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

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Background:



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- According to Article 39.5 of the Commission Regulation (EC) 1974/2006 "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?



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- **What?** Member States should notify all TNC projects which involve at least a LAG from one other Member State.
 - All approvals 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?



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



„Information exchange notification form“



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- 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?



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- The Commission informs the Member States via the Rural Development Committee and the members of the Leader sub-committee 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?



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→ 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



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- 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 basis of a project fiche in the TNC project database which will be available on the website.
- In a separate process the MAs and/or NRNs will be contacted by the CP to submit the descriptive information for the project (normally limited to the MA/NRN of the lead partner)



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Thank you for your kind attention!!!