

France / Pays de la Loire

I. General information

Thematic provisions	The themes of cooperation are mentioned in the action plan of the local action groups (LAGs). Each plan has an action sheet dedicated to cooperation.
Territorial provisions	The eligible territories for transnational cooperation are rural and non-rural (EU) and rural (non-EU) territories. The eligible territories for inter-territorial cooperation are rural and non-rural territories.
Potential partners	French and European LAGs
	Groups of local public and private partners in a rural or non-rural territory with a local development strategy (EU)
	Groups of local public and private partners in a rural area with a local development strategy (outside the EU)
Guidance in other languages / national language	No guide is available in other languages. The documents are in French.
Eligible beneficiaries for cooperation projects	Local authorities and their groups (public inter-municipal cooperation establishments and existing groups of local authorities such as mixed unions, Public Interest Groups) Local actors (companies, associations, etc.) Support structure of the LAG
Coordinating/lead partner provisions	Designing a LAG or group of public-private partners is recommended but not mandatory.
Simplified costs	The simplified costs can be applied to cooperation projects and their preparatory support.
Calls	There are no calls for projects. Cooperation projects are integrated into the LAGs action plan and can be transmitted to the managing authority throughout the programming.
Project selection	Local action groups select preparatory support and cooperation projects during programming committees.
Budget allocation for cooperation to LAGs	Part of the budget is allocated to LEADER cooperation.
Other provisions	-





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II. Financial information

Total public expenditure	937 500 €
Maximum amount of support	Mentioned in the LAG cooperation action sheet
Minimum amount of support	Mentioned in the LAG cooperation action sheet
Maximum rate of support	The public support rate is set by the LAG. It can reach 100%.
Other provisions	-

III. Preparatory support

Purpose of the support	The preparatory support allows the development of the LAGs cooperation activities.
Eligible beneficiaries	Local authorities and their groups, local actors and the LAG lead structure are eligible.
Basic eligibility criteria	The LAG must prove its intention to implement a concrete project. Eligibility for preparatory technical support is not questioned if the project is not carried out. The preparatory phase may conclude that the initially planned project is not feasible.
Eligible actions	Any necessary activity for the preparation of a cooperation project and a cooperation agreement - according to the LAG cooperation action sheet.





Eligible costs	
	Not mentioned in the RRDP - the LAG may mention non-eligible costs in its cooperation action sheet.

IV.Inter-territorial Cooperation

Purpose of the support	Operations contributing to the implementation of cooperation activities between French territories. Inter-territorial cooperation goes beyond networking or twinning. For a LAG, it consists in undertaking a joint project, shared with one or more territories organized as a LAG or according to similar principles within the Member State. It aims at strengthening competences, exchange and transfer of experiences in connection with the local Leader development strategy guidelines.
Type of eligible territories	Rural and non-rural territories are eligible for inter-territorial cooperation.
Basic eligibility criteria	The operations selected for LEADER cooperation will be selected by the LAGs in relation with local development strategies.
Eligible actions	
Eligible costs	Direct and indirect costs deriving from the cooperation project - according to the LAG cooperation action sheet.
Non-eligible costs	Not mentioned in the RRDP - the LAG may mention non-eligible costs in its cooperation action sheet.





V. Transnational Cooperation (TNC)

Explanation	Operations contributing to the implementation of cooperation activities between French territories. Transnational cooperation goes beyond networking or twinning. For a LAG, it consists in undertaking a joint project, shared with one or more territories organized as a LAG or according to similar principles within the Member State. It aims at strengthening competences, exchange and transfer of experiences in connection with the local LEADER development strategy guidelines.
Purpose of the support	-
Type of eligible territories	Rural and non-rural territories are eligible for transnational cooperation.
Basic eligibility criteria	The operations selected for LEADER cooperation will be selected by the LAGs in relation with local development strategies.
Eligible actions	Any concrete individual or joint activity whose deliverables or expected results are clearly identified and whose contributions to the overall cooperation project and to all the partners are proven - according to the LAG cooperation action sheet.
Eligible costs	Direct and indirect costs deriving from the cooperation project - according to the LAG cooperation action sheet.
Non-eligible costs	Not mentioned in the RRDP - the LAG may mention ineligible costs in its cooperation action sheet.

