

# Transnational LAG Cooperation Conference “Networking Works!”

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# Portugal

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# 1. Country specific priorities/themes

- ▶ 1st Tourism and promotion of territories - 26,1%
- ▶ 2<sup>nd</sup> Innovation and entrepreneurship - 17,5%
- ▶ 3<sup>rd</sup> Local products - 15%
- ▶ 4<sup>th</sup> Historical and cultural heritage - 11,5
- ▶ 5<sup>th</sup> Natural resources and environment - 9%
- ▶ 6<sup>th</sup> Short supply chains - 8,1%
- ▶ 7<sup>th</sup> Agriculture - 6,8%
- ▶ 8<sup>th</sup> Social inclusion - 6%

## 2. Eligible partners/beneficiaries

- ▶ All rural LAG can be beneficiaries. In regard to the TNC projects, can also be beneficiaries the national partners with an active role on rural development since in partnership with the LAG.

### 3. Eligible territories (EU, 3rd countries)

- ▶ The Portuguese LAG can cooperate with other rural LAG and with other partners from urban and fisheries areas in Europe, and with local partnerships in rural areas in the 3rd countries.

# 4. TNC selection process

- ▶ Managing authority analyze and gives its opinion on the applications mainly in respect to the eligibility criteria of the operation and of the beneficiary and the total amount of the eligible costs.
- ▶ MA has a maximum of 45 working days to give their opinion since the last day of the submission of the applications.
- ▶ Before the final decision the beneficiaries are heard in case of total or partial rejection.
- ▶ Afterwards the applications are sent to the manager of the MA that takes a maximum of 60 working days to give his opinion.

## 4. TNC selection process (Cont.)

- ▶ The final decision is communicated to the beneficiaries in a maximum of 5 working days after the manager decision.
- ▶ In the case of TNC projects the previous decision stays conditioned until all the transnational partners present the proof of approval by their managing authorities.
- ▶ The approval decision expires in 4 months after the date of the application submission in case the other MS don't have the approval by their MA.
- ▶ The Managing Authority shall notify the European Commission of the approval of transnational cooperation projects in 20 days after the decision of approval.

# 5. Call for TNC projects

- ▶ The call for TNC projects will be ongoing in certain periods
- ▶ The application period will be announced on the RDP site and Portugal 2020 site and also announced in two media
- ▶ The submission of applications is done through the submission of an electronic form available on the Portugal 2020 and RDP site
- ▶ The submission of applications for TNC projects takes the form of joint applications



# 6. Allocated budget for TNC projects projects

- ▶ The budget for TNC projects is 5% of the total amount (of EAFRD) of the LDS of each LAG.
- ▶ Minimum: 90 000 €
- ▶ Maximum: 340 000 €
- ▶ Average: 150 000 € - 250 000 €

# 7. Max amount of support per LAG/project, aid intensity (including preparatory support)

Development of the cooperation project - 85 000 € per beneficiary/per project

Support rate: 90%

Preparatory support - 8300 € per application in a maximum of 3 applications (Max: 30 000 €/LAG during the whole programming period)

Support rate: 90%

# 8. Duration of TNC project

36 months, counted from the date of the submission of the acceptance term.

# 9. Specific eligibility criteria related with project

## Preparatory support

### Projects:

- ▶ a) Correspond to the themes expressed in the LDSs defined by the LAGs for their territories;
- ▶ **b) Present a cooperation development plan defining the objectives, activities and potential partners;**
- ▶ c) Start after the date of submission of the application, or at a later date to be defined in the cal for the submission of applications;
- ▶ d) Ensure, where applicable, the sources of external financing capital.

# 9. Specific eligibility criteria related with project

## Implementation of the TNC projects

### Projects:

- ▶ a) Correspond to the themes expressed in the EDLs defined by the LAGs for their territories;
- ▶ b) **Provide technical, economic and financial coherence;**
- ▶ c) Start after the date of submission of the application;
- ▶ d) Ensure, where applicable, the sources of external financing capital;
- ▶ e) **Present information on the cooperation project partners, objectives and activities to be developed by each partner and its budgets.**

# 9. Specific eligibility criteria related with partners

## Partners:

- ▶ a) To be legally established;
- ▶ b) With tax obligations fulfilled;
- ▶ c) Not to have been convicted in judicial procedure;

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- ▶ e) To have an organized accounting system;
- ▶ f) To demonstrate ability to run a project;
- ▶ g) To present a cooperation protocol containing the plan of activities to be developed with the obligations, duties and responsibilities of all the partners involved as well as the designation of the LAG coordinator of the cooperation project.

# 10. Specific selection criteria related with project

## Preparatory support

- ▶ **Projects:** a) the bigger number of transnational cooperation intentions;
- ▶ **b)** the level of maturity of the intentions of cooperation in regard to the potential partners and future thematics of the TNC projects



# 10. Specific selection criteria related with project

## Implementation of the TNC projects

- ▶ **Projects:** a) The relevance of cooperation in relation to the thematic objectives of European territorial cooperation:
  - i) Strengthening research, technological development and innovation;
  - ii) Environmental protection and promotion of energy efficiency;
  - iii) Promoting employment and supporting worker mobility;
  - iv) Promoting social inclusion and combating poverty;

# 10. Specific selection criteria related with project

- ▶ **b)** Contribution of cooperation to the integration of local actors in networks of strategic activities;
- ▶ **c)** Contribution of cooperation to expand and multiply the impact of the EDL;
- ▶ **d)** Contribution of cooperation to increase the visibility of the territory;
- ▶ **e)** The ability to improve, add and disseminate the results obtained in previously executed projects.

# 11. Eligible/non-eligible activities/costs (in MS, in 3rd countries)

## Eligible activities/costs

### Preparatory support

- ▶ Market studies
- ▶ Strategic impact assessement
- ▶ Consultancy services procurement
- ▶ Travel and accomodation
- ▶ Personnel and running costs

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## Eligible activities/costs

### Implementation of the TNC projects

#### i) Direct costs:

- ▶ Market studies
- ▶ Strategic impact assessement
- ▶ Consultancy services procurement

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- ▶ Travel and accomodation (In Europe: 1250 €/person; other countries: 2750 €/person - support rate = 90%)
- ▶ Information and promotion activities
- ▶ Expenses with facilities and equipment required for common action
- ▶ Personnel costs

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## Eligible activities/costs

### ii) Indirect costs:

- ▶ Facilities and operating expenses namely water, electricity, communications, cleaning services, premises insurance, hygiene and cleaning products (15% of the personnel costs)

# 11. Eligible/non-eligible activities/costs (in MS, in 3rd countries)

## Non-eligible activities/costs

### Tangible investments:

- ▶ Buildings - property acquisition
- ▶ Second-hand equipment

### Intangible investments:

- ▶ Financial guarantee
- ▶ The interest on debts
- ▶ Leasing costs
- ▶ VAT

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