



ensuring that the projects implemented will be useful for both the EU as a whole and the single country.

To summarize, it is reasonable to argue that experiences and best practices concerning partnership, taken from years of SF implementation in the Member States (both old and new) could indeed be relevant for all neighbouring countries covered by the EU relevant policies.

Thus, starting from the definition of the partnership principle at the EU level, this guide will try to explore the concepts and ideas it underlies as well as some of the forms and structures it can take. The practice of partnership is included in this guide also in the form of practical examples and best practices taken from a number of different countries (ranging from old to new Members States and EU neighbouring countries).