



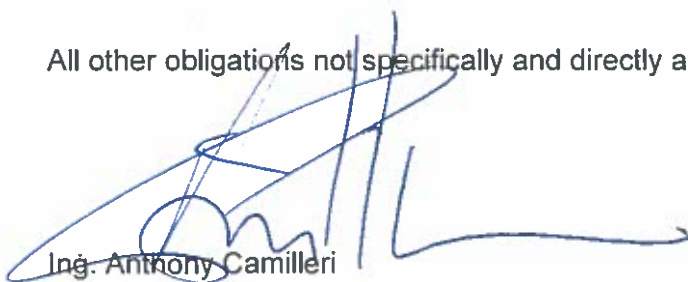
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To Local Action Groups (LAGs) RDP 2014 - 2020
From Head of the Managing Authority, EAFRD
Date 11th August 2022
Subject Implementation timelines of the LEADER Programme 2014-2020 and 2021-2022

Further to Managing Authority Circular No. 01/2020 and Circular No. 02/2021, Local Action Groups are to note the below:

- 1) Final extension request for closure of projects under **Measure 19.2** should be considered until **May 2023** for last project actions/deliverables and **June 2023** for final payment claim to be at ARPA's end. LAG's are to notify their beneficiaries that this is to be considered the final extension under RDP 14-20 (this refers to the Original Budget i.e. not applicable to grant agreements signed through the addendum for additional funds of 2022).
- 2) Final extension requests for closure of projects under **Measure 19.3** will be considered until **March 2023** for last project actions/deliverable and **April 2023** for final payment claim to be at ARPA's end.
- 3) In line with the Expression of Interest dated 21/12/2021 (linked to new transitional funds) the LAGs were to reach 60% commitment in beneficiary contracts by the 15th September 2022 and 100% by the 15th December 2022. The interim target of 60% is being lifted due to ongoing system enhancements. The LAG is to still keep with the milestone of 15th December 2022 of having 100% in beneficiary contracts 'signed' on the system, with final projects completion including final payment claim submitted to ARPA, by March 2024.

All other obligations not specifically and directly amended through the above remain unchanged.



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