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Designing rural development interventions:

LEADER **Art. 71 Cooperation**

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Description of intervention – basic information (I)

- ❑ **Intervention name:**
 - ✓ Two interventions recommended: (i) capacity building and preparatory actions (art. 28(1)(a) CPR) (ii) implementation of operations; management, monitoring, evaluation and animation (art. 28(1)(b) and (c) CPR)
 - ✓ preparatory support might not be planned if provided under extended RDP
- ❑ **Type of intervention:** Art. 71 Cooperation
- ❑ **Output indicator:** OI 27 with two-subsets (n° of Local Development Strategies (LDS) prepared and n° of LDS implemented)
- ❑ **Territorial scope:** 1 national intervention / regional interventions
- ❑ **Related Specific Objective(s):** best linked with SO8
 - ✓ local & integrated nature of the instrument; rural area orientation; to allow to LAGs sufficient freedom in defining local priorities

Description of intervention – basic information (II)

- ❑ **Result indicators:** Two steps for choosing RI & setting targets
 - (i) Programme design: link to one RI related to SO8 to which LEADER would always contribute (e.g. RI 31a)
 - (ii) After the LDS selected: CAP SP amended based on LDS content

- ✓ Capacity building and preparatory support for LDS to be linked to the same RI as support to LEADER (no contribution to targets expected though)
- ✓ Common RI allow to cover broadly the 3 aspects of sustainable development
- ✓ LDS must not be limited to projects that directly generate value for RI
- ✓ Consider Plan specific RI to capture capacity building & innovation

Description of intervention – eligibility and targeting (I)

- ✓ Make it clear where different conditions apply for preparatory support and implementation
- ❑ **Eligibility conditions:**
 - ✓ Any territorial targeting
 - ✓ Eligibility criteria for preparatory support
 - ✓ Eligibility criteria for selection of LDS (addressing min. quality requirements for LDS and partnership; any thematic orientation & local targeting)
 - ✓ LAGs obligations to receive support for management, M&E, and animation
 - ✓ Plan specific eligibility criteria for local operations to be funded under LDS, if beyond limitations of art. 68 CAP SP
- ❑ **Beneficiary**
 - ✓ Types of beneficiaries for preparatory support; implementation of LDS
 - ✓ Approach towards selection of preparatory support beneficiaries & LDS
 - ✓ Approach towards allocating budget per LDS

Description of intervention – eligibility and targeting (II)

- ❑ **Description of the design/requirements that ensure effective contribution to SO and objectives of the instrument**
- ✓ Elements which will ensure effective contribution of the intervention to local development and, where appropriate, other selected SO
- ✓ Elements which will ensure the intervention fits for purpose (builds local capacity, stimulates innovation and provides for structural changes)
- ✓ Indication how the basic requirements relating to the method will be ensured (e.g. bottom-up, non-dominance of an interest group, representativeness, etc.)
- ✓ Elements that demonstrate that the design of the intervention is in line with the Charter of Fundamental Rights and the general principles of Union law

Description of intervention- consistency and coordination aspects

- Explain how additional value will be achieved compared to other available instruments and what will enable that**
 - ✓ E. g. strategic approach based on local definition of needs and objectives, flexibility in scope, integration and synergies between actions, community orientation, collective approach, ...
 - ✓ Specific delivery mechanisms: SCOs, proportionate controls, adequate deadlines for processing of grant applications and their payments, ...
- If multi-funded LDS possible, explain coordination mechanisms, in particular:**
 - ✓ how scope of support will be coordinated (N.B. no strict demarcation required on CAP Plan level)
 - ✓ use of Lead Fund option, which Fund
 - ✓ possibility for one Fund to cover preparatory support + RC & animation

Description of intervention – financial information

❑ Form and rate of support:

- ✓ forms of payment used for preparatory support; LDS management, M&E & animation; and for individual operations + possibility to pay advances
- ✓ for reimbursement of costs: max. applicable rates of support

❑ For SCO: method of calculation

- ✓ type and relating costs covered
- ✓ legal basis defining the way to establish them

Description of intervention: WTO, State aid

❑ State aid:

- ✓ Aid for preparatory support and management & animation: not considered as state aid in so far as aid recipients are non-economic actors irrespective of their legal form, how they are financed, or if they have a for-profit focus.
- ✓ An activity that offers goods or services on a market is considered to have an « economic activity » and therefore involves state aid.

❑ WTO:

- ✓ As part of Cooperation, have to respect para 2 Annex II to the WTO Agreement (comply with WTO Green Box criteria)

Description of intervention: unit amount and indicative financial allocation

Please refer to presentation on programming and reporting on LEADER indicators made in GREXE on 1 October 2020

Purpose and method... to be supported by the intervention design

- What is done is equally important How it is done
- The delivery mechanisms of the intervention need to
 - ✓ be consistent with all the elements of the LEADER method
 - ✓ enable the instrument to achieve its objectives (build capacity, stimulate innovation, provide for structural changes in the areas)
 - ✓ allow to bring clear value added for the Plan