

Strengthening Local Development through Cooperation

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Feedback from the workshops



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Workshop 1: How to develop cooperation with Third Countries?

Recommendations

- ✓ Promotion, facilitation, support, guidance, tools
- ✓ Create and develop links with networks outside the European Union
- ✓ Specific Rural Development budget line into the existing Financial Instruments



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Workshop 2: How to design a supportive delivery system for transnational cooperation?

Recommendations

- ✓ Actions to develop a shared understanding of TNC (horizontally and vertically)
- ✓ Relationships throughout the chain (e.g. MA peer support, country contact people in MA)
- ✓ Harmonised rules and forms – co-designed with LAGs
- ✓ Clear and transparent rules as early as possible in the process
- ✓ Open ongoing calls
- ✓ Partnership development support/partner search tools (user friendly – think languages!)



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Workshop 3: How to build capacity for transnational cooperation?

Recommendations

- ✓ Providing necessary information to launch cooperation: best and bad practices, cooperation rules
- ✓ Have human resources dedicated to cooperation in LAGs
- ✓ Support to partner search
- ✓ Links with other networks
- ✓ Common methodology to measure added value of cooperation



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Workshop 4: How to facilitate cooperation between different CLLD funds?

Recommendations

- ✓ Ensuring coordination & common understanding through improved communication among LAGs, MAs, Pas
- ✓ Programming ESI funds under one CLLD MA through a bottom-up process
- ✓ Peer-to-peer learning to ensure that new-comer LAGs, MAs, PAs are taken on board



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