

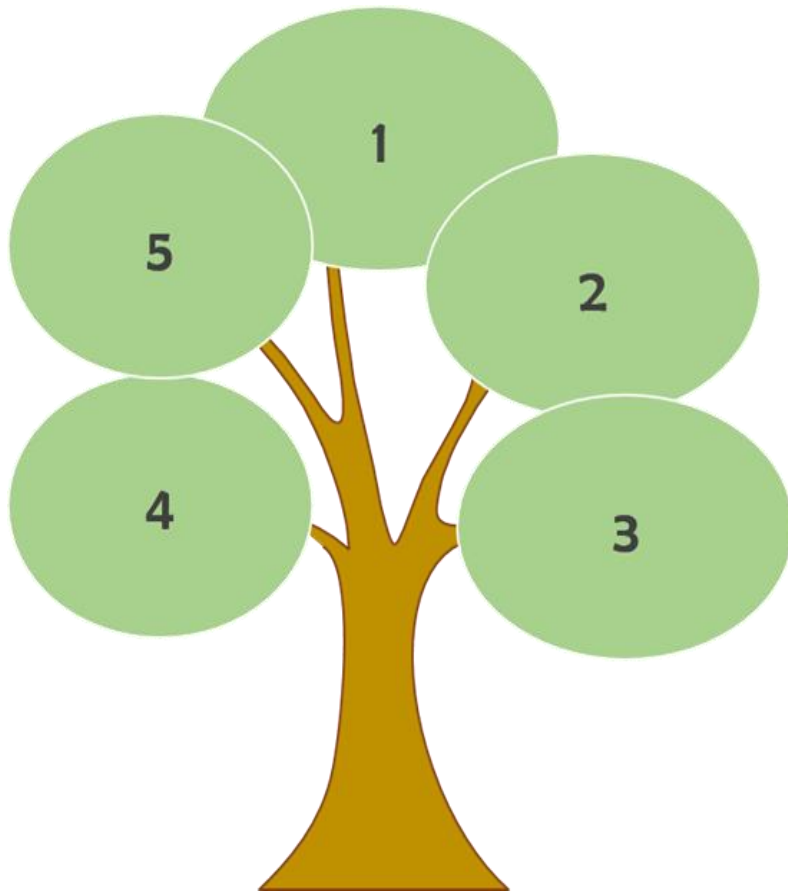
ENRD SUPPORT TO LEADER COOPERATION

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#LEADER Cooperation



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An improved framework

- ✓ New EAFRD regulation – some major improvements
 - ✓ ENRD Leader FG3 recommendations integrated
 - ✓ Preparatory technical support for cooperation – mandatory in all RDPs
 - ✓ Cooperation with partners in non-rural territories eligible for support
 - ✓ Approval of projects by competent authorities within 4 months of submission
 - ✓ Ongoing application or at least 3x each year
 - ✓ Share of common costs eligible
 - ✓ Project selection by LAGs possible
- ✓ DG AGRI guidance for implementation of the LEADER Co-operation activities

Tools and guidance

- ✓ DG AGRI guidance for implementation of the LEADER Co-operation activities - translated to all EU languages
- ✓ LAG database & partner search tool
 - ✓ Specification completed: designed with DG AGRI and with the other ESI- fund DGs - to be compatible across all funds /DGs
 - ✓ 'Cooperation offers' document published on ENRD website
 - ✓ Web development of partner search tool underway

Workshops and events

- Events & meetings focusing on LEADER/CLLD cooperation
 - ✓ LEADER/CLLD Conference on cooperation (Milan, Italy, September 2015)
 - ✓ LEADER/CLLD Sub-group (Brussels, February 2016)
 - ✓ ENRD workshop on LEADER Cooperation (June 2016)
- Ongoing and upcoming events
 - ✓ TNC Fair 2016 (Estonia)
 - ✓ LINC 2016 (Hungary)

Cooperation fiches

- ✓ Based on ENRD LEADER cooperation survey data
- ✓ 47 RDP responses to ENRD survey available / under analysis (as of 8 August 2016) - 20 EU MS featured
- ✓ 10 fiches sent for validation
- ✓ 5 validated fiches
- ✓ Development of fiches ongoing
- ✓ Validated fiches to be published on ENRD website by December 2016

LEADER Cooperation Working Group

- ✓ Practitioner-Led Working Group (PWG) on LEADER Cooperation set up at the ENRD workshop on LEADER cooperation
- ✓ Members: MAs, ENRD CP, DG AGRI, ELARD, LAGs
- ✓ 1st PWG Steering Group meeting held today
- ✓ Major themes
 - ✓ Harmonisation of procedures and rules
 - ✓ Capacity building for Local Action Groups
- ✓ Planned key outcome: updated, enhanced EC guidance to cooperation
- ✓ Next: LAG 'launch' of PWG at LINC 2016 (Dabas, Hungary) to map challenges from the LAG perspectives / finding LAG members for the PWG

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION