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# LEADER Estonia in trans- national cooperation.

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# **Aim of LEADER measure for years 2014–2020.**

Aim of the measure is balanced development in rural areas by using LEADER principles.

# Specific objectives are:

- To improve the competitiveness of the entrepreneurs
- To promote social inclusion
- To better use area specific possibilities
- To find innovative solutions on local context
- To improve local governance through involving different actors.

# Budget of LEADER measure

For the period 2014–2020 the budget for LEADER measure comprises 90 million euros:

- Preparation for LDS –1,7 million euros
- Implementation of LDS 88,3 million euros,

It must be noted that support for running and animation costs shall not exceed 20% of the total public expenditure incurred for implementation of LDS i.e. 17,7 million euros.

# Time for implementation

LAG-s submitted their strategies for approval in November 2015.

Starting time for sub-measures 19.2 and 19.3 was after application of the LAGs were approved in April 2016

# Number of trans-national cooperation projects

- 2007–2013 28 TNC projects
- 2014–2020 by April 2017:
  - 3 TNC projects have started their activities (topics are culture, rural entrepreneurship, youth entrepreneurship)
  - (5 Estonian LAGs are involved)
  - 7 applications have been submitted for **preparatory technical support** for TNC.
- Total budget for co-operation is about 600 000 eur whereas Budget for Estonian partners is 163 000 eur.
- Partners are so far from Finland, Sweden, Latvia, Spain, Hungary

# Support rates and maximum support for co-operation projects.

- Preparatory technical support for the cooperation projects 100%
- Implementing the cooperation projects 90%
- Maximum support for the project/applicant may not exceed 200 000 euros.

# Since when and how often TNC is open for applications?

- LAGs will specify their project ideas in their LDS
- The cooperation projects will firstly pass the General Assembly of the LAG
- The Paying Agency verifies the eligibility of the applications



# Partners in LAG co-operation project

- **At least 2 LAG-s must participate**
- **LEADER/CLLD LAGs in European Union**

whose LDS comply with **article 33** of **Regulation 1303/2013** of the European Parliament and of the Council

- public-private partnerships that implement a local development strategy that aims at development of rural areas (within or outside the EU)

# Eligible costs and activities

Co-operation projects are treated like other projects (19.2) (support may be given to make investments for example). This means that there are no specific restrictions on the eligible costs in the co-operation projects.

**Eligible is the cost of the applicant.**

Common principle is that LAG claims for support to his own eligible costs, also when the LAG pays the costs for hosting the partner (f. Ex. local transport for the co-operation partner at place).

If partners will have common cost such as common web-side, brochures then that is also eligible

# Deadlines

Last co-operation project must be submitted no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.

Duration of the project is maximum 3 years after PA have approved the project.

# Co-operation partnership on the basis of agreement

- Name of the project
- Name of the partner, its representatives name and contact data
- Procedure, how the new partner will join the project
- name of the co-ordinating partner, its representative, and contact data. Main objectives and actions of the co-operation project. **Wider impact of the project**
- Planned results of the project
- Period for implementing the project
- Obligations of the partner
- Planned activities and planned budget of the partner
- Total budget of the co-operation project
- Signature of the partner

# Preparatory technical support

Duration – maximum 2 years

LAG demonstrates it is envisaging the implementation of a concrete project.

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Letter of Intent /agreement with the  
application

(might be an e-mail)



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