

# **9<sup>th</sup> NRN Meeting**

## **Attractive and Inclusive Rural Areas**

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# Presentation outline

- Some facts about Cyprus
- Leader implementation, 2007 – 2013
- Leader implementation, 2014 – 2020
- Leader projects

# *some facts about Cyprus*



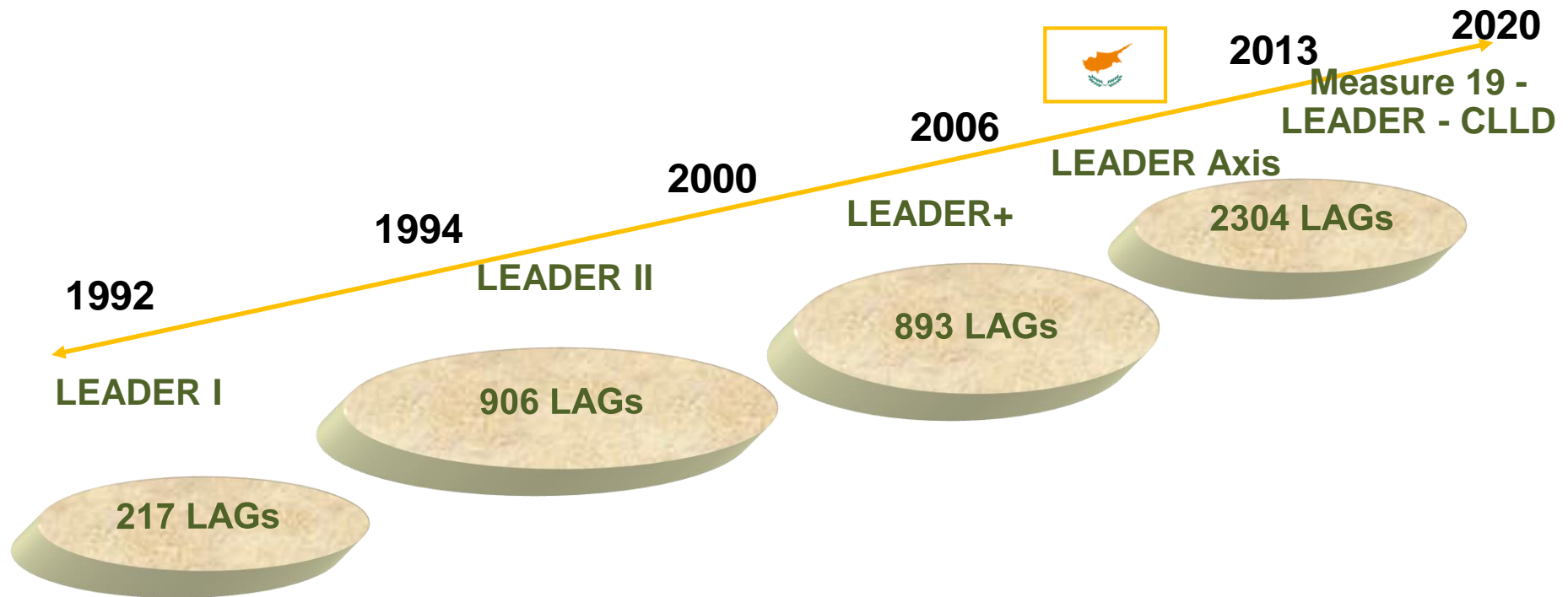
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# LEADER



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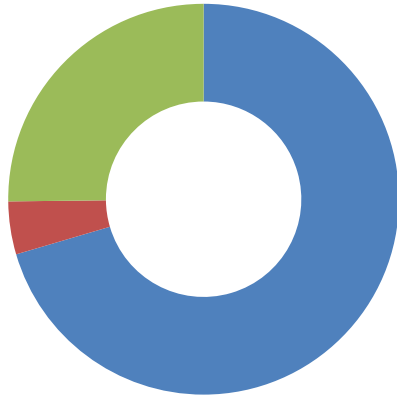
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# LEADER Axis 2007 - 2013

**LEADER budget (total public): 7.645.318 €**

**No. of LAGs: 4**

**Average budget per LAG: Approximately 2 million €**



## Cyprus -Allocation of budget for LEADER Breakdown by sub-measure

- **Measure 4.1 - Implementaion of operations**  
71% - 5.385.980 €
- **Measure 4.2 - Cooperation**  
4% - 334.350 €
- **Measure 4.3 - Running costs and animation**  
25% - 1.924.984 €



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# LEADER Axis 2007 - 2013



- Preparation of the national legislative framework
- Creation of LAG structures
- Preparation of LEADER implementation processes
- Design of local development strategies
- Preparation of guides
- Training government personnel
- Training of LAG staff
- Informing local actors
- LAGs: Call for proposals
- Reception and evaluation of applications, selection of projects.
- Implementation of projects
- Execution of payments

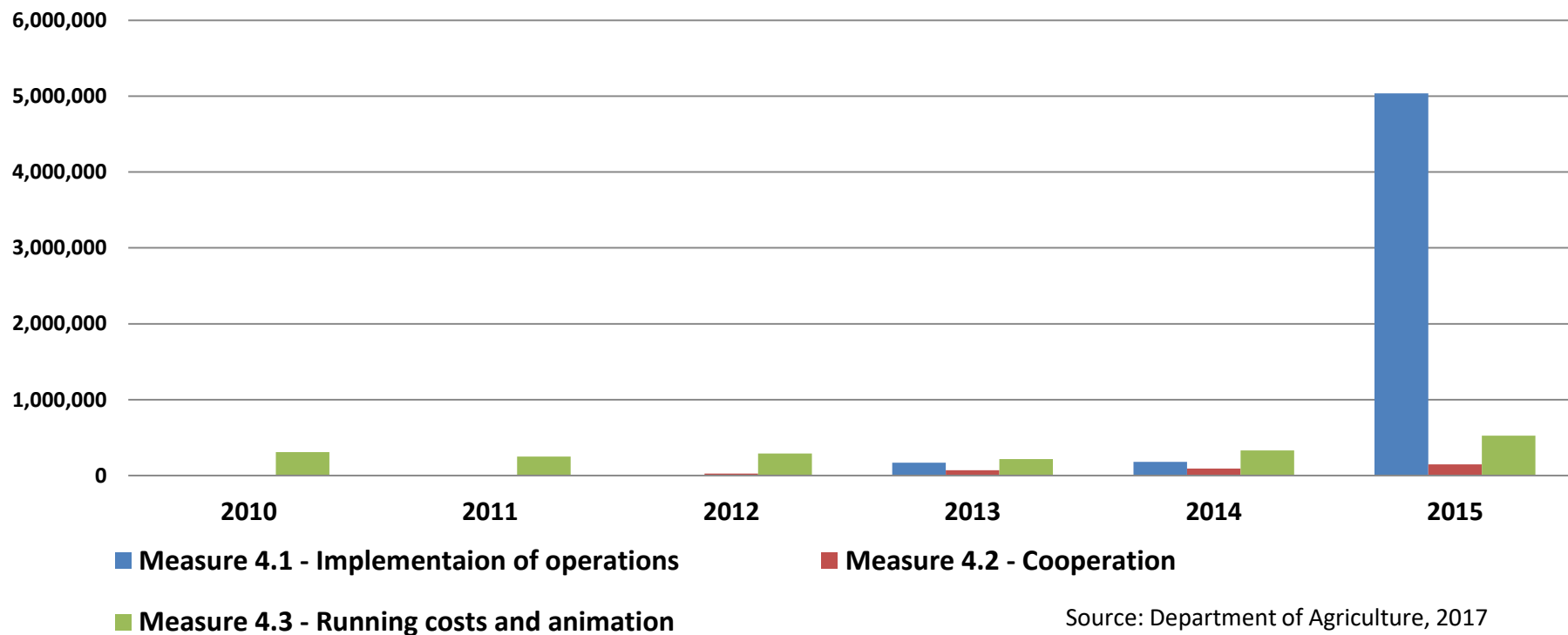


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# LEADER Axis 2007 - 2013



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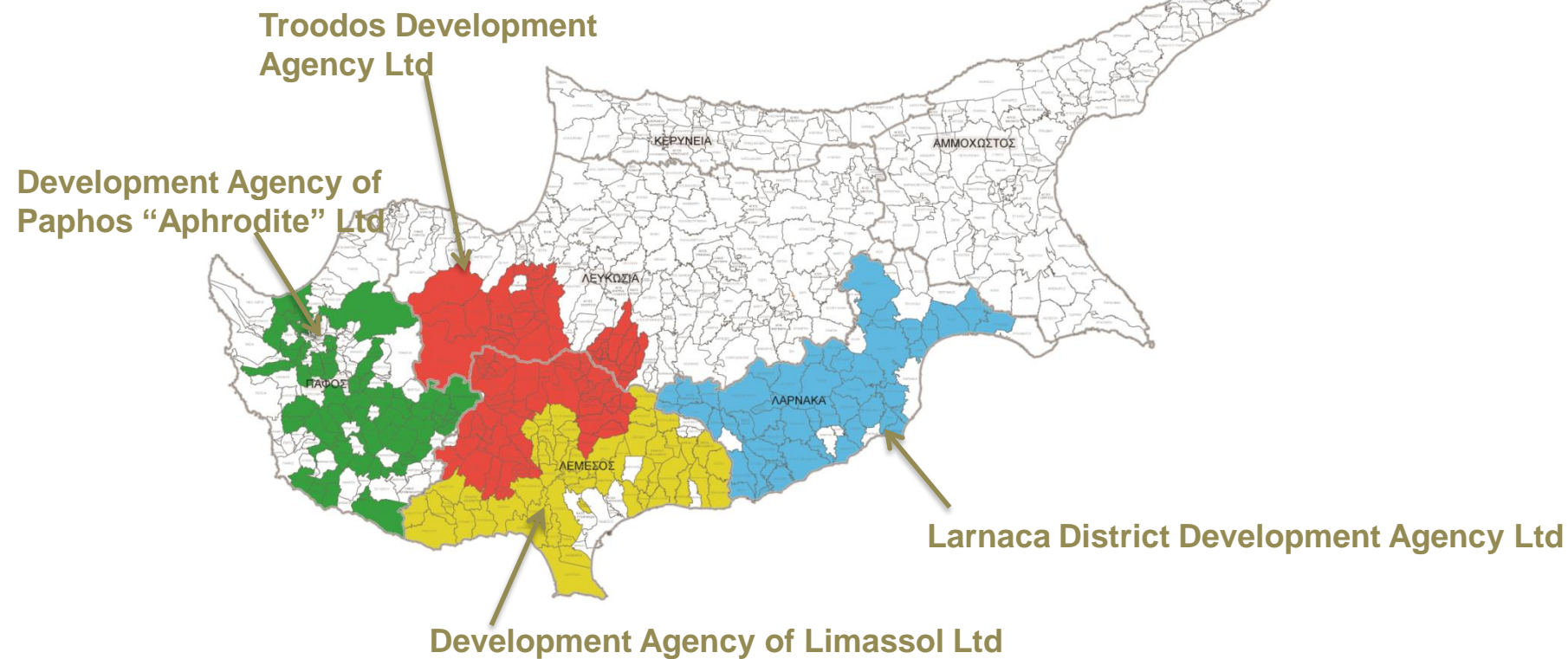


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# LOCAL ACTION GROUPS – LEADER 2007 - 2013



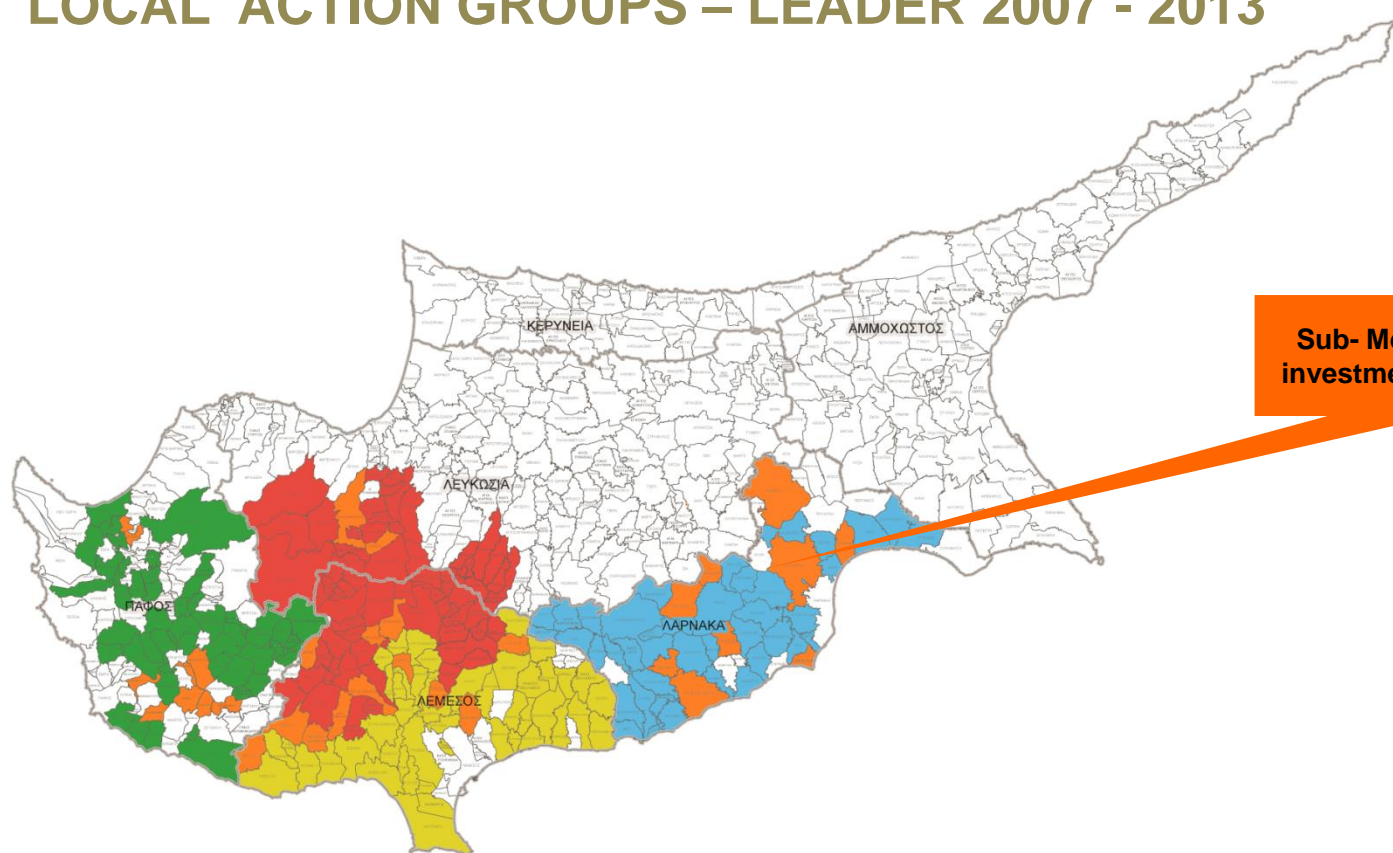
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**Sub- Measure 4.1.3: Public investments (Basic services)**

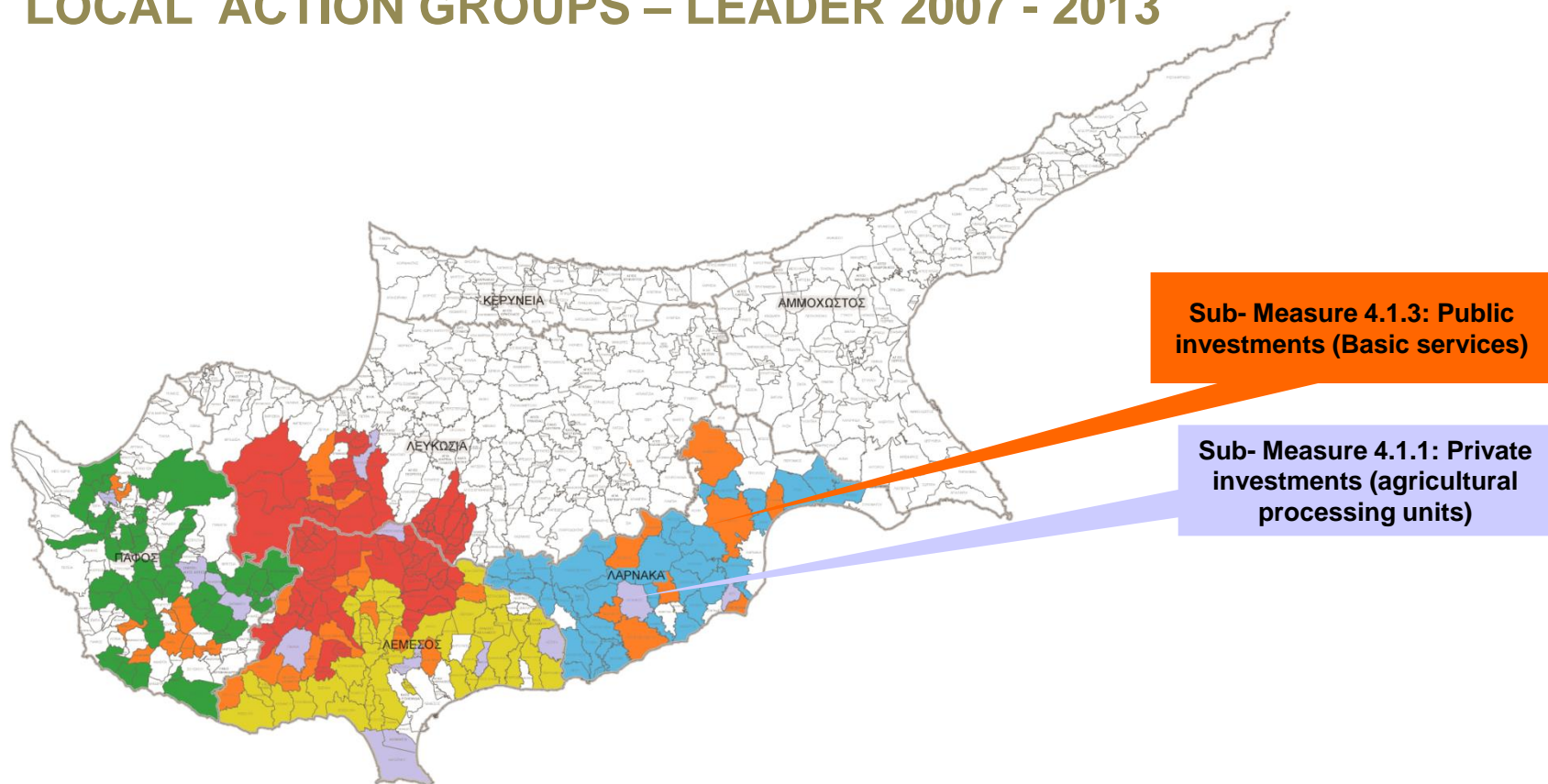


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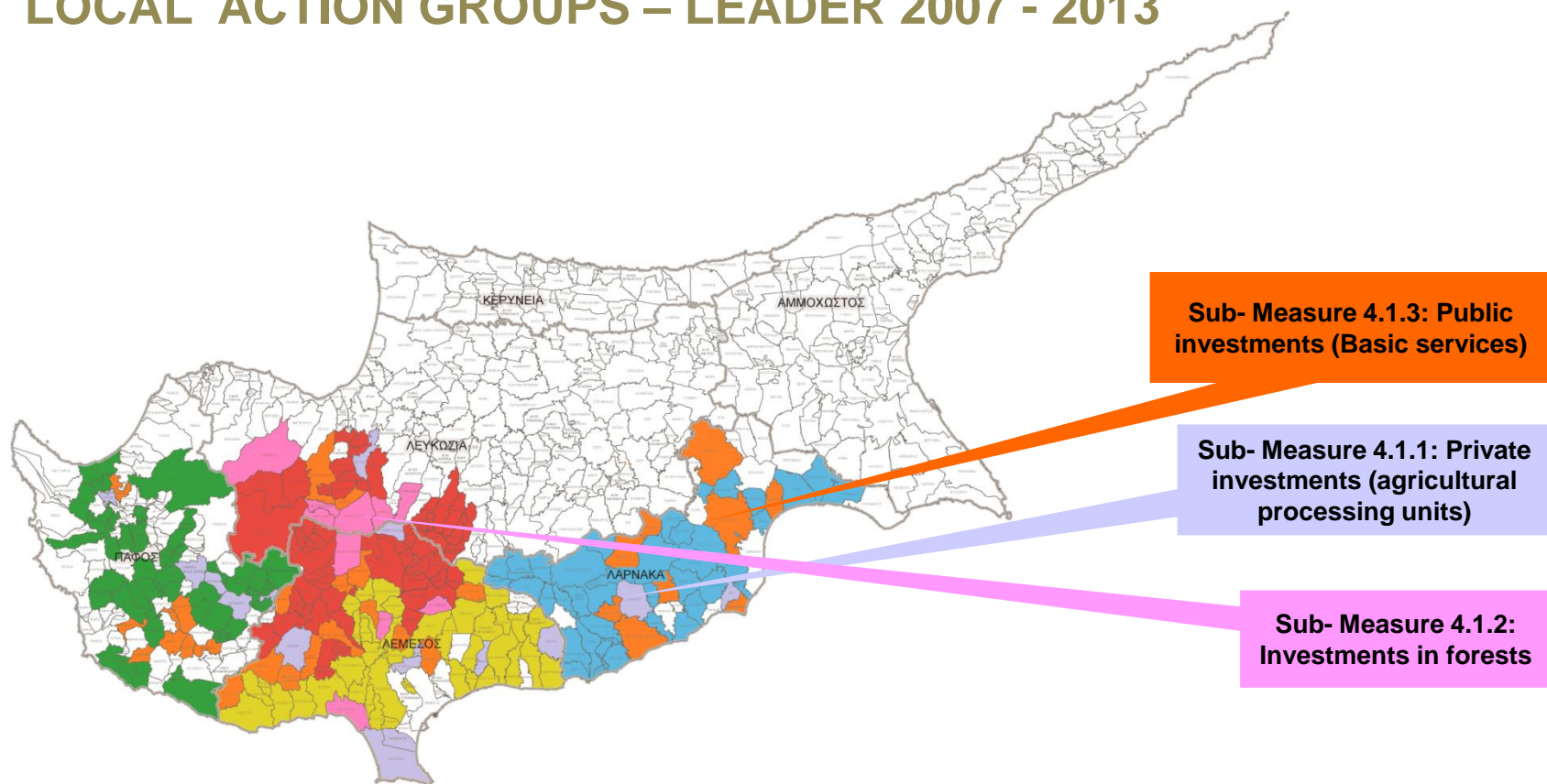


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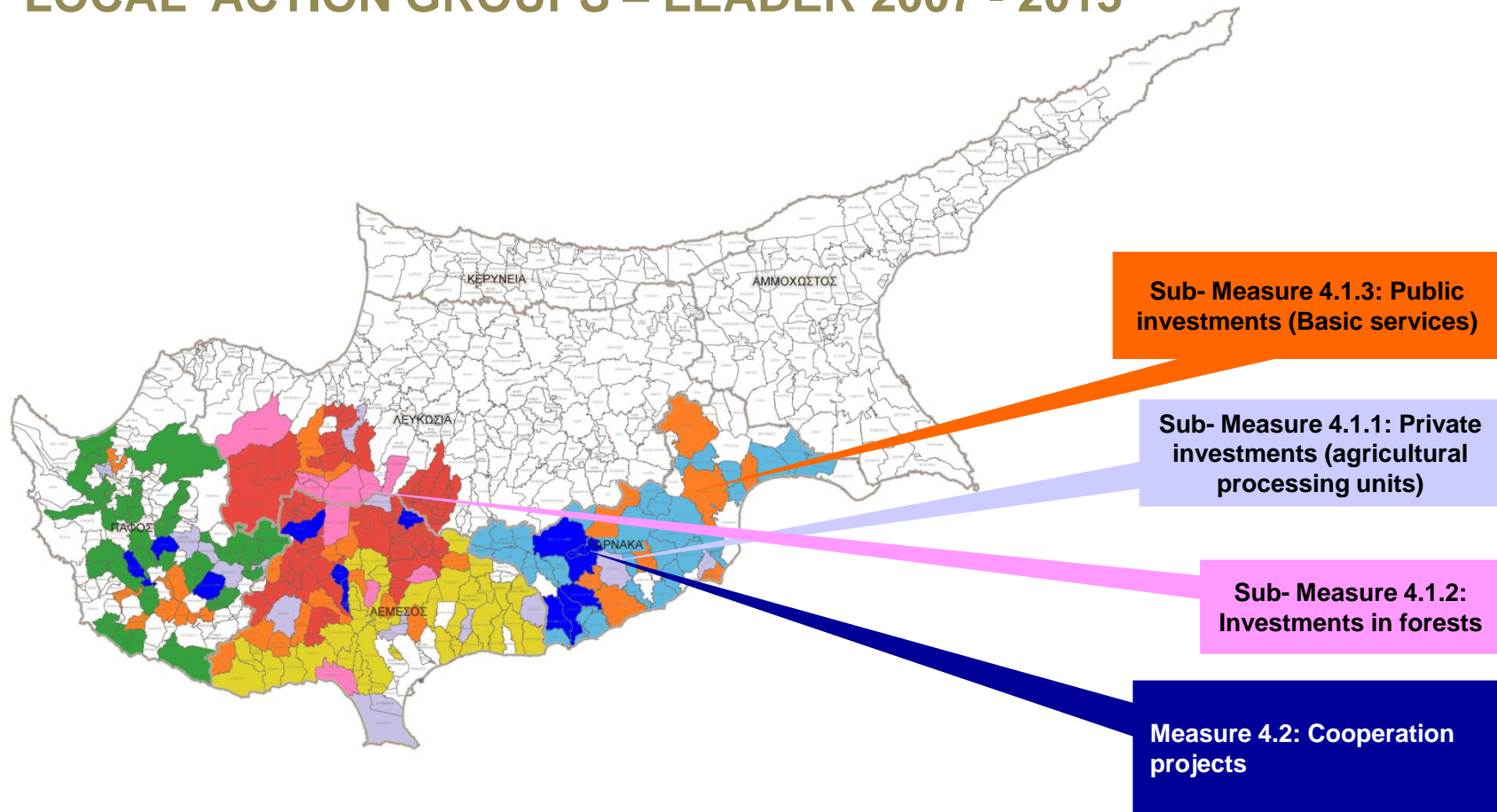


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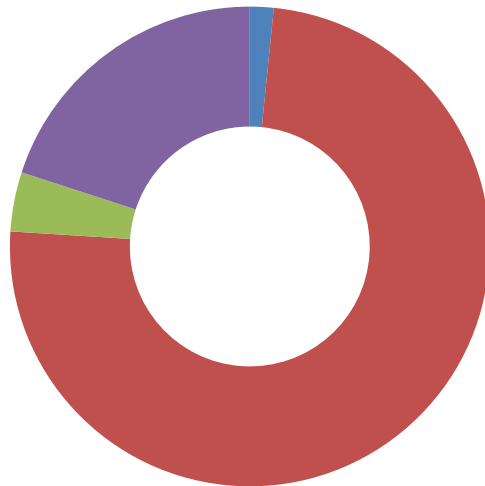
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# LEADER Axis 2014 - 2020

## Cyprus -Allocation of budget for LEADER - Breakdown by sub-measure



- M19.1 Preparatory support**  
2% -200.000€
- M19.2 Implementaion of operations**  
74% - 9.300.000€
- M19.3 Cooperation**  
4% - 500.000€
- M19.4 Running costs and animation**  
20%- 2.500.000€

Source: Department of Agriculture, 2017



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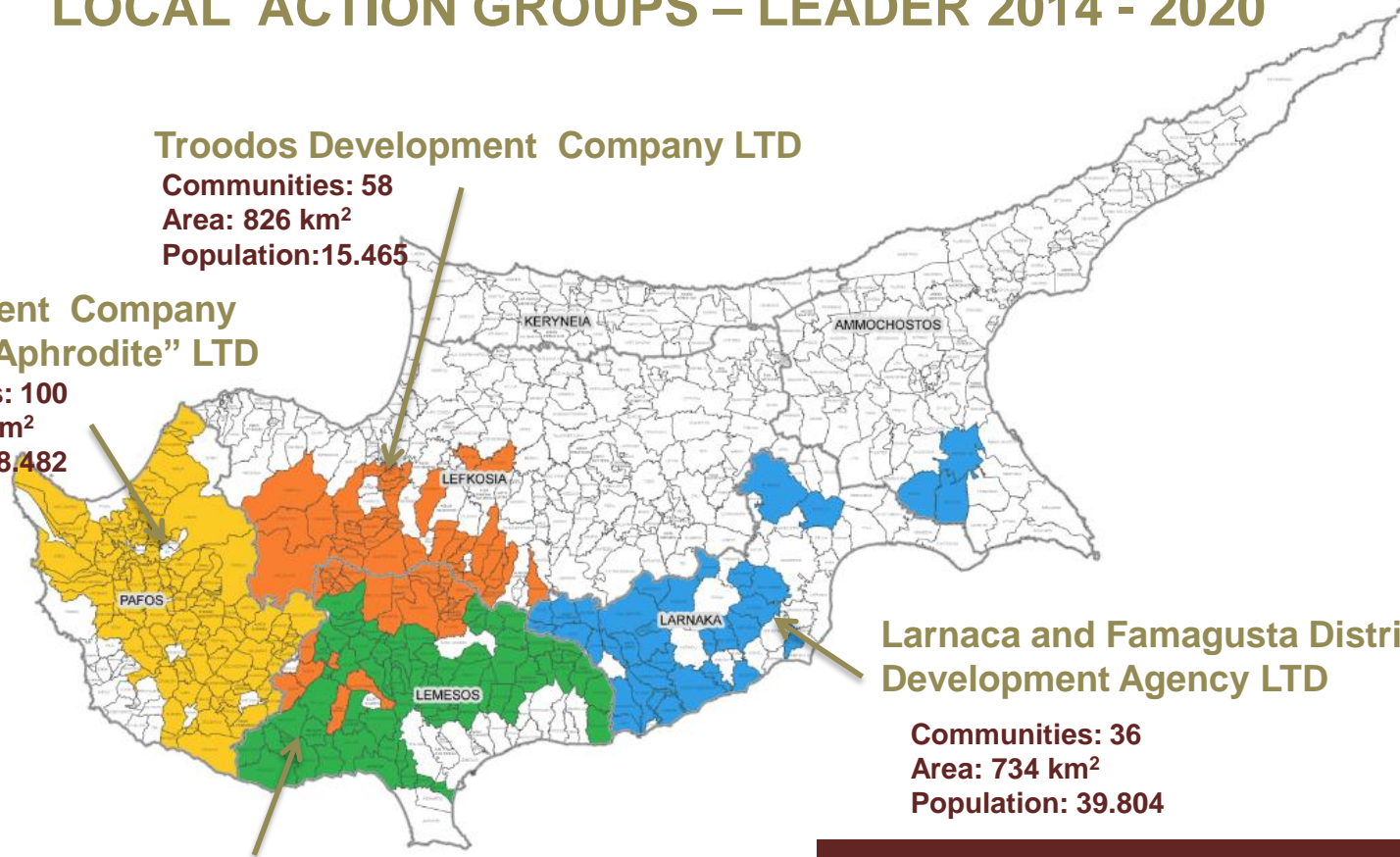
# LOCAL ACTION GROUPS – LEADER 2014 - 2020

## Troodos Development Company LTD

Communities: 58  
Area: 826 km<sup>2</sup>  
Population: 15.465

## Development Company Paphos “Aphrodite” LTD

Communities: 100  
Area: 1.130 km<sup>2</sup>  
Population: 18.482



## Larnaca and Famagusta District Development Agency LTD

Communities: 36  
Area: 734 km<sup>2</sup>  
Population: 39.804

## Development Agency of Lemesos LTD

Communities: 67  
Area: 830 km<sup>2</sup>  
Population: 33.751

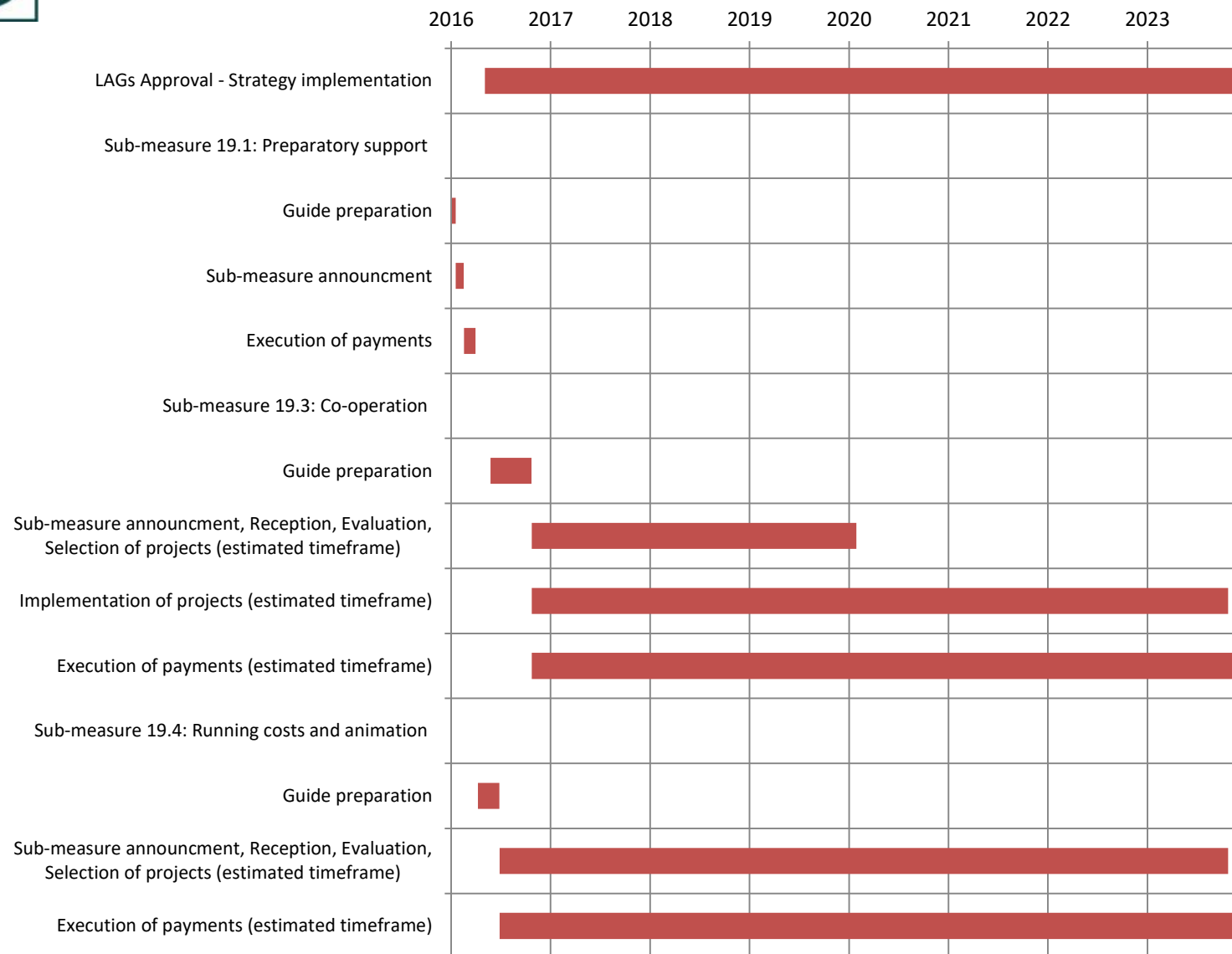
**Communities/ Municipalities: 261**  
**Total area: 3.521 km<sup>2</sup>**  
**Population: 107.502**  
**Percentage of rural population covered by LDLs: 39%**  
**Average budget per LAG: 3 million €**

## State of play

<b>Sub-measure 19.1:</b>	<b>Preparatory support</b>	Date of announcement: January 2016
<b>Sub-measure 19.2:</b>	<b>Implementation of operations under the CLLD strategy</b>	
Action 19.2.1:	Knowledge transfer and information actions for non-agricultural activities	Date of announcement: June 2017
Action 19.2.2:	Investments in creation and development of non-agricultural activities	Date of announcement: September 2016
Action 19.2.3:	Basic services and village renewal in rural areas	The guide is under preparation by the interested stakeholders. Expected date of announcement: 1 <sup>st</sup> semester of 2018
Action 19.2.4:	Co-operation	The guide under preparation by the interested stakeholders. Expected date of announcement: 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester of 2018
Action 19.2.5:	Small-scale operations aimed at the development of rural areas based on the specific characteristics of the area	The guide is under preparation by the interested stakeholders. Expected date of announcement: 1 <sup>st</sup> semester of 2018
<b>Sub-measure 19.3:</b>	<b>Co-operation</b>	Date of announcement: October 2016
<b>Sub-measure 19.4:</b>	<b>Running costs and animation</b>	Date of announcement: June 2016



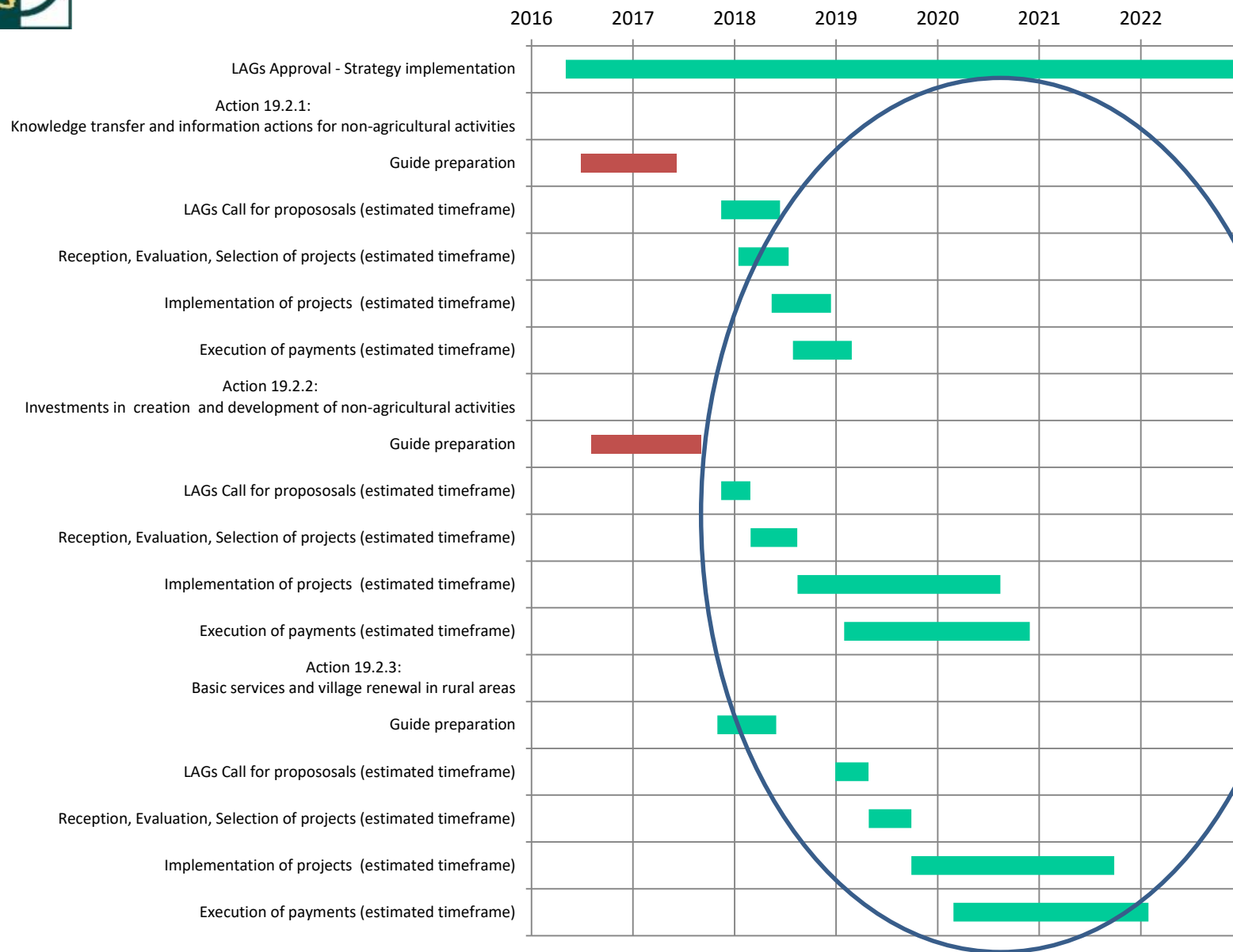
## Timetable implementation of LEADER Measure







## Timetable implementation of LEADER Measure – Sub-measure 19.2



# Development Agency of Limassol Ltd



Events for the promotion of local products held under the Transnational Cooperation Project «Local Products for Local Development».



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# Development Agency of Paphos “Aphrodite” Ltd



Restructuring of an old stone, fountain and lake in Armou village  
(Total public expenditure 100.000€)



Restoration of an old fountain and its surrounding area in Agia Varvara village (Total public expenditure 80.000€)



Landscaping of the 'Hill' location in Eledio village  
(Total public expenditure 200.000€)



Construction of folk art museum in Nata village (Total public expenditure 130.000 €)



Restructuring of an old water well in Amargeti village (Total public expenditure 80.000€)



Conversion of an old elementary school building into a multipurpose hall in Mamonia village. (Total public expenditure 180.000€)



Restoration of the surrounding area of the Upper fountain in Choletria.  
(Total public expenditure 150.000€)

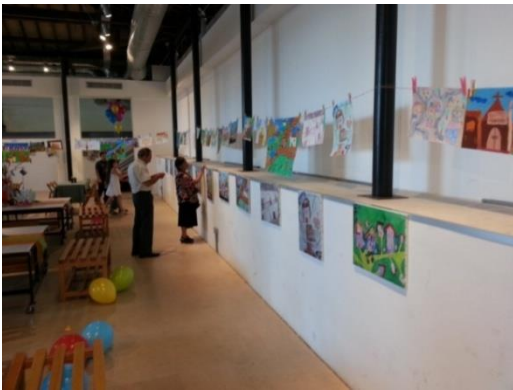
## Troodos Development Agency Ltd



Organization of apple festival in Kyperounta under the Transnational Cooperation Project: «Geoproionta» in which the LAG «Troodos District Communities Development Agency LTD» participated.



Establishment of a new fruit and vegetable processing unit named NASHICO LTD, in Kyperounta.  
(Total public expenditure 165.000€)



Awards given in the painting competition for children as part of the project Inter-territorial cooperation «Wanderings in disadvantaged areas of Cyprus».



# Larnaca District Development Agency Ltd



Youth multipurpose center– Athienou village  
(Total public expenditure 120.000€)



Youth multipurpose center– Mosfiloti village  
(Total public expenditure 300.000€)



Establishment of a new manufacturing plant which makes fruit salads, FFH PRODUCTS LTD – Kiti,  
(Total public expenditure 150.000€)



Transnational Cooperation Project «Gastronomy Routes and the Culture of Flavors»

# Conclusions

- Our strengths
  - Excellent relationships between the various stakeholders (LAGs, CAPO, Managing Authority)
  - Strong support by the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment.
- Our weaknesses
  - Lack of experience
  - Bureaucracy
  - Lack of IT infrastructure (soft & hard ware, support)



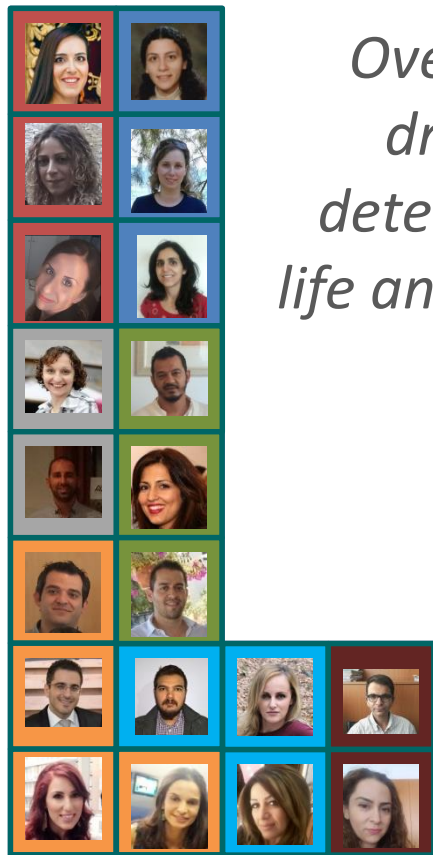
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# Conclusions

*Overall, the mission is being passionately driven by the joint efforts of all parties determined to better the conditions of rural life and create a more sustainable future for it.*



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A photograph of a stone arch bridge spanning a small stream in a wooded area. The bridge is made of light-colored stone and has a single large arch. The stream flows under the arch, and the surrounding area is filled with trees and foliage. The text "Thanks for your attention" is overlaid in white, italicized font.

*Thanks for your attention*

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