

# Widening and deepening LAG engagement

Member state level

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# The national Leader Conference

*“Real meeting”*

- Working group with LAG/LUS, paying agency and county administrative board plan program content. (*Digital meetings*)
- Invitations to all kind of organisations that cooperate with LAG
- Workshops in cooperation with the ministry of Enterprise and Innovation and with topics that involve and engage participants.





# Fund cooperation in CLLD

*Real and digital meetings*

- LAGs, county administrative board, representatives for EMFF, RDF, ESF, EAFRD, federation of Swedish farmers, the association All of Sweden shall live, Swedish association of local authorities and regions.
- Exchange experiences of different ways of fund cooperation
- How can we continue to cooperate even if Sweden will use only EAFRD?



# Working groups with representation from Leader

- **Smart Villages** (*Real and digital meetings*)
  - National organisations, authorities and associations
  - Financing and advice for smart initiatives
  - Methods for local transition/development plan
  - Translation of ENRD material
- **Innovations in rural areas** (*Real and digital meetings*)
  - National organisations, authorities and associations
  - Innovation infrastructure in three regions



# Lessons learnt



## **Co-Ownership:**

It is the members of the network that create the content.

## **Neutral arena:**

Cooperation between members – no one owns the agenda.

## **Equal terms:**

Payment to non-governmental organisations and associations enables active participation.