



Community-led Local Development workshop

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Context of the meeting

In this programming period LAGs can potentially benefit from funds other than the EAFRD, but not in a coordinated way. The common approach as set out in the legal proposal of the Commission for 2014-2020 provides a support framework for Community-led Local Development, (CLLD), which enables Member States and LAGs to integrate all CSF (Common Strategic Framework) funds in multifund local development strategies.

The objectives of the workshop were to exchange information and ideas on preparing for the future programming period and to identify the needs of stakeholders in this context and the possible role of networks in the preparatory phase.

The morning session of the workshop provided participants with a substantive overview about CLLD. The perspectives of DG AGRI, REGIO EMPL and MARE were presented, in particular the potential of CLLD to contribute to the EU 2020 objectives, the main principles of its implementation across EU funds and first thoughts about the implications and the opportunities that such a method offers.

The three afternoon parallel sessions focused on how to better prepare for programming CLLD, from the MAs/NRNs and LAGs perspectives, and how to measure the performance and added value of CLLD.

Agenda Item

Welcome and short introduction, By Rob Peters, Head of Unit for European network and monitoring of rural development policy, DG AGRI

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CLLD – the method, contribution to policy objectives and principles of implementation across EU funds (in view of multi-funded LDS)

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The Common CLLD approach - by *Josefine Loriz-Hoffmann* by *Josefine Loriz-Hoffmann, DG AGRI*

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How the ESF and ERDF envisage to implement CLLD - by *Merja Haapakka, Matthieu Lefebvre, DG REGIO/EMPL.*

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How the EMFF envisages to implement CLLD - by *Christine Falter, DG MARE*

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Discussion points

The main points raised during the discussions were:

- More clarity is needed about what EAFRD can finance through the LDS; clear demarcation lines or complementary principles should be established between different funds in terms of type of operation that can be funded. LAGs and FLAGs, for example, tend to have many similarities in designing their strategy, but it might be difficult to define what can be financed under EAFRD and EMFF.
- It is important to know the indicative budget for LEADER to make this first phase of programming and the consultation of different stakeholders (bottom up approach) more effective.
- EAFRD pre-financing is, in this programming period in many countries (such as Poland), limited to investment projects. The implementation of LEADER would benefit from a revision of this rule, and also to allow LEADER beneficiaries to access advance payments.
- The reimbursement of running costs was also indicated as an element to be clarified when the multi-fund approach is chosen.
- It was pointed out that the cost-effectiveness of the new multi-fund/integrated approach, in terms of creation of new structures to run it and effective added value in the results of the policy, should be quantified.
- The inclusion of urban communities in planning the multi-fund strategies might ensure the possibilities to have more integrated approaches, but the experience of rural actors and LEADER MAs should not be forgotten, but fed into the strategies planning.

Group discussion

What are the implications and opportunities for programming (including at local level) of having CLLD across EU funds?

Participants were invited to discuss in small groups and to provide a few examples of implications and opportunities for programming of having CLLD across EU funds.

The results of the group discussion are summarized as follows:

- **Implications** (*need to*): Improve selection among rural actors - "care more for projects than for funds" criterion; no experience from MAs of other funds in the implementation of LEADER procedures and approval of payments; improve coordination between level of authorities, cross boundaries, since funds will need different backgrounds; more time to prepare and meet scheduled deadlines will be needed; LAGs running cost should be used more efficiently.
- **Opportunities** (*the chance for*): better access to EU funds and availability of financial resources; more communication between sectors and more innovative projects implemented; better results visibility; more people may be involved in the LEADER process and this can increase the development of capacities at local level; all needs can

be taken into account (environmental, economic and social) and there can be an outcome focused approach; to involve community in deprived areas, to have local actors involvement in the definition of implementation; extend LEADER approach to urban areas; realize more complex projects given the possibility of using several funds; build an holistic and long term strategy to find answers to different types of problems that might arise; simplification and reduction of bureaucracy; one evaluation system for all funds.

Some elements were considered as both implications and opportunities by the participants, such as the need to; build capacity of MAs, LAGs staff and local actors to plan and implement an integrated strategy, which takes in account the needs of different areas of the same territories (urban, peri-urban, remote, etc.); organize more training activities and animations.

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3 parallel sessions: How to prepare for the future CLLD?

Session 1: How to better prepare for programming CLLD?

Early preparation for next programming period: Finnish example (oral presentation), by *Leena Anttila, FI MA*.

The presentation described the joint planning process ("advance programming") in Finland from both MA and LAG perspective.

Danish example on LAG/FLAG combined strategies, by *Rita Munk, DK MA*

The presentation introduced an example of combined programming of LAGs and FLAGs.

Common practical LDS planning guidance, by *Géza Gelencsér, HU LAG*

The presentation illustrated a practical guidance tool for the design of an LDS for CLLD.

For more information about the presentations and the discussion which followed, please see the session 1 notes and the presentations.

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Session 2: How to better prepare as a LAG for future CLLD?

Evolution of A CLLD Practice utilising the LEADER Approach, by *Ryan Howard, IE LAG*

The presentation illustrated the example of SECAD (South and East Cork Area Development), a LAG delivering a multi-fund platform and engaged in community-led development.

Experiences across two EU funds, LAG/FLAG Danish example, by *Trine Testmann, DK LAG/FLAG*

The presentation illustrated the added value of an integrated approach based on merging a LAG and a FLAG under a single administrative structure

	<p>and a common LDS</p> <p>For more information about the presentations and the discussion which followed, please see the session 2 notes and the presentations.</p>
<p>Presentations Link:</p> <p>http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/app_templates/filedownload.cfm?id=BC479F75F58AA5E630</p>	<p>Session 3: How to measure the performance and added value of CLLD?</p> <p>Overview of the overall programme architecture and CLLD in 2014-2020, by <i>Christophe Derzelle, DG AGRI</i></p> <p>The presentation provided an overview of the programme architecture and CLLD in 2014-2020, Contributions of CLLD to the objectives of the RD programme and Partnership Contracts and, additional indicators and self-assessment (at LAG level)</p> <p>Brief reminder (oral presentation) on key recommendations made by Focus Group (FG) 4 on 'Better Local Development Strategies', by <i>John Grieve, ENRD CP</i></p> <p>The presentation gave an overview of the key recommendations made by FG4 in relation to monitoring and evaluation procedures.</p> <p>For more information about the presentation and the discussion which followed please see the session 3 notes and the presentations.</p>
<p>Closing remarks</p>	<p>The three parallel sessions were summarised in the final plenary session. For further details, see the specific sessions notes.</p> <p>The workshop was closed by the chairman thanking the participants and indicating that this event was part of on-going process of activities aiming at supporting MS to better prepare for the future programming period.</p>