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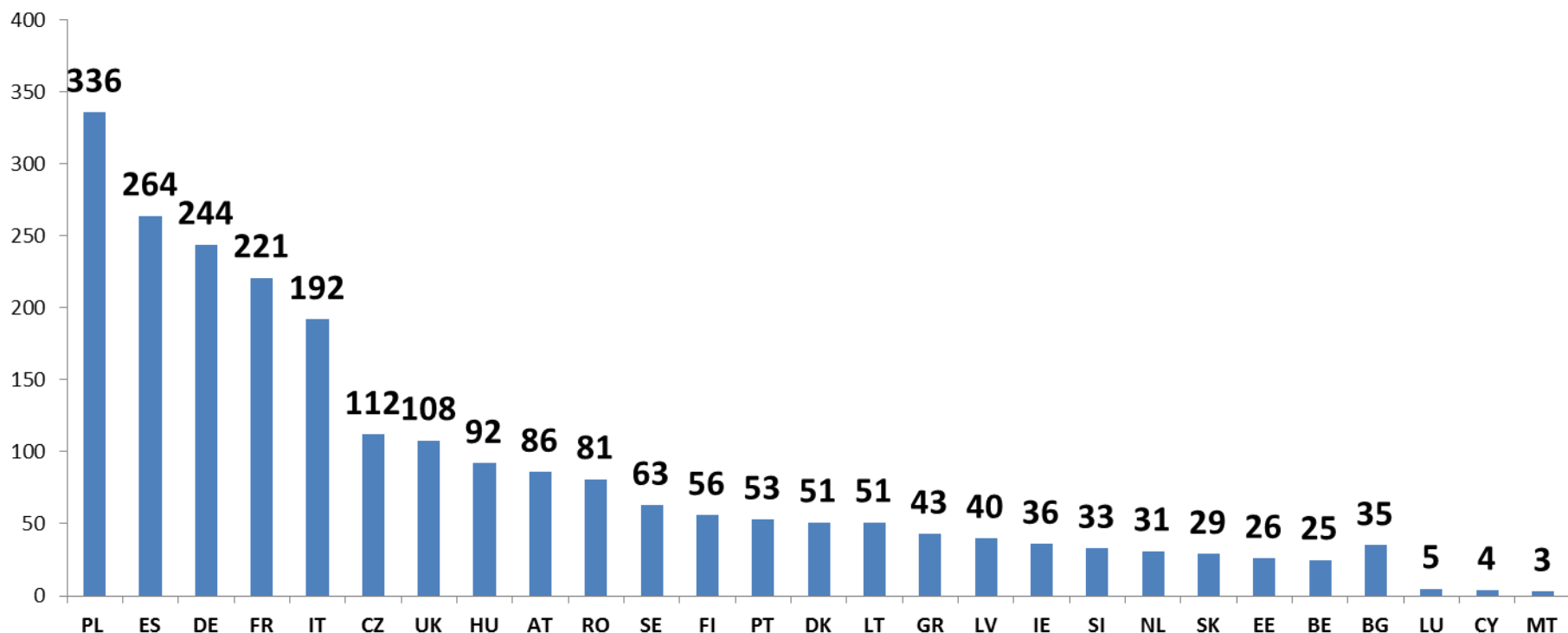
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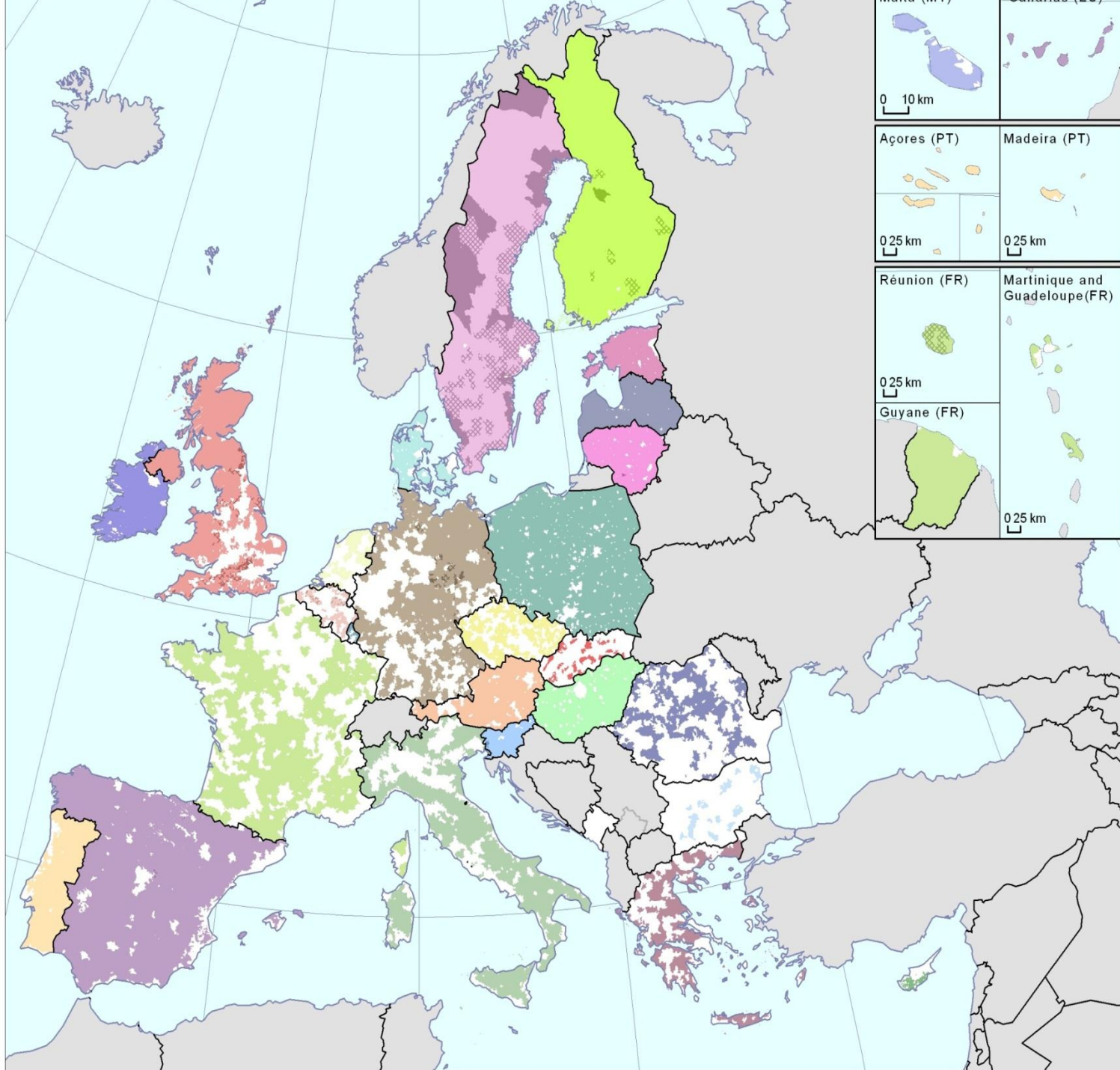
# ENRD activities supporting international cooperation

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## Selected LAGs per Member States

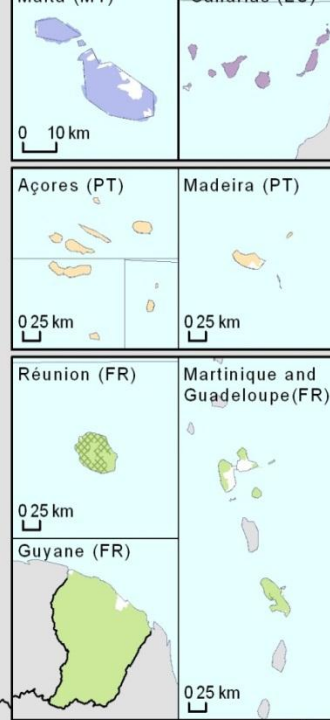
### Total number of 2,320 LAGs as of October, 2012





**LEADER  
Local Action Groups  
Draft version**

**Geographical coverage of LAGs  
based on the LAU2  
(Local Administrative Units).**



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## Why is Cooperation important?

- **Measure 421** - in order to strengthen the local development strategies, it is important that rural areas facing similar challenges can learn from each other. Therefore, cooperation projects between LAGs of different territories need to be encouraged and are eligible for support.
- LAGs are the main drivers of cooperation
- At least one TNC project for each LAG
- It will be funded under 2014-2020 RDPs

# Added value of cooperation

- Improves **competitiveness**
- Support to work and innovation by **developing new skills**
- Develops **territorial identity**
- Strengthens **territorial strategy and local partnerships**

# What is a successful cooperation project?

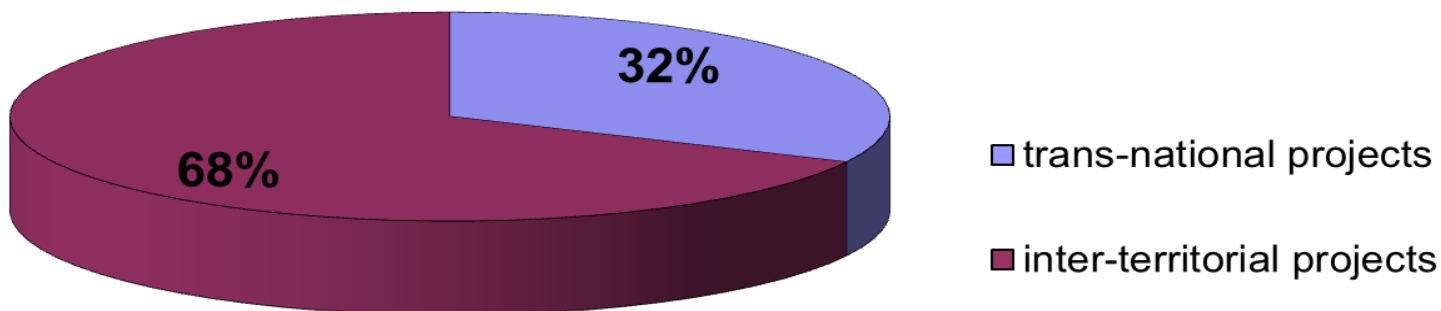
- Has a **strong and clear project idea**
- Implies **more than simple exchanges**
- Proper **planning of human resources**
- Builds a **strong partnership**



# Share of inter-territorial and transnational cooperation projects supported.

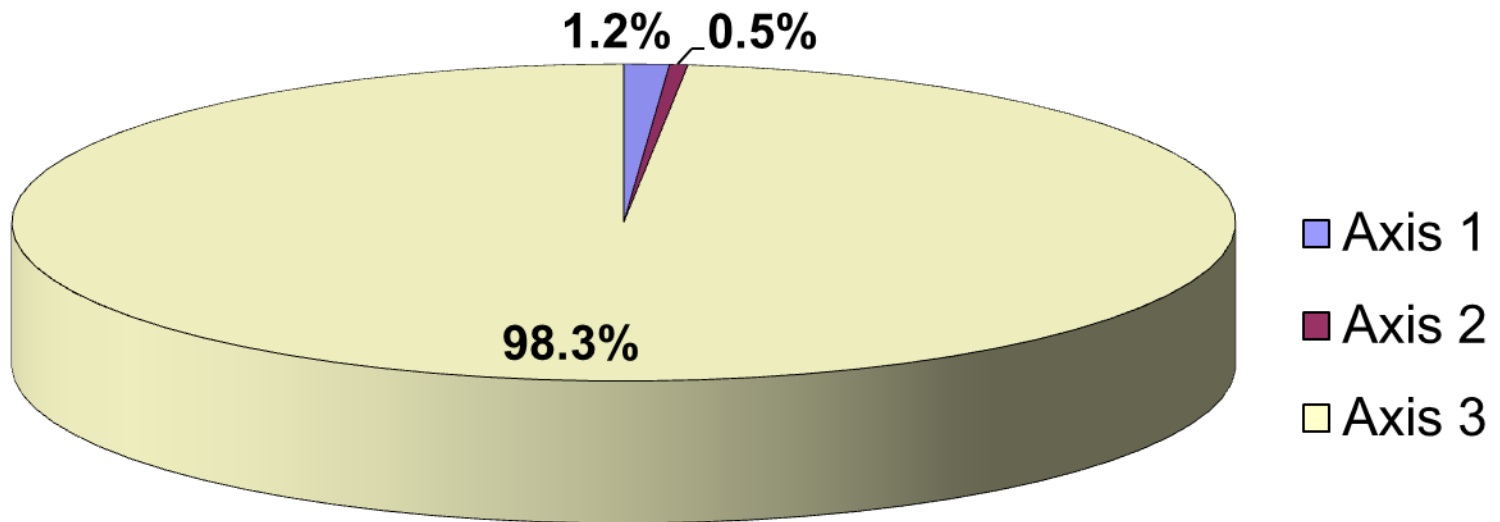
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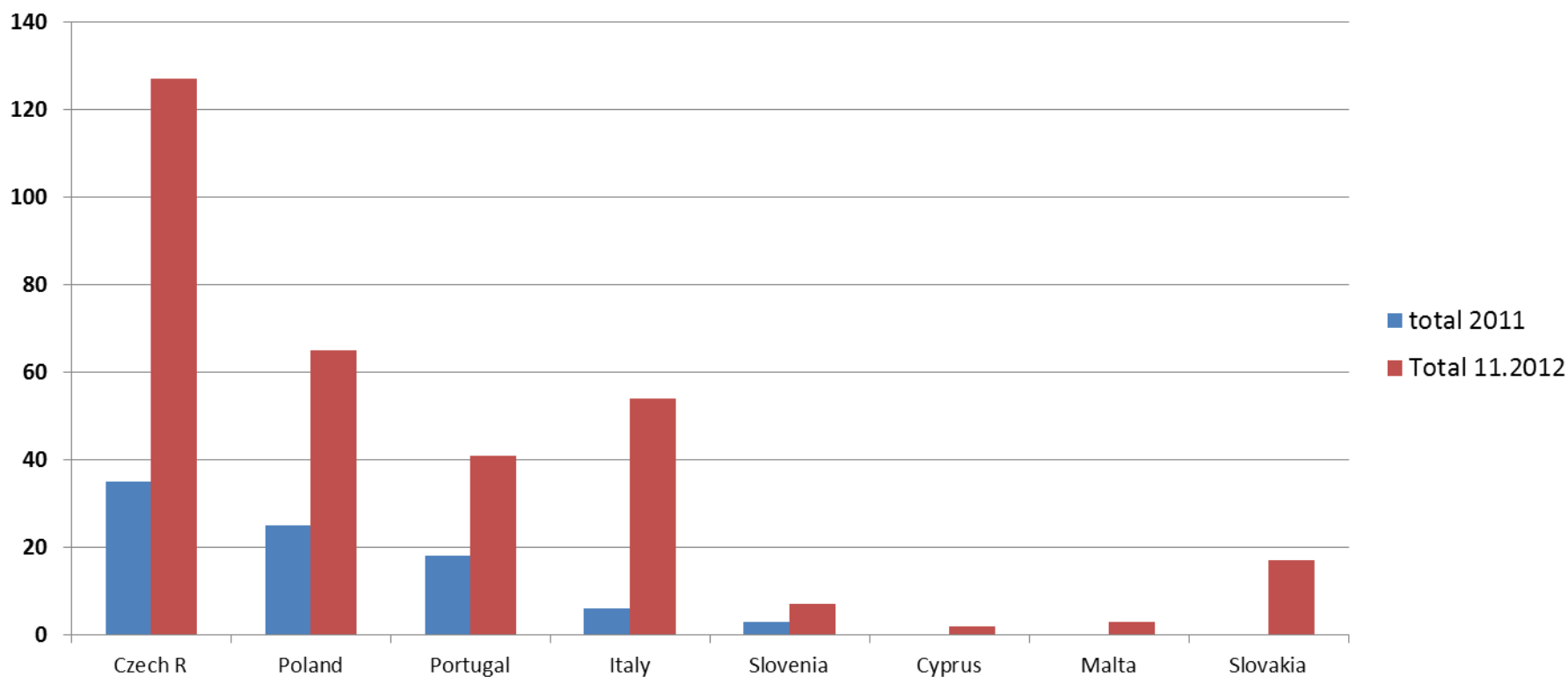




## Cooperation projects by axis. Data based on 2011 annual progress reports. EU 27.



# Progress on cooperation projects in individual MS based on data provided in Nov, 2012



# What challenges you might need to address? (Focus group work)

- Identifying reliable partners and developing trust
- Language
- Time invested in communication, planning and reporting
- Difference in requirements and application timing on national level
- Not clear instructions on common actions

# Findings and recommendations on TNC (Focus Group work )

- Technical support planned in the LDS **for preparatory work**
- **Longer project periods** needed
- No maximum and minimum budgets to be set
- **Ongoing calls** on national level
- **Time and opportunities to engage, meet** possible partners and understand what could be the goal of common learning



## Cultural route of the cranes



## Local Action Groups

- Adri Jiloca Gallocanta** (Aragón, Spain)
- Adegaso** (Gállego-Sotón, Aragón, Spain)
- Omezyna** (Mezquín-Matarraña, Aragón, Spain),
- La Serena** (Extremadura, Spain)
- Natural Park of Schaalsee** (Mecklenburg, Germany)
- Swedish Crane Working Group** (Skaraborg, Sweeden).
- The Rural Economy and Agricultural Society of Skaraborg** (Sweeden).
- La Creuse** (Limousin, France)
- Ludwigslust**, (Germany)
- Nort-West-Mecklenburg**, (Germany)
- Rügen** (Mecklenburg, Germany),

## Description of the project

### *Objectives*

Personal meeting and discover-sharing concerns and objectives of the other.

To create a cultural route around a common bird, the crane



## Cultural route of the cranes



### Main actions

- Promotional video around the migration of the cranes and the people who live in these territories.
- Crane concerts
- Changes between ornithologist, young people, associations, artisans and farmers.

### Difficulties

- Language barriers
- Different mentalities
- Complicated attitudes

### Results

- 9 transnational meetings
- 2 Crane Festivals (Gallocanta, Rügen)
- 1 promotional video
- 1 travelling exhibition "Nature's Spirits"

### Added value of the project

- At this time, the whole project, to do TNC with other countries.



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## Leader Gateway

Leader ('Liaison Entre Actions de Développement de l'Économie Rurale', meaning 'Links between the rural economy and development actions') is a local development method which allows local actors to develop an area by using its endogenous development potential. The Leader approach forms one of the four axes of Rural Development Policy

2007-2013. In this section you will find all you need to know about Leader, just click on any of the sections below.

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## LEADER Tool-Kit

### 20 frequently asked questions and answers about the LEADER local development approach

The LEADER Tool Kit is targeted at the EU's local level of rural development practitioners. It explains the bottom-up LEADER methodology in concrete and practical means using texts, illustrations, interviews, presentations and case projects documented over the 20 years' history of the method. The Toolkit is a guide book for a beginner and a reference material / memory list for the more advanced rural developer. To help you find answers more easily, we have divided the contents into three parts:

The LEADER  
Approach

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Leader, Tom Burston, Northumberland,  
England

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## LOCAL ACTION GROUPS

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Local Action Groups (LAGs) are the mainstay of the implementation of the Leader approach. Their responsibilities include the development of local strategies, supporting stakeholder networking and the appraisal and approval of individual Leader projects. Find below a summary of registered LAGs including their objectives contact details.

COUNTRY:

EU member States

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France

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## 221 Local Action Groups

Lag Name 	Country 	Lag code 
<a href="#">7 Vallées -Temois</a>	France	L-FR001-141
<a href="#">Alsace Centrale</a>	France	L-FR001-001
<a href="#">Balaque</a>	France	L-FR002-003

# LAG Database

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## Welcome to Leader Transnational Cooperation [TNC] Guide homepage

The Leader Transnational Cooperation Guide is intended to provide an effective cooperation tool tailored to the needs of the current 2007-2013 programming period and distilled and re-packaged a range of relevant TNC information focusing on two core aims:

- to clarify what cooperation is and the benefits it can bring; and
- to present a comprehensive step by step guide to TNC, that clearly explains concepts linked to planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of cooperation projects

Updates will also aim to reflect the information needs of readers and so please send any suggestions for new and useful material, or general feedback on the guide, to [cooperation@enrd.eu](mailto:cooperation@enrd.eu). Your comments are warmly welcomed!

## QUICK VIEW

### TNC Overview

Explains the concept of Transnational Cooperation (TNC) and demonstrates the many benefits of effective TNC. [More ...](#)

### TNC Planning

A step-by-step guide to the more complex aspects of TNC planning. [More ...](#)

### TNC Implementation

An overview of common aspects of TNC project management at implementation stage. [More ...](#)

### TNC Follow Up


A guide to TNC monitoring and evaluation, as well as advice on publicising project results. [More ...](#)

## TNC Tool Kit



Added Value of TNC interviews with Gaëlle Lhermitte & Jean-Michel Courades, DG AGRI, European Commission



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## LEADER COOPERATION OFFERS

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This is a list of project ideas where project promoters are seeking to identify additional partners. Parties interested in joining a cooperation project are invited to carefully review the list and contact the project promoters directly. Login to the My ENRD to submit a Leader cooperation offer for the ENRD public site.

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<a href="#">DEVELOPMENT OF A LOCAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY CHAIN IN A OPENFIELD AREA</a>	France	24 Jul 12
<a href="#">Tourism And Voluntary Associations</a>	Sweden	29 Jun 12
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Cooperation Offers Database  
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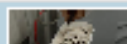
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<a href="#">Using Science and Systems to Protect Against Potato Blight</a>		Estonia	Food quality , Pest control, Innovation, Technology transfer, Vegetable
<a href="#">Happy Days Artisan Ice-Cream</a>		Ireland	Innovation, Leader, Dairy sector, Local food, Employment

# RDP Project Database



# What does ENRD do to encourage cooperation?

## Fairs



## Study visits



# What can we still do to increase and promote cooperation?



