

# Discussion session: Better local development strategies

## Delivering added value in practice

### LEADER partnerships' local and other policy objectives (e.g. EGD, F2F, CSP, resilience)

RE: top-down or bottom-up: Why not vertically from goals to projects?

(NL): empowerment: start from grassroots, openness, continuous broadening of the network!

1. Start by interviews: what needs?

2. Main needs/topics discussed and compared with higher-level goals - where converge?

= Basis of the LDS!

HU: Continuous advice and awareness raising MA-LAGs

1. Explain EGD policies to LAGs!

2. Integration in LDS

**Key: The intermediary!**

FI: 1. Aland gov choose to use LDS to upscale env action (non-prod investment)

2. LAG insisted on involving local population - partnerships

3. Results! changed mindsets & genuine up-scaling with co-benefits and new collaborations

### Managing Authorities' contribution to better local development strategies

NL: Facilitation, provide budget, launch

TRUST - open process

Selection based on dialogue with LAGs

Short lines and informal contacts!

HU: Trust, confidence both ways

Provide solid funding and rules

Advise, accompany LAGs in LDS preparation

MA, PA and LAG have different tasks, from different organizations but work together as 'colleagues'

FI: Trust, support, clear guidelines

Maintain constructive dialogue with LAGs

Ensure timely payments

Ensure NRR support

Funds - ensure resources for LAG tasks

Quid: role of regional gov as co-funder?

Mainland FI: Selecting LAGs - quality of LDS counts!

FI: Submitted LDSs and the MA's rating of 'best' LDS are public

### Key actions to ensure LDSs have the support of local stakeholders and relevance to local needs

NL: LDS is the local stakeholders' strategy!

OWNERSHIP

Inclusive and open process

HU: ensure active and inclusive local process

HU challenge: those active not really local!

Local municipalities important actor in LAGs (genuine local interest)

Success depends on the quality of local civil society

FI: Networking on daily basis

Marketing & visibility

Accessible information of the LAG - website

Direct marketing to different stakeholders

Island LAGs: challenge to avoid isolation - Networks!

How to mitigate 'competition' between stakeholders in LAG area?

### LAGs ensuring the ongoing relevance of the LDS and participation of local stakeholders

NL: Mid-term review with inhabitants

Mid-term evaluation meeting

Regular networking meetings

Keep asking!

**BUT:**

HU: Challenge to keep people interested

Meetings don't work!

Directly involving people necessary

FI: Sensitive 'listening' to the issues and tendencies of the society

PT: strategy to respond to needs and delivery system to give space and value the involvement.

Ensure continuity of LAGs between programming periods!

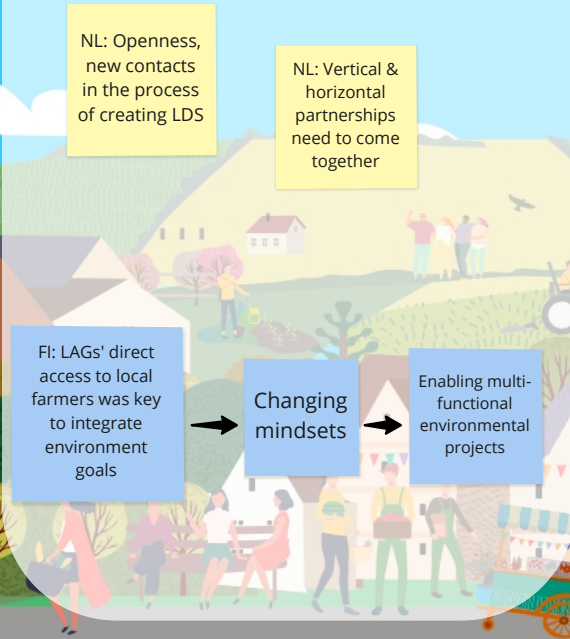
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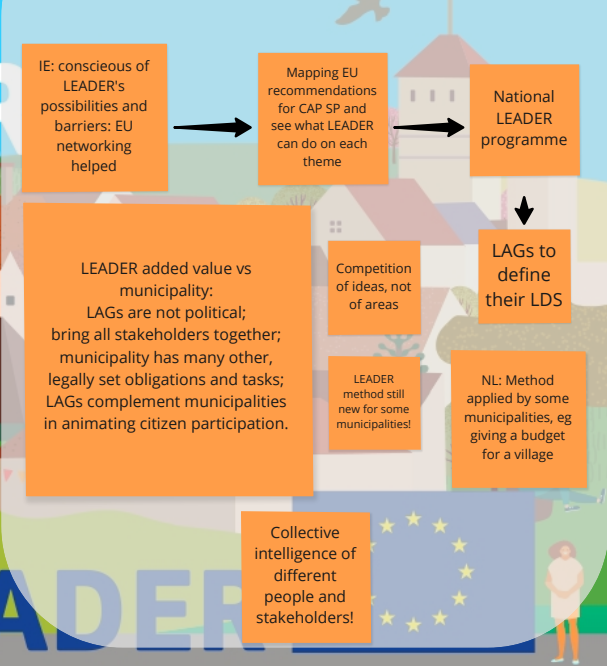
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### Open discussion on LEADER added value, etc.

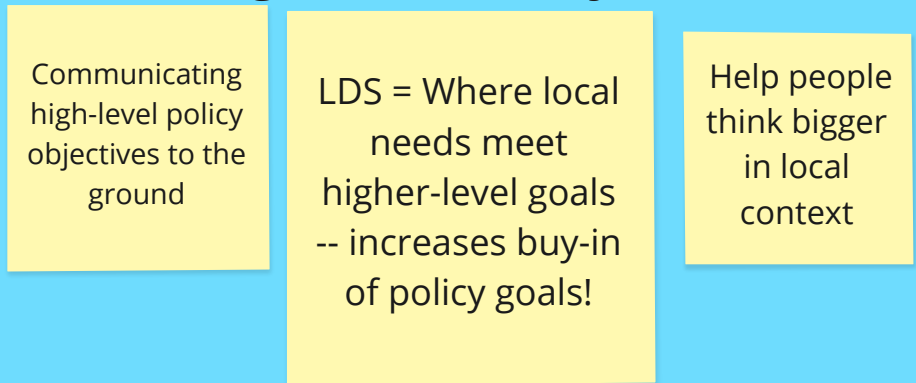


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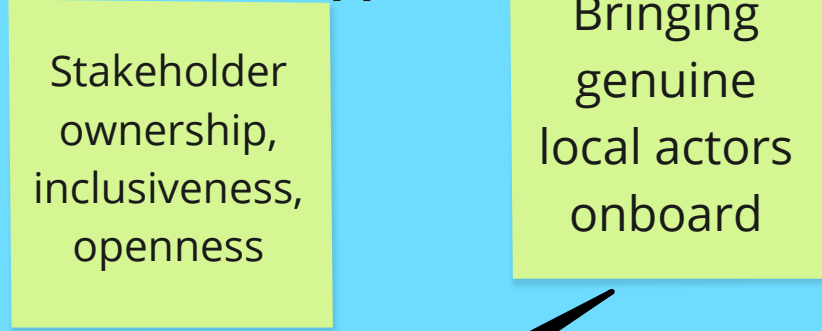
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### Addressing local & EU objectives:



### Local support:



### MA contribution:



Simple & flexible!

LEADER not only funding - market the social capital!

Active outreach and communication by LAG

Swarm intelligence

### Ensuring ongoing relevance:

