



REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL AFFAIRS

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.

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**.

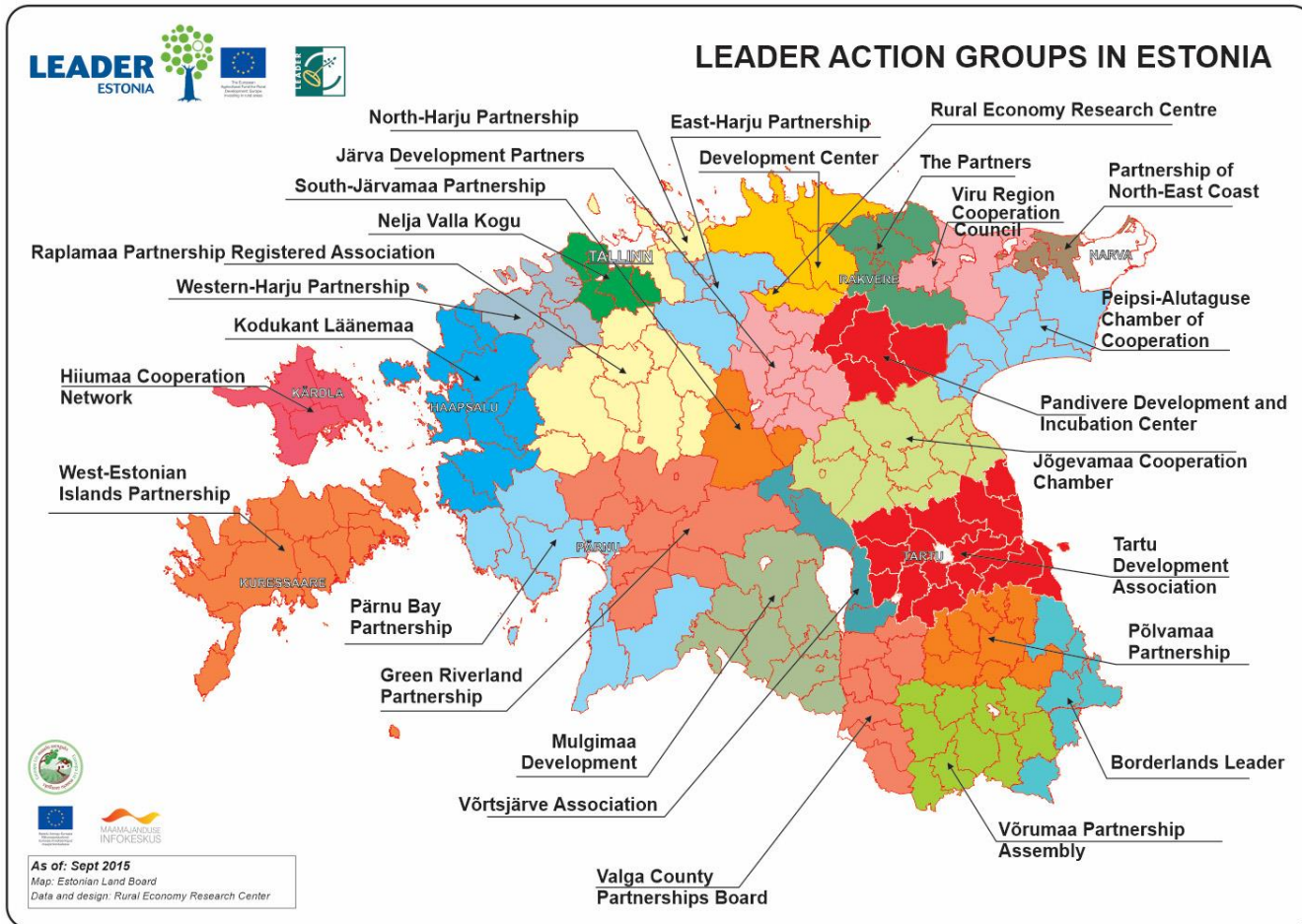
Time for implementation

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

The same regulation goes for sub-measures 19.2–19.4.

MAP of LAG-s



Number of TNC projects

- 2007–2013 28 TNC projects
- 2014–2020 after some months since implementing period started:
 - 2 TNC projects have started their activities (topics are culture and rural entrepreneurship) (4 Estonian partners have submitted applications)
 - 5 applications have been submitted for preparatory technical support.
- Expected number of projects ~40 and budget (2 500 000 eur).

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 web-side, brochures then that is also eligible

Different from ordinary projects (19.2) :

- LAGs must submit **co-operation agreement** with the application,
- and
- 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.

Submission of the project application

Project application shall be approved by General Assembly of the LAG

Within 2 weeks after approval project will be submitted to PA

Co-operation partnership agreement will be enclosed to the project.

Start time of the co-operation project

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

Documents to be submitted to PA with project application

- Co-operation partnership agreement (copy)
- Planned budget of the activities
- Copy of the decision of the LAG General Assembly
- **CV of the project leader.**

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.

Co-operation partnership on the basis of agreement

- Name of the project
- Name of the partner, its representatives name and contact data
- Procedure, how the new partner will join the project
- name of the co-ordinating partner, its representative, and contact data. Main objectives and actions of the co-operation project. **Wider impact of the project**
- Planned results of the project
- Period for implementing the project
- Obligations of the partner
- Planned activities and planned budget of the partner
- Total budget of the co-operation project
- Signature of the partner

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.

After approval of the project in PA

LAG will inform on its web side about

- Objectives
- Partners
- Activities

When the project ends:

- the results of the project

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=3771>



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