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## ENRD Workshop on improving Cooperation in LEADER/CLLD

SUB MEASURE  
19.3 IN ITALY

WHAT WE DID IN  
THE PAST  
PROGRAMMING  
PERIOD

WHAT WE ARE  
DOING NOW....

LESSONS LEARNT  
AND MAIN  
CONSIDERATIONS

*Afternoon session 2:*

*The experience of the  
Italian National Rural Network*

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## Sub Measure 19.3 in Italy

- 21 RDPs and 21 MAs
- About 181 LAGs
- 60 M€ programmed for 19.3 sub-measure
- 2,8 M€ per Region
- An average of 331.466 M€ per LAG

- Different rules for the selection of LAGs and their LDS, different ways of selecting cooperation projects
- Cooperation: residual theme
- Downsizing of the projects in terms of number and budget
- Communication interruption between LAGs



**Greater complexity of procedural and temporal coordination at national level**

# What we did in the past programming period

## Rules

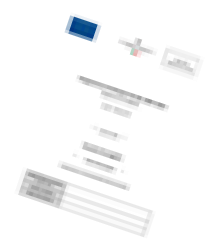
- Procedural clarifications for implementing cooperation measure based on the needs expressed by the RDP MAs;
- Guidelines containing information on the criteria for selecting cooperation projects by the Managing Authority;
- Guidelines for the MAs and the LAGs on the procedures for reporting the activities and the expenditure incurred in the preparatory phase of cooperation projects and on the eligibility of expenditure;
- Repertoire on the procedures adopted by 21 Italian RDPs and the implementing status of the measure 4.21 during the period 2007-2013;
- Methodological guidelines about the elaboration and implementation of cooperation projects, legal and management status of the cooperation partnerships, administrative and fiscal aspects.



# What we did in the past programming period

## Elaboration of an Application Form and of the Partnership Agreement:

- ✓ Greater uniformity of information in terms of objectives, activities, outputs, expected results, financial aspects.



## Technical Support

- ✓ Organization of separate meetings with MAs and then with LAGs in order to facilitate the analysis and evaluation of cooperation projects;
- ✓ Help desk on the projects implementation at procedural and financial level.



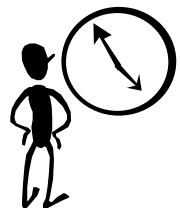
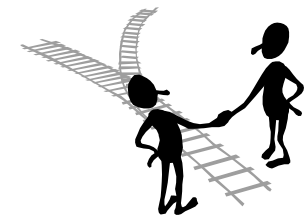
## Information and dissemination activities

- ✓ Series of repertoires on cooperation projects; (e.g. best practices and lessons learned from the past);
- ✓ A document providing rural partnerships and institutions, the main indications to submit project proposals within ETC Programmes financed by the ERDF, IPA and ENPI.
- ✓ Database of the 2007-2013 LEADER cooperation projects implemented by Italian LAGs.



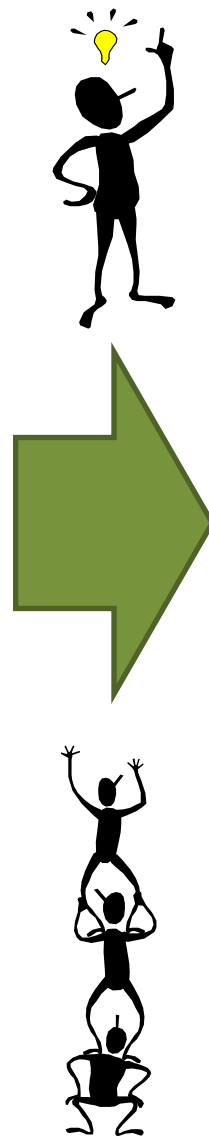
## What we are doing now....

- Guidelines for the implementation of the sub measure 19.3, drawn up in cooperation with the Italian MAs (to be published by summer);
- Setting up of a national monitoring system of cooperation projects;
- Setting up of a web platform for the collection of cooperation project idea, partners research and of the approved projects;
- Organization of technical meetings between MAs for complex cooperation projects;
- Organization of events, possibly in collaboration with the ENRD and other NRNs in order to facilitate the meeting of LAGs;
- Technical support for the establishment of LAG Networks and between LAGs and FLAGs
- Italian NRN Programming activities will be updated every two years



# Lesson learnt and main considerations

- ✓ Lack of communication between the various MAs for monitoring cooperation projects;
- ✓ Non-existence of a shared Application at European level form;
- ✓ The 'Guidance for implementation of the LEADER cooperation activities 2014-2020' seems much more general than those of past programming periods;
- ✓ To take up the work of the Focus Group 3 organized by the ENRD on common expenditures, the added value of cooperation, administrative procedures in terms of timing and information between the various Member States.



- ✓ To support the SFC system with an on line information platform between the MAs and the LAGs carried out by the ENRD or NRNs (e.g. the use of EMS - Electronic Monitoring System in the ETC Programmes);
- ✓ Greater uniformity of information in terms of objectives, activities, outputs, expected results, financial aspects;
- ✓ Greater flexibility but it doesn't clarify some aspects (e.g. minimum participation requirements, role of the MAs in the case of project selection by LAGs, common expenditures, common structure);
- ✓ What precautions to take to promote the integration of LEADER cooperation in the context of CLLD in a multi-fund context and potential synergies with other the programmes.

# Thank you for your attention!!

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