

Tackle the challenges of your Structural Fund and LEADER+ programmes and projects



Many organisations working with EU funding programmes struggle with both the effective use of finances and the proper structure for developing project proposals. This may lead to an ineffective use of money, a lack of good project proposals or a delayed implementation of the programme.

We offer tailor-made training and facilitate knowledge exchange for public authorities, NGOs and other (public and private) organisations, on effective management of EU funding for regional and rural development, including INTERREG and LEADER.

Two trainers, **Peter Laan** and **Wietse Hermans**, experienced in management of different EU programmes and projects, will share their knowledge with you on the topics that are relevant to your situation. The possible topics may include:

- **Initiating projects with added value**
- **Development of projects**
- **Partner search in EU-countries**
- **Project and programme management**
- **Set-up of administrative organisation**
- **Effective use of co-financing means (*n+2 rule*)**
- **Tendering systems**
- **Public-private partnerships**
- **Evaluation of projects and programmes**

Beside the trainings we offer consultancy services in project development, preparing applications and management of projects and programmes.



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The structure of our training sessions contains a mix of presenting key elements of the programmes and subjects covered, interactive exchange on the issues learnt, and development of typical project ideas together with the trainees.

Beside the key elements already mentioned, other key issues are the bottom-up and participative approach of both LEADER and INTERREG, knowledge and sustainability (Lisbon and Gothenburg Agenda), and other regional development issues such as territorial cohesion.

The interactive part of our training contains topics such as brainstorming on project ideas, the project cycle, assessment of projects, partner search, budgeting and (co) financing, and working with monitoring and evaluation. In a more specific part of the training, we may also zoom in on topics dependent on the questions raised by you.

Although based in the Netherlands, our experience covers projects and training sessions with or in almost all EU-member states, and several neighbouring countries (Russia, Georgia, Turkey).

As mentioned, our experience is based on regional and rural development funds, especially INTERREG and LEADER. However, we can also support you in accessing other EU Structural Funds, ERDF and ESF, or specific programmes on subjects as employment, energy, cultural heritage, nature and research/technology, such as Life Long Learning, IEE, CULTURE, LIFE+ and FP7.

If you require more specific input on these programmes, we will seek cooperation with colleagues in our network.



