



Workshop

„Tackling key issues in RDP implementation“



- Guidance -

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Example I:

Guidance paper for EIP Operational Groups

- ✓ EIP AGRI: New measure in RDP's
- ✓ Approach: „Interactive innovation model“ to find focused solutions to a practical problem
- ✓ Operational Groups (OG) as the core for the EIP implementation:
 - „Establishment and operation“ eligible for EAFRD-Funding
- ✓ Members of OG's: farmers, scientists, advisers etc.
 - **No experts in EU-related administration, control and financial issues**

Example I:

Guidance paper for EIP Operational Groups

- ✓ Guidance paper for members of OG's and innovation brokers
- ✓ „Living paper“: Further development in the light of first Experience
- ✓ Flexible to apply to different approaches across „Bundesländer“
- ✓ First Acknowledgement of first OG's in Germany in Sept. 2015
- ✓ Facilitate first steps of the OG's

Example I:

Guidance paper for EIP Operational Groups

Recommendations relating to internal procedures as well as project activities:

- ✓ Member of the OG as beneficiary / responsible person for paying agency
- ✓ Internal sharing of possible risks and benefits
- ✓ Decision making process: transparency, majority etc.
- ✓ How to prepare a cooperation agreement ?
- ✓ Preparation of the action plan
- ✓ State aid issues (non-annex I)
- ✓ Template for reporting of results

http://www.netzwerk-laendlicher-raum.de/fileadmin/sites/ELER/Dateien/01_Hintergrund/EIP/Informationsblatt_OGs.pdf



Example I:

Poss. items for discussion

Guidance paper for EIP Operational Groups

- Develop a Guidance paper for members of OG's on EU-level ?
- What is your experience / expectation ?
- Which topics are most important for starting an OG ?
- How to ensure learning from best practices ?
- How to find the right balance between providing sufficient information and avoidance of unnecessary administrative burden ?
- How to encourage exchange of information / discussion between actors of administration (MA, PA, audit) ?
- ???

Example II:

Implementation of umbrella schemes within LEADER

- ✓ Bottom-up approach of LEADER/CLLD
- ✓ Flexibility for LAG's within the objectives of their regional strategy
- ✓ Option : Apply „umbrella schemes“ (to be defined in the RDP) to disburse small grants fitting to a determined scope of objectives to specific beneficiaries by the LAG's
- ✓ „umbrella schemes“ can be treated as one single operation (Art. 2(9) of Reg. (EU) 1303/2013). LAG is beneficiary of the operation (Art. 2(10)).

→ Possible approach to reduce administrative burden

Example II:

Implementation of umbrella schemes within LEADER

- ✓ LAG is responsible to keep a detailed list of beneficiaries
- ✓ Avoid risk of ineligible expenditure
- ✓ Focus the umbrella scheme on a very specific type of support (to increase transparency and reduce risk)
- ✓ Since the scheme itself has been approved, the specific payments under „umbrella schemes“ do not undergo authorisations from approval bodies
- ✓ But: Paying agencies have to fulfill a comprehensive set of provisions for checks (art. 48 – 52 of Reg. 809/2014)
→ sufficient determination of the grant

Example II:

Approach

Implementation of umbrella schemes within LEADER

- ✓ Some „Bundesländer“ implemented in their RDP's „umbrella schemes“ (with a huge variety of the approach)
- ✓ Still many questions left open on implementation, especially control issues
- ✓ First informal contact with DG AGRI (H.1, LEADER)
- ✓ Exchange on national level together with selected Member States (probably 28 January 2016)
- ✓ Necessity to get paying agencies on board

Example II:

Poss. items for discussion

Implementation of umbrella schemes within LEADER

- Do you consider to apply „umbrella schemes“ in LEADER / CLLD in your countries ?
- What are your experiences / expectations ?
- Any restrictions from the paying agencies on control matters which contradict to a simple implementation ?
- Would it be useful to exchange experiences / best practices e.g. in the LEADER-/CLLD subgroup ?
- How to achieve an amendment of the relevant CLLD-guidance paper of the DG AGRI in the light of the discussion of the subgroup ?
- Could it be helpful to give special reflection to „umbrella schemes“ in the guidance document on control and penalties ?
- ???

What is your point of view ?

I am looking forward to our discussion !

