

Who we are? Where we are?

Introduction to the 2nd CLLD cluster meeting

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Structure

- Presenting ourselves
- CLLD State-of-Play
- About the Cluster and structure of the day

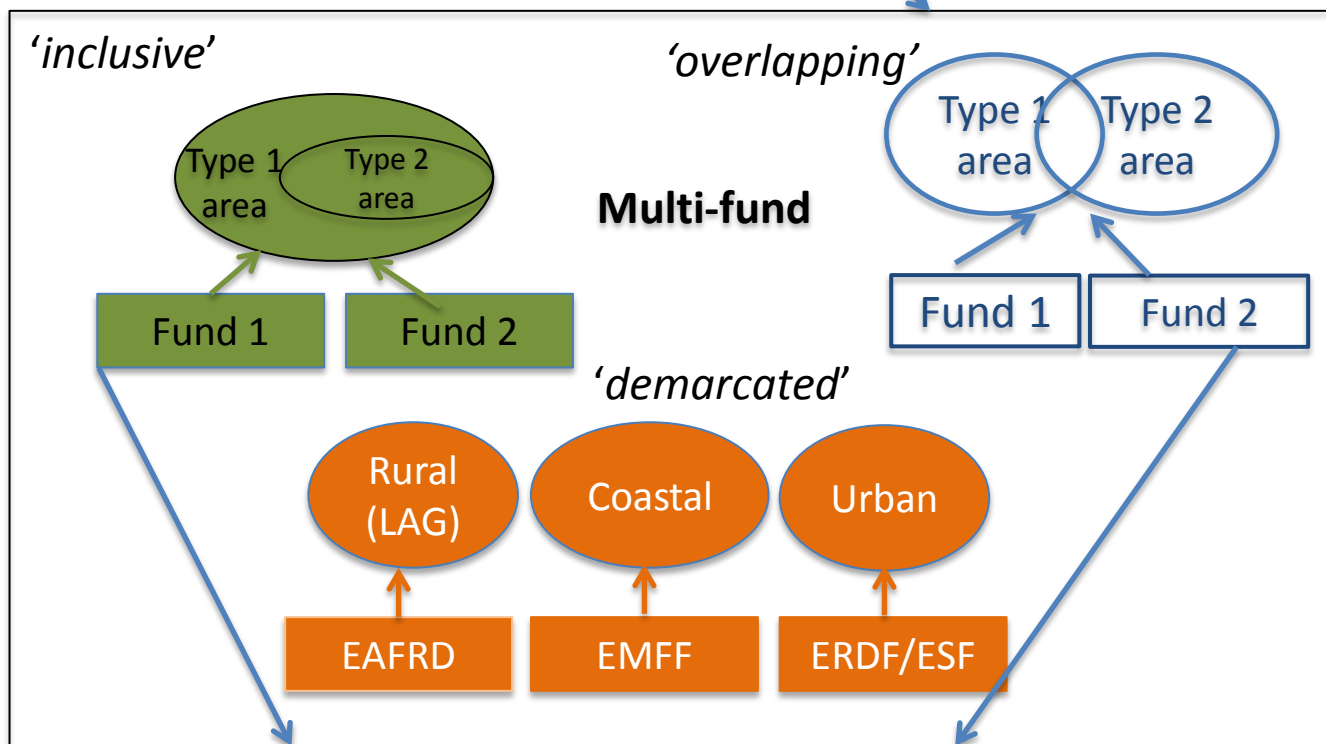
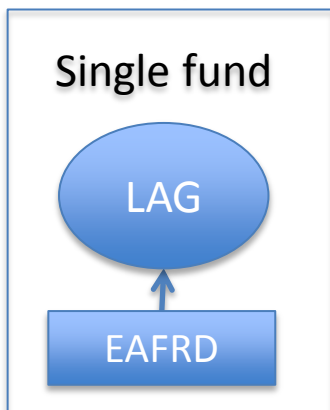
Who we are?

- Your name, organisation & country
- Will/can your organisation/ region/ member state apply multi-funded CLLD? **(Yes or No)**
- **In one sentence:** What are you most interested in to discuss during the meeting?

CLLD State-of-play Survey (Nov 2013)

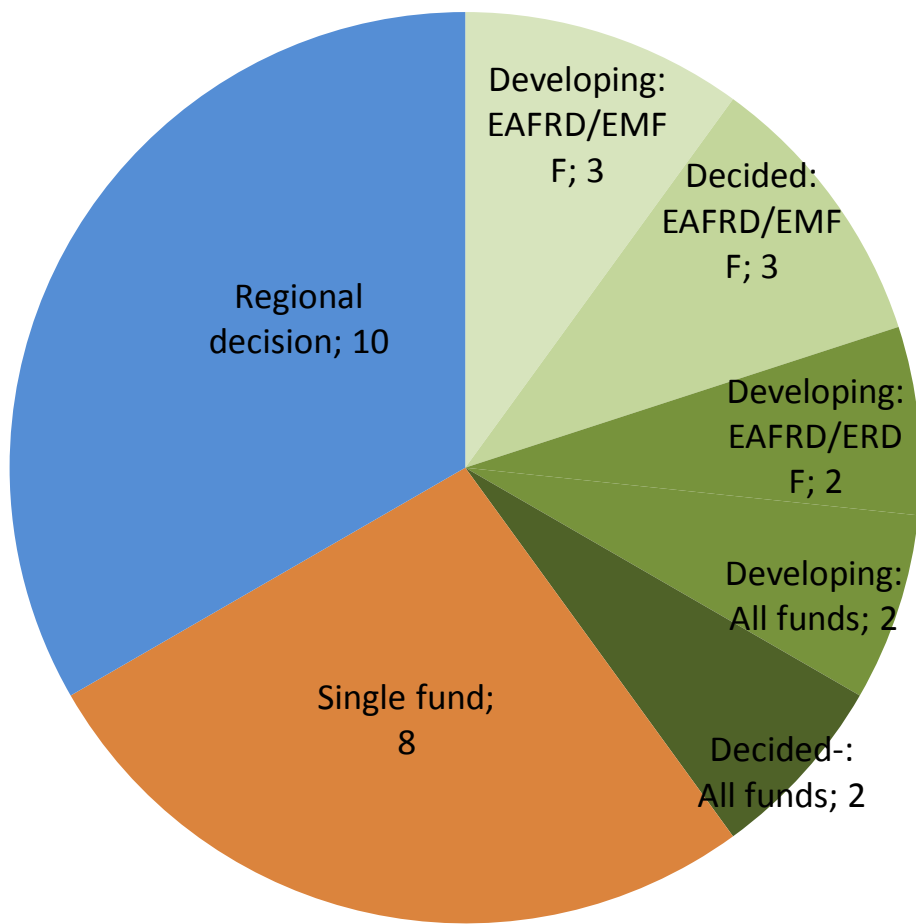
Regional-level decision making –
Up to the regions to decide

National-level decision-making



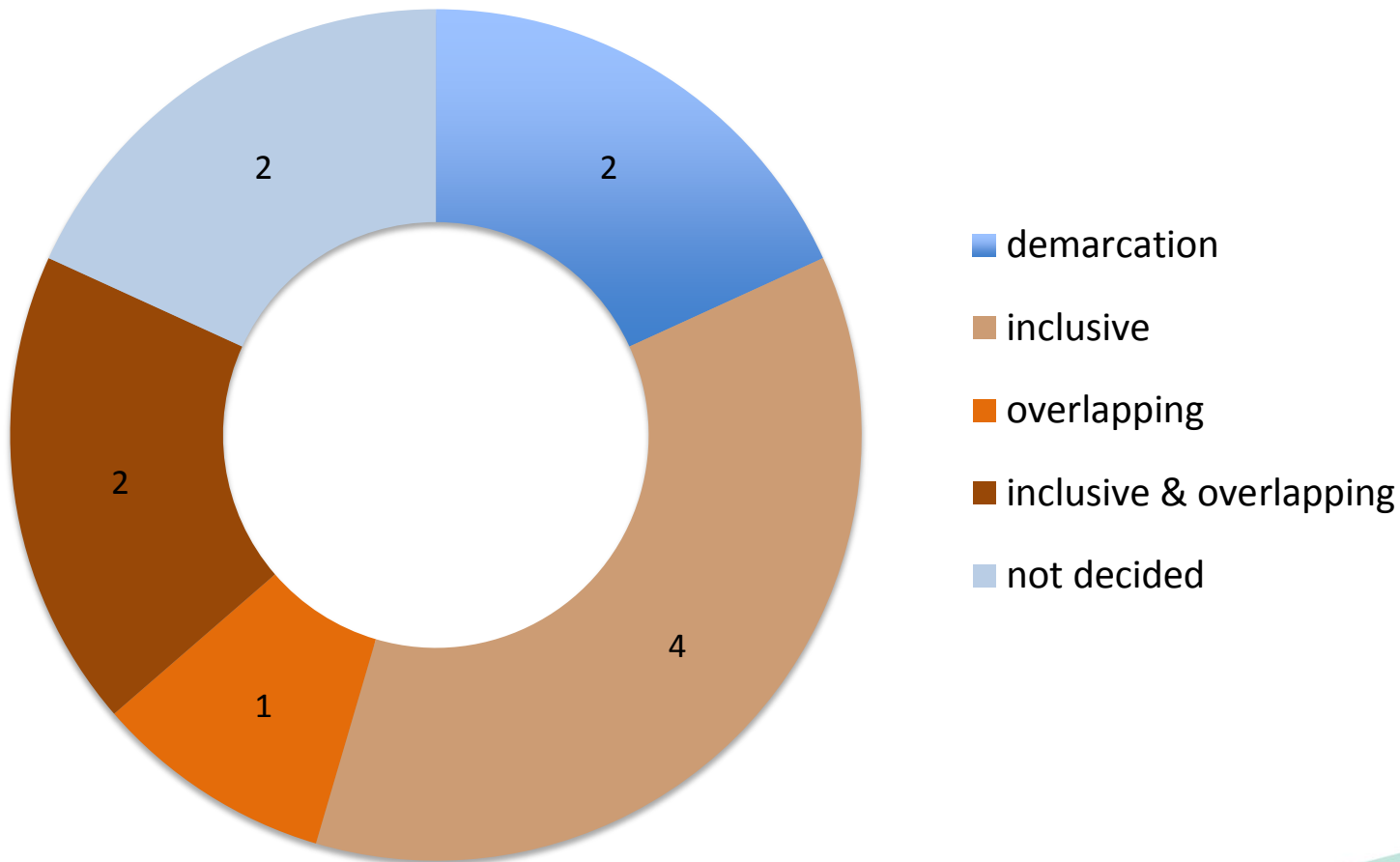
Under what conditions?

Some of the results: Multi-funded CLLD



- EAFRD with EMFF is still a common pattern
- ERDF in some countries/ no or very limited ESF contribution
- Regional patterns are to be assessed further

Multi-funded CLLD models



Work of the CLLD cluster to date

- The Hungarian National Rural Network (MNVH) is coordinating the work of the CLLD Cluster
- Great interest among different types of stakeholders (6 NRNs, 4 MAs, 3 LAGs, PA, ELARD & others)
- Work started in June 2013 in Portugal (launch of the cluster)
- Conference in Budapest on 22 July ('CLLD – The message unheard')
- CLLD surveys launched



Structure of the day

Purpose of the day:

- To discuss **some of the issues** that were identified as topics that cluster members would like to work on (further ones can be identified)
- To develop a detailed **action plan** for specific cluster working groups: i.e. how can the cluster contribute to the CLLD planning & implementation (in practical terms)
- Involvement in the French NRN event

Proposed Working Groups

Working Group 1: Demonstrating the added value of the CLLD approach in addressing social, economic and environmental issues

Working Group 2: Administrative structures & cooperation of funds (useful practices; intermediate bodies)

Working Group 3: LAG & LDS monitoring & evaluation

Working Group 1: *Demonstrating the added value of the CLLD approach in addressing social, economic and environmental issues*

(Some of the) Key Questions on

Demonstrating the added value of CLLD

- What the added value of CLLD (as an approach/intervention rather than projects/outputs) is?
- ... based on that what are the main **messages** about the ‘added value of CLLD’ that we would like to communicate (upwards & downwards)?
- Do we communicate ‘added value’ only and/or should we talk about some of the ‘**failures**’ as well? (contrasting practices)
- What are the best forms/ways of communicating about CLLD? What are the main information needs?

Working Group 2: *Administrative structures & cooperation of funds (useful practices; intermediate bodies)*

Questions & issues

Coordination of funds

- Coordination between funds at all levels (but one level may compensate for another – e.g. local level one-stop-shops)
- “However unless coordination also improves upstream, there is a risk that the **local level will drown in administrative procedures.**”
- No clarity on the **Lead Fund option**
- Looking for useful examples for the Guidance: intermediate bodies / any other procedures or structures

Examples: Coordination of funds - multifund

- Sweden: “All involved CLLD-programs will be managed by the same managing authority. EMFF and EAFRD are planned to get similar national regulations.”
- Hungary: “a central intermediate organisation for CLLD with county based, decentralised branches”
- Austria/ Wales: one-stop-shop EU Funding Office
- Scotland: “Discussions are ongoing as part of our preparation of Stage 2 guidance for the LDS, we are also heavily in discussions with Structural Funds Colleagues”

Examples: Coordination of funds - monofund

- Estonia: An integrated approach with other ESI Funds will be ensured in particular through the integration of national processes associated with planning and budgeting: budgetary decisions will be made considering all instruments (incl. different types of EU support) together, and their use will be harmonised, where necessary.

Working Group 3: *LAG & LDS monitoring & evaluation*

LAG & LDS monitoring & evaluation

- **Explain monitoring and evaluation arrangements** – new aspect in the regulation. How to deal with this?
- “The Commission thinks that the strategies should be based on **clear ‘intervention logic’** and based on questions like what do we want to change?; ‘what do we want to achieve by year X?; ‘What would success look like?; ‘What kind of evidence will show that we have been successful?’.”
- How to deal with the ‘unmeasurable’, ‘intangible’, process-oriented?

Questions for discussion on *Monitoring & evaluation of LDS*

LEADER evaluation at the programme level and the integration into this framework the LDS level evaluation

- What are the most important forms of support/guidance which MAs should provide to LAGs?
- What are the most important tools and mechanisms which should be employed?
- How should this be resourced?