

I. General information

Thematic provisions	Not specified in the RDP (or other relevant official document).
Territorial provisions	Eligible in all LAG areas in Finland, potential cooperation partners may be located in rural and urban areas in the EU and rural areas outside the EU territory.
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	Not available Finnish and Swedish
Eligible beneficiaries for cooperation projects	Local action groups Other local actors
Coordinating/lead partner provisions	A lead partner is required for a cooperation project to be eligible for support.
Simplified costs	Applicable to preparatory actions and cooperation projects. At the moment only flat-rate is eligible. Due to the fact that it is not possible to make a pre calculation in the programme level of all possible costs ex-ante, the lump sum can not be implemented. In addition overheads max. 24 % are eligible.
Calls	Calls are not published by the Managing Authority. Cooperation can be integrated in the LDSs and implemented as part of these.
Project selection	The local action group selects projects for preparatory actions, inter-territorial and transnational cooperation.
Budget allocation for cooperation to LAGs	Based on the relevant LDS
Other provisions	LAGs can decide about integrating inter-territorial or transnational cooperation into their LDSs.

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II. Financial information

RDP

Total public expenditure	2.3 m Euro
Maximum amount of support	500,000 Euro / cooperation project (180,000 Euro/ Finnish LAG)
Minimum amount of support	10,000 Euro / cooperation project (5,000 Euro/ Finnish LAG)
Maximum rate of support	100%
Other provisions	-

III. Preparatory support

Rationale/ purpose of the support	The aim is to prepare for an inter-regional or a transnational cooperation project.
Eligible beneficiaries	Local action groups Other local public and private actors
Basic eligibility criteria	Preparatory support can be aimed at preparing cooperation projects related to all activities that are eligible in national LEADER projects.
Eligible actions	Meetings Participation at events Feasibility study for the cooperation project
Eligible costs	Salaries of project personnel Purchase of goods and services Travel accommodation Interpreters' fees Translation Consultancy support Rental of venue for events and meetings Catering Material and other costs
Non-eligible costs	As defined in the EU legislation.

IV. Inter-territorial Cooperation

Rationale/ purpose of the support	The objective of the Leader inter-territorial cooperation project is to find new ideas and solutions to the challenges faced in the LAG areas, to use their opportunities and to create new cooperation between LAG areas nationally.
Type of eligible territory	Rural territory (EU MS) Non-rural territory (EU MS) – urban partners are eligible
Basic eligibility criteria	Cooperation can be related to all actions that are eligible in LEADER
Eligible actions	Meetings Participations at events Publications Website Joint services joint products Study visit
Eligible costs	Salaries of the project personnel Purchase of goods and services Travel Accommodation Catering Interpreters' fees Translation Consulting Telecommunication and/or postal services Rental of venue for meetings and events Share of common costs related to joint publication and/or website Material and other costs
Non-eligible costs	-

V. Transnational Cooperation (TNC)

Rationale/ purpose of the support	The objective of the Leader transnational cooperation project is to find new ideas and solutions to the challenges faced in the LAG areas, to use their opportunities and to create new cooperation between LAG areas transnationally and/or with rural areas in the third countries.
Type of eligible territory	Rural territory (EU MS) Non-rural territory (EU MS) – urban partners eligible Rural territory (third country, non-EU)
Basic eligibility criteria	As in inter-territorial cooperation
Eligible actions	As in inter-territorial cooperation
Eligible costs	As in inter-territorial cooperation
Non-eligible costs	As defined in the EU legislation.