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LEADER/CLLD in Slovenia during COVID-19 and planning CLLD post 2020

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LEADER/CLLD during the COVID-19 crisis 1

The declaration of coronavirus epidemic in March → Fast adaptation to work from home.

Administration and communication

- Daily **online communication** between members of CLLD Coordination Committee (EARDF, ERDF, EMFF, Paying agency, with LAGs and stakeholders, information, news – phone, CLLD email, Facebook).
- LEADER/CLLD **Forum** for Q/A.
- **IT system** enables no paper applications (scanned documentation on electronic media, sending by e-mail).

Selection of operations

- LAGs level – online or postponed.
- Paperless **administrative procedures**, coordination by e-mail, electronic approval, digital signature. Simplifications in administrative checks at PA, automatic control of conditions, use of official state evidences.

LEADER during the COVID-19 crisis 2

Meetings

- Webinar for LAGs, Webinar of Slovenian Rural Development Network;
- Preparation of Strategic plan, Intervention for LEADER – 2 online surveys.

Fast amendment of legislation

- National legislation;
- Rural development programme 2014-2020 – in line with Regulation 1305/2014: changes in conditions for pre-payments (including LEADER), simplifications in other RDP measures;
- Proposal of amendments of CLLD Regulation (pre-payments).

LESSONS LEARNT ...

From CLLD 2014 – 2020:

- **Simplification of procedures** - additionally to SCO methods there is a need to simplify the procedures on all levels (legislation, shorter and more simple procedures);
- **Harmonisation** of different rules of funds.

From COVID-19:

- Importance of good **IT systems** (digitalised administration, remote work, online meetings);
- **Role of LAGs** as local information-hubs and service providers. LAG Managers are important facilitator in LAG areas;
- Importance of **resolving local needs** - self-sufficiency, food supply (role of LAGs, project results);
- Importance of **flexibility** (legislation – fast amendments, simplification, changes in LEADER projects, administration).

From planning CLLD post 2020:

- **Good analysis , cooperation** on all levels.

PREPARING THE CAP STRATEGIC PLAN - LEADER/CLLD 1

Programming process of LEADER intervention:

- ✓ Programming process bases on the **RDP experiences** from previous, current programming periods → improvements of system
- ✓ **National Strategy** for Agriculture, Forestry, environment and climate plans
- ✓ **Several working groups:**
 - Internal WG involving LAG-s, experts, stakeholders,
 - WG for SCO and simplifications: legislation, shorter and more simple procedures,
- ✓ Meetings, exchanges of views with **LAGs**

Programming CLLD

- ✓ Meetings between **authorities included in CLLD** (EAFRD, EFRD, EMFF, ESF) discussions about LEADER/CLLD post 2020 (which funds)
- ✓ **Working group for CLLD** post 2020 (members from all ESI Funds)

PREPARING THE CAP STRATEGIC PLAN - LEADER/CLLD 2

Programing process of LEADER intervention:

- ✓ **Documents:** Completion of analysis under the specific objective 8 → SWOT → Proposal of needs (prioritisation)

Next steps: Strategic plan (+ other OP) → Designing the intervention for LEADER – following an intervention logic, allocation of financial resources + suitable changes of the national legislation

Main issue: Transitional period LEADER ↔ CLLD from other ESI Funds

THANK YOU

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Catalogue of SI LAGs: <https://www.program-podezelja.si/sl/knjiznica/358-local-action-groups-in-slovenia-in-the-programming-period-2014-2020/file>

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