



Circular No: 09 - 2020
From: LEADER Policy and Operations Unit
To: All LAGs and Implementing Partners
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Subject: Revision of 'Sunset Clause' duration regarding Provisional Approval for procurement and planning permission.

As you are aware, all projects being grant aided under the LEADER 2014 – 2020 programme must be fully approved by the LAG before the **31 December 2020**.

This Circular amends Sections 6.8.1 and 6.8.2 of the LEADER 2014 – 2020 Operating Rules in relation to the awarding provisional approval with regard to the duration of the 'Sunset Clause'.

From the date of issue of this Circular, the 'Sunset Clause' duration of 6 months for Provisional Approval of projects by the LAG (for procurement and full planning permission) will **no longer** be permitted. The duration of the 'Sunset Clause' will **only** be permitted up to **30th September 2020**.

Note:

Where a LAG has already granted Provisional Approval for a project, it must work closely with the project promoter to ensure that they have completed the procurement and/or planning permission requirements in line with the terms of the offer granted and in sufficient time to allow:

- the required Article 48 Administrative Check to be completed; and
- the LAG to make its decision on the project promoter's application for funding before the end of December 2020.



In addition, where LAGs have already granted provisional approval for projects, and the project promoter requests an extension to the 'Sunset Clause' permitted, such an extension **must not** extend past **30th September 2020**.

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