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## LEADER international cooperation in Estonia

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# Implementation of LEADER in Estonia

LAG-s submitted their strategies for approval in November 2015.

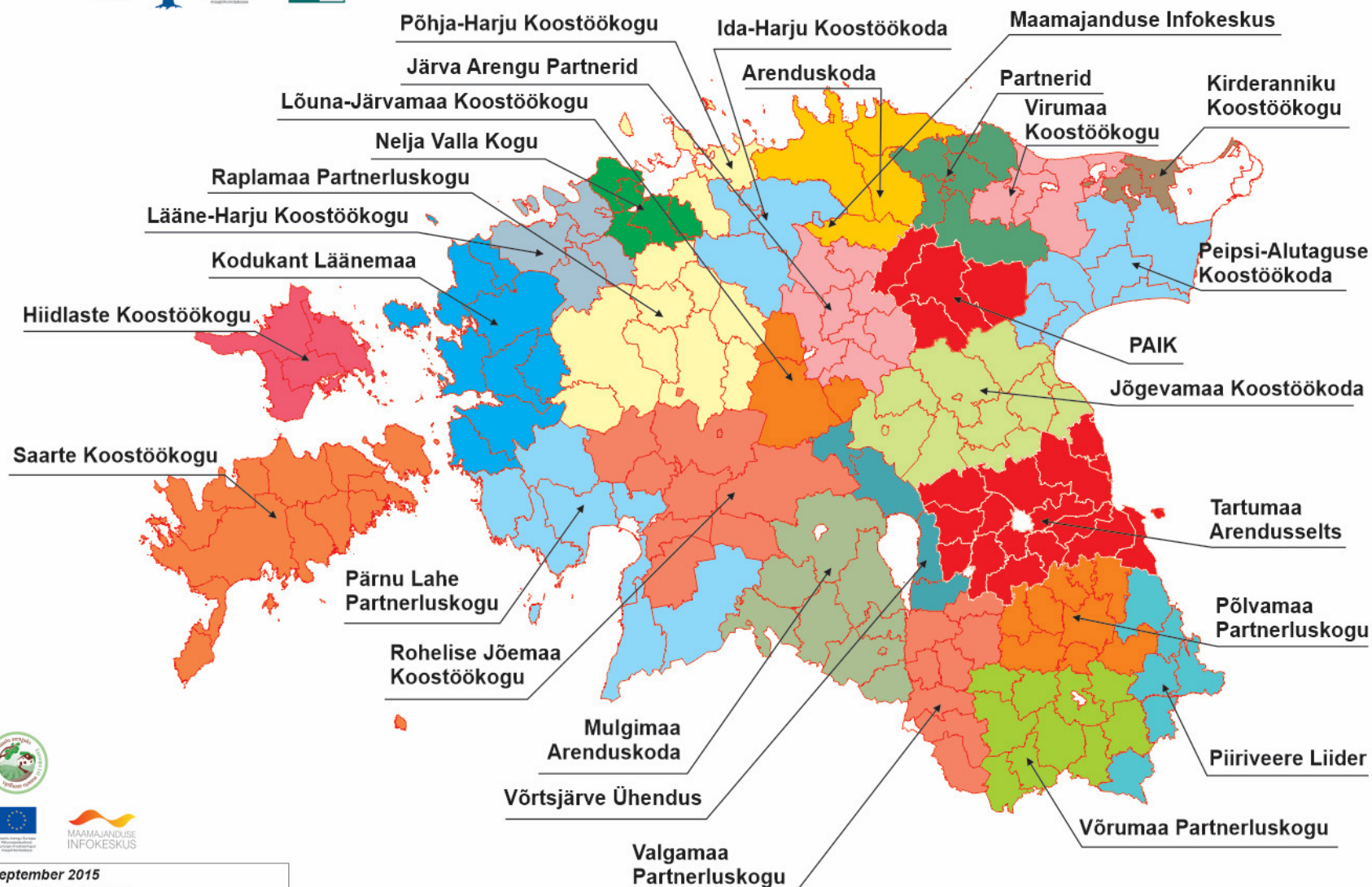
Starting time for sub-measures 19.2 and 19.3 was after strategies were approved in April 2016 .

Sub-measures 19.2-19.4 have the same implementing regulation.

# 26 LAGs, 99,9% of rural area covered with LEADER



## LEADER TEGEVUSGRUPID EESTIS



September 2015  
Aluskaart: Maa-amet 2015  
Andmed: Maamajanduse Infokeskus

# TNC\* projects until today

2007 – 2013

**28 TNC projects**

- **2014 – 2020**

Number of TNC projects is **20+ and counting** (*LAGs continue submitting new projects*).

**Partners** from different countries:  
Finland, Latvia, Slovenia, Portugal,  
Czech Republic, Spain etc.

## Topics of the projects 2014-2020:

- Culture
- Sustainable tourism
- Rural entrepreneurship
- Youth entrepreneurship
- Youth inclusion
- Rescue
- Etc.

*TNC = TransNationalCooperation*



# Support rates and maximum support for co-operation projects

- Preparatory technical support for the cooperation projects 100%
- Implementing the cooperation projects max **90%** (*might depend on the LAG*)
- Maximum support for the project/applicant may not exceed 200 000 euros (*might be less, depending on the LAG*).

## Important to know:

LAGs have cooperation projects included in their strategy budget (*usually separate cooperation measure*).

LAG decides how much of the funds delegate to cooperation projects.

# How and when can LAG apply for TNC project?

LAGs have **specified project ideas in their strategies**.

*Cooperation projects have to match strategical priorities*

All project ideas (new projects proposed) first have to be **approved by the General Assembly of the LAG**

Paying Agency verifies the eligibility of the applications.

Usually cooperation projects can be submitted at any time (if above criteria is fulfilled).  
LAG can set limits in their strategy.

# Requirements and limits for cooperation project

- **At least 2 LAGs** must participate (local or international)
  - *LEADER/CLLD LAGs in European Union*
  - *public-private partnerships that implement a local development strategy that aims at development of rural areas (within or outside the EU)*
- **Cooperation agreement** signed by all parties must be submitted with the project application
- Duration of the project **max 3 years.**
- **Last cooperation project** must be submitted **no later than 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2020.**

# Approval of the cooperatin project

Paying Agency (PA) will approve the project **within 60 days after the submission** of the project to the PA.

Approval of a co-operation project does not depend on the fact that all the partners in other countries have approved the project.

If any of the partners should not get the approval then LAG must change the project and partnership agreement.

# TNC project “Nuoret Seprat – Noored Sõbrad” (Young Fellows). Partners: Estonian LAG and FLAG; Finnish LAG and FLAG





# TNC project “Sustainable Entrepreneurship in Countryside” (SEIC)

Partners: 3 Estonian LAGs; 3 Finnish LAGs; 2 Latvian LAGs





## How to find partners from Estonia?

<https://www.maainfo.ee/index.php?page=3771>

Or ask a LAG directly – some LAGs have put their cooperation ideas the ENRD cooperation database  
[https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/leader-clld/clld-partner-search/ en](https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/leader-clld/clld-partner-search/en)

Attend conferences and events, meet LAGs directly

## Important upcoming events in Estonia

LINC conference

10 – 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2019

<https://linc2019.eu/>

Amaze Me Leader

Youth event

05 – 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019

There is possibility to **register** max 5 persons per **LAG/organisation** in a first round **March 1 – May 1, 2019.** Registration opening soon.

# Thank you for your attention!

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[www.idaharju.ee](http://www.idaharju.ee)

[www.maainfo.ee](http://www.maainfo.ee)

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