



Application procedure is on-going.

1. The first selection of the projects to be financed is done by the evaluation committee of the LAG. If the LAG does not have a specific application procedure for the cooperation projects then cooperation applications will be evaluated together with local project applications. After the evaluation LAG has the obligation to submit the application to the Paying Agency in two months.
2. Then the Paying Agency verifies the eligibility of the planned activities (maximum 60 workdays).
3. At the same time the application goes to the Managing Authority (Estonian Ministry of Agriculture), who gives the official approval and forwards relevant information to the European Commission through SFC.

Estonian LAGs have gained experience in 9 different transnational cooperation projects (TNCs) and approximately 50% of LAGs have experience in cooperation projects (in May 2011). Some agreements consist of several projects. The approved projects have been connected to national cultural heritage, experience exchange, youth movement, tourism and cooperation between entrepreneurs.

#### Managing Authority

Ministry of Agriculture  
Lai St 39 // Lai St 41, 15056 Tallinn, Estonia  
<http://www.agri.ee/leader>  
[leader@agri.ee](mailto:leader@agri.ee)

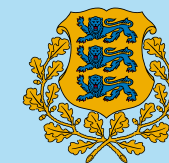
#### Paying Agency

Estonian Agricultural Registers and  
Information Board (ARIB)  
3 Narva road, 51009, Tartu, Estonia  
<http://www.pria.ee>  
[leader@pria.ee](mailto:leader@pria.ee)

#### Estonian National Rural Network (NRN)

Rural Economy Research Centre  
Jänedä, Tapa vald 73602  
Lääne-Virumaa, Estonia  
<http://www.maainfo.ee>  
[seminar@maainfo.ee](mailto:seminar@maainfo.ee)

Ministry of Agriculture

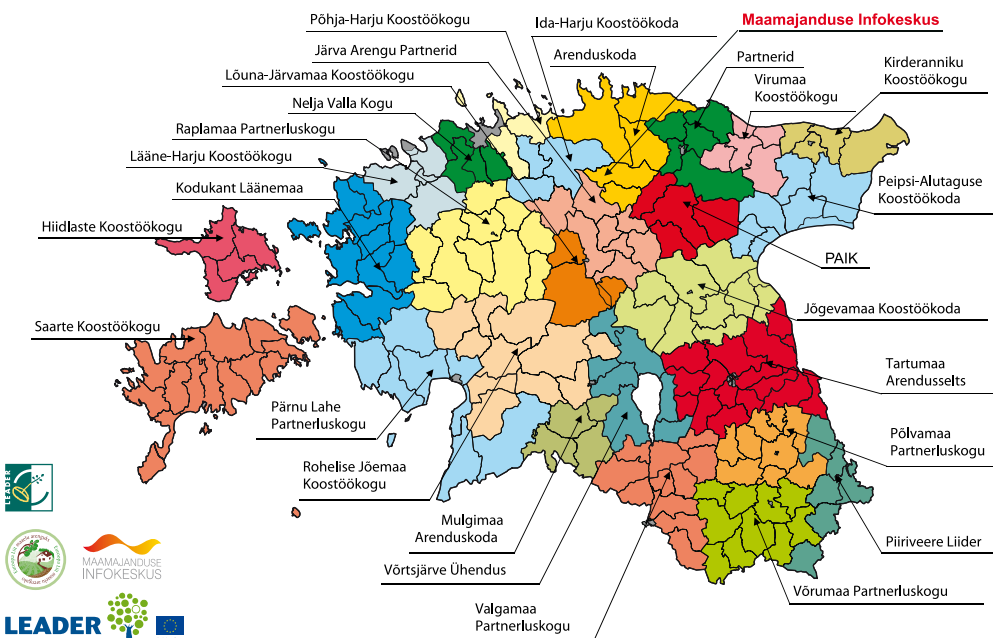


## LEADER COOPERATION IN ESTONIA 2007–2013

Population:	1,34 million
Area:	45 227 km <sup>2</sup>
Capital city:	Tallinn
Currency:	euro
Official language :	Estonian



## LEADER ACTION GROUPS IN ESTONIA



There are 26 Local Action Groups (LAGs) in Estonia, covering 99% of the rural territory.



Cooperation projects are part of LAGs strategies. LAGs had to specify their project ideas in their local development strategies without naming the potential project partners.

Leader budget in Estonian Rural Development Plan 2007–2013 is 10%.

Cooperation projects themes and activities can be related to all three EAFRD Axes and they have to correspond to the objectives of the LAGs local development strategies.

The minimum or maximum number of cooperation projects per LAG is not restricted.

There are no restrictions on cooperation with third countries and project topics.

Preparatory technical support is part of LAG's administrative costs (visits, hosting and meetings with potential partners), which gives flexibility to the LAGs.

Maximum support per project is up to 200 000 EUR and up to 90%.

The eligibility criteria are the same as for local projects under the LEADER measure.

### Requirements for cooperation agreement

- It has to be in accordance with European Commission's guide for the implementation of the measure cooperation.
- The agreement has to be signed by all cooperation partners before the application is submitted to the Paying Agency.
- The budgets in the agreement and in the application form have to be identical and mathematically correct.
- All relevant documents should be translated into the Estonian language.

<b>Piiriveere Liider</b>	<a href="http://www.piiriveere.ee">http://www.piiriveere.ee</a>
<b>Arenduskoda</b>	<a href="http://www.arenduskoda.ee">http://www.arenduskoda.ee</a>
<b>Ida-Harju Koostöökoda</b>	<a href="http://www.idaharju.ee">http://www.idaharju.ee</a>
<b>Rohelise Jõemaa Koostöökogu</b>	<a href="http://www.joemaa.ee">http://www.joemaa.ee</a>
<b>Hiidlaste Koostöökogu</b>	<a href="http://www.kogu.hiiumaa.ee">http://www.kogu.hiiumaa.ee</a>
<b>Jõgevamaa Koostöökoda</b>	<a href="http://www.jogevamaa.com">http://www.jogevamaa.com</a>
<b>Järva Arengu Partnerid</b>	<a href="http://www.jap.org.ee">http://www.jap.org.ee</a>
<b>Kodukant Läänemaa</b>	<a href="http://www.kklm.ee">http://www.kklm.ee</a>
<b>Mulgimaa Arenduskoda</b>	<a href="http://www.mulgimaaarenduskoda.ee">http://www.mulgimaaarenduskoda.ee</a>
<b>Nelja Valla Kogu</b>	<a href="http://www.4kogu.ee">http://www.4kogu.ee</a>
<b>Põhja-Harju Koostöökogu</b>	<a href="http://www.leaderph.ee">http://www.leaderph.ee</a>
<b>PAIK</b>	<a href="http://www.pandivere.eu">http://www.pandivere.eu</a>
<b>Kirderanniku Koostöökogu</b>	<a href="http://www.kirderannik.ee">http://www.kirderannik.ee</a>
<b>Peipsi-Alutaguse Koostöökoda</b>	<a href="http://www.pakmt.ee">http://www.pakmt.ee</a>

<b>Põlvamaa Partnerluskogu</b>	<a href="http://www.partnerluskogu.ee">http://www.partnerluskogu.ee</a>
<b>Pärnu Lahe Partnerluskogu</b>	<a href="http://www.plp.ee/net">http://www.plp.ee/net</a>
<b>Raplamaa Partnerluskogu</b>	<a href="http://www.raplaleader.ee">http://www.raplaleader.ee</a>
<b>Lõuna-Järvamaa Koostöökogu</b>	<a href="http://www.koostookogu.ee">http://www.koostookogu.ee</a>
<b>Tartumaa Arendusselts</b>	<a href="http://www.tas.ee">http://www.tas.ee</a>
<b>Partnerid</b>	<a href="http://www.mtupartnerid.eu">http://www.mtupartnerid.eu</a>
<b>Valgamaa Partnerluskogu</b>	<a href="http://www.valgaleader.ee">http://www.valgaleader.ee</a>
<b>Virumaa Koostöökogu</b>	<a href="http://www.viko.ee">http://www.viko.ee</a>
<b>Võrtsjärve Ühendus</b>	<a href="http://www.vortsjarveyhendus.ee">http://www.vortsjarveyhendus.ee</a>
<b>Võrumaa Partnerluskogu</b>	<a href="http://www.voruleader.ee">http://www.voruleader.ee</a>
<b>Saarte Koostöökogu</b>	<a href="http://www.sk.k.ee">http://www.sk.k.ee</a>
<b>Lääne-Harju Koostöökogu</b>	<a href="http://www.vomentaga.ee">http://www.vomentaga.ee</a>