
Tool 1 - Self assessment questions which can help you define your cooperation strategy and identify TNC project options

1. Context

- Do we have an in-depth vision of the socio-economic context and the political and institutional framework of our LAG territory?
- What types of rural development challenges and socio-economic and/or environmental needs exist (including their causes and effects)?

2. Cooperation diagnosis: transnational experiences of our area

- What are the existing experiences in terms of cooperation and what have they led to?
- What are the main topics of existing transnational projects?
- Which local actors already have European contacts?
- Which local actors have already been involved in actions with external partners?
- Which are the local actors with language skills we need?
- What are the foreign partners of our local authorities?

3. Project options

- What do we need locally, what are the local expectations and what type of added-value benefits should cooperation lead to?
- Do some local actors already have ideas concerning possible cooperation projects? What is their motivation and capacity?
- Which cooperation ideas should have priority for our area?
- What sort of project could be developed (exchange of experiences, research, design and implementation of a joint solution to a common challenge)?

4. Administrative possibilities

- Which cooperation ideas are eligible under the rules for Leader support and which projects could be funded from other sources?
- Do the objectives of the TNC project ideas correspond to the objectives of existing socio-economic and/or environmental policies that operate in the LAG territory?
- How well do the cooperation project ideas make positive contributions to the thematic objectives of our LAG's Local Development Strategy?