

I. General information

Thematic provisions	Some examples are provided in the RDP, but there is no prescriptive or indicative list of themes published – it is mainly up to the LAGs to decide about thematic priorities for LEADER cooperation activities.
Territorial provisions	Rural territories in EU MS, urban and coastal territories can also be eligible as partner territories in an inter-territorial cooperation project, non-rural territories cannot be funded under the RDP, but eligible under other funds. Cooperation with third countries is eligible in all four funds. For project under the RDP, when cooperating with third countries only rural territories are eligible.
Potential partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local action groups Group of local public and private partners in a rural or non-rural territory implementing a local development strategy. For projects in RDP that cooperate with a third country the partner must be from a rural territory.
Guidance in other languages / national language	Not published. A short “good to know” guide has been published in Swedish for LAGs.
Eligible beneficiaries for cooperation projects	Local Action Groups, other local actors.
Coordinating/lead partner provisions	Not required for a cooperation project to be eligible for support.
Simplified costs	Simplified cost options are applicable to all projects, for example preparatory actions, inter-territorial cooperation, and trans-national cooperation.
Calls	Calls are not published – projects can be submitted continuously (ongoing) but it is up to LAG to decide. It is possible that some of the LAG:s will use calls.
Project selection	Cooperation is integrated into the LDSs – projects can be submitted continuously. The LAG selects projects for preparatory actions, as well as for both transnational and interterritorial cooperation project (TNC/ITC). Every LAG has their own selection criteria.
Budget allocation for cooperation to LAGs	LAGs decide about cooperation budget within their LDSs. The total budget February 2017 in all Swedish LAG:s LDSs is about 13 073 000 euro and it’s divided as this between the funds: EAFRD 10 446 000 euro, EMFF 831 000 euro, ERDF 887 000 euro and ESF 909 000 euro. LAG has the possibility to reallocate their budget so this amounts can change. Trans-national and inter-territorial cooperation are integrated into the Local Development Strategies – LAGs have been authorised to allocate funds within their LDSs to cooperation. The minimum amount of support is 22 000 SEK (ca 2 400 euro) and no maximum amount of support for a cooperation project have been specified in the RDP (or other official do – this depends on the LDSs/LAGs.
Other provisions	

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II. Financial information

Sweden

Total public expenditure	Up to the LAGs to decide how much to allocate for LEADER cooperation within the amount allocated to the LDS.
Maximum amount of support	<i>The MA has not defined a maximum support rate or level for implementation. LAG:s can decide for a maximum rate or support level.</i>
Minimum amount of support	The minimum amount of support is 22 000 SEK (ca 2 400 euro).
Maximum rate of support	Maximum rate of support is 100 %
Other provisions	67 % of the total support is provided by the MS. 33 % should be co-financed by other public bodies, e.g. through the LAG's own co-financing or regional bodies.

III. Preparatory support

Rationale/ purpose of the support	To prepare a plan for the cooperation project.
Eligible beneficiaries	Local action groups and other local actors can also be eligible for preparatory support
Basic eligibility criteria	The key eligibility criteria for preparatory support is the existence of a plan to implement the cooperation project.
Eligible actions	No actions specified. Eligible actions include among others meetings, participation at events, and preparation of a feasibility study for the cooperation project
Eligible costs	The MA has not defined a maximum support rate or level for implementation. LAG:s can decide for a maximum rate or support level. Travel, accommodation, interpreters' fees, consultancy support, translation, rental of venue for meetings and events, as well as catering can be eligible costs – in addition to these, other costs that demonstrably relate to the project can also be eligible
Non-eligible costs	General non-eligible costs have been defined for all measures within the RDP, but there are no special regulations for preparatory actions or cooperation projects. These general non-eligible costs are e.g. related to investments in fossil fuelled power plants, fishing vessels, private properties, etc.

IV. Inter-territorial Cooperation

Rationale/ purpose of the support	The support is to enable cooperation projects.
Type of eligible territory	Rural territory (EU MS), non-rural territory (EU MS).
Basic eligibility criteria	A LAG and/or group of local public and private partners with a common purpose and goal, implementing a local development strategy should be partners and their cooperation has to be regulated by a contract or letter of intend.
Eligible actions	No actions specified. Eligible actions include among others meetings, participation at events, study visits, joint products, joint services, website, publications.
Eligible costs	Travel, accommodation, interpreters' fees, consultancy support, translation, rental of venue for meetings and events, catering, share of common costs related to joint publication and/or website, telecommunication and/or postal services – in addition to these, other costs that demonstrably relate to the project can also be eligible
Non-eligible costs	General non-eligible costs have been defined for all measures within the RDP, but there are no special regulations for preparatory actions or cooperation projects. These general non-eligible costs are e.g. related to investments in fossil fuelled power plants, fishing vessels, private properties, etc.

V. Transnational Cooperation (TNC)

Rationale/ purpose of the support	As for inter-territorial cooperation
Type of eligible territory	Rural territory (EU MS), non-rural territory (EU MS), rural territory (third country)
Basic eligibility criteria	As for inter-territorial cooperation
Eligible actions	As for inter-territorial cooperation
Eligible costs	As for inter-territorial cooperation
Non-eligible costs	As for inter-territorial cooperation