

LEAD BENEFICIARY PRINCIPLE

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Application of the Lead Beneficiary Principle

Each project must follow the lead beneficiary principle. This means that, among the beneficiaries who carry out the project, one is appointed to act as the Lead Beneficiary (LB) and thus holds the formal link between the project and the Joint Secretariat/Managing Authority (in accordance with Article 13 of the ETC Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013). The LB assumes responsibility for the implementation of the entire operation. In doing so the LB takes on the responsibility for management, communication, and co-ordination of activities among the involved beneficiaries. All types of eligible bodies may be a LB in an Interreg IPA CBC project.

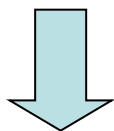
Who is the Lead Beneficiary?

In many cases: the project developer who has generated the project idea → the ‘glue’ that holds the partnership together

Alternatively: Some organizations feel unprepared to take on this role or prefer to focus on the project content rather than developing project management capacity. Two solutions are commonly used. Sometimes another partner is approached. In other cases the Lead Beneficiary sub-contracts project management and administration to specialist consultants so that its own staff can focus on project content.

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ONE Contracting Authority



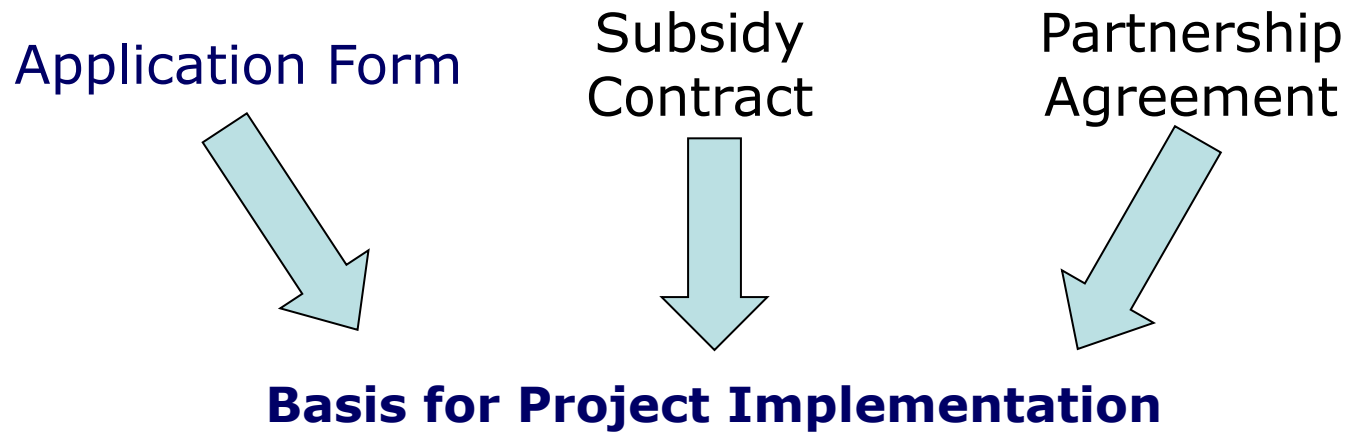
One LB established in the Member State or the IPA beneficiary country

LB Responsibilities

1. signs and submits the AF on behalf of the partnership
2. signs the Subsidy Contract with the Managing Authority for the total amount of the subsidy
3. is responsible for the division of tasks among the beneficiaries involved in the project and ensures that these tasks are subsequently fulfilled in compliance with the AF and Subsidy Contract
4. lays down the arrangement for its relations with its beneficiaries in a project partnership agreement comprising, inter alia, provisions guaranteeing the sound financial management, including the arrangements for recovery of amounts unduly paid

LB Responsibilities

5. ensures an efficient internal management and control system, ensures that the project reports on time and correctly to the Joint Secretariat
6. ensures that the expenditure reported by all beneficiaries has been incurred from implementing the project and corresponds to the activities agreed upon by all beneficiaries, as described in the Subsidy Contract
7. ensures that the expenditure presented by other beneficiaries has been verified by a controller, in accordance with Article 23(1) of the ETC Regulation
8. requests and receives payments of Programme funding and transfers Programme funding to the beneficiaries without delay.



Thank you for your attention!