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# Legal basis

Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 2 December 2021 establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1305/2013 and (EU) No 1307/2013

## **Article 127(3)**

EIP operational groups may act at transnational, including cross-border, level.

# Definitions

- **CROSS-BORDER** projects are projects within one regionalised Member State, where two or more different regions work together
- **TRANSNATIONAL** projects are projects between different Member States, where one or more regions from one Member State may work together with another Member State

needs at regional level

encouraging innovation

bringing new perspectives

**further cross-fertilisation**

higher chance of finding right partners

sharing experience across borders

- **2014-2022** - a transnational/cross-border OG meant still 2 separate operational groups working together, each one accountable to its own Paying Agency; all Member States/regions involved encoded their projects in SFC
- **2023-2027** - Member States implementing EIP-AGRI OG intervention can create 1 transnational/cross-border OG with one country/region paying some costs and the other(s) covering others; one Member State/region coordinates and encodes the project in SFC

# Transnational and cross-border OGs – things to remember

- **Planning common timelines** for transnational and cross-border OG calls by timely coordination between MS/regions
- Cross-border and transnational cooperation between OGs should be included **in the national networks' activities** (clustering exercises, brokering events, face-to-face encounters etc. to incentivise cross-border and transnational OGs - based on art 126(4)(e) “*support for cooperation projects between EIP operational groups referred*”). It should be made sure that there are sufficient resources to cover such cooperation (budget, multilingual staff, sufficient knowledge and overview on the MSs' OG themes...)
- Managing Authorities in different countries need to seek **practical approaches for OG calls to cooperate with other MS/regions**

# Thank you

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