



## Letter of Intent

With this letter of Intent, the stakeholders named in this document declare their intention for initiating an international LEADER cooperation within the framework of the EAFRD regulation.

### Title:

Transnational cooperation for the promotion of young people. Cooperation between the LAG Westrich-Glantal, Donnersberger und Lautrer Land and Raplamaa.

### Topics:

- Strengthening a common Europe
- Strengthening social cohesion
- Establishing international networks
- Establishing an exchange of knowledge
- Promotion of musical projects
- Networking through youth work

### Objective:

The cooperation project between the local action groups (LAG) Westrich-Glantal, Donnersberger und Lautrer Land and Raplamaa is seen as an opportunity to initiate an transnational LEADER partnership. The neighboring LEADER regions Westrich-Glantal and Donnersberger und Lautrer Land are located in the southwest of Germany, close to the city of Kaiserslautern. They are part of the southern area of Rhineland-Palatinate. The LAG Raplamaa includes the county of Rapla, located in the northwest of Estonia.

The planned cooperation ties in with a long-standing partnership between the counties of Kaiserslautern (part of the area of the two German LAG) and Rapla and would like to deepen this through a LEADER cooperation. Already implemented projects and existing network structures are considered as a positive starting point for new joint projects.

The aim of this cooperation is to make the EU and LEADER spirit tangible in daily live and strengthen it especially for young citizens of both LAG. The exchange of knowledge between the partners is valued as a mutual input and welcomed as an opportunity for network building. The focus will be on youth work, cooperation between social institutions, the promotion of cultural projects, and sports. Formats such as youth exchange programs and joint youth projects are considered as efficient options to engage young people. Several positive effects are attributed to the promotion of youthwork through cultural and sports exchange programs. On the one hand, the cooperation projects give interested people the opportunity to learn something about the diversity and commonalities of European member states and to bring people from different nations together. On the other hand, the early contact with topics of their region and the EU should strengthen the regional identity and the social cohesion of young people. The sharing of knowledge of youth worker and social institutions is seen as an opportunity to bundle the knowledge of different professionals, to build networks and to initiate joint projects.



Ramstein, February 2022

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Chairman LAG Westrich-Glantal  
Roland Palm  
Deputy mayor Ramstein-Miesenbach

Kirchheimbolanden, February 2022

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Chairman LAG Donnersberger und Lautrer Land  
District administrator Rainer Guth  
District Donnersbergkreis

Kaiserslautern, February 2022

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Deputy chairman LAG Donnersberger und  
Lautrer Land  
District administrator Ralf Leßmeister  
District Kaiserslautern

Rapla, February 2022

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Chairman LAG Raplamaa  
Rita Triinu Peussa