

# LEADER in Germany 2021 - 2027

## State of Play

## main motivation to start the consultation process

- Federal system in Germany: one strategic 2021 – 2027 plan instead of 13 programs in 2014 – 2020
- Evaluate and implement the best elements of the 13 different systems for LEADER
- Fix the regional particularities with an added value
- common rules for LEADER in Germany means easier LAG - cooperation

## key elements in Germany to include in LEADER 2021 - 2027

- maintain the subsidiarity for local actions on LAG – level
- Strong causal line in the LDS from SWOT to targets to measures in the local action plan
- Selection of the projects by quality selection criteria and ranking, but without creating a system being too inflexible in the individual case
- Definition of the public interest group formed by municipal and state bodies, max. 49% on decision-making level

## main strategic themes and strategic policy choices for the future LEADER

- What should be consistent in Germany and decided in the national plan – what should be decided by regions in the LAG-selection process, and what by the LAG in the LDS?
- Only one result indicator: % population covered by LDS (R31a)
- !We are not in favour to amend the CAP-Plan after approval of LDS to consider other contributions of the LDS expressed in form of additional values for other result indicators. This might lead to a top-down effect!

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- Unit amount for LEADER: € per LAG per year; can't be a constant!
- Output “number of LAG” is a constant value just after approval of the LDS
- For not separable projects in cooperation: lead PA
- SCO

## stage of the consultation/planning process, next steps

- Involve all stakeholders of the regions („Länder“) – local PA and MA
- Discussion with the LAG lobby („BAGLAG“)
- Embedding LEADER intervention in the national plan
- In Saxony: detailed interviews with the LAG and the granting authorities

## expectations regarding the outcomes of this process

- LEADER system 2021 – 2027 respecting the needs of the LAG and the regions („Länder“)
- „no“ time delay despite the fusion of 13 programmes into one plan
- Learning from each other: regions and LAG