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France / RDP Normandie

### I. General information

<b>Thematic provisions</b>	No targeted theme Exchanges of experiences, joint actions, matching the local development strategy
<b>Territorial provisions</b>	There are two types of cooperation: “Inter-territorial” cooperation between territories within the same Member State, financed by the EAFRD; “Transnational” cooperation between territories belonging to several Member States as well as with territories of third countries (outside the EU)
<b>Potential partners</b>	
<b>Guidance in other languages / national language</b>	Not mentioned in the RDP
<b>Eligible beneficiaries for cooperation projects</b>	Structures supporting a LAG and local partners of LAG territories (local authorities and their groups, associations, companies, etc.)  Other eligible beneficiaries may be listed by the LAG, with the agreement of the managing authority, in its "cooperation" action sheet  An agreement with the various partners must be signed. This will include the financing plans for the concrete actions envisaged for cooperation.
<b>Coordinating / lead partner provisions</b>	The cooperation involves at least one LAG selected under the LEADER approach. It is implemented under the responsibility of a LAG acting as coordinator

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<b>Simplified costs</b>	<p>The use of a maximum flat rate of 15% (calculated on the basis of staff costs) is possible within the framework of the structural costs related to the operation in accordance with Article 68.1 (b) of Regulation (EU) No. 1303/2013.</p> <p>The possibility of using the simplified costs for this OT, described in section 8.1 of the RDP, will be specified in the implementation documents.</p>
<b>Calls</b>	<p>Selection by LAGs</p>
<b>Project selection</b>	<p>Eligibility conditions will be determined by each LAG. The LAGs will ensure the selection of cooperation projects on the basis of the selection criteria they will mention.</p> <p>The Managing Authority will ensure that the selection principles enshrined in Article 34 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 are strictly observed, particularly in terms of transparency, non-discrimination or conflicts of interest.</p> <p>When the project leader is a member of the LAG programming committee, he is not allowed to deliberate.</p> <p>Operations matching the identified priorities in the partnership agreement and the general eligibility Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the EAFRD.</p> <p>The objectives of cooperation actions must be conform with local development strategies.</p> <p>The support applicant must present the method he has planned to promote the cooperation project in the concerned territories.</p> <p>Eligibility conditions will be defined by each LAG</p>
<b>Budget allocation for cooperation to LAGs</b>	<p>The RDP doesn't mention the budget allocated to the LAGs</p>
<b>Other provisions</b>	

## II. Financial information

<b>Total public expenditure</b>	
<b>Maximum amount of support</b>	Not mentioned in the RDP The maximum public support rate is determined by the LAG at the time of the agreement with the managing authority, for its "Cooperation" action sheet, within the limits of the European framework for State support (see IMPLEMENTATION DOCUMENT)
<b>Minimum amount of support</b>	Floor of 2000€ from EAFRD (cf. IMPLEMENTATION DOCUMENT)
<b>Maximum rate of support</b>	Maximum public support rate: 100% depending on the applicable state support scheme. The rate of public support will be determined by the LAG at the time of the agreement with the managing authority; as well as, where applicable, the amounts of EAFRD support (threshold and ceiling) subject to the applicable State support scheme.
<b>Other provisions</b>	-

## III. Preparatory support

<b>Purpose of the support</b>	
<b>Eligible beneficiaries</b>	
<b>Basic eligibility criteria</b>	
<b>Eligible actions</b>	
<b>Eligible costs</b>	Eligible expenses are those "for technical support and animation necessary in the phases of preparation, implementation and monitoring of the project" (these are preparatory acts for setting up the cooperation project which will generate expenses: example - preliminary meeting which requires travel, accommodation costs, interpreting). They are eligible only if the cooperation project is subject of a support request.
<b>Non-eligible costs</b>	

## IV. Inter-territorial Cooperation

<b>Purpose of the support</b>	-
<b>Type of eligible territory</b>	
<b>Basic eligibility criteria</b>	
<b>Eligible actions</b>	<p>Cooperation includes the implementation of a common action between the various cooperation partners (for example seminar, exhibition, staff exchanges, training, etc.)</p> <p>The objectives of cooperation actions must fit the local development strategies</p> <p>The use of a flat rate of 15% (calculated on the basis of staff costs) is possible within the framework of the structural costs linked to the operation, in accordance with Article 68.1 (b) of Regulation (EU) No. 1303/2013. This flat rate includes the indirect costs related to the operation and the current operating costs of the beneficiary structure and the direct costs generated within the scope of the LAG (travel costs, catering, accommodation) (cf. Implementation document)</p> <p>Direct expenditure costs outside the scope of the LAG related to mission costs (travel, catering and accommodation) allocated to the operation will be eligible and will mobilize in particular the lump sums detailed in the EAFRD management note 2014-2020 "Eligibility rules for expenses: professional expenses (travel, catering, accommodation)" annexed hereto (cf. Implementation document)</p> <p>For simplification, the eligible costs of direct staff costs (salary + social charge) will be assessed on the legal basis of working time, regardless of the conventional framework of the beneficiary's working time, i.e. 1607 hours or 228 days. (see Implementation document)</p> <p>The eligible costs will be mentioned in the framework of the agreement established between the Managing Authority and each selected LAG, on the basis of the targeted territorial development strategy and its associated action programme. They will be allowed to use the regulatory packages established by the Managing Authority (cf. Implementation document)</p>

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<b>Eligible costs</b>	Only expenses relating to territories located in the European Union are eligible for support. Each partner bears its own expenses on its territory and in the Member State visited
<b>Non-eligible costs</b>	Expenses for the acquisition of second-hand equipment, Self-construction expenses, except in the context of participatory projects carried out by an association or structure whose character of general interest or social and solidarity economy is recognized in its statutes or in a decree by the prefect or in accordance with the law n° 2014-856 of July 31, 2014 relating to the social and solidarity economy and in line with article 69 of EU regulation n°1303 / 2013, leasing expenses, in-kind contributions

## V. Transnational Cooperation (TNC)

<b>Purpose of the support</b>	-
<b>Type of eligible territory</b>	
<b>Basic eligibility criteria</b>	
<b>Eligible actions</b>	Cooperation includes the implementation of a joint action between the various cooperation partners (for example seminar, exhibition, staff exchanges, training, etc.) The objectives of cooperation actions must fit the local development strategies
<b>Eligible costs</b>	Only expenses relating to territories located in the European Union are eligible for support. Each partner bears its own expenses on its territory and in the Member State visited.
<b>Non-eligible costs</b>	

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