

LEADER/CLLD as an driving force for the integrated local development

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LEADER – European success story

Stage	Duration	Funds	Budget (EUR)	LAGs
Leader I	1991– 1993	EAGGF-Guidance, ESF, ERDF	450 million	217
Leader II	1994- 1999	EAGGF-Guidance, ESF, ERDF	1.7 billion	821 ELARD was born
Leader+	2000- 2006	EAGGF- Guidance	2.1 billion	893 in EU-15 (+ 250 in the Leader+type measure 2004- 2006) in 6 MS
„Leader axis“	2007- 2013	EAFRD	5.5 billion → 6% of the EAFRD funding	2.200 in EU-27
CLLD	2014- 2020	CSF Funds	Min. 5% of EAFRD + EFRD, ESF,...	3.000 in EU-28

From LEADER to CLLD – variety of combinations along Europe

Fund	Country
EAFRD, EFRD, ESF, EMFF	BG, DE, ES,FR, GR, IT, PL, RO, SE, UK
EAFRD, EFRD, ESF	CZ, HU
EAFRD, EFRD, EMFF	SI
EAFRD, ESF, EMFF	LT
EAFRD, EMFF	CY, DK, EE, FI, IE, LV
EAFRD, EMFF	AT, NL, SK
EAFRD	BE, LU, MT, CRO

7 LEADER principles

- 7 basic LEADER principles **IN BALANCE (!?)**:
 1. Area based Local Development Strategies
 2. Bottom-up approach
 3. Local public-private partnerships (LAGs)
 4. Innovation
 5. Multi-sectoral approach
 6. Cooperation
 7. Networking

LEADER in the WB countries

- Research introduced in the 1st Balkan Rural Parliament
- TAIEX missions in the WB countries and Turkey
- Brochure PATHWAYS TO LEADER
- Challenge for governments
- Search for the bottom-up : top-down balance

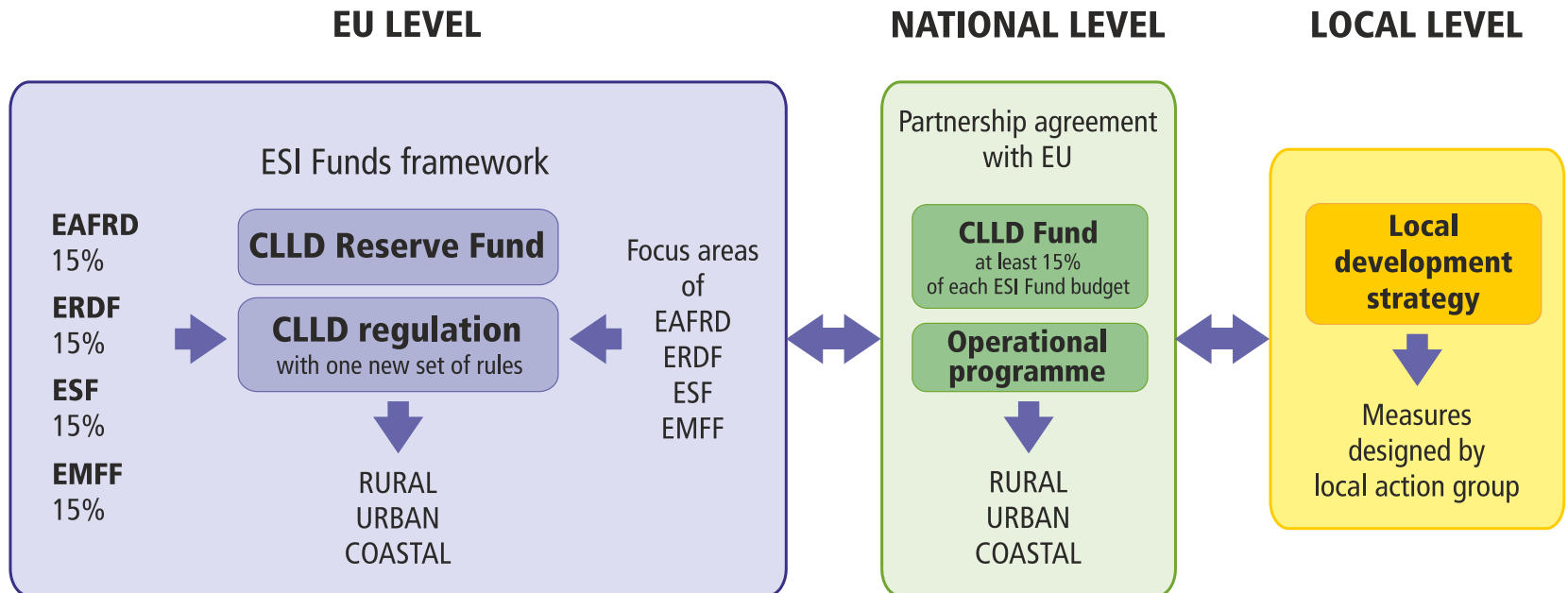
Key challenges from the LAG perspective

1. Unreasonable administrative burden
2. Financial exclusion (contribution/liquidity)
3. (Too)long lasting procedures
4. Exclusion of the weak stakeholders
5. Weak intersectoral cooperation
(horizontal axis)
6. Mistrust (vertical axis)

Strategic documents 2020+

- **Tartu Declaration**
 - „Renewal of LEADER/CLLD after 2020“
- **Opinion** of the European Economic and Social Committee „**The role of the CLLD**“
- European Rural Parliament Declaration
 - „**ERP Venhorst Declaration**“
- **Cork 2.0 Declaration**
 - „Improving the rural life“
 - (in coherence with previous documents)

ERP, PREAPRE, ELARD and ECOSOC about CLLD



Suggestions 2020+

1. **Management**

- ▣ Single managing authority
- ▣ Single paying agency
- ▣ Simplification of the rules/legislation
- ▣ Good praxis: »multifunding in Sweden

Suggestions 2020+

2. Financing

- ▣ Increase of the CLLD funds
- ▣ 50% pre-financing of the projects
- ▣ VAT eligibility
- ▣ Good practice: Saxony

Predlogi 2020+

3. Programming

- ▣ Involvement of membership in the monitoring committees
- ▣ Rural (LAG) networks are reliable and qualified social partners
- ▣ Vertical partnership instead of criminalisation of the beneficiaries

Suggestions 2020+

4. Simplification

- ▣ Omnibus regulation (monitoring the results instead of procedures)
- ▣ Lump sums
- ▣ Small projects
- ▣ Back to the roots of LEADER (exemption of LEADER/CLLD from the rules of ESIF)

Conclusion

Why should we strengthen LEADER/CLLD ?

1. **Bottom-up territorial programmes are the new cohesive glue for the Europe
(local identity versus nationalism)**
1. **Measures and objectives are coherent
(it's working !)**
1. **Multiplication effects of LEADER/CLLD**

Thanks for your attention!

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