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LEADER TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION PRINCIPLES IN LITHUANIA



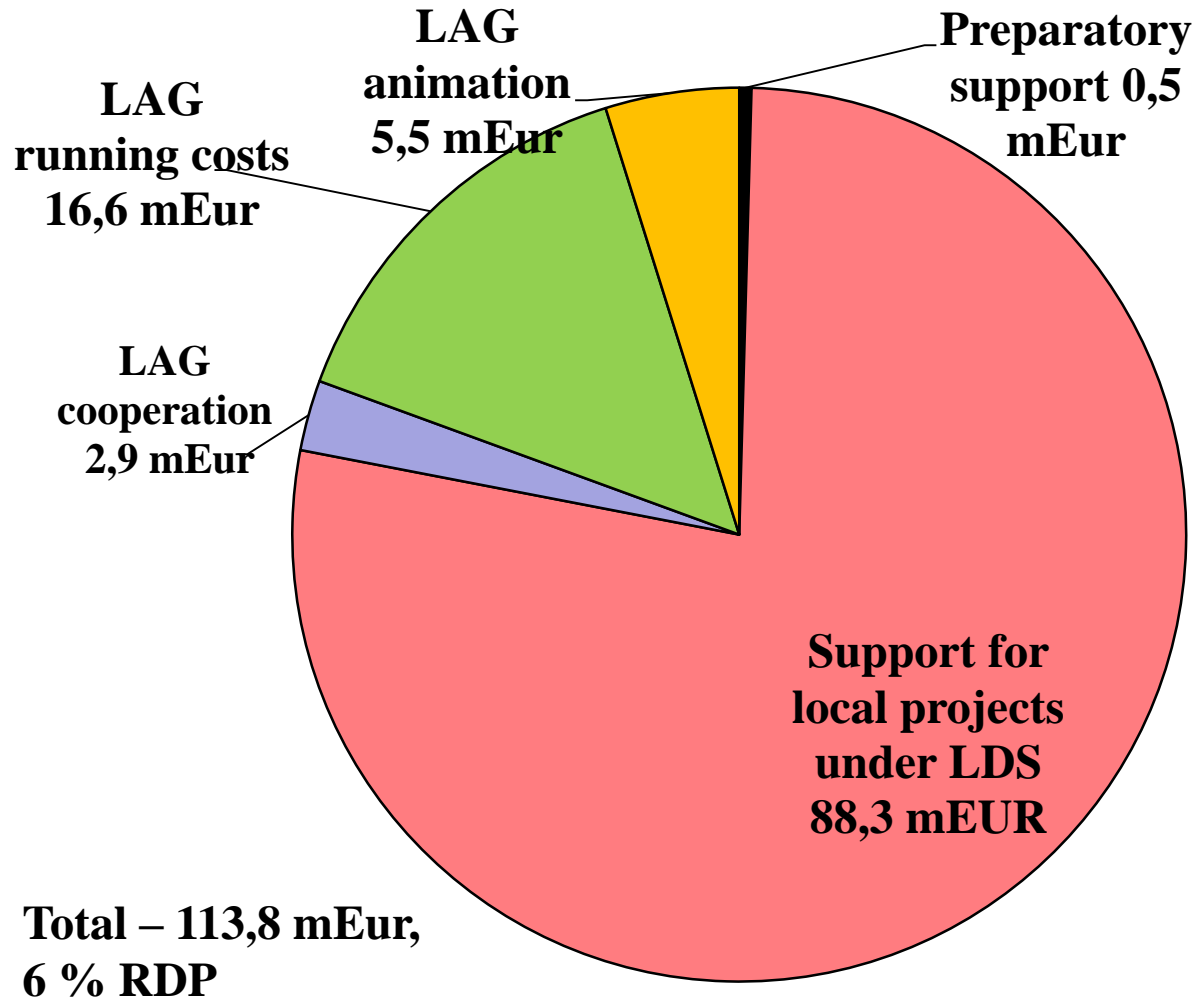
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LEADER TERRITORIES IN 2014–2020

- Rural area – **villages, small towns and towns up to 6000 inhabitants** (excluding centers of municipalities).
- LAG area – population not less than 6 000 and not more than 150 000 inhabitants.
- Rural area takes **97 % of the territory of LT**.
- Rural area has **31 % of LT inhabitants**.
- Rural LAGs cover **99 % of the rural territory**.



2014–2020 LEADER BUDGET, mEUR



Priorities: 6B, 6A, 6C;
1A,1C; 2B; 3A; 4A; 5C.
Youth; Job creation

Expected No. of
coop. projects ~ 30

! MA/NPA select
Cooperation projects

49 rural LAGs (3 of
them bisectoral),
99% rural territory



Basic Info:

1. Beneficiaries:

- Rural LAG;
- Bi-sectoral LAG.

2. Eligible partners:

- Rural LAGs;
- Urban LAGs;
- FLAGS;
- Bi-sectoral LAGs;
- partners corresp. requir. of Reg. No 1305/2013 Article 44 par. 2 part a
- ! in 3rd countries – only rural area LAGs.

} having LDS approved

3. Scope of cooperation:

- territorial;
- transnational.

4. Support rate, aid intensity:

- preparatory technical support: up to **3 000 EUR**, up to **100 %** (once per LAG, **only TNC**);
- Inter-territorial project: up to **100 000 Eur** per project, up to **90 %**;
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- advanced payment may be applied.

PREPARATORY SUPPORT

Basic Eligibility criteria:

LAG envisages to implement a concrete project;

- LAG has signed a letter of intent with all potential project partners;
- potential project is in line with the LDSs of all partners;
- project partners implement LDSs;
- an applicant has no infringements related with the use of EU support over the past year.

Eligible actions:

Meetings with project partners, participation at events.

Eligible costs:

Travel, accommodation, interpreters' fees, translation, rental of venue for events and meetings, catering, communication and postal costs, secondment costs.

Non-eligible costs:

feasibility studies.

TNC Basic Eligibility criteria:

- a project is submitted with at least **one non-LT** partner;
- all project partners implement **LDSs and** coop. project is **in line with LDSs**;
- a project **coordinator** is nominated for the project;
- partnership agreement signed by **all partners** and project **description** (all partners are indicated);
- the project **could not be implemented** without partners;
- **joint activities** will be carried out in the project; the results/added value of the project is important for all project partners and/or their territories (not for one party);
- an applicant has **no infringements** related with the use of EU support over the past year;
- economic activities are not supported;
- if a partner is from the Baltic Sea region, the project shall be **in line with EU BSRS**.



TNC PROJECTS (2)

Eligible actions:

meetings, participation at events, publications, joint products, joint services, website, project coordination.

Eligible costs:

Rental of venue for meetings and events, telecommunication and/or postal services, translation, consulting, interpreters' fees, catering, accommodation, travel
Purchase of new goods (depending on the type of the project, only in cases when all project partners can use the purchased item(s), reconstruction of buildings (only in cases when all project partners can use it).

Non-eligible costs:

Real estate acquisition, new buildings, construction of temporary structures, second-hand goods, leasing, fines, penalties, development of e-shops, studies and research, archeological research, subscriptions to newspapers, paper publications (if they are the only result of the project and are not used during the implementation of the project), costs related with the preparation of the partnership agreement, grants, gifts, prizes.



SELECTION CRITERIA

Criterion	Points
<p>1. Number of Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 and more; - 4 partners; - 3 partners. 	Up to 30
<p>2. Variety of partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - rural+urban + bi-sectoral LAGs; - rural+urban + fisheries LAGs; - 2 types of LAGs. 	Up to 20
<p>3. The main objective of the cooperation project – to seek EU's rural development priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6A; 3A; - 6B; 5B; - 4A. 	Up to 30
<p>4. Target group of the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - socially vulnerable groups (the elderly, disabled, facing poverty, unemployed, large families); - young people. 	Up to 20

Threshold: 40 points

FINAL REMARKS

Evaluation/decision on support:

- preparatory support – up to **1** month;
- TNC projects – up to **4** months.

Duration:

- preparatory support – **12** months;
- TNC project – **24** months;

TNC and inter-territorial cooperation are **not integrated into the LDS.**

MA publishes the calls for cooperation projects 4 times a year.

Calls in 2017: April (preparatory support), June (territorial cooperation), August (TNC), November (territorial cooperation).



Thank you for attention

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