

Tool 1 – Identifying TNC Opportunities:

Self assessment questions for LAGs

Context

- What is our vision for the socio-economic context and the political and institutional framework of our LAG territory? What contribution can cooperation make to realising this vision?
- What types of rural development challenges, socio-economic and/or environmental needs exist (including their causes and effects)?
- Which of those challenges can be addressed using trans-national cooperation? In what way?

1. Cooperation diagnosis: transnational experiences of our area

- What existing experiences of cooperation are there and what have they led to?
- What are the main topics of transnational projects to date?
- Which local actors already have European contacts?
- Which local actors have already been involved in activities with external partners?
- Which local actors have the language skills we need?
- Who are the foreign partners of our local authorities?
- Has our LAG cooperated with LAGs from other countries?
 - With which LAGs, from which countries?
 - Was the experience positive?
 - What did we learn?

2. Project options

- What do we need locally, what are the local expectations and what type of added-value / benefits should cooperation lead to?
- Which local actors already have ideas concerning possible cooperation projects?
- What is their motivation and capacity?
- What are their cooperation ideas for our area?
- What type of project could be developed (e.g. exchange of experiences, research, design and implementation of a joint solution to a common challenge)?