

I. General information

Thematic provisions	LAG's decide about relevant themes for cooperation
Territorial provisions	Cooperation between Portuguese LAG's (portuguese rural territories) Cooperation between rural territories in EU, and also with third countries.
Potential partners	LAG's and active partners of rural territories in partnership with the LAG's
Guidance in other languages / national language	In preparation on regional level
Eligible beneficiaries for cooperation projects	Local action groups and other rural actors. The partnership must have at least one national LAG
Coordinating/lead partner provisions	The cooperation project must have a lead partner
Simplified costs	Not applicable
Calls	It's predictable that projects can be submitted continuously and by calls, in agreement by the LAG and the strategies.
Project selection	The managing authority of the Regional Rural Development Programme PRODERAM 2020
Budget allocation for cooperation to LAGs	It is up to the LAGs to allocate cooperation budgets within their LDSs
Other provisions	LAGs decide about integrating partnerships of cooperation between Portuguese LAGs or rural partners of rural territories of EU or third countries

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II. Financial information

Total public expenditure	It is up to the LAG's to allocate cooperation budgets within their LDSs. Support shall be granted in the form of a non-refundable subsidy, in 85% by the EAFRD and 15% by the regional budget.
Maximum amount of support	The level of support has as a maximum support limit, (a) to be granted under the present Ordinance, the value set out in the Commission Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013 of 18 December concerning the application of articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union to the Auxílios de <i>minimis</i> . The maximum support is 200.000€.
Minimum amount of support	There is no minimum support
Maximum rate of support	The value of the support to be granted is 100% of the eligible expenditure.
Other provisions	

III. Preparatory support

Rationale/ purpose of the support	Encourage LAGs to implement cooperation projects
Eligible beneficiaries	Local action groups
Basic eligibility criteria	Statement of at least two partners relating to the objectives of the cooperation; statement of the partners relating to acting as a partner in the cooperation project in accordance with Article 44 (2) of Regulation (EU) 1305/2013, documentation of using the selection criteria; statement of the LAG, that the project is attended to the aims of EAFRD and the LDS and that it contains an added value; statement of the LAG for setting the amount of funding. There is a cooperative protocol.
Eligible actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Promoting the appreciation of rural local territories and the development of their economic, social, cultural and environmental tissue, through recognition of the advantages of cooperation at regional, national and transnational level, stimulating complementarities, Diversity and heterogeneity of these territories; b) Promoting the conjugation and optimisation of the application of operational, human and financial resources from the various rural territories, enabling the attainment of the dimension and goals indispensable to the feasibility of common projects, optimizing and rationalizing the resources and identifying complementarities that contribute to new development opportunities for rural territories.

III. Preparatory support

Eligible costs

1. The operational costs inherent in the preparation and implementation of the cooperation projects to be developed, considering the following expenditure:
 - (a) Works of recovery and improvement of buildings;
 - b) Purchase of new machinery and equipment, namely:
 - (i) Computer equipment;
 - (ii) Energy systems for own consumption using renewable energy sources;
 - III) Other equipment directly related to the operation.
 - c) General expenditure, with, in particular:
 - (i) Acquisition of technical studies and strategic impact;
 - II) acquisition of consulting services;
 - III) The fees of architects, engineers and consultants;
 - (iv) Administrative acts concerning the obtaining of the necessary authorisations, namely the construction licence and the exercise of the activity under licensing legislation;
 - V) Institutional Constitution of strategic partnerships, including expenditure associated with registers, licenses, notarial acts, among others;
 - VI) certification procedures recognized.
 - d) Standard and specific software acquisition;
 - e) Promotion and dissemination, of products and services, covering, in particular, the following expenditure:
 - i) grant and production of informative and promotional material;
 - II) Participation in events, costs with the inscription, leasing of spaces and other participation expenses;
 - (iii) Organisation of information and promotion actions;
 - IV) construction of electronic platform;
 - V) granting of products and electronic services.
 - (f) Remuneration, meal allowance, compulsory fees on remuneration and insurance, in respect of expenditure on staff not affecting ETL and affection for the cooperation project;
 - g) Communications, office supplies and related administrative acts;
 - h) Cost aids, hotel expenses, travel expenses and stay within the framework of the cooperation project and the territorial space of the remaining partners.
2. Expenditure on machinery and equipment funded through financial leasing or long-term rental contracts shall only be eligible if the purchase option and the duration of such contracts are compatible with the deadline for submission of the application for payment of the latter request for payment.

III. Preparatory support

Non-eligible costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) goods of equipment and machinery in a state of use or replacement;b) Purchase of rustic buildings and urban buildings;c) Provisional works not directly linked to the implementation of the operation;d) External means of transport;e) Acquisition of property and expenditure on works for more work, errors and omissions of the project;f) Payment entitlements;g) Replacement of equipment, except if this replacement includes the purchase of different equipment, either in the technology used, either in absolute or hourly capacity;h) components of intangible fixed assets, such as the expenditure of Constitution, competitions, promotion of brands and publicity messages;i) interest during the realization of the investment and Management Fund;j) Costs related to financial leasing contracts such as the lessor's margin, the costs of refinancing interest, the overhead and the insurance premiums;k. Pre-financing and preparation of banking loans and any other costs inherent in financing.l) goods whose amortization the fiscal legislation permits to be carried out in a single year;m) VAT is not an eligible expenditure, except in the case of non-recoverable VAT pursuant to national VAT legislation, in accordance with article 37 (11) of Regulation (EU) no 1303/2013.
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IV. Inter-territorial Cooperation

Rationale/ purpose of the support	Supporting the preparation and implementation of cooperation projects between different rural territories of the Portuguese State, covered by the LEADER.
Type of eligible territory	Different Portuguese rural territories , covered by the LEADER
Basic eligibility criteria	<p>a) to have framing in the LDS of the LAG's; b) Contribute to the implementation of the LDS; c) Presenting technical, economic and financial reasonableness; d) Demonstrate that the sources of funding are secured by all partners; e) provide for cooperation between the beneficiary and at least one LAG from the national territory.</p> <p>1) A descriptive memory where there is detailed information about the partners of the cooperation project, the territories involved, the activities to be developed and the objectives to be attained, specifically relating to the strategy adopted with the LDS; 2) present the methodology and means affecting the project; 3) The financial plan annualized of the project; 4) The implementation timing of the project;</p>
Eligible actions	Eligible actions include meetings, participation at events, publications, website, joint services, joint products, study visits, investments.

IV. Inter-territorial Cooperation

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 - (i) Computer equipment;
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 - III) Other equipment directly related to the operation.
 - c) General expenditure, with, in particular:
 - (i) Acquisition of technical studies and strategic impact;
 - II) acquisition of consulting services;
 - III) The fees of architects, engineers and consultants;
 - (iv) Administrative acts concerning the obtaining of the necessary authorisations, namely the construction licence and the exercise of the activity under licensing legislation;
 - V) Institutional Constitution of strategic partnerships, including expenditure associated with registers, licenses, notarial acts, among others;
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 - g) Communications, office supplies and related administrative acts;
 - h) Cost aids, hotel expenses, travel expenses and stay within the framework of the cooperation project and the territorial space of the remaining partners.
2. Expenditure on machinery and equipment funded through financial leasing or long-term rental contracts shall only be eligible if the purchase option and the duration of such contracts are compatible with the deadline for submission of the application for payment of the latter request for payment.

IV. Inter-territorial Cooperation

Non-eligible costs

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- b) Purchase of rustic buildings and urban buildings;
- c) Provisional works not directly linked to the implementation of the operation;
- d) External means of transport;
- e) Acquisition of property and expenditure on works for more work, errors and omissions of the project;
- f) Payment entitlements;
- g) Replacement of equipment, except if this replacement includes the purchase of different equipment, either in the technology used, either in absolute or hourly capacity;
- h) components of intangible fixed assets, such as the expenditure of Constitution, competitions, promotion of brands and publicity messages;
- i) interest during the realization of the investment and Management Fund;
- j) Costs related to financial leasing contracts such as the lessor's margin, the costs of refinancing interest, the overhead and the insurance premiums;
- k) Pre-financing and preparation of banking loans and any other costs inherent in financing.
- l) goods whose amortization the fiscal legislation permits to be carried out in a single year;
- m) VAT is not an eligible expenditure, except in the case of non-recoverable VAT pursuant to national VAT legislation, in accordance with article 37 (11) of Regulation (EU) no 1303/2013.

V. Transnational Cooperation (TNC)

Rationale/ purpose of the support	Support of the preparation and implementation of cooperation projects between Madeira rural areas and rural territories of the European Union (EU) or third countries, covered by the LEADER.
Type of eligible territory	Madeira rural areas and rural territories of the European Union (EU) or third countries, covered by the LEADER.
Basic eligibility criteria	<p>a) to have framing in the LDS of the LAGs; b) Contribute to the implementation of the LDS; c) Presenting technical, economic and financial reasonableness; d) Demonstrate that the sources of funding are secured by all partners; e) provide for cooperation between the beneficiary and at least one gal in the case of the rural territories of the EU space, or at least one gal or other third-country partners.</p> <p>1) A descriptive memory where there is detailed information about the partners of the cooperation project, the Territories involved, the activities to be developed and the objectives to be attained, specifically relating to the strategy adopted with the LDS; 2) present the methodology and means affecting the project; 3) The financial plan annualized of the project; 4) The implementation timing of the project;</p>
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2. Expenditure on machinery and equipment funded through financial leasing or long-term rental contracts shall only be eligible if the purchase option and the duration of such contracts are compatible with the deadline for submission of the application for payment of the latter request for payment.

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