Cooperation 2021-2027

What can we expect? Why should we keep it?

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2014-2020: Lessons Learnt

✓ Cooperation has proven to be a useful tool
✓ Good delivery system makes cooperation fairly simple
✓ Cooperation as additional motivation to FLAGs

✗ Some FLAGs never had access to cooperation funding
✗ Administrative differences
   Timeframe of calls and implementation; regulations to comply with; administrative burdens
✗ Different implementation speeds (budget situations not compatible)

⚠ Cooperation always requires previous work
   Identification of partners, project planning, networking, human resources, ...
Why cooperate?

Good Practices

• Twinning & study visits enable transfer of successful projects
  From Denmark to Bulgaria (the Rhodopes case)

• Increasing the visibility and influence of specific groups
  A Network for Seafaring Women

• Together, we can tackle bigger problems
  Creating a network to manage marine litter

• We can increase critical mass and transfer knowledge
  Joint promotion and educational campaign for increasing local incomes
### 2014-2020
- EMFF Regulation Art. 64
- CPR Art. 34.3
  The tasks of LAGs shall include (...)
- CPR Art. 34.5
  In the case of cooperation activities (...)
  the tasks of selecting operations and fixing the amount of support (...)<br>**may be carried out by the MA responsible.**

### 2021-2027
- CPR Art. 34.1
  Cooperation is included as any other operation
- CPR Art. 33.3
  The following tasks shall be carried out **exclusively** by the LAGs (...)
- CPR – No exception

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- MAs will continue to have a responsibility for **enabling** cooperation (CPR Art. 34.1 b)
  The Member State shall ensure that support from the Funds for CLLD covers (...)(b) the implementation of operations, *including cooperation activities* and their preparation, selected under the strategy

- **NN & MAs should keep supporting cooperation. But how?**
How can MAs & NNs support cooperation?

- **Capacity building**
  - For LDS development
  - Providing training
  - Disseminating cooperation good practices

- **Specific support**
  - Supporting partner and projects identification
  - Organising events to give spaces for cooperation
  - Cooperation as a transversal element

- **Developing a safe and clear delivery system**
  - Simple and flexible rules (e.g. open calls)
  - Costs for preparing cooperation projects
  - Adequate running costs
“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together”
African Proverb

Thank you for your attention!

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