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# FLAG cooperation implementing steps

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# Finding a cooperation idea

- Cooperation as an **integral part of the LDS**
  - > specific tools to identify cooperation leads (e.g. the Bugey Leader group set up a cooperation 'think tank')
- Cooperation as a **solution to a local problem**
  - > e.g. how to deal with some invasive species
- Cooperation with other partners for **more impact / achieving common goals**
  - > e.g. for an efficient tourism strategy, you may need a critical mass of partners

# Identifying potential partners

- **Online search** (posting an ad or browsing existing ones)  
-> templates, tools & sites exist!
  - FARNET cooperation page
  - ENRD LAG-FLAG database
  - myFARNET
- **Meeting at events**
- **Requesting support from:**
  - national/regional networks
  - FARNET
  - Other networks (thematic / professional...)

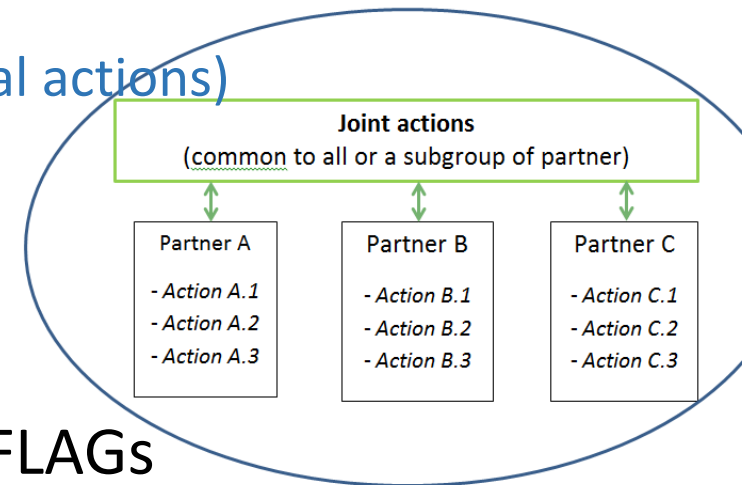
# Organizing the first meeting(s)

- Might take place:
  - At an event or a 'third' location
  - In one of the partner areas
  - In each one of the partner areas...
- Combine time for **work** and **informal networking** between participants
  - getting to know each other, the area and its local actors
- **Objective:** agree on common objectives and on the outline of the cooperation project

**Prior preparation for the visit(s) to lead to strong results !!!**

# Writing the cooperation project

- By **one FLAG** or by **several partners** (sometimes externalized)
- Content:
  - Objectives and proposed activities
  - Partners
  - who carries out which actions (joint & local actions)
  - Timeline (and deadlines)
  - Budget (global and per partner)
- Sign **partnership agreement** between FLAGs



# Project selection / approval

- **Project selection**

- a. By **FLAG board**, when organised at FLAG level
- b. By **MA or region**, when organised at regional/national level
- c. By MA or region, even when organised at FLAG level (**rare**)

- **Project approval (eligibility check) by MA/Region**

-> Essential issue: avoiding delays and blockages

-> Avoid linking implementation start to approvals in other FLAG areas



# Implementing the project

- Ensuring close **coordination**
- **Driving** the project forward together
- **Deadlines** respected
- Ongoing **oversight and review** (need for flexibility)

# And then...

- Making the **final payments**
- **Reporting** on the results
- Planning to **use the results** for... perhaps another cooperation project to go further!



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# Thank you!



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