

LEADER Cooperation Measure Factsheet France – PDR Aquitaine

I. General information

Thematic provisions	None
Territorial provisions	<p>Interterritorial cooperation: between territories within the same Member State;</p> <p>Transnational cooperation: between territories belonging to several Member States (including with territories of third countries).</p>
Potential partners	<p>As part of the EAFRD, the partners of a local action group can be, in addition to other local action groups:</p> <p>(a) a group of local public and private partners in a rural area which implements a local development strategy, within or outside the Union;</p> <p>(b) a group of local public and private partners in a non-rural area which implements a local development strategy.</p>
Guidance in other languages / national language	None
Eligible beneficiaries for cooperation projects	<p>Any public or private structure supporting Local Action Groups as well as any natural or legal person selected by the LAG as part of its local development strategy.</p> <p>A structure is eligible for this sub-measure even if it is not administratively domiciled within the area of the LAG as long as the operation it supports benefits all or part of the LAG territory.</p> <p>If necessary, a more restrictive list of eligible beneficiaries may be defined by the LAG in its local development strategy.</p>
Coordinating/lead partner provisions	The cooperation is implemented under the responsibility of a LAG acting as a coordinator.
Simplified costs	Yes
Calls	None

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Project selection	<p>The LAG selects the proposed projects according to a selection grid. As for the technical preparation costs, the Managing Authority will ensure that any selected operation meets the following relevant elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevance of the operation to the LAG's local development strategy • Involvement of local partners • Priority to new partners or new projects over previous cooperations. <p>For projects related to proper cooperation operations: the LAGs will define their own criteria in their local development strategy.</p>
Budget allocation for cooperation to LAGs	<p>Total : 1 000 000 € for 22 LAGs</p>
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II. Financial information

Total public expenditure	<p>1 250 000 €</p>
Maximum amount of support	<p>The LAG is free to adjust the rate of public support and to set minimum and/or maximum amounts for EAFRD support and / or eligible expenditure in accordance with the transparency rules with the potential beneficiaries and the regulatory framework as mentioned in section 8.1 of the program.</p>
Minimum amount of support	<p>The LAG is free to adjust the rate of public support and to set minimum and/or maximum amounts for EAFRD support and / or eligible expenditure in accordance with the transparency rules with the potential beneficiaries and the regulatory framework as mentioned in section 8.1 of the program.</p>

Maximum rate of support	<p>The rate of public support may reach 100% in accordance with the state support frame. For projects not falling under Article 42 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and whose funding is subject to State support rules, the following will be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an aid scheme exempted from notification under Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014, or under Commission Regulation (EU) No 702/2014 of 25 June 2014; - or a scheme notified under Article 108 (3) TFEU; - or Commission Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the TFEU to de minimis aid. <p>In this case, the maximum aid according to these rules is applicable, within the limit of the aid rate mentioned above.</p>
Other provisions	<p>Regional funding for cooperation actions can be activated for each territory.</p>

III. Preparatory support

Explanation	<p>Upstream technical preparation of cooperation projects: animation, exchange, visit, establishment 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.</p>
Eligible beneficiaries	<p>Any public or private structure supporting Local Action Groups as well as any natural or legal person selected by the LAG as part of its local development strategy. A structure is eligible for this sub-measure even if it is not administratively domiciled within the area of the LAG as long as the operation it supports benefits all or part of the territory of the LAG. If necessary, a more restrictive list of eligible beneficiaries may be defined by the LAG in its local development strategy.</p>
Basic eligibility criteria	
Eligible actions	<p>Upstream technical preparation of cooperation projects: animation, exchange, visit, establishment of a partnership.</p>
Eligible costs	<p>To support the preparation of cooperation activities (preparatory technical support): travel directly linked to the action (accommodation, transport, meals), translation and interpreting, possible intangible expenses, public relations expenses, staff expenses (salaries and charges).</p>
Non-eligible costs	<p>Non-eligible costs for the rural development program</p>

IV. Inter-territorial Cooperation

Explanation	<p>The inter-territorial cooperation is defined by cooperation actions between territories within the Member State (in one or more regions).</p> <p>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.</p>
Type of eligible territories	LAG territories
Basic eligibility criteria	LAGs should consider the implementation of concrete projects, leading to identified deliverables and returns, which should be part of their local development strategy from the beginning (when submitting the application project) if possible.
Eligible actions	Any type of action aiming at a common and collaborative project between actors from different territories.
Eligible costs	<p>For the operational implementation of cooperation actions (in agreement with Article 45 of the EAFRD Regulation):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intangible investments: studies relating to the concerned territory, information, animation and communication actions, salary costs, or external services; • Public relations costs • Material investments • Travel costs directly related to the action (accommodation, transport, meals), translation, interpreting <p>Indirect costs are eligible at a maximum flat rate of 15% of eligible direct staff costs in accordance with article 68-1b of Regulation 1303/2013.</p>
Non-eligible costs	Ineligible costs at the rural development program level, in-kind contributions, volunteering.

V. Transnational Cooperation (TNC)

Explanation	<p>Transnational cooperation is defined by cooperation actions between territories belonging to several Member States (including territories from 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>
Type of eligible territories	<p>LAG territories Non-LAG territories :</p> <p>To make sure the territory corresponds to the definition above, and can therefore be recognized as a partner in a LEADER cooperation, the following elements could be asked for :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of the territory covered (map, geolocated intervention territory) • Constitution of the decision-making body indicating public and private members • Deliberation (or other form of written commitment) of the decision-making body implementing the project • Development strategy and presentation of the territory
Basic eligibility criteria	<p>LAGs should consider the implementation of concrete projects, leading to identified deliverables and returns, which should be part of their local development strategy from the beginning (when submitting the application project) if possible.</p>
Eligible actions	<p>Any type of action aiming at a common and collaborative project between actors from different territories.</p>
Eligible costs	<p>For the operational implementation of cooperation actions (in agreement with Article 45 of the EAFRD Regulation):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intangible investments: studies relating to the concerned territory , information, animation and communication actions, salary costs, or external services; • Public relations costs • Material investments • Travel costs directly related to the action (accommodation, transport, meals), translation, interpreting <p>Indirect costs are eligible at a maximum flat rate of 15% of eligible direct staff costs in accordance with article 68-1b of Regulation 1303/2013.</p>
Non-eligible costs	<p>Ineligible costs at the rural development program level, in-kind contributions, volunteering.</p>