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Cooperation Provisions around Europe

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MS overview			Eligible partners & areas			Further information	
MS	N° of FLAGs	Cooperation organized at level of:	Possible project promoters	Possible partner types	Possible partner countries	Calls for cooperation	Cooperation specificities
BG	8	FLAG	FLAGs or other local organisations	CLLD groups funded by any of the ESI funds and non-EU funded CLLD-type partnerships	EU and beyond	Projects can be presented at any time	Black sea and Danube area are seen as priority area
HR	7	FLAG	FLAGs or other local organisations	CLLD groups funded by any of the ESI funds and non-EU funded CLLD-type partnerships	EU and beyond	ongoing	The Adriatic coastline is seen as a priority area for cooperation
CY	3	National MA	FLAGs only	CLLD groups funded by any of the ESI funds and non-EU funded CLLD-type partnerships	EU and beyond	Projects can be presented at any time	No specific rules or focus

Cooperation organised at:

- FLAG level in: BG, DE, GR, HR, DK, EE, FI, FR, IT, LT, PL, SI, SE (**13**)
- National level in: CY, IE, LV, PT, RO (**5**)
- FLAG or Regional level (region specific) in: ES & the UK (**2**)

Possible project promoters

- FLAGs or other local orgs: BG, HR, DE, **DK**, FI, FR, IE, IT, SE, UK (**10**)
- Only FLAGs: CY, EE, **ES**, GR, **LT**, LV, PL, PT, RO, SI (**10**)

Possible partner types

- Any CLLD-type partnerships: **all MS** (**DK, HR?**)

Possible partner countries

- EU and beyond: **all MS** except IE, Scotland and GR
- RO & PL limit 3rd country cooperation to neighbouring countries

Calls for cooperation

Cooperation projects can be presented at any time, except in:

- RO (national call every 4 months)
- IE (1-3 calls per year)
- Certain regions in ES foresee specific calls
- LV (national calls)
- **PT (national calls)**

Cooperation Factsheets per MS

- ✓ MS specificities regarding cooperation
- ✓ Purpose/objectives
- ✓ Main themes
- ✓ Study visits allowed?
- ✓ Approx budget per FLAG where possible
- ✓ Any specific rules
- ✓ regional specificities
- ✓ Relevant contact (NN, MA...)

FLAG Cooperation in Finland

Introduction

FLAG cooperation in Finland is considered to be a way of bringing new ideas and innovations to the country in order to address some specific challenges. In particular, cooperation is sought to increase the profitability of small-scale coastal fisheries and make the sector attractive as a career for young people, as well as combatting the issues posed by seals and cormorants in fishing communities. However, other cooperation ideas are welcome!

Finland takes a flexible approach towards cooperation, including exchanges where these can bring new knowledge that can be valuable to its fisheries sector.

In terms of budget available for cooperation in Finland, each FLAG takes the decision whether to allocate part of its budget to cooperation projects but there are no specific requirements to do so. Most FLAGs foresee making approximately 5% of their budgets available for cooperation, though figures range from 1-12%. As FLAGs in Finland have fairly small budgets, this would imply approximately €50 000 per FLAG for the programming period.

Number of FLAGs in Finland: 10

Level at which cooperation is handled

- Cooperation is a responsibility for each FLAG. FLAGs are free to dedicate a part of their budget to cooperation projects; this is generally laid out in each local development strategy or the corresponding action plan.
- The FLAG board selects cooperation projects, which are then sent for approval to the regional "ELY centre" which acts as intermediate body.
- There are no specific cooperation calls in Finland. Cooperation projects can be presented to the FLAGs at any time and are evaluated on an ongoing basis as with all other FLAG projects (approximately 4-6 times a year).

Possible Partners

- Cooperation projects in Finland can be led by the FLAGs themselves, as well as by other relevant organisations from the FLAG areas, such as fishing organisations, local authorities or NGOs.
- Finnish FLAGs can cooperate with partners in Finland, the EU or outside the EU.
- Finnish FLAGs can cooperate with partners from CLLD groups funded by all European Structural and Investment Funds and/or with non-EU funded CLLD-type public-private partnerships.

Financing and co-financing of your cooperation project

- No arrangements have been made to fund the preparation of cooperation projects in Finland. However, eligible cooperation actions are fairly broad and include, for example, study visits.
- Cooperation projects are subject to the same financing rules as any other FLAG project.

For any further information or assistance for your cooperation project...

Finland has a designated network coordinator who has the role of supporting Finnish FLAGs to launch cooperation actions and linking them with potential partners from abroad. Should you wish to cooperate with a Finnish FLAG, don't hesitate to contact Merja Maensivu at the national network unit: merja.maensivu@mavi.fi - Tel: +358 295 312 478.



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Thank you!



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