

# **Harmonising Inter territorial & Transnational co- operation in the UK & Ireland**

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# Introduction

- What we are each doing
- Where we have found common ground
- Next Steps...



# Why consider harmonisation between UK & Ireland?

- Common Language
- Shared Boundaries
- Shared Cultural & Natural Heritage
- Close social, economic ties

# Scotland

- 2014 LEADER workstream agreed approach to simplify processes supporting co-op projects
- Develop templates for Scotland & beyond
- Dedicated NSU support for LEADER
- LAG decision – with NSU (and others) supporting/stimulating/brokering ideas
- Min 10% spend on co-operation

# England

- Meet priorities for LEADER on Jobs & Growth
- Delivering value to the LDS
- MA/NRN assisted approach - to promote and address issues from previous Programme
- NRN will facilitate co-operation – acting as broker with other networks
- Dedicated central budget – up to £2m
- LAGs apply to MA for funding



# Wales

- All LDS contain a commitment to undertake at least 1 Co-operation project during the programme period.
- Preparatory Technical Support and Co-operation projects selected by the LAGs
- budget part of LDS allocation
- NSU will facilitate LEADER Co-operation by assisting LAGs to identify opportunities for co-operation by connecting and stimulating ideas.

# Northern Ireland

- Strong focus on co-operation, particularly on all Ireland projects – minimum 2 cross border projects per LAG.
- £4 million budget for N/S Co-operation
- LAGs/Lead bodies apply to MA for funding
- NSU to support events/networking
- Preparatory support available for fleshing out project ideas – 100% support

# Ireland

- Early Stages
- MA will approve co-op applications
- 10 million euros put aside nationally for co-operation (none allocated to LDSs)
- Want to develop common rules with NI
- All Ireland event planned before year end?



# **Finding Common Ground: The Journey...**

**Recognising, understanding differences  
/commonalities in approaches between jurisdictions.**

- Greater commitment to co-operation
- Different approval mechanisms
- Different stages of development
- Varying levels of funding for co-operation
- Synergies with other funds

# **Finding Common Ground: What does a harmonisation look like?**

**A common level of preparatory support to develop the idea  
(100%?)**

**A common preparatory support application form (for projects)**

**A common template to support harmonisation of approach in  
decision making**

**A common transnational/inter-territorial project agreement  
template**

**An agreed approach to exploring ideas pre preparatory  
support**

# Finding Common Ground: Harmonisation needs some **SPICE...**

## **SHARING**

MA/LAG/NRN Forms & Guidance

## **PRO-ACTIVE**


Develop thematic approach to stimulate co-operation actions as part of an event or on their own.

## **INSPIRING**

Best practice exchanges on previous co-operation actions

## **COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY**

Manage stakeholder expectations across the different MS/Regions

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Thank you for your attention!

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