



Notification of the approval of transnational cooperation projects to the Commission through the Managing Authorities

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Background:



- According to <u>Article 39.5 of the Commission</u> <u>Regulation (EC) 1974/2006</u> "Member States shall communicate to the Commission the approved transnational cooperation projects".
- → Why? The objective of this obligation is to increase transparency of the approvals given in Member States, and also to accelerate the approval procedure = "Lessons learned" from Leader+"



How?



- What? Member States should notify all TNC projects which involve at least a LAG from one other Member State.
- → <u>All approvals</u> should be notified (not only in the case where the own LAG is the lead-partner)
- →MS don't have to notify projects with third countries where only LAGs from the own MS are involved.
- → Only "real" projects (joint action!) should be notified (not the approval of preparatory actions)
- Who? The RDP Managing Authorities are responsible to notify the projects (and only they have access to SFC...)



How?

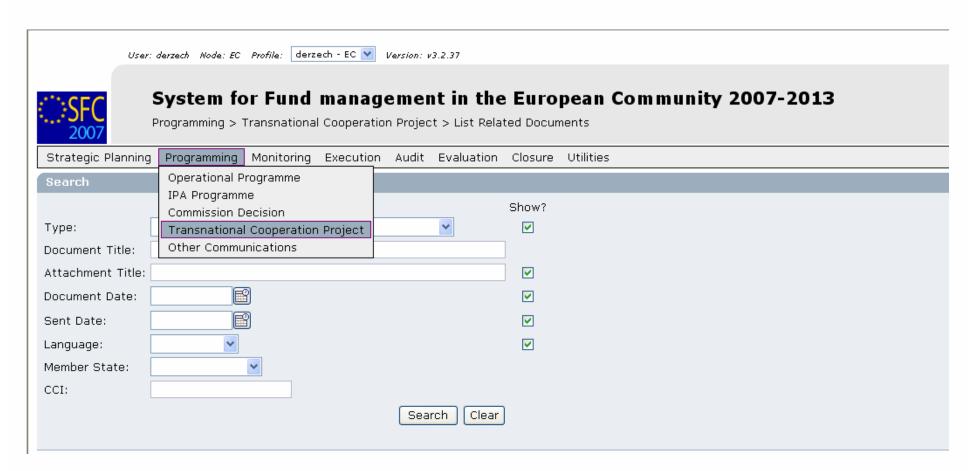


- When? Whenever a project has received an approval it should be immediately notified.
- Where? Via <u>SFC 2007</u> (the information exchange facility tool between the Commission and the MAs of RDPs and of other programmes)
- → Using the <u>information exchange notification</u> form (Annex II of the Guide on Transnational Co-operation): It is an Excel file which exists in all languages



Where in SFC...







"Information exchange notification form"



- The information exchange notification form only contains basic information on the project.
- It does not contain descriptive information of the project content: Only the project title and, if possible, an acronym on which the partners have already agreed upon (for the easier identification, different languages etc.)



What happens with the notifications?



- The Commission informs the Member States via the <u>Rural Development Committee</u> and the members of the <u>Leader sub-committee</u> of the EN RD about the notifications received (with project name, partners indicated etc.); the content of the whole form is then available on request.
- → In doing this the Commission will increase transparency of the approvals given in Member States, and also to accelerate the approval procedure



What happens with the notifications?



→ In the ideal case the Commission will be able to know when a project has received all approvals and can be considered as fully approved



The notification process in the framework of the TNC activities of the ENRD



- Once a project is approved by all involved MAs, the CP of the EN RD will use the information based on all forms received as a <u>basis of a project fiche in the</u> <u>TNC project database</u> which will be available on the website.
- In a separate process the MAs and/or NRNs will be contacted by the CP to <u>submit the descriptive</u> <u>information for the project</u> (normally limited to the MA/NRN of the lead partner)





Thank you for your kind attention!!!