



# Transnational Cooperation Projects in Polish Rural Development Programme 2014-2020

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# Possible Cooperation Themes

- strengthening social capital
- developing markets for local products and services
- local heritage preservation
- construction or reconstruction of public and non-commercial tourism, recreational or cultural infrastructure
- promotion of the local development strategy area including promotion of local products, services and entrepreneurship
- creating conditions for the development of local entrepreneurship



# Types of operations

- operation consisting in preparation of cooperation activities
- operation consisting in implementation of cooperation activities
- operation consisting in joint preparation and implementation of cooperation activities





# Budget

- Total budget: **14 911 000 EURO** (EFARD: 9 455 500 Euro + Public: 5 455 500 Euro)
- Aid limit for 1 LAG cannot exceed **5%** of the funds allocated to the implementation of operations under LDS
- Support for operations consisting exclusively of preparatory actions may not exceed **1%** of the above mentioned funds



# Selection of cooperation projects

- Cooperation is integrated into the LDSs
- Projects can be submitted on an ongoing basis
- Implementing bodies (Marshal Offices – regional level) selects preparatory actions as well as cooperation projects as delegated tasks of the Managing Authority
- Aid is granted for the cooperation activities if the operation obtains at least 21 points in the evaluation carried out by Implementing body according to the approved selection criteria



# Selection criteria for operations involving the implementation of cooperation projects

1) the objectives of the cooperation project comply with more than one specific objective of LDS of all LAGs involved in the implementation of this cooperation project - 4 points;

2) cooperation project is innovative that is involves the implementation of new or significantly improved products, services, processes, organisation or a new method of using local natural, historical, cultural or social resources- 6 points;

3) it is assumed that as a result of project implementation at least one job will be created - 6 points;

4) LAGs participating in the cooperation project possess proven experience in the implementation of at least:

a) three projects similar in scope to the scope of the cooperation project - 4 points,

b) one but no more than two projects similar in scope to the scope of the cooperation project - 2 points;





# Selection criteria for operations involving the implementation of cooperation projects

- budget of the cooperation project assumes a proportional and reasonable division of expenses among LAGs involved in the project implementation and other partners, referred to in article 44 paragraph 2 of Regulation No 1305/2013, hereinafter referred to as "partners" - 3 points;
- at least one foreign partner is involved in the implementation of cooperation project - 8 points;
- the cooperation project is:
  - a) an integrated project in which at least one task performed by each of the partners is different in scope from the tasks performed by other partners - 4 points,
  - b) a symmetric project in which partners perform the same or similar tasks- 2 points.



# Eligible costs

- Preparatory actions
  - rental of venue for events and meetings,
  - rental of equipment,
  - purchase of services

!!! Non-eligible costs include costs of cooperation partners search which is covered by NRN activities





# Eligible costs

- Cooperation activities
  - general costs (as stated in Article 45 paragraph 2 point c) of Regulation 1305/2013
  - purchase of construction works or services
  - purchase or development of computer software, purchase of patents, licenses or remuneration for the transfer of copyrights or trademarks
  - rental or lease of equipment or real estate
  - purchase of new equipment or hardware
  - for local heritage preservation operations, the purchase of used equipment for exhibitions
  - purchase of other things
  - remuneration related to the work of persons coordinating the project implementation



# Interested in cooperation with Polish LAGs?

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**Thank you for your attention**

