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# Call 2017 for 16.2 (16.1) innovation cooperation cross-border projects

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# The EIP OG family



Estonia in 2017:  
16.2 added  
subheading 16.1 →  
an EIP OG country



# Call 2017: cross-border EIP cooperation

- Opens in **December 2017**
- Total call budget: **€ 1 000 000**
- Max **350 000** per project
- The application is submitted to the national funder according to its requirements. Estonian applicants can apply for **co-funding for innovation cooperation** (16.2 activities) with partners from EIP OGs from in other countries already established or about to apply for support in their home countries/regions.



# 16.2 (16.1): What is supported?

**Innovation cooperation** in agriculture, food, and forestry sector, as in :

- pilot projects
- development of new products, practices, processes and technologies
- dissemination of the results of these projects, including cross-border activities.

Focus on solving a practical problem, developing a new product, etc, **by joining the needs of the enterprise and the expert knowledge of the research and development institution**

# Selection process in Estonia

- The funding decisions are based on the **ranking list**.
- Evaluation is based on the pre-determined criteria: **economic and environmental impact**, **scope of cross-border cooperation**, and **dissemination** activities.
- A prerequisite for a positive funding decision is passing the **threshold of 40%**.

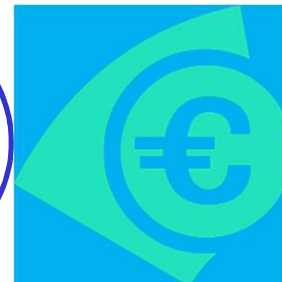
After a positive funding decision, the implementation of project activities must begin within three months

# How it works?

**A Cross-border project**  
(Each country (region) provides support to their participant)

**EE EIP OG = at least one farmer/enterprise or an organisation of entrepreneurs (co-operatives, non-profit organisations)**

**EIP OG (participant) from another country**



a) EE supports the costs of the 16.2 activities of the Estonian partner  
b) If EE is Lead Partner, EE supports the costs of the activities of the EE partner + general project coordination costs

Cooperation of NRNs, MAs, PAs is crucial

# Cross-border cooperation chart

## LEADER OIGs (or equivalent)

- Planning, implementing, disseminating their cross-border activities

## LEADER OIGs, LEADER NETWORKS, LEADER PARTNERSHIP

- Matchmaking
- Spreading information and dissemination of project results

## Managing authorities

- Assessing the relevance of the application in regard to RDP

## Paying agencies

- Exchanging the information while processing Payment Claims

# Preparations for the cross-border call

- Exchange of information with colleagues in other countries
- Close contact and exchange of information between MA/PA/IN
- Two webinars for potential applicants (in cooperation with IN)



# Information points

Innovation Network [www.maainfo.ee](http://www.maainfo.ee) (E-Mail: [kostja@maainfo.ee](mailto:kostja@maainfo.ee)) –help to find possible Estonian partners, make initial contacts

Estonian Agricultural Registers and Information Board (i.e., our PA) [www.pria.ee](http://www.pria.ee) (E-Mail [info@pria.ee](mailto:info@pria.ee)) – information for the Estonian applicants and beneficiaries

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