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General requirements for Leader TNC projects

- No country specific themes. TNC projects shall implement the local development strategy and at least one of the six priorities of the Rural Development Programme.
- TNC projects are based on the needs and added value in the local Leader area.
- There is a strong emphasis on results and impacts in the RDP 2014-2020, this concerns also the Leader TNC projects. Concrete activities rather than study visits.
- *“The objective is to find new ideas and solutions for problems that emerged in the development of the LAG area, to exploit local possibilities and to create new types of cooperation between the rural areas in the EU and even beyond... ..Another objective is to build up new businesses and job opportunities in the rural areas, either directly or indirectly.”*

Eligible partners and territories

- LAGs or other local public and private sector partners funded by the LAGs.
- FLAGs or other eligible partners funded by the EMFF programmes.
- LAGs in the urban areas in the EU member states (Structural Funds/CLLD).
- Leader-like communities or groups implementing a rural development strategy in the countries outside the EU.

Selection process and calls for TNC projects

- Ongoing calls: applications may be submitted any time.
- LAGs select the projects based on the LAG's selection criteria.

Budget and numbers

- Total allocated budget for cooperation in RDP is 23 million €. No expected number of TNC projects defined.
- Maximum amount of support per TNC project is 180 000 € / LAG.
- Maximum level of support is 100 % of eligible costs.
- Maximum duration of a TNC is project 5 years.
- State of play in September 2017: 20 Leader TNC projects approved with 1,8 million € total public funding.

Eligible costs

- Payroll costs and fees
- Travel costs
- Purchase of services
- Rental costs
- Material and other costs

- Payments based on invoices or flat rate 24 % or 15 %.



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Thank you!

Additional Information:

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