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# LEADER TNC Estonia

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# **Aim of LEADER measure for years 2014-2020.**

Aim of the measure is balanced development in rural areas by using LEADER principles.

# Specific objectives are:

- To improve the competitiveness of the entrepreneurs
- To promote social inclusion
- To better use area specific possibilities
- To find innovative solutions on local context
- To improve local governance through involving different actors.

# Implementation of LEADER

LAG-s submitted their strategies for approval in November 2015.

Starting time for sub-measures 19.2 and 19.3 was after strategies were approved in April 2016

Sub-measures 19.2-19.4 have the same implementing regulation.

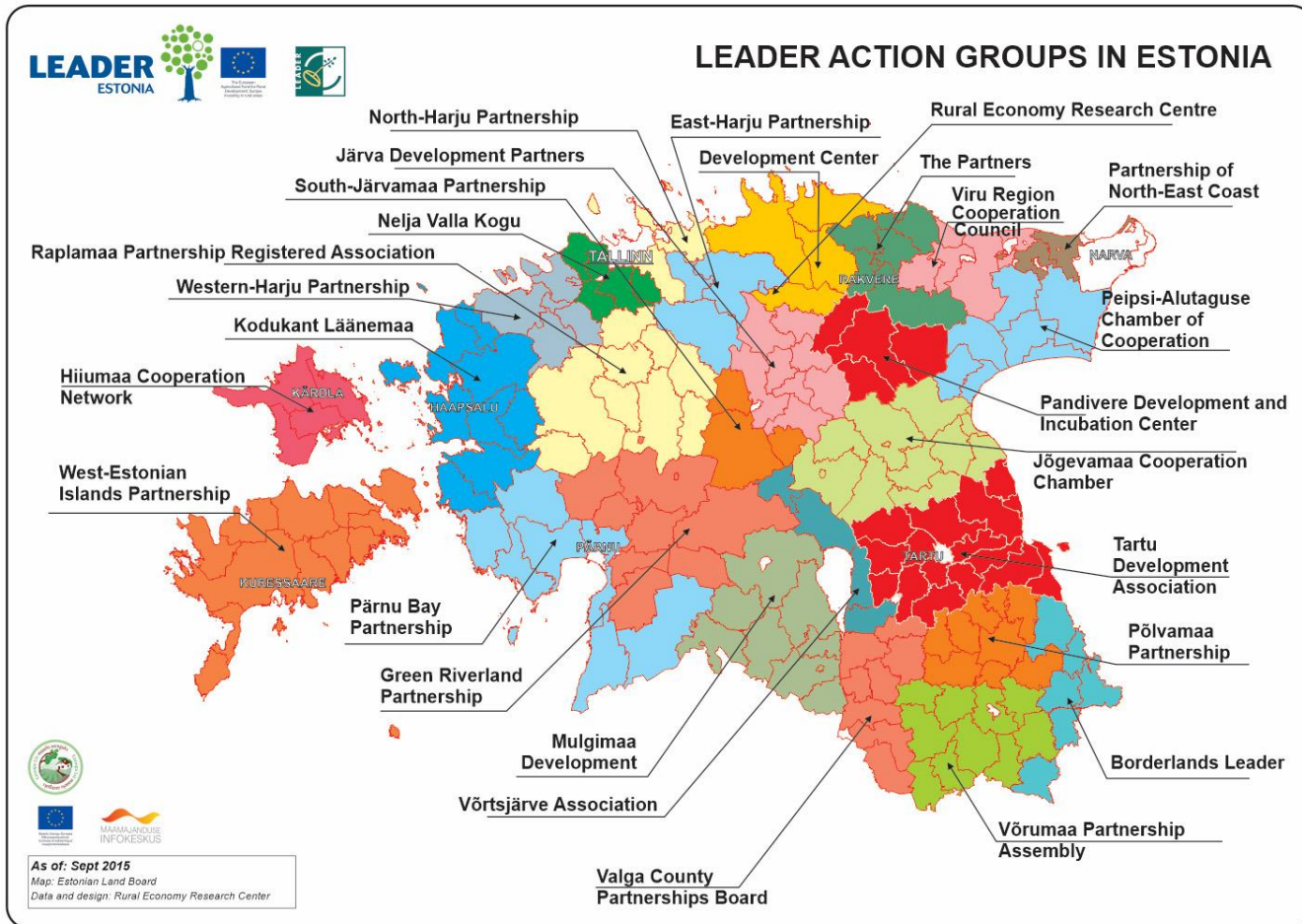
# Budget of LEADER measure

For the period 2014-2020 the budget for LEADER measure comprises **90 million euros**:

- Preparation for LDS **-1,7 million euros**
- Implementation of LDS **88,3 million euros**,

It must be noted that support for running and animation costs shall not exceed 20% of the total public expenditure incurred for implementation of LDS i.e. **17,7 million euros**.

# MAP of LAG-s



# Support rates and maximum support for co-operation projects.

- Preparatory technical support for the cooperation projects 100%
- Implementing the cooperation projects 90%
- Maximum support for the project/applicant may not exceed 200 000 euros.

# Since when and how often TNC is open for applications?

- LAGs will specify their project ideas in their LDS
- The cooperation projects will firstly pass the General Assembly of the LAG
- The Paying Agency verifies the eligibility of the applications



# Partners in LAG co-operation project

- **At least 2 LAG-s must participate**
- **LEADER/CLLD LAGs in European Union**

whose LDS comply with **article 33 of Regulation 1303/2013** of the European Parliament and of the Council

- public-private partnerships that implement a local development strategy that aims at development of rural areas (within or outside the EU)

# Eligible costs and activities

Co-operation projects are treated like other projects (19.2) (support may be given to make investments for example). This means that there are no specific restrictions on the eligible costs in the co-operation projects.

## **Eligible is the cost of the applicant.**

Common principle is that LAG claims for support to his own eligible costs, also when the LAG pays the costs for hosting the partner (f. Ex. local transport for the co-operation partner at place).

If partners will have common cost such as common website, brochures then that is also eligible.

# Different from ordinary projects (19.2) :

- LAGs must submit **co-operation agreement** with the application,
- it is stated in the regulation that the LAG may not submit application for co-operation until last payment has been made for preparatory technical support in case if LAG uses **preparatory technical** support.

# **When can Estonian partner start with project activities?**

- After the submission of the project to Paying Agency LAG may start the activities that are connected to the co-operation project.

# Deadlines

Last co-operation project must be submitted not later than 31. December 2020.

Duration of the project is maximum 3 years after PA have approved the project.

# **Approval of the co-operation project**

PA will approve the project within 60 days after the submission of the project to PA.

Approval of a co-operation project does not depend on the fact that all the partners in other countries have approved the project. If not all the partners would not get the approval then LAG must change the project and partnership agreement.

# Number of TNC projects

- 2007-2013 28 TNC projects
- 2014-2020 after some months since implementing period started:
  - 8 TNC projects have started their activities where 11 LEADER groups in Estonia participate
  - **Partners** from 6 countries: Finland, Latvia, Slovenia, Portugal, Czech Republic, Spain)
  - **Topics** of the projects:
    - Culture (for ex cooperation between music schools and small orchestras)
    - Sustainable tourism in National Parks /Nature reserves
    - Aquaculture, water tourism, nature protection
    - Rural entrepreneurship
    - Youth entrepreneurship
    - Youth inclusion in community life

**TNC project „Nuoret Seprat – Noored Sõbrad“ (Young Fellows) Partners: Estonian LAG and FLAG; Finnish LAG and FLAG**





# Preparatory technical support

## Duration – maximum 2 years

LAG demonstrates it is envisaging the implementation of a concrete project.

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Letter of Intent /agreement with the  
application

(might be an e-mail)

- partners
- objectives
- activities
- Plan for implementation

# How to find a partner in Estonia?

Estonian National Rural Network

<http://www.maainfo.ee/index.php?page=377>

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