

### I. General information

<b>Thematic provisions</b>	None
<b>Territorial provisions</b>	Inter-territorial cooperation: between territories within the same Member State;  Transnational cooperation: between territories belonging to several Member States (including territories of third countries).
<b>Potential partners</b>	The partners of a local action group under the EAFRD can be, in addition to other local action groups: (a) a group of local public and private partners in a rural area which implements a local development strategy, within or outside the Union; (b) a group of local public and private partners in a non-rural territory which implements a local development strategy.
<b>Guidance in other languages / national language</b>	None
<b>Eligible beneficiaries for cooperation projects</b>	Natural or legal persons ensuring the contracting authority of cooperation activities (preparatory or implementation actions) benefiting the LAG territory, within the framework of the cooperation component of the local development strategy.  The structures supporting LAGs can be beneficiaries.
<b>Coordinating/lead partner provisions</b>	Cooperation is implemented under the responsibility of a LAG acting as coordinator.
<b>Simplified costs</b>	None
<b>Calls</b>	None
<b>Project selection</b>	The MA chooses the proposed projects on the basis of a selection grid. The LAG must validate it in the Programming Committee beforehand (eliminary criterion of the MA selection grid)
<b>Budget allocation for cooperation to LAGs</b>	Global : 500 000 € for 11 LAGs
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### II. Financial information

<b>Total public expenditure</b>	625 000 €
<b>Maximum amount of support</b>	The LAG is free to adjust the rate of public aid and to set threshold amounts and / or ceilings for EAFRD aid and / or eligible expenditure in accordance with the rules of transparency with potential beneficiaries and the regulatory framework as recalled in section 8.1 of the program. Maximum € 8,000 of eligible expenditure per project for expenditure relating to support for the preparation of cooperation activities.
<b>Minimum amount of support</b>	The LAG is free to adjust the rate of public aid and to set threshold amounts and / or limits for EAFRD aid and / or eligible expenditure in accordance with the rules of transparency with potential beneficiaries and the regulatory framework as recalled in section 8.1 of the program.
<b>Maximum rate of support</b>	Public aid rate: 100% depending on the state aid scheme, and where applicable, the applicable national regulations.  The public contracting authorities must at least respect a self-financing rate for the project on the basis of the regulations (Decree No. 2012-716 - Article L. 1111-10 of the CGCT), and its future developments.  The LAG is free to adjust the rate of public aid and to set threshold amounts and / or limits for EAFRD aid and / or eligible expenditure in accordance with the rules of transparency with potential beneficiaries and the regulatory framework as recalled in section 8.1 of the program.
<b>Other provisions</b>	Regional funding for cooperation actions can be activated for each territory

### III. Preparatory support

<b>Explanation</b>	Technical preparation upstream of cooperation projects: animation, exchange, visits, building of a partnership. If necessary, more restrictive rules can be defined by the LAG in its local development strategy and in its action sheet 19.3.
<b>Eligible beneficiaries</b>	Natural or legal persons ensuring the contracting authority of cooperation activities (preparatory or implementation actions) benefiting the LAG territory, falling within the framework of the cooperation component of the local development strategy. The structures supporting LAGs can be beneficiaries.

<b>Basic eligibility criteria</b>	To be eligible, operations must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respect national rules on eligibility of expenditure and, where applicable, the applicable state aid regime,</li> <li>• Respect the additional eligibility conditions defined, where applicable, by each LAG.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible actions</b>	Technical preparation previous to cooperation projects: animation, exchange, visit, building of a partnership
<b>Eligible costs</b>	To support the preparation of cooperation activities (preparatory support): travel directly related to the action (accommodation, transport, meals), translation and interpreting, possible intangible expenses (for example animation).
<b>Non-eligible costs</b>	Non-eligible costs at the rural development program level.

## IV. Inter-territorial Cooperation

<b>Explanation</b>	Inter-territorial cooperation is defined by cooperation actions between territories within the Member State (in one region or more). The RDP defines the common rules mentioned in this document. If necessary, more restrictive rules can be defined by the LAG in its local development strategy and in its action sheet 19.3.
<b>Type of eligible territories</b>	LAG territories Non-LAG territories : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To make sure this territory corresponds to the definition above, and can therefore be recognized as a partner in a LEADER cooperation, the following elements should be checked :</li> <li>• Proof of the territory covered (map, geolocated intervention territory)</li> <li>• Constitution of the decision-making body mentioning public and private members</li> <li>• Deliberation (or other form of written commitment) of the decision-making body implementing the project</li> <li>• Development strategy and presentation of the territory</li> </ul>
<b>Basic eligibility criteria</b>	
<b>Eligible actions</b>	Any type of action aiming at a common and collaborative project between actors from different territories
<b>Eligible costs</b>	For the operational implementation of cooperation activities : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• intangible investments : studies relating to the concerned territory, information, animation and communication actions, personnel costs (salaries and charges) or external services;</li> <li>• material investments (in accordance with art. 45 of the EAFRD regulation and the decree setting the national rules for the eligibility of expenditure within the framework of programs co-financed by the European structural and investment funds ERDF, ESF, EAFRD, EMFF for the period 2014-2020);</li> </ul>

<b>Eligible costs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>travel expenses directly related to the action (accommodation, transport, meals), translation and interpreting.</li> </ul> <p>Where appropriate, more restrictive rules on eligible costs may be defined by the LAG in its local development strategy.</p>
<b>Non-eligible costs</b>	Non-eligible costs at the rural development program level

## V. Transnational Cooperation (TNC)

<b>Explanation</b>	<p>Transnational cooperation is defined by cooperation actions between territories belonging to several Member States (including territories of third countries).</p> <p>If necessary, more restrictive rules can be defined by the LAG in its local development strategy and in its action sheet 19 .3.</p>
<b>Type of eligible territories</b>	<p>LAG territories</p> <p>Non-LAG territories :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To make sure this territory corresponds to the definition above, and can therefore be recognized as a partner in a LEADER cooperation, the following elements should be checked :</li> <li>Proof of the territory covered (map, geolocated intervention territory)</li> <li>Constitution of the decision-making body mentioning public and private members</li> <li>Deliberation (or other form of written commitment) of the decision-making body implementing the project</li> <li>Development strategy and presentation of the territory</li> </ul>
<b>Basic eligibility criteria</b>	
<b>Eligible actions</b>	Any type of action aiming at a common and collaborative project between actors from different territories
<b>Eligible costs</b>	<p>For the operational implementation of cooperation activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>intangible investments : studies relating to the concerned territory, information, animation and communication actions, personnel costs (salaries and charges) or external services;</li> <li>material investments (in accordance with art. 45 of the EAFRD regulation and the decree setting the national rules for the eligibility of expenditure within the framework of programs co-financed by the European structural and investment funds ERDF, ESF, EAFRD, EMFF for the period 2014-2020);</li> <li>travel expenses directly related to the action (accommodation, transport, meals), translation and interpreting.</li> </ul> <p>Where appropriate, more restrictive rules on eligible costs may be defined by the LAG in its local development strategy.</p>
<b>Non-eligible costs</b>	Non-eligible costs at the rural development program level