

Conference LEADER cooperation

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Vila Verde

Country specific priorities/themes

- ▶ 1st Tourism and promotion of territories - 26,1%
- ▶ 2nd Innovation and entrepreneurship - 17,5%
- ▶ 3rd Local products - 15%
- ▶ 4th Historical and cultural heritage - 11,5
- ▶ 5th Natural resources and environment - 9%
- ▶ 6th Short supply chains - 8,1%
- ▶ 7th Agriculture - 6,8%
- ▶ 8th Social inclusion - 6%

Eligible partners and territories

- ▶ Rural LAGs.
- ▶ Other local public-private partnerships with an active role on rural development since in partnership with the LAG.
- ▶ FLAGs in the coastal areas in the EU member states (Structural Funds/CLLD) funded by the EMFF programmes.
- ▶ LAGs in the urban areas in the EU member states (Structural Funds/CLLD).
- ▶ LEADER-like communities or groups implementing a rural development strategy in the 3rd countries and countries outside de EU.



Selection process and calls for TNC projects

- ▶ Managing Authority will approve the projects within 60 working days after the submission of the project to MA.



- ▶ In the case of TNC projects the previous decision stays conditioned until all the transnational partners present the proof of approval by their managing authorities.

- ▶ The approval decision expires in 4 months in case the other MS don't have the approval by their MA.



- ▶ The call for TNC projects will be ongoing in certain periods.



Duration of TNC project

The maximum duration of a TNC is 36 months, counted from the date of the submission of the acceptance term.



Budget and Numbers

- ▶ The budget for TNC projects is 5% of the total amount (of EAFRD) of the LDS of each LAG.



- ▶ Minimum: 90 000 €
- ▶ Maximum: 340 000 €
- ▶ Average: 150 000 € - 250 000 €

Preparatory Support

► Max amount of support

8300 € per application in a maximum of 3 applications (Max: 30 000 €/LAG during the whole programming period)

Support rate: 90%

► Eligibility criteria related with project

- a) Correspond to the themes expressed in the LDSs defined by the LAGs for their territories;
- b) Present a cooperation development plan defining the objectives, activities and potential partners;
- c) Start after the date of submission of the application, or at a later date to be defined in the call for the submission of applications;
- d) Ensure, where applicable, the sources of external financing capital.

► Selection criteria related with project

- a) the bigger number of transnational cooperation intentions;
- b) the level of maturity of the intentions of cooperation in regard to the potential partners and future thematic of the TNC projects



Implementation of the project

► Max amount of support

Development of the cooperation project - 85 000 € per beneficiary/per project

Support rate: 90%

► Eligibility criteria related with project

- a) Correspond to the themes expressed in the EDLs defined by the LAGs for their territories;
- b) Provide technical, economic and financial coherence;
- c) Start after the date of submission of the application;
- d) Ensure, where applicable, the sources of external financing capital;
- e) Present information on the cooperation project partners, objectives and activities to be developed by each partner and its budgets.

► Selection criteria related with project

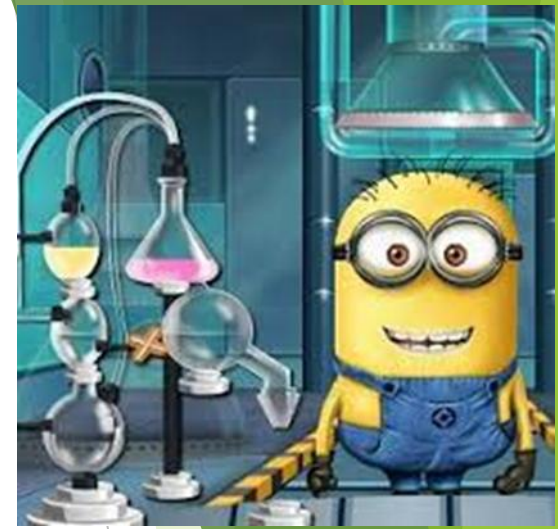
- a) The relevance of cooperation in relation to the thematic objectives of European territorial cooperation:
 - i) Strengthening research, technological development and innovation;
 - ii) Environmental protection and promotion of energy efficiency;
 - iii) Promoting employment and supporting worker mobility;
 - iv) Promoting social inclusion and combating poverty;
- b) Contribution of cooperation to the integration of local actors in networks of strategic activities;
- c) Contribution of cooperation to expand and multiply the impact of the EDL;
- d) Contribution of cooperation to increase the visibility of the territory;
- e) The ability to improve, add and disseminate the results obtained in previously executed projects.



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Eligibility criteria related with project

Implementation of the TNC projects

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Eligibility criteria related with partners

Partners:

- ▶ a) To be legally established;
- ▶ b) With tax obligations fulfilled;
- ▶ c) Not to have been convicted in judicial procedure;



Eligibility criteria related with partners

- ▶ e) To have an organized accounting system;
- ▶ f) To demonstrate ability to run a project;
- ▶ g) To present a cooperation protocol containing the plan of activities to be developed with the obligations, duties and responsibilities of all the partners involved as well as the designation of the LAG coordinator of the cooperation project.

Selection criteria related with project



Preparatory support

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Eligible costs

Preparatory support

- ▶ Market studies
- ▶ Strategic impact assessement
- ▶ Consultancy services procurement
- ▶ Travel and accomodation
- ▶ Personnel and running costs



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Implementation of the TNC projects

i) Direct costs:

- ▶ Market studies
- ▶ Strategic impact assessement
- ▶ Consultancy services procurement



Eligible costs

- ▶ Travel and accomodation (In Europe: 1250 €/person; other countries: 2750 €/person - support rate = 90%)
- ▶ Information and promotion activities
- ▶ Expenses with facilities and equipment required for common action
- ▶ Personnel costs



Eligible costs

ii) Indirect costs:

- ▶ Facilities and operating expenses namely water, electricity, communications, cleaning services, premises insurance, hygiene and cleaning products (15% of the personnel costs)

11. Non-eligible costs

Tangible investments:

- ▶ Buildings - property acquisition
- ▶ Second-hand equipment

Intangible investments:

- ▶ Financial guarantee
- ▶ The interest on debts
- ▶ Leasing costs
- ▶ VAT

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