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Identifying examples on NRN support and guidance for transnational & inter-territorial cooperation

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**1. IDENTIFYING EXAMPLES ON 'NRN SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE FOR LEADER/CLLD STAKEHOLDERS'
WITH PARTICULAR FOCUS ON TRANSNATIONAL & INTER-TERRITORIAL COOPERATION**

1. Did your NRN start or will it carry out in the coming year activities to support the exchange between institutional stakeholders at different administrative levels (MA, PA, LAG, etc.) in order to improve LEADER/CLLD implementation (e.g. specific cooperation platforms, regular meetings, etc.)? If yes, please describe briefly:

The NRN is developing a guidelines document for the MAs engaged in the implementation of measure 19 within the RDPs. It is composed of several technical documents covering: <u>Management and implementation of the measure 19</u> (e.g. organisational model, information and management flows, preventive control of the administrative and managerial LAGs capacity; administrative controls; public procurement procedures, interest conflict, equal opportunities, etc.; administrative-fiscal perspectives, taxes, self-certification, de-minimis state aid, simplified cost, etc.); <u>Management and implementation of LEADER Cooperation</u> (e.g. guidelines, repertoire of procedures, project documents, etc.); <u>Monitoring</u> (e.g. system and informative flows, data collection and processing methods); <u>Leader evaluation plan</u>; Network system (e.g. information flows, access to the tools); <u>Leading tools</u> (e.g. examples of patterns of conventions Conventions; etc.).

The topics of the guide will be punctually defined through discussions with the MAs in order to respond to different organizational and instrumental needs of the regions.

In addition, the network will continue the implementation of " GEOGAL " system. It is an online platform for the geo-referencing of the local development strategies and Leader cooperation projects in Italy in order to optimize the use of all available information produced by different actors: National network, LAGs, MAs, Paying Authorities, evaluators. More specifically, the platform the proposed provisions in the Regulations of the European Commission for 2014-2020 programming period like the creation of a single national repository for all information regarding the use of funds, the opening of the data, their reusability and, above all, an advanced visualization that enables georeferencing system to have a real-time permanent window on ongoing activities, the performance and the results of Leader approach in Italy.

2. Does your network have any specific activities to support the exchange between different ministries (implementing bodies responsible for different policies) in order to facilitate 'multi-funded CLLD'? If yes, please describe briefly:

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3. Did your NRN start or will it carry out in the coming year specific activities (other than on cooperation, please see Q4 below) to support and guide LAGs? If yes, please describe the specific theme/ type of support (e.g. training, study visit)/ scope of activity (e.g. number of LAGs, geographical coverage, etc.):

During 2016, the Network will givesupport for the creation of <u>two thematic network: the first one between LAGs and FLAGs and the second one between Alpine areas LAGs</u>. The objectives is to promote the exchange of good practices and support to programmers and management.

In addition, the Network intends to build a <u>repertoire of case studies and a database of Leader areas</u>.

The products, which are closely connected, are intended to encourage greater innovation in LEADER. The Directory will collect a series of case studies that addressed the key issues in the development of rural areas in relation to the methodological elements (integrated, bottom-up, etc.) and themes proposed in the RDPs for the local development strategies. <u>Every aspect will be analyzed by comparing experiences and tools used by the LAGs in Italy and Europe</u>.

To facilitate the exchange of experience and the adoption of good practice case studies, they will be accompanied by a toolkit to the fielding of the projects and will be the subject of study-visit on request of the MAs and LAGs.

The database will provide a set of <u>statistical data</u>, indices and indicators in relation to the thematic areas proposed in the RDPs for the local development LEADER support. It is a <u>support for territorial diagnosis activities carried out by the LAGs</u> with the aim to improve the contextualization of local strategies and cooperation projects, to verify the relevance of the planned actions with respect to the phenomena and to changes taking place in LEADER areas.

Finally , in the course of 2016, it will be implemented a repertoire of methods and self-assessment tools for LAGs self-evaluation.

4. Did your NRN start or will it carry out in the coming year any specific activities to support transnational and/or inter-territorial cooperation of LAGs? If yes, please describe the type of support provided:

Most of the LAGs will be operative by the end of 2016. Thus the NRN activities will be the following:
- supporting the implementation of LEADER cooperation (see Q1)
- supporting partner research
Specific activities will be directed to provide methodological support to the establishment of two networks (see Q3):
- LAGs from Alpine areas
- LAGs and FLAGs

5. Does your NRN have (or had during the 2007-2013 programming period) any other capacity-building or other types of good practices related to LEADER/CLLD that you would like to share? Please describe:

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