Supporting FLAG cooperation

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The fisheries CLLD context

- +/- 300 expected FLAGs
- 20 Member States

Needs analysis indicated:

- 95% of FLAGs foresee cooperation activities within their new strategies

- 68% of the MAs, claim to have "little to no experience in cooperation"

- All 19 National Networks (NNs) expect to play a role in supporting FLAG cooperation

FSU Support to Cooperation

3 areas of work:

- ✓ Development of knowledge base
- ✓ Information dissemination & animation
- ✓ Methodological/technical support

Targeted at:

- ➢ EMFF Managing Authorities (MAs)
- ➢ National Networks (NNs)
- ➢ FLAGs

Developing a Knowledge Base

- Collection of information on MS rules & procedures
  - ➢ EU overview of MS rules
  - ➢ 1 page factsheet per MS (+ certain regional specificities)
  - ➢ Information on other relevant funds and support units

  Cooperation Landscape

- Researching project examples
  - ➢ « Good Practice » project descriptions

  Good Practices

- Development of a cooperation « dashboard »
  - ➢ Excel spreadsheet as a project/idea tracking tool for internal use

  tracking

- Development of FAQs (on demand)
  - ➢ Written answers and clarifications on FARNET website

  FAQs

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Information Dissemination & Animation

- **Cooperation page** on the FARNET website
  - ➢ Cooperation landscape (rules & procedures around Europe)
  - ➢ Notice board for cooperation proposals & link to ENRD LAG-FLAG database partner search tool
  - ➢ tools and resources (FAQs, existing guides, MS examples…)
  - ➢ Cooperation project examples

- **Social media** animation

- **Direct partner matching** (email, telephone, events)

- Cooperation activities at **transnational FLAG seminars**

- Ensuring FSU / FLAG participation in **external events**

website

Social media

FLAG matching

events

Methodological/technical support

- Direct **bilateral support** to MAs and NNs
  - ➢ discussions about planned rules and procedures
  - ➢ examples from other MS
  - ➢ supporting communication between MA and FLAG level

<div style="float:right">Supporting effective MS systems</div>

- **MA & NN meetings**
  - ➢clarification of EU level requirements
  - ➢ examples of projects and procedures followed
  - ➢ harmonsing rules & procedures (including project calls & eligibility criteria)
  - ➢ sea-basin and thematic exchange
  - ➢ exchange of how MAs and NNs can support cooperation

<div style="float:right">Peer exchange</div>

- Direct **support to selected FLAG projects**
  - ➢ methodological guidance (telephone, email…)
  - ➢Attendance at specific partner meetings

<div style="float:right">Project development support</div>

Lessons from the past

❖ Role of networks in:
- ✓ Giving visibility to project ideas
- ✓ Putting FLAGs in contact
- ✓ Centralised information point
- ✓ Easy access to advice

❖ Importance of clear and shared objectives

❖ People cooperate with people! ...and a project is as good as the people behind it!

❖ Keep things simple!

Thank you!

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