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Cooperation 2021-2027

What can we expect? Why should we keep it?

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2014-2020: Lessons Learnt

- ✓ Cooperation has proven to be a useful tool
- ✓ Good delivery system makes cooperation fairly simple
- ✓ Cooperation as additional motivation to FLAGs

- ✗ Some FLAGs never had access to cooperation funding
- ✗ Administrative differences

Timeframe of calls and implementation; regulations to comply with; administrative burdens

- ✗ Different implementation speeds (budget situations not compatible)



Cooperation always requires previous work

Identification of partners, project planning, networking, human resources, ...



Why cooperate?

Good Practices



- Twinning & study visits enable transfer of successful projects
[From Denmark to Bulgaria \(the Rhodopes case\)](#)



- Increasing the visibility and influence of specific groups
[A Network for Seafaring Women](#)



- Together, we can tackle bigger problems
[Creating a network to manage marine litter](#)



- We can increase critical mass and transfer knowledge
[Joint promotion and educational campaign for increasing local incomes](#)

2021-2027: What can we expect?

2014-2020

- EMFF Regulation Art. 64

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- CPR Art. 34.3

The tasks of LAGs shall include (...)

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- CPR Art. 34.5

In the case of cooperation activities (...) the tasks of selecting operations and fixing the amount of support (...) **may be carried out by the MA responsible.**

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- CPR Art. 34.1

Cooperation is included as any other operation

- CPR Art. 33.3

The following tasks shall be carried out **exclusively** by the LAGs (...)

- CPR – No exception

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- MAs will continue to have a responsibility for **enabling** cooperation (CPR Art. 34.1 b)

The Member State shall ensure that support from the Funds for CLLD covers (...) (b) the implementation of operations, **including cooperation activities** and their preparation, selected under the strategy

- **NN & MAs should keep supporting cooperation. But how?**

How can MAs & NNs support cooperation?

- Capacity building
 - For LDS development
 - Providing training
 - Disseminating cooperation good practices

- Specific support
 - Supporting partner and projects identification
 - Organising events to give spaces for cooperation
 - Cooperation as a transversal element

- Developing a safe and clear delivery system
 - Simple and flexible rules (e.g. open calls)
 - Costs for preparing cooperation projects
 - Adequate running costs



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“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together”
African Proverb

Thank you for your attention!

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