LEADER 2007-2013 implementation update

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LEADER = Liaison Entre Actions de Développement de l’Économie Rurale (Links between the rural economy and development actions)
LAG = Local Action Group
LDS = Local Development Strategy

Mainstreamed as an integral part of the EU’s rural development policy covers 2,416 rural territories

LEADER I
1991-1993
217 LAGs

Experimental phase
Total Public Budget: 1.2 BILLION €

Focused on disadvantaged rural areas (217 regions)
Stand-alone LEADER Programmes with separate financing

LEADER II
1994-1999
906 LAGs

Total Public Budget: 5.37 BILLION €

LEADER +
2000-2006
1,153 LAGs

The initiative covers all types of rural areas

Total Public Budget: 5.1 BILLION €

Total Public Budget: 8.9 BILLION €
Progress on LAG selection in the EU (2007-2013)

Sources: DG AGRI; Output indicators data, (from 2007 to 2013)
Progression in EAFRD declared expenditure for Axis 4 at EU level until December 2014

Sources: - DG AGRI; Declarations of expenditure, (Q4 2006 to Q4 2014)
- DG AGRI; Financial Plan 2007-2013, SFC2007 as of 13/04/2015
Total EAFRD expenditure of Axis 4 vs. Total programmed Axis 4 budget

Sources:
- DG AGRI; Declarations of expenditure, (Q4 2006 to Q4 2014)
- DG AGRI; Financial Plan 2007-2013, SFC2007 as of 13/04/2015
EAFRD expenditure of Axis 4 per Axis priority & per measure at EU-27 until December 2014

EAFRD financial execution of Axis 4 per Axis (in million EUR)

- **Axis 1 - (M411):** 302.72
- **Axis 2 - (M412):** 40.38
- **Axis 3 - (M413):** 2.793.24

EAFRD financial execution of Axis 4 per measure (in million EUR)

- **M 41:** 3.136.34
- **M 421:** 84.95
- **M 431:** 746.01

Sources: DG AGRI; Declarations of expenditure, (Q4 2006 to Q4 2014)

M41 - Implementing local development strategies
M411 - Implementing local development strategies - competitiveness
M412 - Implementing local development strategies - environment/land management
M413 - Implementing local development strategies - quality of life/diversification
M421 - Implementing cooperation projects
M431 - Running the local action group, acquiring skills and animating the territory
Key outputs achieved by LEADER in 2007-2013 at EU-27

94.8% of the total EU-28 area

LAG areas covered

LAG financed 140 thousand projects

28.2% of the EU-28 area population

Sources:
- DG AGRI; Output indicators data (December 2013)
State-of-play of TNC implementation
(based on the most recent SFC data)
Number of notified transnational cooperation projects per Member States (coordinating LAG per MS) as of March 2015

Total number of projects: 462
Average TNC project amount: €165,000

Origin of project partners: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Germany, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Slovenia, Slovakia, United Kingdom, Croatia, Serbia, Ukraine, Cyprus, Lithuania, Latvia, Netherlands and Portugal.

Cooperation project partners from outside EU: Ukraine, Norway, Panama, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, Belice, El Salvador, Costa Rica.

Sources: DG AGRI; SFC notifications, (March 2015)
State of M421 (EAFRD) expenditure for cooperation measure per Member State up until 2014 (% declared vs. programmed)

Sources:
- DG AGRI; Declarations of expenditure, (December 2014)
- DG AGRI; Planned expenditures 2007-2013, (April 2015)
LEADER 2014-2020: plans

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Indicative plans for LEADER in the 2014-2020 period:

• Implemented in 28 MS
• Implemented in 109 RDPs
• € 9.4 billion total public expenditure
• Around 2050 LAGs supported
• 147 million of the EU population in LAGs
Indicative allocation of budget for LEADER (total public)

Planned number of Local Action Groups per MS
Significant differences in planned allocation for sub-measures, e.g.:
M19 (Leader) – EAFRD contribution (MS with approved RDP as of April 2015)

[Bar chart showing EAFRD contribution percentages for various countries and regions. Countries include AT, BE, DE-Saxony, DE-Saxen-Anhalt, DE-Bayer, DE-Hesse, DE-Mecklenburg, DE-Northrine, DK, EE, FI, FI, FR, LT, LV, NL, PL, PT-Mainland, PT-Madeira, PT-Acores, SI, SK, UK. The chart highlights countries with data > 6% in orange.]
CLLD 2014-2020 in Partnership Agreements
(PA screening April 2015)

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MS planning to support multi-funded strategies

- **no**: AT, BE, EE, HR, IE, LU, MT and NL
- **yes**: BG, CZ, DK, ES, FI, FR, HU, IT, LT, LV, PL, PT, SE, SI, SK and UK
- **perhaps**: CY, DE, GR and RO
ESI Funds other than EAFRD involved in CLLD (multi-funded or single-funded LAGs)

- only ERDF: AT and SK
- ERDF & EMFF: SI
- ERDF & ESF: CZ and HU
- ERDF, ESF & EMFF: BG, ES, IT, PL, PT, RO, SE and UK
- mainly EMFF: CY, DE, DK, EE, FI, HR, IE and LV
Examples of MS allocation

- **Czech Republic**
- **Spain**
- **Hungary**
- **Sweden**

**EMFF**
**ESF**
**ERDF**
**EAFRD**
Member States with CLLD possible also in urban areas:

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Also urban areas: ES, FI, GR, HU, LT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SE, UK

Only rural and fisheries areas
Other observations

- Coordination mostly described in terms of „demarcation”, with the aim of avoiding overlap
- Measures to ensure a coordinated approach include:
  - Joint MA for all CLLD Funds (SE)
  - Joint body with delegated responsibilities (DK)
  - Joint Monitoring Committee (UK Sc)
  - Nominating a „Lead Ministry” (SK)
  - National Permanent Conference (CZ)