



MINISTERSTVO
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SLOVENSKEJ REPUBLIKY

**Rural Development Programme
2007 - 2013
LEADER approach**

Axis 4 Leader



Final beneficiary (eligible applicant)

Eligible applicant:

LAG which has been selected by the MA for the implementation of the integrated local development strategy
And which has to have following legal form: civil associations - in terms of the Act No. 83/1990 Coll. on Associating of Citizens.

Final beneficiary:

The final beneficiaries of project implementation within the integrated local development strategies (who submits the final project) shall be defined in the individual LAG strategies in accordance with the defined beneficiaries of aid in the Axis 3 measures of the Rural Development Programme SR.

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Measure 4.1 Implementation of Integrated local development strategies



Axis included in the Leader axis

Projects under this measure will be implemented through the Axis 3 of the Rural Development Programme.

Specification of supported territories

Projects must be implemented on territories in which the supported LAG operates.

Actions

All activities that are in compliance with the objectives of Axis 3 measures and the relevant Community legal provisions are eligible.

In its strategy, the LAG will identify the financing source for the activities of Axis 3 of the Rural Development Programme and of structural funds or other financial sources. For Axis 3 activities which are not included in an approved LAG strategy, the eligible applicants may apply directly according to whether this activity falls under the Axis 3 of the Rural Development Programme or under structural funds or other financial sources.

The rate of the strategy support for LAG is 2 086 684 EUR.

Calls for the selection :

The Managing authority has already announced:

- **The first call** - selection of 15 LAGs based on objective criteria.
- **The second call** - shall be announced during the fourth quarter of 2009 and the remaining number of the LAGs, at least 12, will be selected based on the same procedures within this call.

Measure 4.2

Implementation of cooperation projects



Actions

- joint marketing of Leader groups in various regions;
- protection of common cultural heritage within a created partnership;
- capacity building: exchange of experience, transfer of rural development practice (e.g. joint publications, twinning events - exchange programmes for the managers and employees, common or coordinated work)

Final beneficiary (eligible applicant)

In case of inter-territorial cooperation

LAG which has been selected by the MoA for implementation of the integrated local development strategy and which has to have the following legal form: civil association in connection with other LAG or in connection with public-private partnership in terms of Article 59 e) of the Council Regulation (ES) No. 1698/2005 which is represented by a civil association in terms of the Act No. 83/1990 Coll.

In case of transnational cooperation

Individual LAGs on the Slovak territory selected by the MoA for the implementation of the integrated local development strategy with a legal form of civil associations in connected with LAGs within EU countries or partnerships operating based on Leader principle on the territories of third countries.

The cooperation projects will be selected based on the scoring criteria stated in the MoA guidelines. As regards time, the first call for cooperation projects will **be announced in the year of 2009** and thereafter each year.

Measure 4.3 Running the local action group



Actions

- trainings for the managers and employees of the LAGs responsible for the implementation of the strategy;
- studies and analyses of the territory concerned aimed at the updating of the strategy;
- publicity and information about the territory concerned and on the strategy;
- operation activities;
- administrative activity of the LAG: announcing of a call, receipt of applications, administrative checks of the applications and annexes, evaluation of the projects according to the criteria, selection of projects and their approval, implementation checks on projects;
- collection of information for the monitoring and evaluation;
- keeping the register of the project files and keeping the documents;
- seminars, trainings for the members of the LAG aimed at extending the knowledge and skills in the implementation of the strategy;
- elaboration of integrated local development strategies.

Limitation of costs

Running costs of the LAGs are eligible for support within a limit of 20% of the total public expenditure of the strategy, maximum **417 336 EUR**.

Out of this volume:

- 80 % - running and administrative activity of the LAG, maximum **333 868 EUR**;
- 20 % - skills acquisition of the LAG including expenditure, maximum **83 467 EUR**.

Objective selected criteria



1. Objective selected criteria (eligibility criteria)

- LAG is partnership of public and private sector on the local level and partnership on the level of the decision-making must comprise at least 50 % representatives of the private sector including civil and non-profit sectors and maximum 50 % representatives of the public sector;
 - LAG has legal status and required authorities that are able to administer public funds and manage LAG activities (etc. manager LAG, selected commission, controlling and monitoring committee);
 - the number of inhabitants on the LAG territory must be higher than 10 000 and must not exceed the number of 150 000 inhabitants;
 - villages of over 20 000 are ineligible for the support;
 - the territory to which the strategy relates have to cover coherent rural territory, bordering the cadastres of all included villages within the territory applying for aid, formed on a principle of common interest;
 - the territory must have an Integrated local development strategy prepared by a LAG with clearly formulated priorities and measures;
 - all the documents of the formation of the LAG territory must be presented, together with the consent of all municipalities involved.;
 - members MAS have to operate (to have a permanent or temporary address, place or company operation) in areas under LAG
- all of them must be filfiled

2. Qualitatively appreciation of strategy

- building up of partnership;
- evaluation of analytical part (audit of resources , mapping of territorial and partners' potential, socio-demographic description ;
- evaluation of strategic part (territory analysis, priorities - measures - activities ;
- evelaution of implementation part (eligible beneficiaries);

Structure of LAG



1. LAG Steering Committee

2. LAG executive board

- on the level of the decision-making must comprise at least 50 % representatives of the private sector including civil and non-profit sectors and maximum 50 % representatives of the public sector;
- LAG executive board will set up LAG management office with aim to administer public funds and manage LAG. It will be done by LAG manager, administrative employee and accountant.

a) LAG selection commission

- on the level of the decision-making must comprise at least 50 % representatives of the private sector including civil and non-profit sectors and maximum 50 % representatives of the public sector;
- evaluates and selects individual projects in compliance with obligatory criteria and optional criteria defined by an individual LAG pursuant to the MoA guidelines. These criteria as well as the composition of the selection commission have to be included into the strategy and are subject to score evaluation during the selection process of the LAGs.

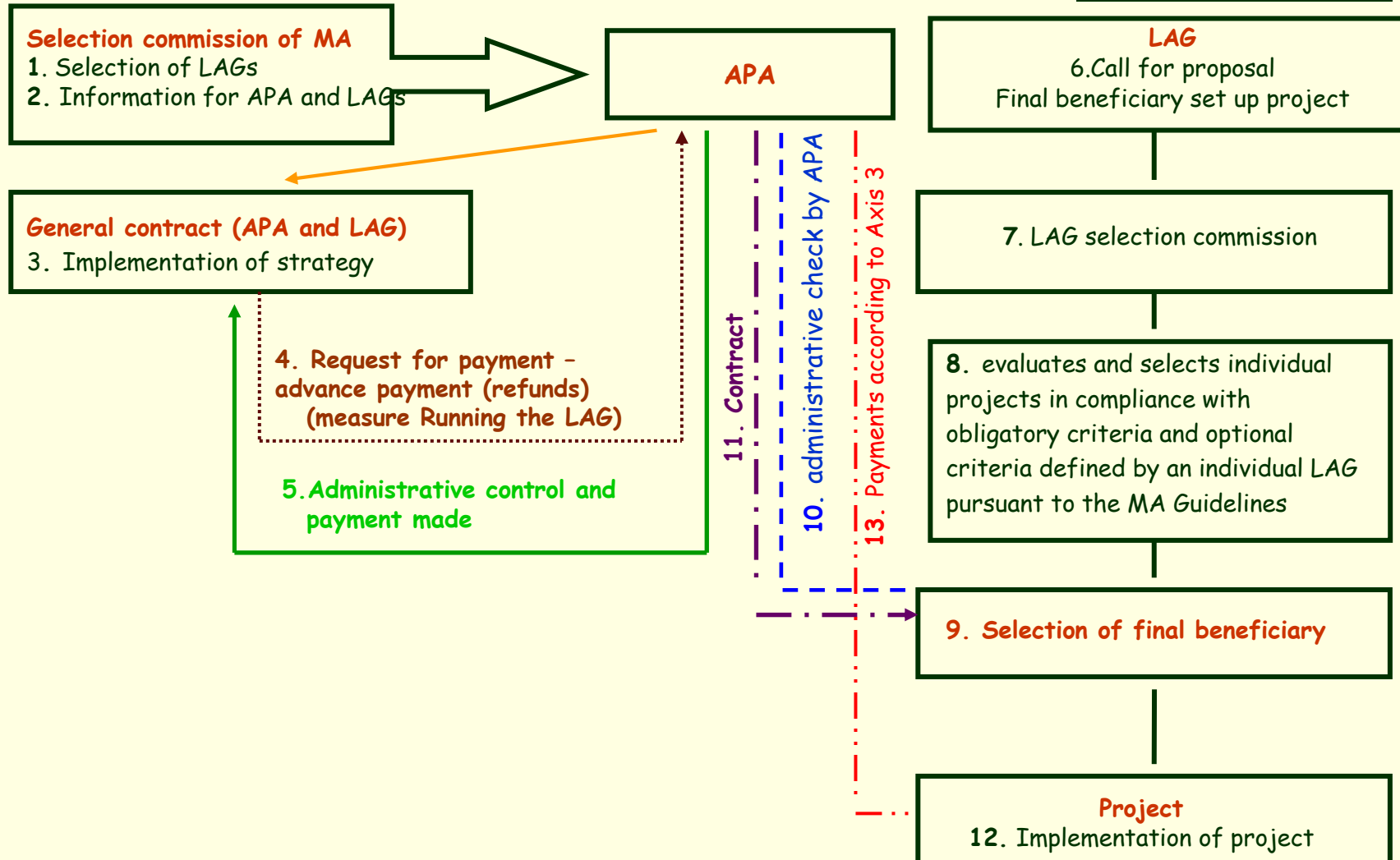
b) Monitoring Committee

- review progress made towards achieving targets of the strategy,
- monitors the quality of strategy and projects implementation.

3. Statutory body

4. Control body

Procedures for the selection of operations by the local action groups



Thank you for your attention

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