

# Introduction to Session 3: Funding for LEADER/CLLD projects

# Specific issues for LEADER projects funding

## Programming

Needs analysis and LEADER targets for LEADER budget allocation

MA and PA capacities for decision-making, reporting, claims and payments handling.

Guidance for financial planning of the LDS for evidence based budgets

Rules relating to transparency of LDS planning and budgetary allocations

A funding mechanism for innovative projects, small projects, and complex projects

Advance payment and financial instruments available for LEADER beneficiaries

## Implementation

A project approval and payments handling procedure suited to small projects

A project approval and payments handling procedure suited to complex projects

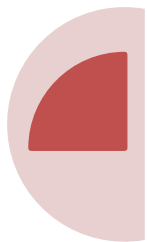
Lump sum or unit cost options available for small projects?

Cost-effective and rapid control mechanisms for small projects?

Advance payments and/or financial instruments available for project beneficiaries?

The availability of national co-financing for LEADER beneficiaries

## 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)

### LAG funding

Definition of eligible costs more flexible

Simplified cost, unit cost, or lump sum options

Municipality contributions to LAG funding (Denmark)



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

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

### 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