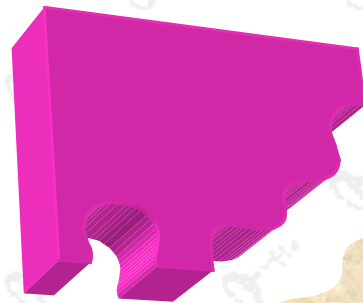


Birth of a European rural development policy

From growth to sustainable development

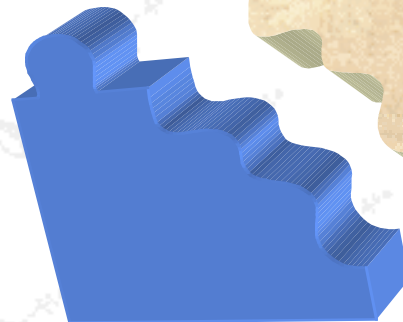
**Social
dimension**



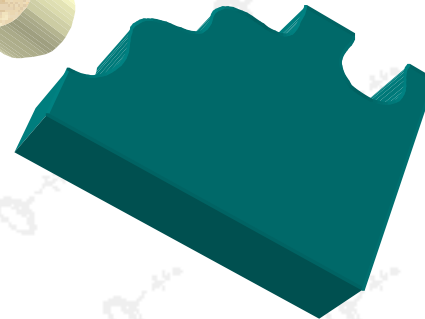
**Cultural
dimension**



**Economic
dimension**



**Environmental
dimension**



“The future of the rural world” (1988)

a **European** rural
development policy

diversity of
Europe’s rural
areas

need to
experiment with
new approaches

U-turn in the nineties

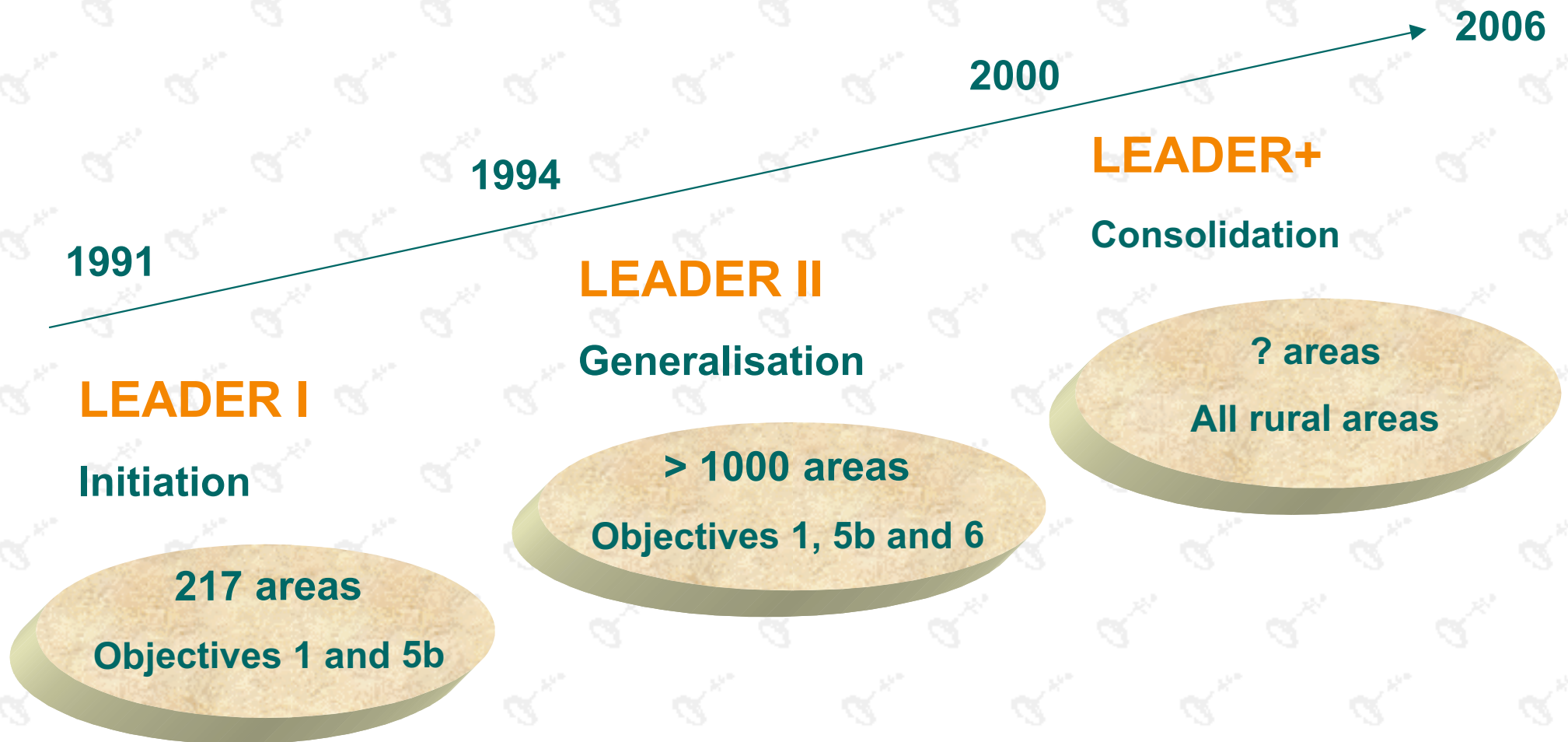
European economic and social cohesion policy

Increasing awareness of rural issues

New approach to public intervention

Community Initiatives

The three phases of LEADER



A few basic principles...

- ⇒ **A local action group**
- ⇒ **A local action plan**
- ⇒ **Search for links**
- ⇒ **Match funding**
- ⇒ **Networking between areas**

... and multiple solutions

LEADER key themes

LEADER+

Pilot strategies Unifying themes

LEADER II

Innovation
Cooperation

LEADER I

Area
Partnership
Networking



An original approach

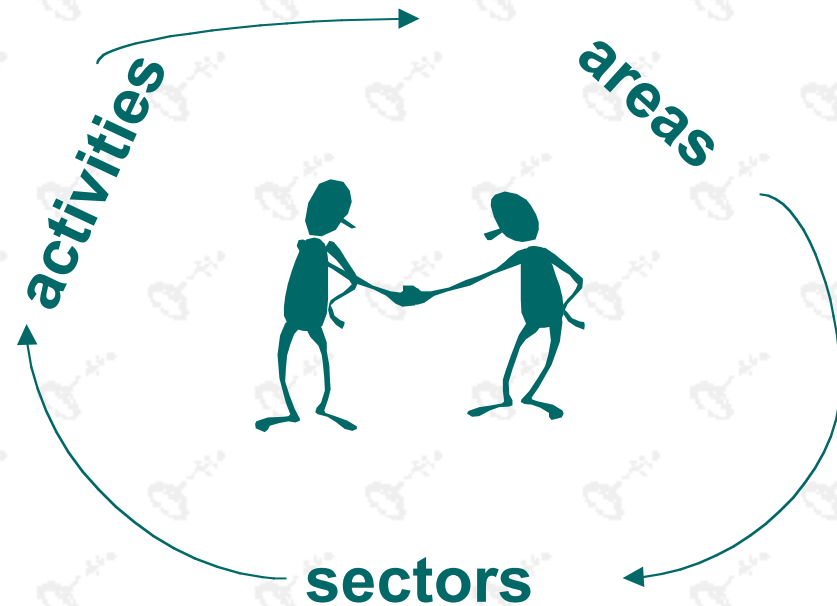
⇒ **Convergence
between**

**those responsible for
interventions**

**and potential
beneficiaries**



⇒ **Establishing links
between**



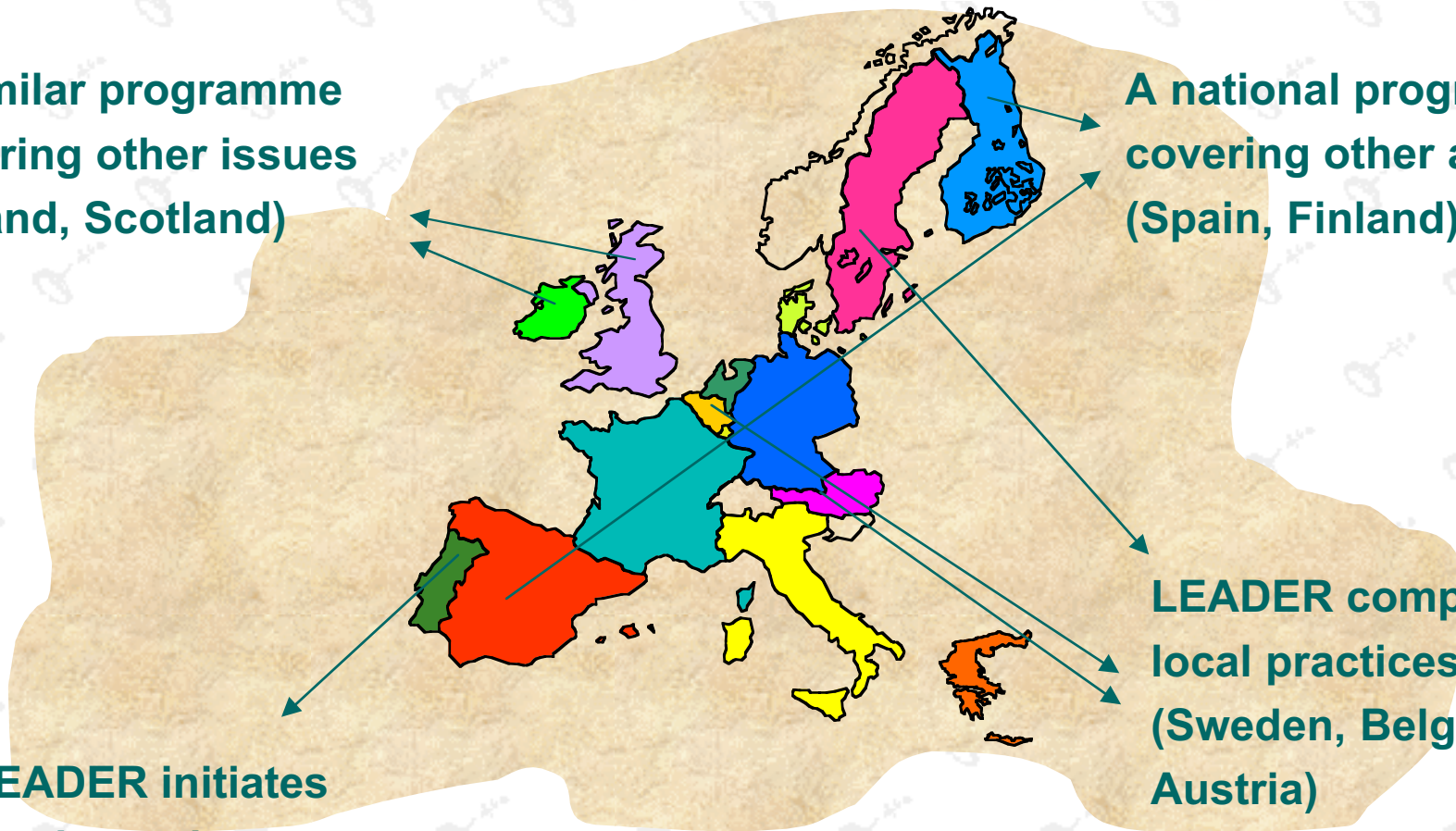
Mainstreaming LEADER

A similar programme covering other issues (Ireland, Scotland)

A national programme covering other areas (Spain, Finland)

LEADER initiates local practices (Portugal)

LEADER complements local practices (Sweden, Belgium, Austria)



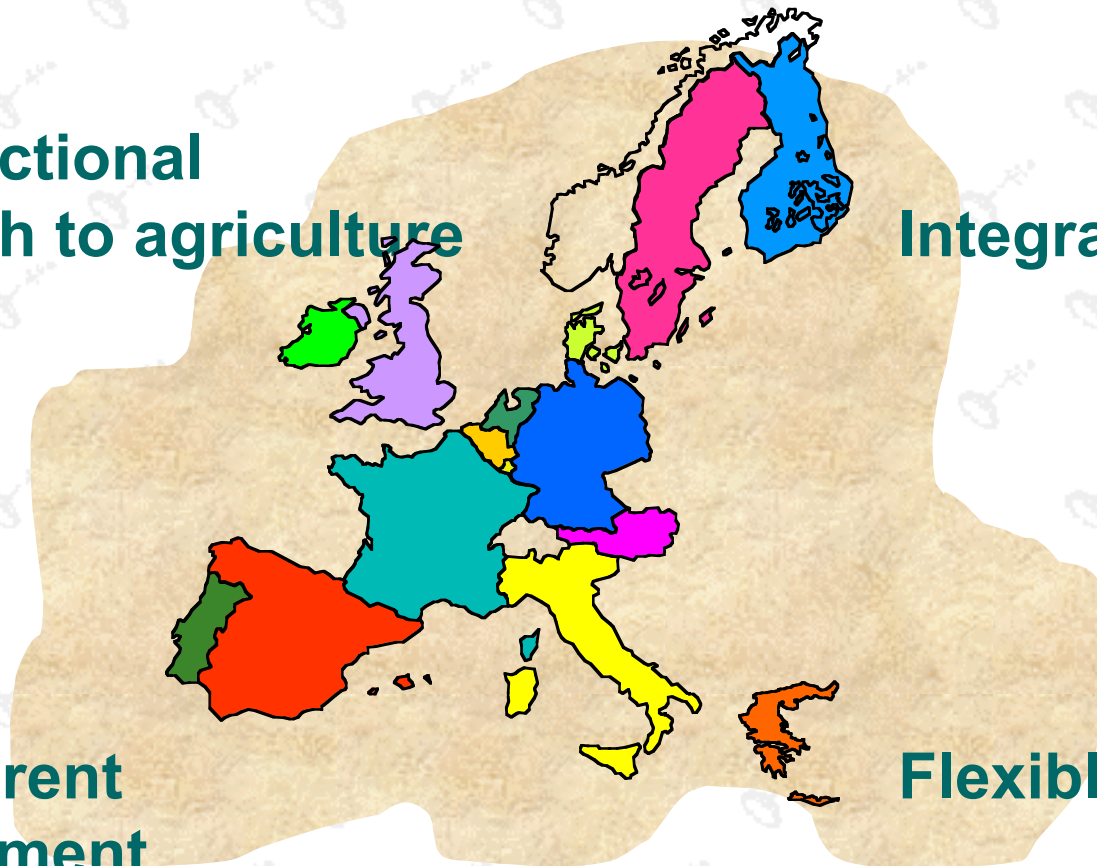
A more rural agricultural policy

→ **Multifunctional approach to agriculture**

Integrated approach

Transparent management

Flexible support



From the CAP to a European rural policy

