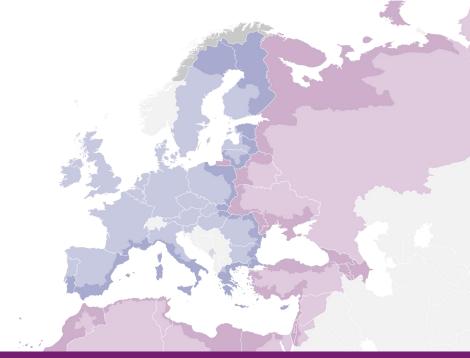


## Being a lead beneficiary (applicant) or a beneficiary (project partner)

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# Why a partnership?



### Partnership is a requirement



Each cross-border cooperation project has to be implemented in partnership:

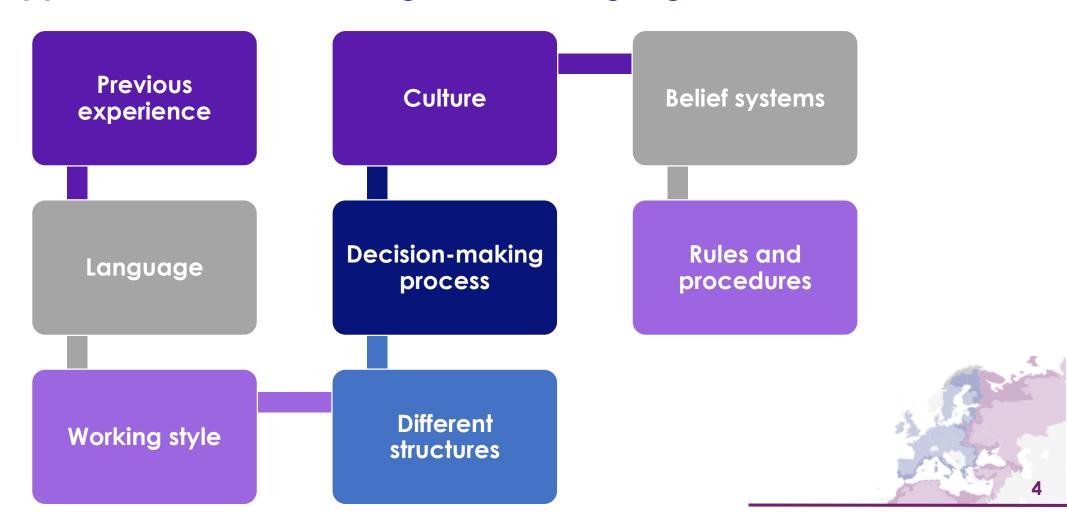
- ☐ It is a **legal requirement** that
  - at least two partners, one from the Russian Federation and one from Latvia have to participate in a project

#### **BUT PARTNERSHIP IS MORE THAN A MERE REQUIREMENT!**

- □ It also ensures that project brings **benefits from working together** by
  - addressing joint challenges and solving common problems
  - exploiting joint opportunities and looking for common solutions
  - exchanging and learning from each other



### Opportunities and challenges of working together



# OK, I need partners. But where and how to find them?





Define the thematic profile of the partner

Define type of institution that is needed

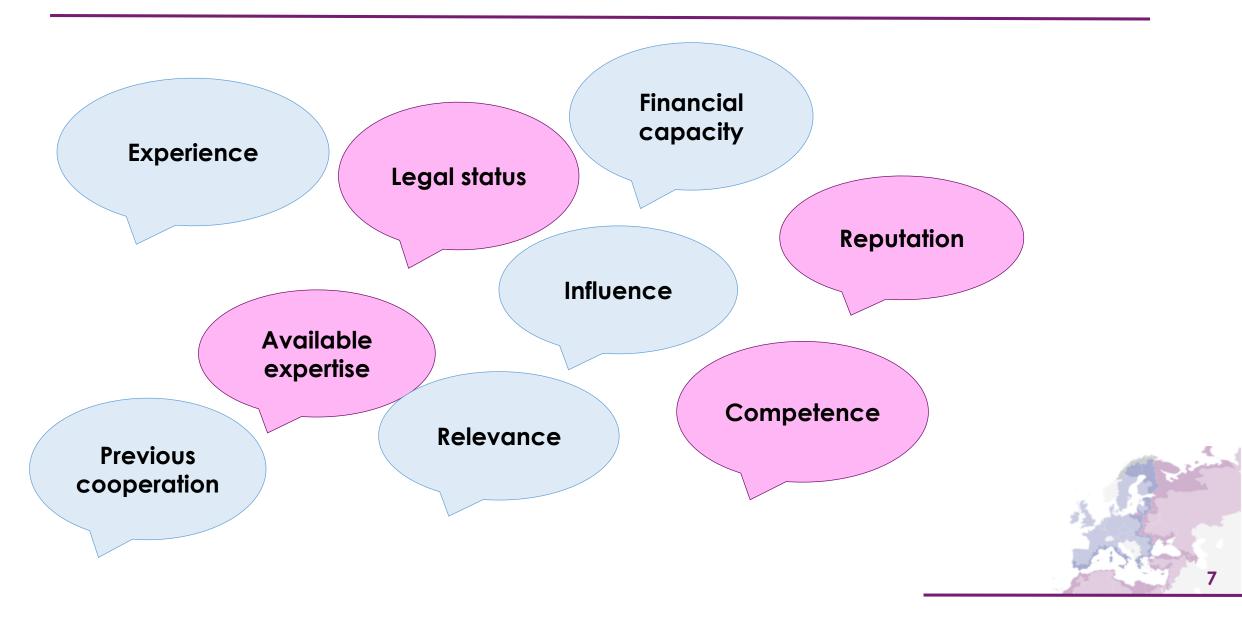
Ask your partners, umbrella organisations, other players in the relevant sector

Do your own search, be bold and address those who seem to be interesting

Connect and promote your project idea!

### What to look for?





# I have found partners. But is it enough?



### **Evaluate your partnership**



Who else is working in the field of the project? Should they be involved?

Who can best promote the project ideas, bring them to the decision-makers?

Are they in?

Are the project partners able to convey the messages to the wider public? Will you need a hand?

Does the project target group have an organised representation (NGO, council, etc)? Shall they be involved?

Are the planned project activities within the sphere of competence of the involved partners? Is everyone you need on board?

# Working together



### Partnership in practice



### How to work together?

Project
development is a
joint effort, so is its
implementation

Each opinion counts in the partnership, everyone has to be heard

Joint efforts = common benefits

Being a partner is a commitment

Agreement on working principles and procedures

### Lead partner principle



### How does it translate into practice?

#### Beneficiaries (project partners)

- actively cooperate in the development and implementation of projects
- cooperate in the staffing and/or financing of projects
- are legally and financially responsible for the activities that they are implementing and for the share of the funds that they receive

#### Lead beneficiary (applicant)

- is representing the partnership
- is legally acting on behalf of the partnership (e.g. submitting the application, signing the grant contract, submitting project reports, requesting and receiving project payments)

## **Documents regulating relations**





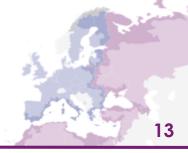
**Grant Contract** 

**LEAD BENEFICIARY** 

**Partnership Agreement** 

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