



This project is funded  
by the European Union



Empowered lives.  
Resilient nations.

## Eligible criteria of the Local Action Group in Territorial Partnership based on the EU LEADER/CLLD approach

- LAG partnership consists of rural municipalities, at least three;
- Urban centres over 10.000 inhabitants should not be part of the LAG, but it is recommended to LAG-s to cooperate on strategic issues with urban centres of their territory;
- One municipality can be a part of only one LAG;
- The number of inhabitants covered by the LAG Territorial Partnership should be minimum 10.000;
- LAG partnership territory is coherent;
- LAG territories should be delineated by decision of the relevant Local Councils. Local Councils should make decision on joining a given LAG, and the Mayors should sign the LAG Partnership Document;
- LAG members should be local organizations, institutions and individuals;
- Rate of different stakeholders in a LAG (LAG members) should be based on tri-party balance. Close to one-one-one third of the LAG members should represent public sector, businesses and civil society representatives;
- The partnership is established based on the principles of openness, transparency and equality as well as the basic LEADER / CLLD principles, including: (a) area-based; (b) inter-sectorial partnerships; (c) bottom-up approach; (d) multi-sectoral design; (e) implementation of innovative approaches; (f) implementation of cooperation projects; (g) networking of local partnerships;
- Common cultural and/or economic and/or historical and/or environmental, etc. background of the established territorial partnership is identified as a backbone of the necessary territorial cohesion;
- LAG has its own name, which is linked to the common identity of the LAG members;
- LAG has its own mission and vision and the will to work together for the benefit of the LAG territory based on the local development priorities reflected in the Strategic Action Plan developed by the LAG members;
- In LAG decision making bodies businesses and civil society should be represented by at least 50% of the members + one person; local public sector should be represented by 50% of the members - 1 person;
- LAG is formed based on the statements of the all LAG members of the creation of the LAG Territorial Partnership. The statement should be signed by legal decision-making body of each member organization about joining the given LAG partnership and the name, function and contact of the delegated representative of the given member organization/institution, who will have the voting power in the LAG. Individuals can be members of the LAG by signing a letter of interest and the LAG Partnership Document;
- LAG Members are those, who sign the LAG Territorial Partnership Document;
- LAG has its own Strategic Action Plan, that includes identifies local development priorities and measures, implementation plan as well as estimated budget.