Improving LEADER Implementation: Making progress with PWGs

LEADER Cooperation – „Digging deeper"

Exploring implementation issues (Session 2)

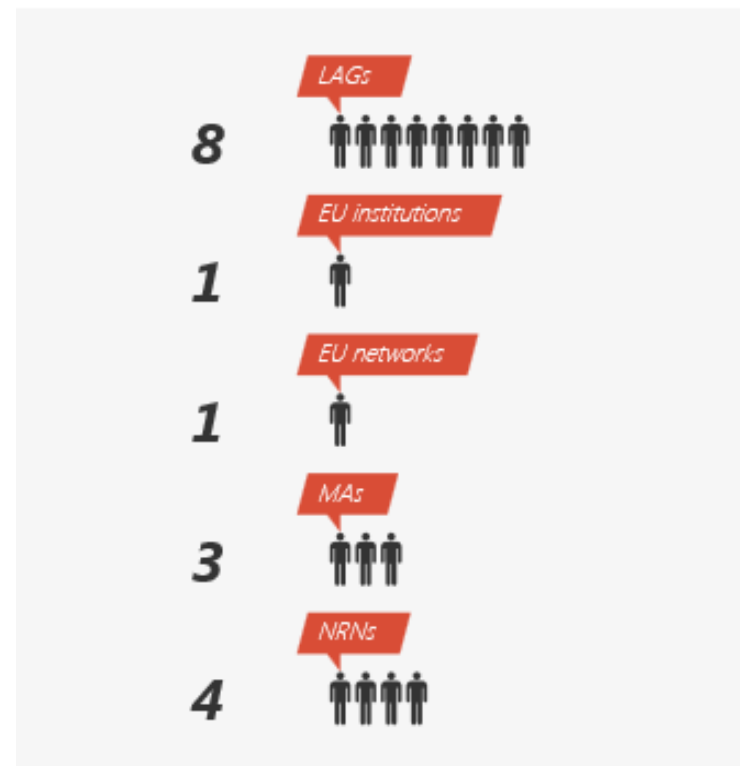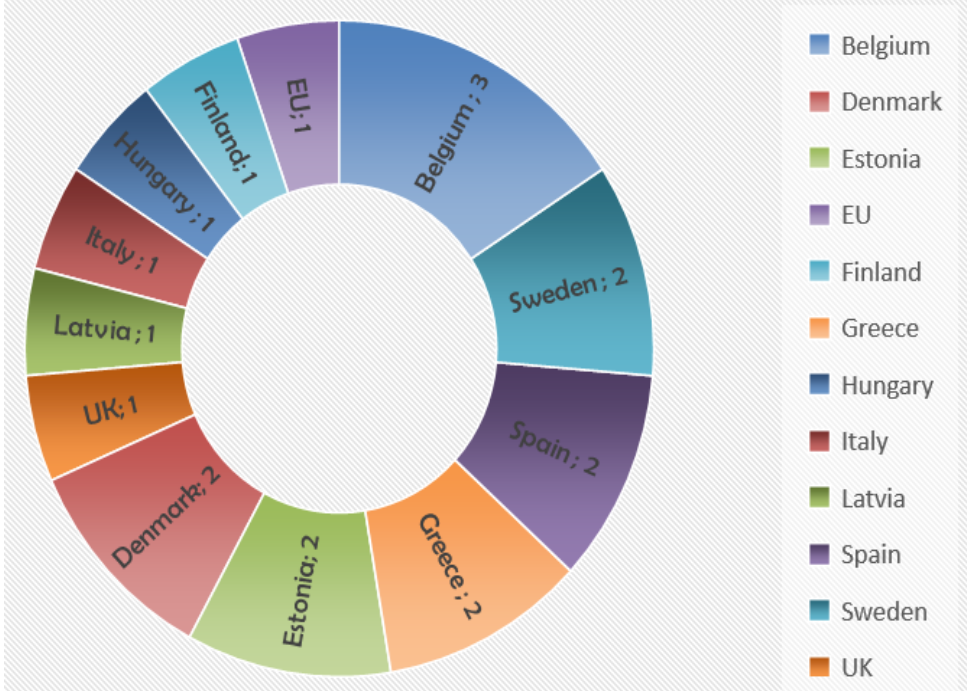Peter Toth

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Who's in the room?

Afternoon WS: "the EU in the room"

- Belgium; 3
- Sweden; 2
- Spain; 2
- Greece; 2
- Estonia; 2
- Denmark; 2
- UK; 1
- Latvia; 1
- Italy; 1
- Hungary; 1
- Finland; 1
- EU; 1

Legend:
- Belgium
- Denmark
- Estonia
- EU
- Finland
- Greece
- Hungary
- Italy
- Latvia
- Spain
- Sweden
- UK

Count	Category
8	LAGs
1	EU institutions
1	EU networks
3	MAs
4	NRNs

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Summary of the Morning Workshop

Profit generating cooperation projects

- Lack of information – is it possible, how...
- Sustainability consideratiosn
- EU rules, national rules
- ENRD/DG AGRI guidance…

Common period of calls

- LAGs have to have the chance to meet
- Calls are not open continuously
- Once a call is opened it should remain open - *window of opportunity…

Synergies between CLLD and INTERREG

- Exploring and using INTERREG and CLLD together
- Cross-border LAGs

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The Cooperation PWG so far

Themes

- the "ideal" process for TNC
- developing a common template (cooperation agreement)
- coordinating the selection and approval of TNC projects
- common definitions (joint action, common cost)
- EU calendar of TNC calls for projects
- demonstrating the the "added value" of TNC
- preparatory support for TNC

Membership

- 46 members from 20 EU member states + other networks, organisations (FARNET, ELARD, EURAF) and the European Commission
- 16 members are also members of the LEADER Sub-Group
- 17 Local Action Groups, 7 Managing Authorities, 3 Paying Agencies, 11 NRNs/NSUs in membership
- EU MSs represented: AT, BE, HR, EE, FI, DE, EL, HU, IE, IT, LV, LT, PL, PT, SK, SL, ES, SE, NL, UK
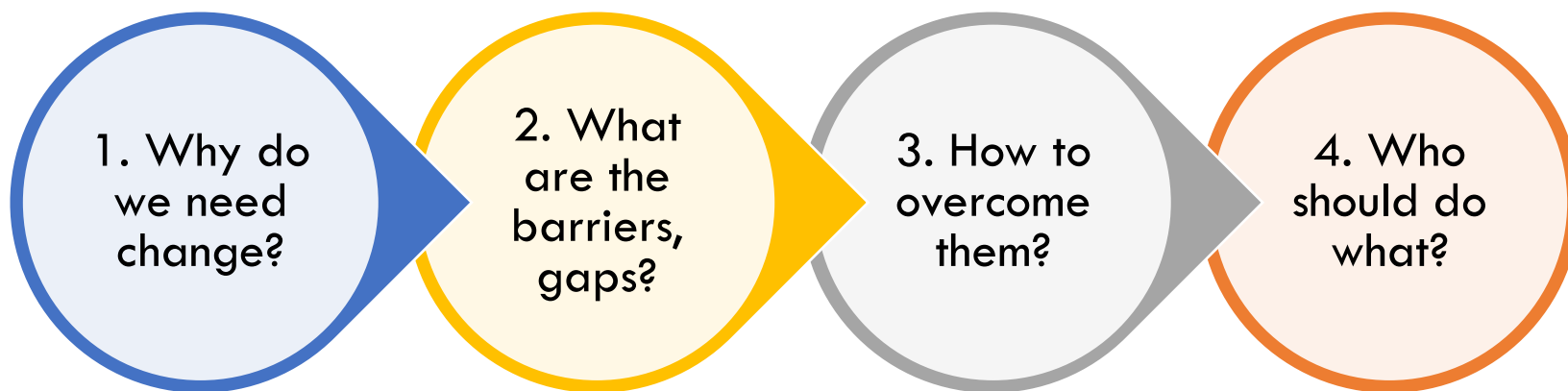
Key messages to date

- proposed elements of 'ideal' TNC process include allocation of cooperation bduget to LAGs, selection of projects by LAGs, networking support to LAGs by NRNs, the importance of understanding the use of preparatory support for "exploring" project feasibility, the coordinated submission of project applications
- common definition of 'joint action' and 'common costs' proposed
- a generic template for cooperation agreements proposed
- several examples of relevant EU MS practice available online

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What do we aim to achieve?

„Digging deeper"

- A closer look at some implementation issues you proposed for discussion
- Defining possible ways to overcome relevant barriers
- Discussion in a multi-stakeholder group
- Exchange of examples of approaches
- Defining possible themes for further exploration

Exploring

1. Why do we need change? → 2. What are the barriers, gaps? → 3. How to overcome them? → 4. Who should do what?

Topics proposed

Common period of calls	Common support document for calls for projects	Rules on maximum duration of a cooperation project	Continuation of successful TNC projects from the previous programming period
Preparatory phase - scope and budget limitations	Exchange of information on call and approvals – support by NRNs/ENRD	„simple exchange of experience" - definitions	*Profit generating cooperation projects*
Evaluation of TNC projects and their impact	*`Smooth` approval and variety of cooperation projects*	*Network of Alpine LAGs*	*Procedure for coordination between Mas for the approval of LEADER Cooperation projects*

Thank you for your participation!