

Introduction to Session II: Funding for LAG operations

Specific issues for LAG funding

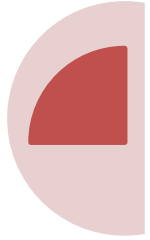
Programming

- Needs analysis and planning of targets related to LEADER
- transparent LAG funding mechanism
- indicative budget for LAGs
- LAG budget relates a) to quality of LDS?, b) LAG size, c) equal for each selected LAG?, d) relates to quality of LDS and LAG size?
- Degree of delegation of tasks to LAGs, HR and running costs?
- Minimum amount of running costs (including costs of animation) and sustainability of small LAGs
- LAGs using other sources of funding for their operation?
- Balance between running cost and costs of animation for all LAG sizes.
- The type of legal entity for LAGs
- The availability of advance payment
- The availability of funding for preparatory actions

Implementation

- Modifications of financial allocations as part of the LDS review
- A `strict` list of eligible expenditures? A list of non-eligible expenditures?
- Simplified cost, unit costs or lump sum for certain types of expenditure?
- Applying the 25% ceiling & limited funds committed to LEADER projects in the 1st year of LAG operation & time between LAG recognition and 1st running cost payment

Some solutions



Shared IT systems for the joint management of project information and eliminating the duplication of tasks in control systems (DE, FR, IE, IT, FI, PT)



Specific LEADER project eligibility rules and guidelines for innovation measures (DE)

Small projects and coordination project (FL, PL, LT)

LAG funding

Definition of eligible costs more flexible

Simplified cost, unit cost, or lump sum options

Municipality contributions to LAG funding (Denmark)

LDS / LEADER project funding

Umbrella projects, small grant funds (SE, UK-SCO)

Innovative collective funding (PL, SE)

Innovation funding schemes (NL)

Complex, integrated projects (ES, DE, BE-Flanders, CZ)

Single project application forms and procedures on MA level (FL)

LAGs as financial resource animators