



EIP in Finland

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International cooperation in Finnish CAP STP concerning development projects

In international/transnational projects

- the planning of the project
- the setting of goals and
- the implementation of actions

are done in cooperation with the EIP group of another country/with groups of other countries.

Projects with international/transnational aspects means, for example

- a benchmark period or
- organizing a joint event with the EIP group of another country

Project funding possibilities in Finland, mainland Finland (Åland Island not included)

- **National project funding**
 - Funding for national EIP projects is applied for during a **separately announced application period**
 - International/transnational projects can be applied in Häme ELY center only
 - Funding is applied only for Finnish participants (+ coordination, if Finland is the coordinator of transnational cooperation)
 - Discussion with neighboring member states to have a synchronized application period during next year
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- **Regional project funding**
 - Regional projects have **ongoing application time** in the managing authorities (ELY centres)
 - International/transnational project can be applied in every ELY center in Finland
 - Funding is applied only for Finnish participants (+ coordination, if Finland is the coordinator of transnational cooperation)
- Preparatory project funding so called **preparatory money**
 - Ongoing application time in the managing authorities (ELY centres)
 - Possible to use for the preparation of both regional and national funded projects
 - Participation possibilities of other member states can be 'researched' as a part of the preparatory work
 - Can be applied by the Finnish partner only
 - Can be paid only to the applicant
 - Use of money will be decided by the applicant (covering different costs of the preparatory work)

Guidelines for a Letter of Intent in international / transnational EIP projects

LOI should contain:

- Framework of the project
- Participation of Member State(s)/region(s)
 - Work packages, schedule, expected results etc.
- Budget of the international/transnational project
- Budget per Member State(s)/region(s) which form part of the project, in public expenditure, summing all contributions (EAFRD, national co-financing and additional national financing if applicable)

LOI will be added as an attachment of the application to the system

Non-IACS grants are applied via Hyrrä Web Service



- Beneficiary enters the required information into the Hyrrä Web Service
- All the data needed to process an EIP application is integrated in *Hyrrä*
- Hyrrä guides beneficiary with tooltips, reminders etc.
- In addition, websites www.ruokavirasto.fi and www.maaseutu.fi offer information about our interventions
 - About EIP: <https://www.ruokavirasto.fi/tuet/maaseudun-palvelut-ja-elinkeinojen-kehittaminen/kehittaminen-ja-yhteistyö/maatalouden-yhteistyohankkeet/eurooppalaisen-innovaatiokumppanuuden-hankkeet/>
- Managing authorities (The Centres for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment (ELY Centres)) advice applicants