



# EU CAP Network support to LEADER and Cooperation

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# About the EU CAP Network

Evaluation  
Helpdesk (EH)

Innovation & Knowledge  
Exchange (EIP-AGRI)

CAP Implementation  
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## What does the EU CAP Network support?

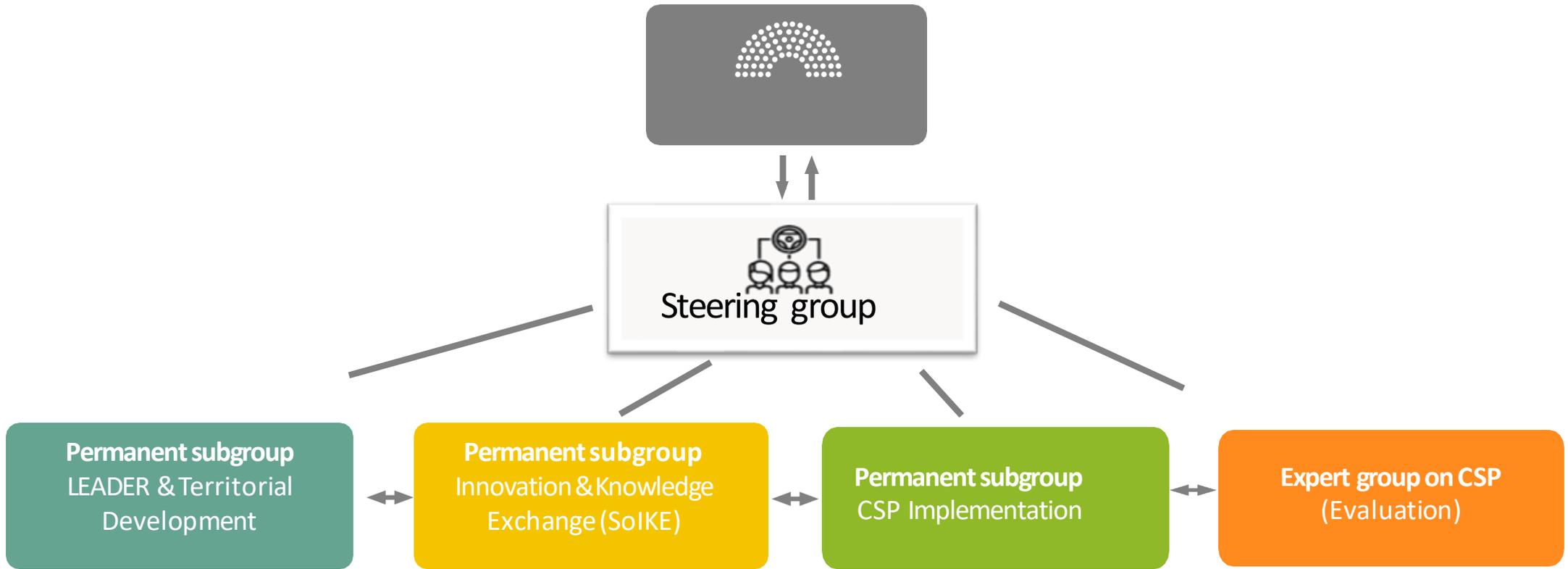


- ✦ **Design and implementation of CAP strategic plans.**
- ✦ **Innovation and knowledge exchange, including EIP-AGRI.**
- ✦ **Evaluation and monitoring of the CAP.**





# Governance Structure





# Support to LEADER

## Discover



### LEADER Explained

Discover about the origins of the LEADER approach and its key characteristics.

[Find out more >](#)



### LEADER Transnational Cooperation (TNC)

Find out all the tools developed by the EU CAP Network to support your TNC experience.

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### LEADER LAG Directory

Connect with LEADER Local Action Groups across Europe from the 2023-2027 programming period.

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EU CAP Network/  
LEADER section



## The LAG Directory – purpose

- To provide information about EU LAGs and their Local Development Strategies in the EU CAP Network website
- To facilitate cooperation among LAGs through the integrated partner search functions of the LAG Directory



# The LAG Directory – phases of development





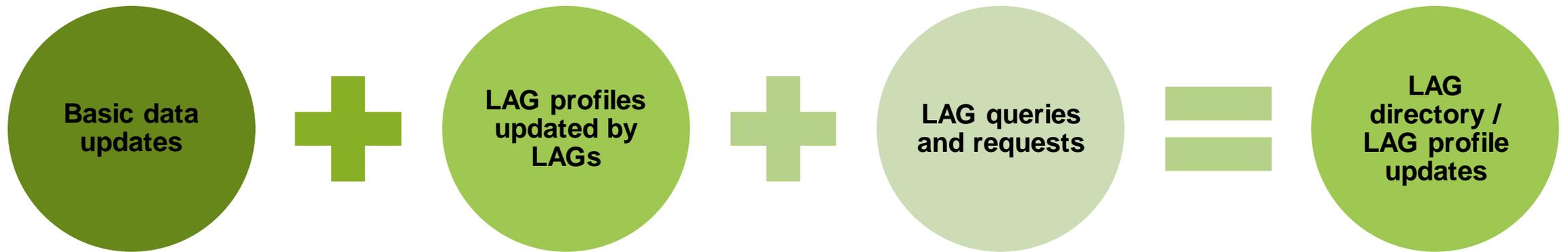
## LAG Directory – current status

- Basic data collected and published for 2356 LAGs/25 MS (*1806 LAGs/23 MS in March 2025*)
- Basic LAG data expected from: Bulgaria, Slovakia, France (some regions)
- New functions for LAGs ('own your LAG profile', additional data, TNC cooperation offers)
- More than 150 LAGs upgraded their basic LAG profiles with additional information
- All LAGs with basic profiles featured in the **LAG map**
- 45 LAGs interested in Transnational Cooperation (actively searching for partners as of mid-February 2026)





# Updates to LAG profiles



- In cooperation with Managing Authorities

- >150 LAGs logged in / added more detail to their LAG profiles

- 86 LAG manager queries from 18 MS (AT, BE, HR, CZ, DK, DE, FI, FR, HU, IE, IT, LV, LT, NI, PL, RO, SI, SE)
- 17 requests for technical support (AT, DE, DK, FI, FR, GR, IE, IT, LT, NL, RO)

**Ongoing updates**

***Contact us!***





# The EU CAP Network LAG map

## Search LAG Directory

Countries Map Themes

Welcome to the LAG map, showing the **Local Action Groups (LAGs)** active in each Member State!  
Click on the pins for information about each LAG, its work and contacts, and find out who is actively interested in **LEADER transnational cooperation (TNC)**.



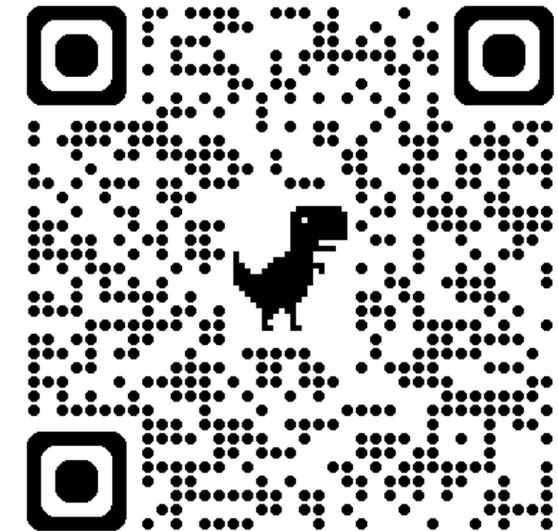
- Includes LAGs that have LAG profiles in the LAG Directory
- Based on LAG office addresses
- Not showing LAG territorial or municipal boundaries





## Dedicated website section for LAG managers / LAG profile management

- › A gateway to LAG profiles management for LAG managers, including
  - › A log in button
  - › Guidance for LAG managers
  - › An FAQ



### REMEMBER!

You can only log in to your LAG's profile with the email address you received the invitation to!





# Partner search and cooperation offers search

## Partner search (in LAG Directory)

EU CAP NETWORK English Search

EU CAP Network News and events Networking Projects and practice Themes Resources

Home > Networking > LEADER/CLLD > LAG Directory > Search LAG Directory

**Filter results**

Filter by

Interested in LEADER TNC (16)

Free text search

Enter keyword

Apply

Country ✓

Main Fund ✓

Themes ✓

**Search LAG Directory**

2071 results

LAG | AUSTRIA

**LAG Almenland & Energieregion Weiz-Gleisdorf**

EFRD Food supply chains, Climate change and environmental sustainability (+4)

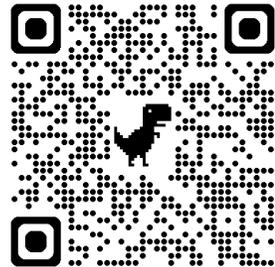
LAG | AUSTRIA

**LAG Attersee-Attergau (REGATTA)**

EFRD

LAG | AUSTRIA

**LAG Biosphäre Lungau**



## LEADER Cooperation offers

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**LEADER Cooperation Offers**

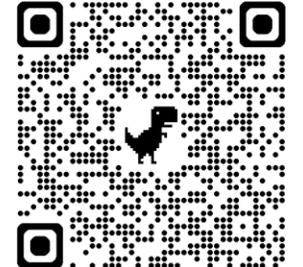
LEADER Transnational Cooperation (TNC) is an effective mechanism for helping rural areas in different Member States or third countries to jointly develop and share new solutions to common issues.

Browse TNC offers

LEADER TNC encourages and supports Local Action Groups (LAGs) to undertake a joint action, often a project, with another LEADER group or with a group taking a similar approach, in another region or Member State or even in non-EU countries. The ambition of LEADER TNC is to help local actors improve the potential of their areas.

Click on the 'Browse TNC offers' button above and find both current and expired cooperation offers published by LAGs. This tool complements the TNC partner search, which is integrated into the LAG Directory.

Use the filters to refine your search for cooperation offers.



11 cooperation offers uploaded by LAGs (5 active as of mid-February 2026 )





# Transnational cooperation guidance - reminder



PUBLICATION - GUIDELINES AND TOOLS | 04 MAR 2025

## LEADER TNC - a practical guide

[CAP Implementation >](#)
[LEADER >](#)
[CAP Strategic Plans >](#)

2023-2027

The EU CAP Network has created a practical guide that aims to provide advice, tips for planning and step-by-step implementation of LEADER TNC projects under the CAP Strategic Plans (CSP) 2023-2027.

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# LEADER Cooperation: What we learnt from Local Action Groups

## Main challenges

- › Different rules and criteria in Member States
- › Finding the right partners
- › Limited LAG capacities for cooperation
- › Different approval times
- › Ensuring local support for cooperation

## Key topics

- › Rural tourism
- › Heritage and culture
- › Rural innovation
- › Climate change and environmental sustainability
- › Knowledge transfer
- › Smart villages
- › Social inclusion





## Other LEADER Cooperation support tools

- > The [LEADER Transnational Cooperation](#) section of the EU CAP Network website
- > [Practical Guide to TNC](#)
- > [TNC factsheets](#) (regularly updated, from 20 Member States *as of 28/02/2026 2025*)
- > ***Update coming soon!***

**TNC Factsheets**

 Austria →	 Belgium Flanders →	 Croatia →	 Republic of Cyprus →
 Czechia →	 Denmark →	 Finland →	 Germany →
 Greece →	 Hungary →	 Ireland →	 Italy →
 Latvia →	 Lithuania →	 Luxembourg →	 Netherlands →
 Poland →	 Slovenia →	 Spain →	 Sweden →





# Summary – TNC factsheets

## > Start of TNC

- > **In 2025:** Cyprus, Czechia, Greece, Latvia, Poland, Hungary, Denmark
- > Other MS already started

## > Priorities and themes

- > **In LDS / based on MS level list:** Belgium (Flanders), Ireland, Poland
- > **In LDS / set by LAGs:** all other MSs

## > Lead partner

- > **Not an eligibility criteria for a TNC project:** Austria, Czechia, Netherlands, Sweden

## > Approval by MA or PA after selection by LAG

- > **More than 6 months:** Czechia, Hungary
- > **Less than 6 months:** all other MSs

## > Budget

- > **Based on LDS up to a certain limit set at MS level:** Czechia, Lithuania
- > **Specific allocation for each LAG:** Belgium (Flanders), Luxembourg
- > **In LDS / by LAG:** all other MSs

## > Calls

- > **Continuously open:** Belgium (Flanders), Cyprus, Czechia, Greece, Latvia, Luxembourg, Ireland, Sweden
- > **As defined by LAGs:** Austria, Denmark, Finland, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland





## New resources!

### Briefing on LEADER and social capital

To support LAGs in strengthening the added value of LEADER within their organisations and territories



### Web page on disinformation and media literacy

Discover tools that help identify and counter disinformation and misinformation



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# Questions? Suggestions? Meet us at our Helpdesk in the AGORA

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IN SPANISH  
AND  
ENGLISH**  
15:15 – 15:45

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