteria of the cooperation projects.
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	Not defined in the RDP (or other relevant official document)