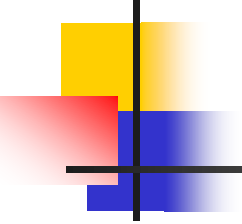


Technical measure fiche for LEADER

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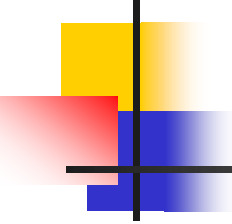
The four principals of Leader

The porpuse of LEADER approach

encouraging and supporting the rural population to think about the long-term potential of their areas

- **Bottom-up approach**
- **Territorial Approach**
- **Laboratory Profile**
- **Pooling**

- This approach will be implemented “step by step”
- In the beginning it will be focused on
 - the training actions for the local actors
 - support for the territories in order to carry out their local development strategies.

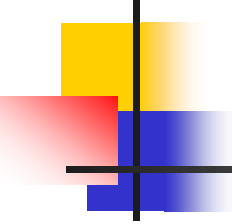


Motivation

- The Romanian rural area is confronted with a lot of weaknesses explaining the urban-rural disparities in terms of all its components:
 - rural economy
 - demographic potential
 - health, school, culture

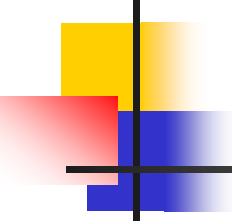
The local needs are various

=> drawing up the strategies from the central level can not solve the existing situation in rural area



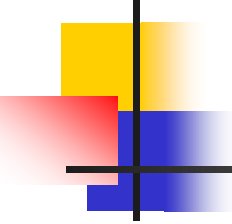
The solution: Integrated Development Strategies

- elaborated by the local communities
- having as starting point the needs identified at local level and the endogenous potential.
- The LEADER approach will contribute to
 - a balanced development of rural areas and
 - the acceleration of structural improvement.



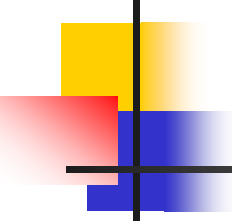
Motivation

- The local development strategies will be:
 - prepared and implemented locally
 - managed by the LAG's representatives
- The local communities will determine, following local studies
 - which are the special needs of the area in which they live
 - the manner in order to meet these needs
 - the way to capitalise better the endogenous potential actions that will lead to the evolution of the rural area for the benefit of local communities
- => the development of the rural areas covered by the LEADER approach will be programmed and coordinated by the local actors representing the decision – makers;
- also they will be responsible for the evolution over time.



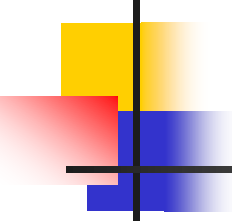
Objecives

- Improve the local governance
- Promote the territories endogenous potential.
- Reinforcing territorial coherence
- Implementing integrated activities meant to support the diversification and development of rural economy in the advantage of the local communities.
- Cooperation with other territories for facilitate the transfer and adaptation of innovative actions developed elsewhere.



Measures

- **Measures 41 and 421,**
 - Implementing the local development strategies with a view to achieving the objectives of the axis 1, 2 and 3 from EAFRD
- **Measure 431,** divided into two sub-measures, such as:
 - **Sub-measure 431.1** supports building of public-private partnerships, drawing up the local development strategies and preparing the Local Development Plan in order to participate to the LAG's selection.
 - Sub-measure 431.2 supports local action group for running costs, animation and skills acquisition.



Partners' weight within the Local Action Groups

The LAGs represent public-private partnerships and comprise representatives of the following sectors:

- **Public**

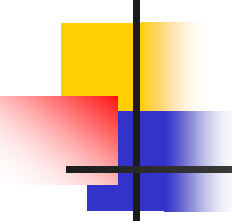
- Public administration (at local and county level – city halls, local councils, county councils, etc.)
- Public services (social services, services for transportation and health, schools, universities, etc.)

- **Private**

- Commercial sector (joint-stock companies, limited liability companies, etc.)
- Financial sector (banks, credit institutions, etc.)
- Agricultural sector (agricultural cooperatives, producers groups, etc.)
- Organisations of entrepreneurs
- Companies providing community services (cultural, radio, TV, non cultural services, etc.)

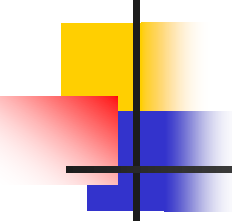
- **Civil society**

- Non-profit organisations, associations, foundations, federations (associations for environment, cultural, social, religious associations, chambers of commerce, cult units, etc.)
- Natural persons, groups of persons not registered officially
- At the decision-making level within the LAG, private and NGOs representatives shall account for more than 50%, while public representation shall account for less than 50%.



Indicative number of LAGs in Romania

- 80 LAGs covering approximately 40% of the eligible area for implementation of LEADER axis in Romania.
 - We analysed
 - the social, economic and geographical situation,
 - territorial coherence and homogeneity in relation to the number of inhabitants and the eligible area, to the financial allocation foreseen for the LEADER Axis,
 - the interest shown by the local actors that materialised in the selection of 120 territories, potential LAGs, in 2006

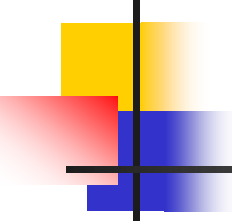


Numbers

- The number of inhabitants LAGs may cover will amount to approximately 11.7 million, of which:
 - approximately 2 million come from towns
- the eligible area for the implementation of LEADER axis is 227,000 km²
 - 207,000 km² representing the rural area,
 - approximately 20,000 km² of the urban area up to 20,000 inhabitants is added.

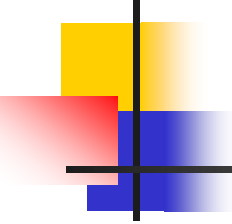
Thus,

- approximately 17% of the population of the LEADER eligible area may come from small towns
- approximately 9% of the eligible area will be held by the small towns up to 20,000 inhabitants



Responsible authorities

- The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development – General Direction for Rural Development - Managing Authority for the NRDP, through its local representatives:
 - promotion in territory of the opportunities regarding local development,
 - supporting LAGs in their activity,
 - participation as observers in the Selection Committees within LAGs,
 - monthly report to MA on implementation status of local strategies, etc.
- The Paying Agency for Rural Development and Fisheries – authority for the technical and financial implementation of measures
- The Local Action Group – in charge with writing out and implementing the local development strategy and selecting projects



Eligibility criteria

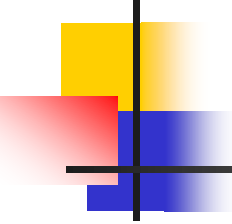
- **Regarding the partnership**
- **Regarding the territory**
- **Regarding the strategy**

Eligibility criteria

Regarding the partnership

The partnership shall consist of:

- **public representatives** - less than 50% of the local partnership at the decision-making level
- **private and civil society representatives** – under 50%
- **The organisations coming from towns** also having in their responsibility the surrounding rural area – county councils, prefectures, local counties, training providers, advisory services, etc. **should not represent more than 25% at the decision-making level.**



Eligibility criteria

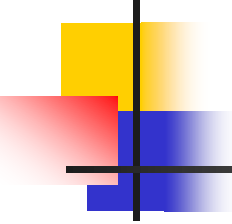
Regarding the territory

- Population between 10,000 and 150,000 inhabitants
- Communes and villages - Rural area defined according to the national legislation
- Small towns of less than 20,000 inhabitants (206 small towns)
 - The urban population may not exceed 25% of the total number of inhabitants within a LAG.
- The territory covered by the strategy should be coherent and offer sufficient critical mass in terms of human, financial and economic resources to support a viable strategy
- Presence of a single LAG on a LEADER territory eligible in order to avoid the overlapping of several LAGs. The presence of the same locality (town / commune) in more than one LAG is not allowed.

Eligibility criteria

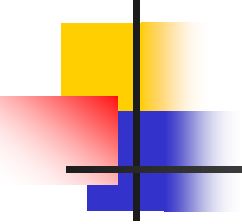
Regarding the strategy:

- Presentation of an integrated strategy for development of the area which should include actions belonging to at least one axis of the EAFRD;
- *Capacity to implement the strategy.* LAG shall present a sufficient capacity in human, financial and administrative terms. The local action groups will have the responsibility to take all decisions regarding the selection of projects.
 - LAG will have to demonstrate its capacity to implement the strategy – information on mechanism of the implementation foreseen for monitoring, evaluation and control, responsibilities of each body involved in implementation of LEADER axis for each step of project flow;
 - Quality of the local team, including former experience with similar procedures or appropriate training – description of the animation team, human resources contributing to the programme implementation
 - Demonstrated administrative and financial capacity – description of the material resources (equipment, offices, etc) and indicative yearly budget for running the LAG;
- Capacity to mobilise the necessary co-funding



Selection criteria

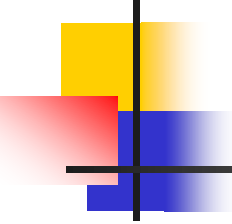
- *The partnership,*
 - *The territory*
 - *the strategy*
- Approved by the Monitoring Committee of the NRDP.
- Detailed and published in the call of proposals launched at national level by the Managing Authority



Selection criteria

Composition of the partnership

- a balanced between public partners, private partners and non-governmental bodies.
- Women and young people should have a fair representation in these bodies as well as representatives of the ethnic minorities, depending on the current situation of these categories at local level

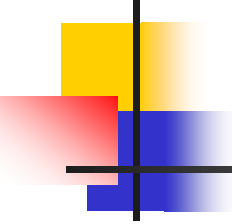


Selection criteria

Composition of the partnership

Priority in selection should be given to the following groups:

- Groups with representatives from ethnic minorities
- Groups with a fair representation of young people
- Groups with a fair representation of women
- Groups including representatives from agricultural organisations, or representatives of producers groups, or representatives of foresters / of environmental organisations, etc.
- Groups having private partners and representatives of the civil society more than 65% from the total of partners

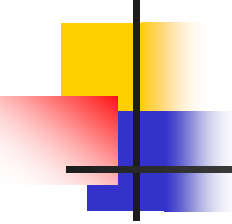


Selection criteria

Territory

Priority in selection should be given to the following territories:

- Territories with a population comprised between 30.000 and 70.000 inhabitants
- Territories with a population density less than 75 inhabitants/km²
- Territories covering poverty / less favoured areas, Natura 2000 areas, High Nature Value areas (HNV), areas affected by industrial restructuring
- Territories covering parts from different counties



Selection criteria

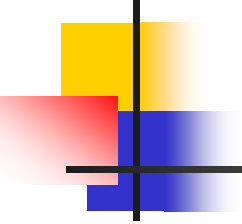
Quality of the local strategy

The quality of the following elements will be taken into account for the selection:

- Evaluation of initial situation and analysis of the needs and potential in the area (diagnosis and SWOT analysis);
- Objectives established for the implementation of the local development plan
- Actions for achieving the objectives;
- Complementarily with other rural development programmes;
- The criteria used by LAGs for the selection of the projects;
- Administrative arrangements, detailed rules and audit trail;
- Evaluation and monitoring dispositions;

Priority in selection should be given to those strategies which:

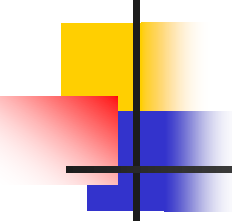
- include innovative actions
- include cooperation actions
- combining the objectives of several axes of NRDP
- addressing semi-subsistence farmers (diversifying and development)
- addressing young people
- integrating environmental concerns
- aiming at facilitating the implementation of those measures of NRDP having as beneficiaries the producers groups, associations, partnerships, etc.)



Selection criteria

Quality of the local strategy

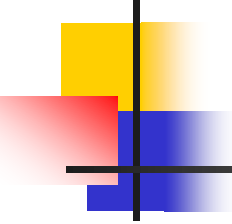
- The quality of strategy and efficiency of the provisions for consulting local partners and informing potential beneficiaries will be horizontal aspects taken into account for the selection of strategies.
- The way this quality will be assessed will be defined by the **Monitoring Committee** and described in the tender document, as well as how these selection criteria will interact with the thematic priorities.

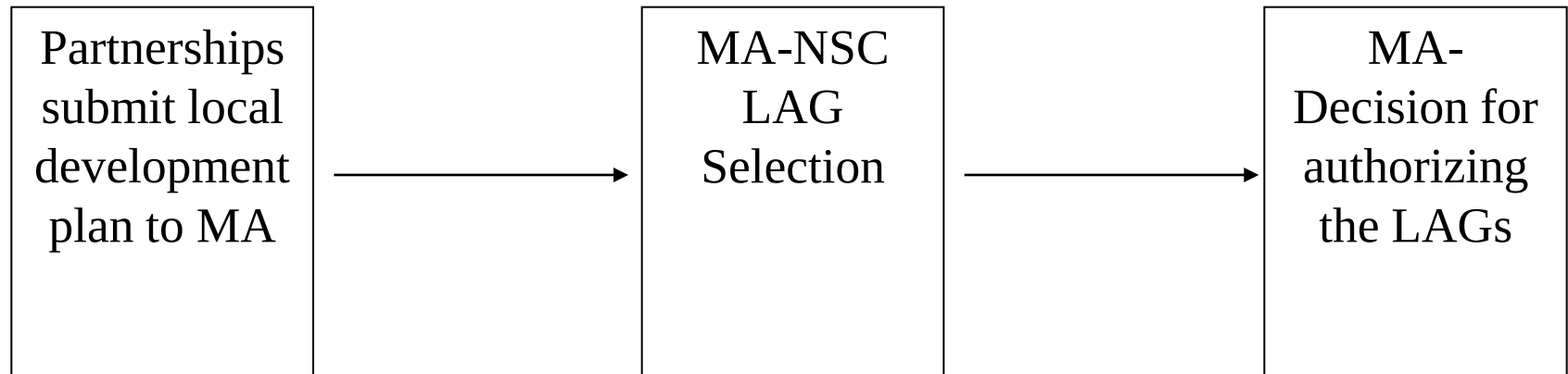


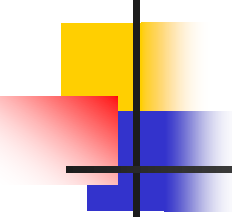
The Selection Committee

- **The Members** - representatives of central and local authorities, of universities, of academic field and experts of other organisations / institutions.
- **The President** of the National Selection Committee - elected from the state secretaries/directors within MARD – GDRD.
- **Observers** - representatives of the civil society and social and economic partners.
- After analysing the application dossiers participating in the national selection, the National Selection Committee shall **publish the results on the website of the ministry and in media.**

The selection phase of Local Action Groups



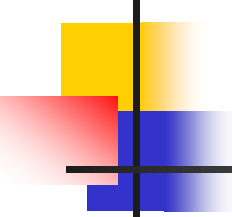




Demarcation criteria with other local partnerships financed by EU funds (EFF)

EAFRD - EFF

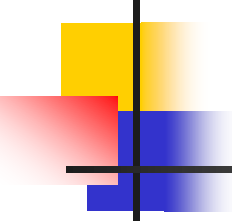
- It is possible for a LEADER area to be totally or partially overlapping with an area supported under the axis 4 of EFF, being impossible to draw up a delimitation based on geographical criteria. To be selected, a LEADER area has to fulfil the eligibility and selection criteria above-mentioned.
- If a LEADER group is based on an existing EFF Axis 4 group, the same administrative support structure can be used to implement both EU funds. The common operating costs will be shared (proportionally) between the LAG and the EFF Axis 4 group.
- Due to possible geographical overlaps between a LAG and EFF Axis 4 group, a clear separation of funds will be made, such as:
 - Distinct strategies (EFF strategies are always related to the fishery areas, sectors or workers while the Leader strategies will not target fisheries activities or actors);
 - Partnerships – the composition of the partnership of the LAG and of the EFF Axis 4 group will be different. In this respect, LAG should be composed in majority by actors involved in rural development, outside the fishery sector, while EFF groups will be composed in majority by actors coming from the fisheries sector".
 - Distinct project selection committees – the composition of the decision-making bodies of the partnerships will also need to be different.
 - Separate book keeping and distinct financial and control circuits



Demarcation criteria with other local partnerships financed by EU funds (EFF)

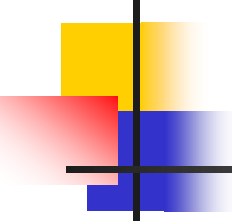
EAFRD – Cooperation Programmes funded by European funds (cooperation programmes at the internal borders of EU and cooperation programmes at the external borders of EU)

- The applicants for the cooperation projects should specify in the payment claims if they have applied for other funds support to finance the respective activities.
 - In order to avoid the double-financing, Managing Authority for NRDP will ensure a proper consultation with other managing authorities, before the selection of projects.
 - In this sense, in the Selection Committee of the NRDP projects, representatives of the authorities managing the European Territorial Cooperation Programmes will be invited to participate, and also a representative from the Managing Authority for NRDP will take part to the reunions of the Selection Committee / Mixed Monitoring Committee for European Territorial Cooperation Programmes.
- In the case of demarcation between NRDP and Operational Programme for Cross Border Cooperation Romania – Bulgaria, it was stated that “in the counties eligible for cross-border cooperation, NPRD will support the private investments and OP CBC Romania-Bulgaria will support the projects proposed by the public bodies and NGOs”.
- Moreover, an official list of potential LEADER projects shall be available for the permanent consultation with other authorities involved in implementation of Community funds in order to avoid possible overlapping.



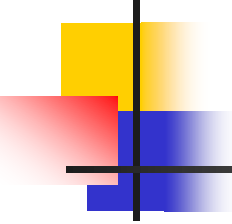
Measure 41 - Implementation of local development strategies

- **411** – Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector
- **412** – Improving the environment and the countryside
- **413** – The quality of life in rural areas and diversification of the rural economy



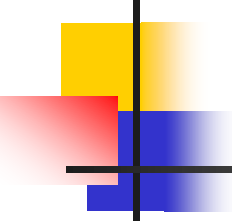
Objectives

- **Operational objectives**
 - Implementing local integrated development strategies and projects (covering more than one axis) in order to
 - improve the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector
 - improve the environment and rural area
 - improve the quality of life and diversify the rural economy.



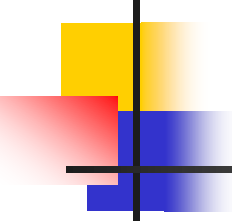
Objectives

- **Choosing a coherent set of measures**
 - **translate identified priorities into local development strategies in order to valorise the endogenous potential of the territory.**
- **Concrete projects** selected by the LAG through the Selection Committee composed of members of the partnership.



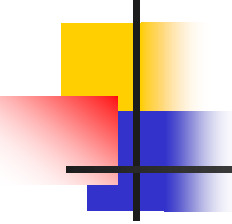
Aid intensity

- For those projects falling within the scope of one of the measures of Council Regulation 1698/2005 the relevant aid intensity specified for the measures must be respected.
- Actions outside the scope of the measures specified in Council Regulation 1698/2005 may also be supported, if they contribute to the objectives of the NRDP and the local development strategies.



Type of aid

- The projects which will be implemented through the LEADER axis will be small-sized projects of
 - maximum 200,000 Euro public co-financing,
 - the total amount of the investment will not exceed 400,000 Euro
- **Payment in advance – 20%, if requested**



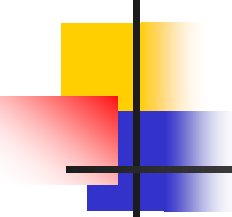
Financing

- **Total cost:** 246,317,899 Euro
- **Public expenditure:** 171,604,657 Euro



Quantified targets for EU common indicators

Type of indicator	Indicator	Target 2007-2013
Output	Number of LAGs	80
	Total size of LAGs area (km ²)	90,800
	Total population in the LAG area	4,680,000
	Number of projects financed by LAGs	4,926
	Number of beneficiaries supported, divided by axis, measure and type of beneficiary	4,926
Result	Gross number of jobs created (divided by axis, created on/out the farm, age, gender)	9,852
Impact	Economic growth (million euro)	99
	Employment creation (out of which the contribution of the measure 41)	8,010 7,882



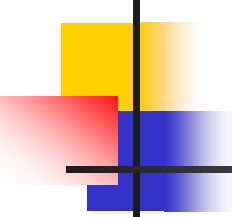
Additional indicators

Type of indicator	Indicator	Target 2007-2013
Output	Number of the LAG's members (divided by gender, age, nationality)	2,400
	Number of private partners and NGOs members in LAG	1,380
Result	Number of the beneficiaries developing innovative actions	493

Measure 421

Implementing cooperation projects

- **Operational objective** – Participation of Local Action Groups in trans-national and inter-territorial cooperation projects
 - local groups which have an active role in rural development
 - are organized on the basis of the partnership of local actors
 - local initiative groups
 - micro-regions, and other LEADER-type partnerships, EFF Axis 4 groups
- These partners must be recognised by the member state.



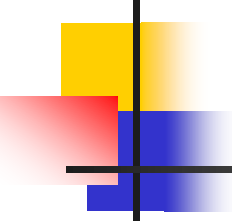
Objectives

- **institutional building:**

- exchange of experience and good practices on local development through:

- common publishing,
- organisation of events,
- twinning projects (exchange of programme managers and staff)
- common or joint coordinated works of development.

- This measure will be facilitated by methodological support based mainly on Romanian Rural Network and on European network.
- Cooperation activities are eligible when at least one partner represents a LAG financed under the LEADER Axis.



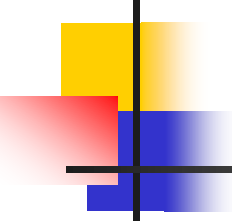
The eligible and non eligible expenditures

- **The main eligible expenditures:**

- expenditures for preparing cooperation projects – organization of technical missions, meetings, workshops, translation and interpretation activities, multiplication of documents,
- investments expenditures for implementing common projects
- expenditures related to common training projects

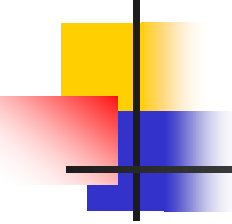
- **Non eligible expenditures:**

- the mere exchange of experience, which is not materialized by a common action (because it can be financed by the national network of rural development).
- The expenses related to the territories outside EU also are non eligible expenditures.



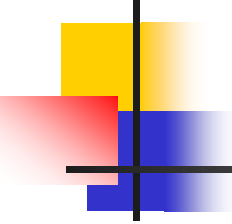
Procedure, timetable and criteria to select cooperation projects

- Cooperation will be launched after the achievement of the Local Action Groups first selection procedure.
- Cooperation projects will be selected by:
 - The Local Action Groups, if their development strategy includes cooperation actions. => the eligibility and selection criteria will be set and applied by the LAG and included in the local development strategy.
 - The Managing Authority for the other LAGs, the strategy of which does not include these actions. => the selection criteria will be set by the Managing Authority.



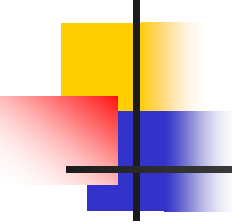
Eligibility criteria

- The partners are LAGs or organized in accordance with the LEADER approach
- The projects will be drawn up and implemented in common
- The coordinator is a LAG financed under the LEADER Axis
- The activities / projects should correspond to one or several measures of the EAFRD
- The value of the project
 - 200,000 Euro public co-financing
 - 400,000 Euro the total value of the investment.



Eligibility criteria

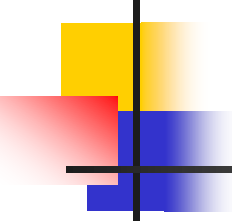
- Priority will be given to the cooperation projects which:
 - involve more than two LAGs in Romania
 - involve a LAG from another Member State with LEADER + experience
 - include innovation
 - combine the objectives of different axes from the NRDP
 - address semi-subsistence farmers
 - address the young people in rural areas
 - integrate environmental concerns
 - aiming at facilitating the implementation of those measures of NRDP having as beneficiaries the producers groups, associations, partnerships, etc.)



Selection procedure

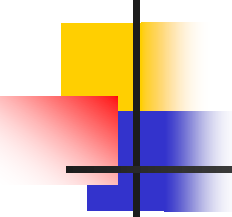
The selection and approval of the cooperation projects shall be performed

- by a Selection Committee organised either within the LAG
 - will also have the responsibility for establishing the selection calendar
- within the Managing Authority.
 - the selection of the cooperation projects will be performed two times per year, in principle in the first and the last semester of the year, so that the last project is selected before 31 December 2013.



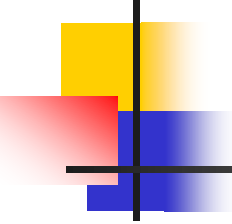
Financing

- **Total costs:** 5,498,826 Euro
- **Public expenditure:** 4,701,496 Euro
- **Payment in advance – 20%** (Article 56 of Commission Regulation (EC) no. 1974/2006)



Quantified targets for EU common indicators

Type of indicator	Indicator	Target 2007-2013
Output	Number of cooperation projects -trans-national -inter-territorial	160
	Number of cooperating LAGs	80
Result	Gross number of jobs created	160
Impact	Employment creation (out of which the contribution of the measure 421)	8,010 128



Additional indicators

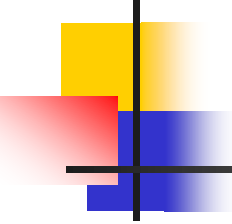
Type of indicator	Indicator	Target 2007-2013
Output	The number of cooperation projects that involves more than two LAGs in Romania	40
	The number of cooperation projects that involve a LAG from the EU with LEADER+ experience	40

Measure 431 – the technical assistance instrument for LEADER

Running the Local Action Groups, acquiring skills and animating the territory

- Financial support for:
 - local initiatives groups, micro-regions and some other LEADER-like partnerships existing in Romania
 - the 120 representatives of sub-regional territories which were selected by the MADR in order to train them and who still need support for finalizing their integrated development strategies.

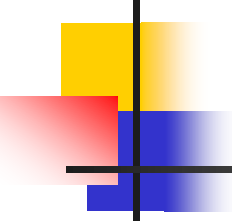
- before the LAGs selection, the public and private stakeholders of the territories willing to participate to the selection procedure of the LAGs might benefit of support for:
 - setting up partnerships,
 - developing integrated strategies
 - financing studies in order to prepare their application dossier.



Operational Objectives

Improving the capacity of implementing local development strategies through:

- Capacity building at local level
- Ensuring the human, financial and technical resources in order to support the LAGs activity
- Training the LAGs staff for drawing up and implementing local development strategies
- Animation of territory.

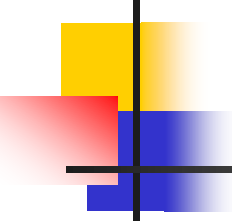


Sub-measure 431.1

Public - private partnerships building

This sub-measure is divided into 3 phases allowing the progressive building of partnerships and strategies

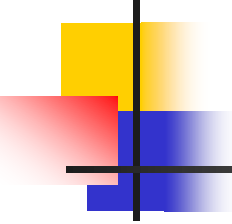
- Phase 1 – Raising awareness of local actors regarding LEADER approach – 64 sessions = 1 575 participants
- Phase 2 – Training for the representatives of potential LAGs – 16 sessions = 300 participants
 - Phase 1 and 2 = 8 contracts – 1.7 mil euro
 - The Managing Authority draw up the Terms of Reference for each phase, based on which will select one training provider per phase



Sub-measure 431.1

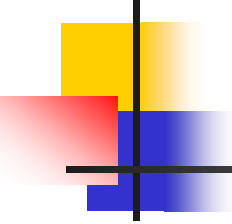
Public - private partnerships building

- Phase 3 – Financial support for the preparation of LAGs applications
 - one call of proposal was launched with deadlines for submission at each three months
 - 101 contracts = 4.2 mil euro



Phase 1 - Raising awareness of local actors regarding LEADER approach

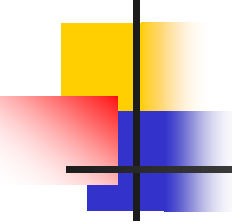
- Information and training sessions on:
 - national rural development programme,
 - local development
 - axis 4 – Leader
 - examples of concrete actions undertaken by the rural areas.
- **Direct beneficiaries** are public or private bodies activating in the field of training of the professionals and / or information and dissemination of the knowledge, selected according with the public procurement procedure



Phase 1 - Raising awareness of local actors regarding LEADER approach

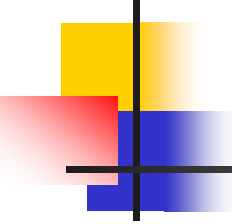
■ **Eligible organisations that:**

- are legal person set up in the EU countries
- have experience in organising and delivering training actions in the field of rural or local development
- has qualified staff with knowledge of community programmes of rural development, especially of Leader approach
- have the capacity to deliver training in Romanian language and / or to assure a qualitative translation
- have the capacity to provide simultaneously trainings in different regions of Romania having access to the appropriate administrative facilities
- has the technical and financial capacity necessary for performing their activities
- is not in the situation of bankruptcy or liquidation
- has no debts to the state budget



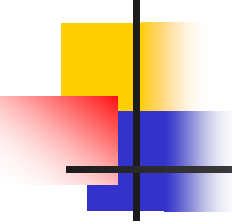
Phase 1 - Raising awareness of local actors regarding LEADER approach

- **Selection criteria:**
 - **The financial offer**
 - **Technical quality of the offer** - understanding the needs, the proposal for a structure of the training sessions – the quality of trainers, etc.
- **Final beneficiaries**
 - Economic and social partners from the potential LEADER territory
 - Other representatives of the civil society, such as farmers, rural women, young people and their associations, from the potential LEADER territory
 - Public partners covering partly or entirely the potential LEADER territory
- **Priority in the selection of the final beneficiaries should be given to:**
 - Potential partners who have not benefited before from a training on LEADER
 - Representatives from the private sector
 - Representatives from association / NGOs / organisations which can play a role in dissemination of information the potential LEADER territory



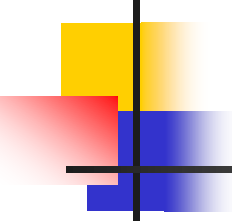
Phase 2 – Training for the representatives of potential LAGs

- **Content** – specialised training on local development strategies (carrying out the diagnostic and SWOT analyses, drawing up the strategy, action programme, setting up the partnership, etc.)
- **Direct beneficiaries** are public or private bodies activating in the field of training of professionals and / or information and dissemination of the knowledge, selected according with the public procurement procedure
- **Eligibility criteria** – the same as for Phase 1



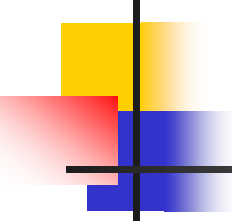
Phase 2 – Training for the representatives of potential LAGs

- **Selection criteria:**
 - The financial offer - The price proposed by the training body for organising and delivering all the training sessions
 - Technical quality of the offer (understanding the needs, the proposal for a structure of the training sessions, the quality of trainers, etc.)
- **Final beneficiaries**
 - Should be a representative or member of a group composed of at least 2 private organisations and 1 public entity from the potential LEADER territory
 - **Having followed a training in phase 1 or another basic training on Leader or demonstrate knowledge / experience of LEADER approach**
- **Priority in the selection of the final beneficiaries should be given to:**
 - Groups for which the majority of partners can have a representative following the training
 - Group covering a territory not covered by other applicant
 - Groups where the majority of partners are from the private sector / NGOs
 - Groups covering a territory with more than 20,000 inhabitants



Phase 3 – Financial support for the preparation of LAGs applications

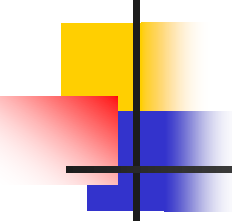
- The direct beneficiaries of the funds are the same as the final beneficiaries of phase 2 – potential LAGs
- Accession through a project elaborated by the interested partnerships comprising the objectives, the calendar, the planned actions, and the budget necessary for the preparation of the strategy and the application for becoming LAGs.
- The selection procedure of these projects will be made by a permanent team made of experts from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development – General Directorate for Rural Development and Paying Agency for Rural Development and Fishery, and also of the other authorities involved in rural development process.



Phase 3 – Financial support for the preparation of LAGs applications

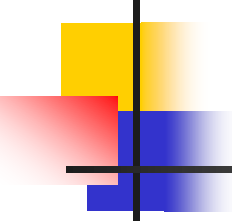
- **Eligibility criteria:**

- Groups gathering partners representing socio-economic sectors from the eligible territory where the public partners represent less than 50% (with a formal commitment signed by each member).
- Groups having defined their homogeneous geographic territory which should be within Leader eligible area and comprise a population between 10,000 and 150,000 inhabitants
- Groups out of which at least one representative has followed a training on Leader (under this programme or another training)



Phase 3 – Financial support for the preparation of LAGs applications

- Priority in the selection should be given to:
 - Groups covering a rural territory with more than 20,000 inhabitants
 - Groups with more than 9 organisations / institutions partners
 - Groups covering territories which are not covered by other applicants
 - Groups with sufficient human resources and expertise for the preparation of local development plans.



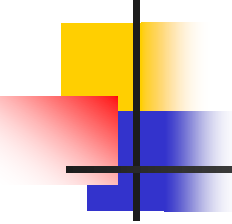
Aid intensity for the sub-measure 431.1

- Phase 1 –100% of the eligible expenditures
- Phase 2 - 100% of the eligible expenditures
- Phase 3 - maximum 80% of the eligible expenditures to which private contribution should be added.

Sub-measure 431.2

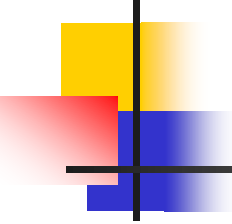
Running the Local Action Groups, acquisition of skills and animation of the territory

- **Component a** – Running the LAG (16% of LAG's public expenditure)
- **Component b** – Training and animating the territory after the selection of LAGs (4% of LAG's public expenditure)
- => For these activities, LAGs will spend at least 20% of the eligible value calculated for each of them under this sub-measure and may cover the following expenditures:
- **Beneficiaries** – Local Action Groups
- This sub-measure will be open immediately after the signing the contract between LAG and PARDF



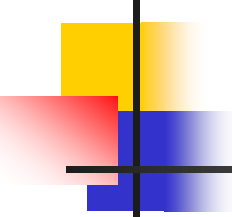
Sub-measure 431.2 – Running the Local Action Groups, acquisition of skills and animation of the territory

- **Eligible expenditures for the *component a*:**
 - The weight of the running costs shall not exceed 80% of the total allocated to each LAG under this sub-measure:
 - Salaries and other payments for the LAG staff
 - Expenditures for experts and other expertise services related to the implementation of the LAG strategy
 - Expenditures for rent of an office
 - Expenditures for rent/purchase of office-equipment or another equipment necessary for the implementation of the LAG activities
 - Expenditures for organising LAG meetings
 - Communication expenditures (telephone, internet, post and postal services), transport and payment for heating, electricity, etc.
 - Expenses for participations in activities of national and European rural development network, seminars, etc.



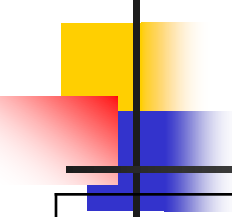
Eligible expenditures for the *component b*: Training and animating the territory after the selection of LAGs

- Eligible expenditures for the *component a*:
 - Studies of the area concerned
 - Measures to provide information about the area and the local development strategy
 - Training of staff involved in the implementation of a local development strategy
 - Promotional events
 - Training of local leaders
 - Expenditures for purchasing or constructing buildings, and also land purchasing **are not eligible**



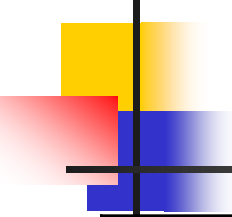
Ceiling to apply on the share of the LAG budget for overhead costs (maximum of 20%)

- **Aid intensity for the sub-measure
431.2 –100%**
- **Financing:**
 - **Total costs:** 61,176,112 Euro
 - **Public expenditure:** 58,768,718 Euro



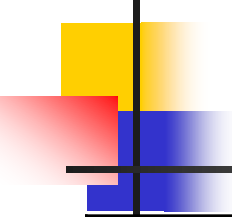
Indicative estimate of the expenditure weight used for skills acquisition and animation for the LEADER axis

Measure	Sub-measure	Percent from total LEADER axis	Total	Public contribution	Private contribution
431	431.1	5%	14,161,138	11,753,744	2,407,394
	431.2 out of which:	20%	47,014,974	47,014,974	0
	Component a	16%	37,611,979	37,611,979	0
	Component b	4%	9,402,995	9,402,995	0
Total 431		25%	61,176,112	58,768,718	2,407,394



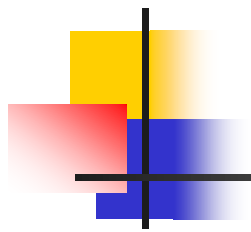
Common indicators for the functioning of LAGs phase 431.2

Type of indicator	Indicator	Target 2007-2013
Output	Number of actions supported regarding running the local action group (1 action = 1 annual budget)	360
	Number of actions supported regarding acquiring skills (1 action = 1 training session)	360
	Number of actions supported regarding animation of territory (1 action = 1 animation seminar)	1,440
Result	Number of participants that successfully ended the training	7,200



Additional indicators for the capacity building phase 431.1

Type of indicator	Indicator	Target 2007-2013
Output	Number of actions supported divided by type of actions: • general training (1 training session – 1 action) • specialised training for the representative of LAG (1 training session – 1 action) • drawing up the applications for selection of LAGs (strategy) (1strategy – 1 action)	256 41 15 200
Result	Total number of people trained who successfully ended the training actions, out of which: • general training • specialised training for the representative of LAG	1,940 1,640 300



Thank you for your attention!