



Promoting Links between the Rural Economy and Development actions – LEADER approach in EaP region



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24 months



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24 957 EUR



Project start:
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EU Contribution
23 706 EUR



Location:
Armenia, Georgia, Moldova

**Project Partners
Contribution**
1 251 EUR



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Project Goal

The main goal of the project is to promote the Implementation of the LEADER approach in the Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries, through the establishment of an Open Work Platform for collaboration for interested partners in the LEADER implementation



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Project Objectives

- **Objective 1** - Promotion of the LEADER approach in the Eastern Partnership countries, through the EaP CSF
- **Objective 2** - Developing a unified approach and methodology, through analyzing the experience of Georgia, Moldova and Armenia
- **Objective 3** - Creation of an international LEADER EaP team



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LEADER in project target countries - **Moldova**

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- Has been implemented in Moldova since 2015
- 32 LAGs operating currently, covering about 300 administrative-territorial units (30% of the rural territory) and having more than 1,100 actors (LAG members) involved
- A legislative framework to give LAGs a special legal status is initiated
- A successful association of partners implementing LEADER through the creation of LAG has been created
- LEADER in Moldova acquired the Moldovan “local” aspect



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LEADER in project target countries - **Moldova**

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- Insufficient technical training for LAG managers
- limited independence of LAGs
- Communication barriers in LAGs, where members are representatives of national minorities



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LEADER in project target countries - Georgia

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- LEADER was introduced into Georgia in 2015 under the European Neighbourhood Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development (ENPARD)
- 17 Local Action Groups currently operational in Georgia proper and Abkhazia
- An association of Georgian LAGs known as GALAG has been formed with the aim of promoting the approach further in the country



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LEADER in project target countries - **Georgia**

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- LAGs are very reliant on European Union funding to support the realization of their strategic objectives
- limited engagement from the central authorities in supporting the development of the approach in the country, no state funding has been forthcoming yet



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LEADER in project target countries - Armenia

The introduction of the LEADER approach in Armenia is planned to be launched in 2020 through the “Local Empowerment of Actors for Development” project, which is built on the European LEADER and Community Led Local Development (CLLD) programme approach.

The project will be implemented by UNDP, FAO and ADA with the support of EU and Armenian Government and piloted in three regions of Armenia.



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Project activities

Activity 1.2 - Field research in Armenia, Moldova and Georgia

Armenia - study of the current situation regarding to the introduction of LEADER instrument in Armenia, with the integration of the WINNET model of women's resource centers and inclusion of gender aspects;

Moldova - analyse the experience and development of a methodology for the implementation of LEADER instrument in Moldova

Georgia - study and analysis of the implementation process of LEADER approach in Georgia; development of recommendations for improving processes related to the implementation of LEADER in Georgia



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Project activities

Activity 1.3 -Establishment of an Open Work Platform on LEADER in EaP

Activity 1.4 -Development of a Guideline on LEADER implementation in EaP countries

Activity 2.1 -Presentation of the Guideline on LEADER implementation in EaP countries and other project outputs through EaP CSF National platforms and Working Groups



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Project activities

Activity 2.2 - Organization of a Project Summary Workshop in Armenia

Activity 1.1 - Organization of a study visit to Moldova for experts from Georgia and Armenia



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Expected outcomes

The project will result in a **Guideline on LEADER implementation in EaP countries** providing result-based and unified methodology for implementing and developing LEADER approach in EaP region and beyond

Result 1 - Three country field researches are conducted in three EaP Countries

Result 2 - A Guideline on LEADER implementation in EaP countries is elaborated

Result 3 - International Open Work platform is established for promotion of LEADER approach in EaP region and beyond



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