



# Transnational cooperation in EIP – How it works?

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# EIP in the CAP Strategic Plan of Finland 2023-2027

- Total public funding for EIP is **20 million euro**, of which:
  - 5 MEUR for national EIP projects;
  - 15 MEUR for regional EIP projects.
- Total public funding max. 500 000 €/ project
- Calls for national EIP projects 1-2 times/ year
- Calls for regional EIP projects continuous; selection 4 times/year

# Specific requirements for TNC projects in the Finnish national legislation

- Minimum of 2 partners in a transnational project (Finland + 1)
- Justification why project needs to be transnational in the application (added value).
- Costs for coordination of a transnational cooperation project are eligible.
- On all other aspects, transnational projects follow the same rules and procedures as national projects.
- Earlier experience on transnational Leader projects implemented since the 1990 's, as well as FI & EE transnational cooperation in an EIP project during the previous programming period.

# Implementation of TNC in practise

1. Joint planning of the project (with joint objectives), taking into account specific requirements and timing of the calls in the participating countries.
  2. Each project partner has to apply for funding from its own managing authority to implement the joint activities, as CAP strategic plan is not a transnational programme and there is no joint budget.
  3. After the financial decisions from the MAs, joint implementation of the TNC project, as agreed among project partners on division of tasks.
- A written agreement between the transnational partners is recommended.

# Role of administrations and networks

- Contacts and cooperation between MAs, PAs and NRNs is very important both in application and implementation phase of a TNC project.
- Information exchange between MAs e.g. about timing and themes of the calls, specific requirements for EIP in the national legislations, decision-making procedure etc. is essential for success of the TNC project.
- National Rural Networks can help project applicants to find information and potential partners from the other member states through their networks.

# Summary

- There are no administrative structures or procedures defined for transnational cooperation projects in the EU legislation for CAP strategic plans.
- Transnational cooperation projects can well be implemented through the existing legislation and procedures of the CAP.
- Each project partner applies for funding from the MA of its own member state and follow the rules of that member state.
- Coordination and cooperation is essential at all levels of administration and project implementation.



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