PARTNERS AND RELEVANT ACTIONS IN A PROJECT

Workshop events of the 4th call

Managing Authority



PROJECT PARTNERSHIP



Principles of project partnership

- Project partners have to be
 - legal persons;
 - registered, either in Finland or Russia;
 - directly responsible for the preparation and implementation of the project and not acting as intermediary bodies
- Each project must have at least one partner from both Finnish and Russian core area
- The programme relies on "lead partner principle"







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Preconditions for partnership

- Lead partner and partners are expected to be operationally and financially stable
- Experience in international cooperation especially between Finland and Russia is expected at least from the lead partner
- Public-private-people partnerships are encouraged



Lead partner's role and responsibilites in a nutshell

- Responsible for preparing & submitting the project application
- If the project is granted
 - Grant contract with MA
 - Grant transfers to partners
 - Launching project implementation
 - Project coordination (including audit procedures)
 - Communication among partnership
 - Delivery of outputs
 - Reporting to MA



Partners' role and responsibilities in a nutshell

- Partnership agreement with LP
- Co-operation with LP and other partners in project preparation
- Project implementation as agreed among partners
- Reporting to LP



Private sector entities as partners

- NGOs and SMEs are eligible for funding
- Note, that
 - All project results are public
 - It is not allowed to receive profit from project implementation and activities
 - EU rules on state aid are followed with enterprises
 - Investments may not exceed 50 % of total costs in budget. Purchase of land or buildings may not exceed 10 % of total costs in budget
 - Maximum of 50 % of a project's total budget can be directed to Russian SMEs



RELEVANT ACTIONS



Cross-cutting elements of a good project

- Relevant, cross border added value
- In connection to regional strategies
- Relevant partnership
- Sustainability of actions
- Knowledge-based or innovative approach
- Implements the chosen programme priority from a unique perspective



PRIORITY 1: Lively, active and competitive economy

- SME and business development
 - including labour market development
- Trade and investment promotion
- Culture and tourism industry
 - including well-being
- Rural development
- Transport and logistics
- Energy cooperation



PRIORITY 2: Innovative, skilled and well-educated area

- Research and education
- Innovation and technology
- Skill development and lifelong learning

PRIORITY 3: Attractive, clean environment and region

- Environmental protection and sustainable management of nature and its resources including cooperation in emergencies
- Biodiversity
- Waste and waste water management
- Climate change mitigation



PRIORITY 4: Well-connected region

- Border efficiency and security
- Border-crossing infrastructure and equipment
- Border management, customs and visa procedures
- Traffic safety



FOR MORE INFORMATION



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Relevant documents

- Especially for partnership information
 - Programme Manual (p. 20-23)
 - Q & A: Lead Partner and Partners

- Programme priorities, measures and activities
 - <u>Joint Operational Programme</u> (p. 35-45)



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