

European Rural Networks' Assembly

LEADER Sub-group

Overview of ENRD CP LEADER support activities

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- ENRD CP support to LEADER
- State of play – transnational cooperation
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ENRD support to LEADER

- Analytical, methodological, and thematic work
- LAG Database & CLLD Partner Search
- Capacity building activities
- LEADER resources
- Networking and knowledge exchange at EU and MSs level
- Collection of good practices
- Events



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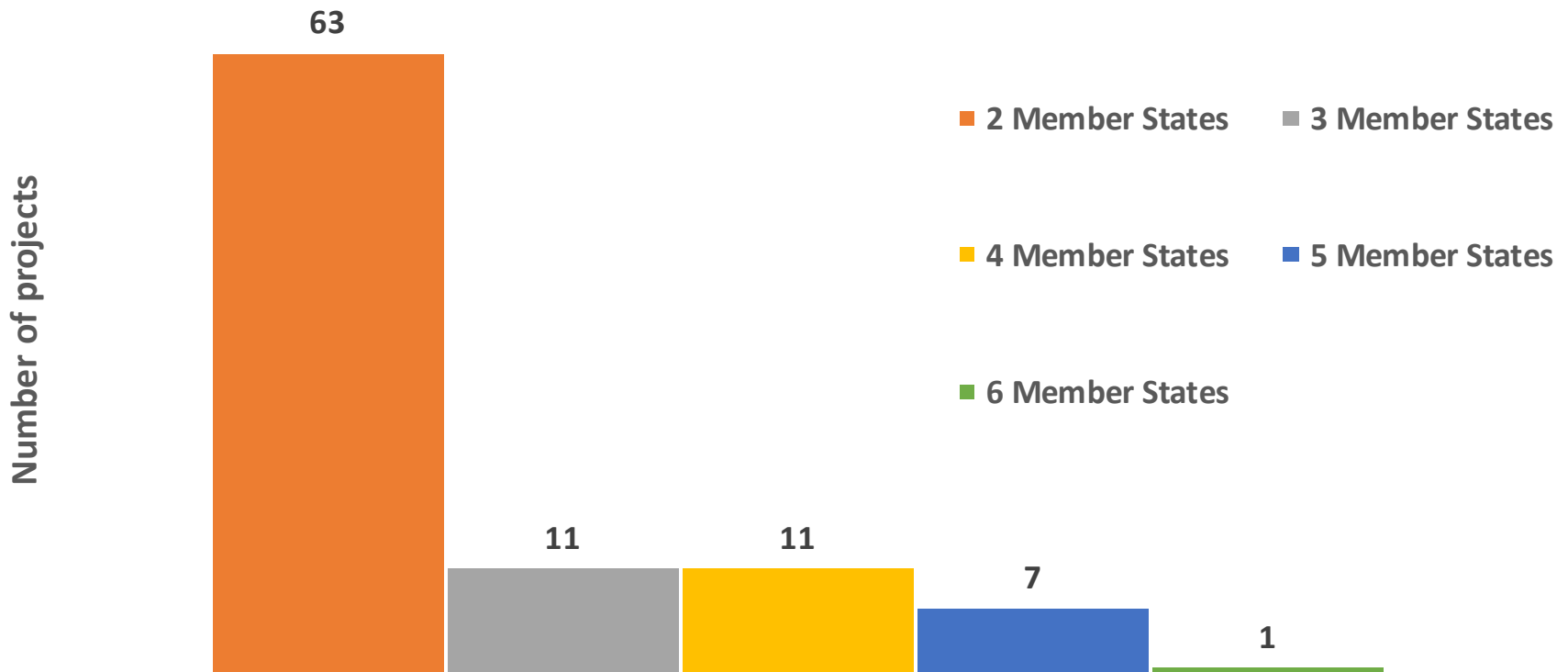
Information sources

- 175 project examples
- 12 practical examples of LEADER innovation
- 46 LEADER case studies
- 16 guidance documents
- LEADER videos on [EURural](#) – ENRD’s Youtube channel
- Transnational cooperation factsheets and ‘Cooperation Landscape’
- State of play of TNC document
- 3 098 LAGs featured in LAG Database
- ENRD page ‘Rural responses to the COVID-19 crisis’



State of play – transnational cooperation

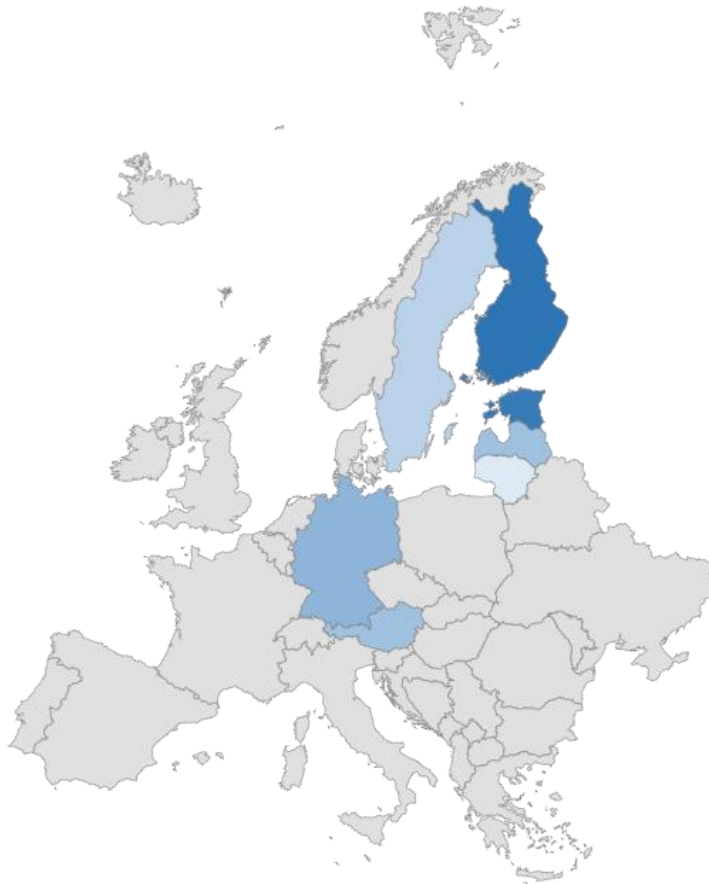
Number of EU Member States in transnational cooperation projects



State of play – transnational cooperation

MS with >15 TNC projects and top-3 partners

no of projects notified 
15 35



| Member States with >15 projects notified (total no. of projects) | Top-3 partner Member States |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Lithuania | LV, EE, PL |
| Sweden | FI, DE, AT |
| Latvia | EE, FI, LT |
| Austria | DE, IT, SE |
| Germany | AT, SE, LU |
| Estonia | FI, LV, LT |
| Finland | EE, SE, LV |

Main lessons learnt – thematic labs

Smart Villages

- LAGs as innovation brokers
- LAGs' collective projects
- Recognition of LEADER's role in social innovation
- Draw in external expertise
- Strong mandate for LAGs

Youth and depopulation

- LAGs act as ,creative cells'
- Youth as partners
- Educate local decision-makers
- Mentoring for ,hard to reach' stakeholders
- ,LAGs complement public and private sector

Climate Action

- Role in awareness-raising
- LEADER ,animators' recognised
- LAG projects
- Draw in external expertise and work across all objectives

Stakeholder engagement

- More stakeholder engagement = stronger communities
- LAGs' demonstrated ability to respond to crisis situations
- LAGs = ,bridges' between local communities and EU policy agenda
- Emerging need: build resilience and flexibility into LEADER design



Recurring themes - LEADER implementation

- Involve LAGs in designing the LEADER delivery system
- Strength NRN role - support to LEADER
- Clear designation of responsibilities in the delivery chain
- LAGs to operate as 'one stop' local development platforms
- Simplification and reduced administrative burden
- Enhanced use of SCOs
- Focus on local objectives and impact
- Evidence of impact and the use of additional indicators
- Enhance capabilities for LAG animation
- LAGs design and adapt the LDS and 'own' projects
- Reduce diversity of MS TNC rules



Planned ENRD support activities

Meetings

- 8th & 9th LEADER/CLLD Sub-group meetings (Q1, Q3)
- **Up to 4 meetings (webinars, thematic labs, workshops) focusing on capacity building and thematic topics including e.g. local community resilience (Q2 – Q4)**
- Joint DGs LEADER/CLLD Seminar (TBC)

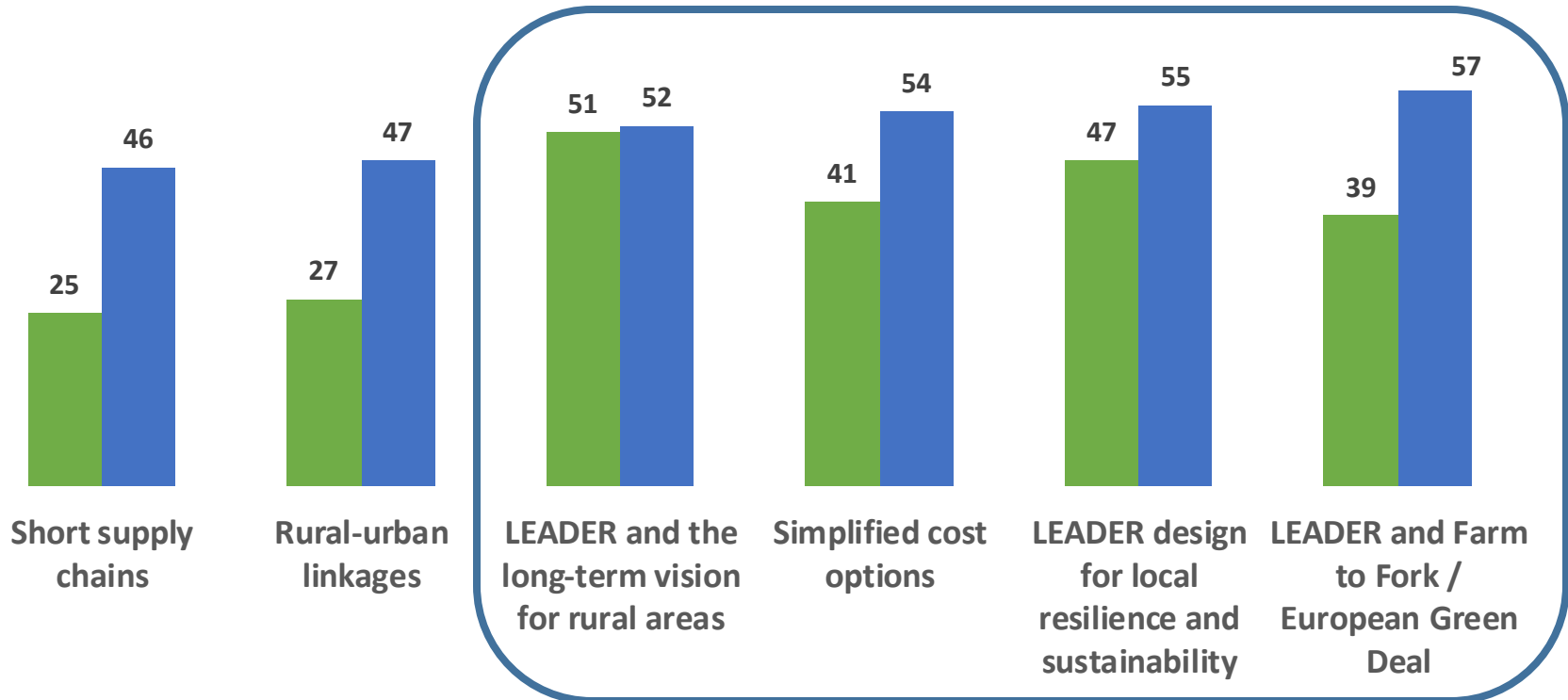
Products

- ✓ Reports on LEADER events
- ✓ Updated LEADER website content, possibly including LEADER video clips
- ✓ **LEADER case studies or factsheets** on resilience / sustainability / self-reliance
- ✓ **LEADER methodological good practices**
- ✓ **LEADER orientation papers, briefings** (e.g. LEADER improving local resilience, programming LEADER within CAP SPs etc.)
- ✓ Cooperation 'partner search tool' and LAG database regularly updated



Your feedback - questionnaire

- 92 responses from 24 EU Member States
- 47 LAG, 17 MA, 14 NRN, 6 local community organisation/NGO, and 8 'other' (regional LAG network, network of organic farms, farm, REDR, association of regional and local governments, etc.)



■ high interest in theme (number of responses) ■ interested in participation and/or co-organising an event (number of responses)

Your feedback – sub-themes

Re-localisation (food, energy)

Transition period and LEADER

Direct sales and short supply chains locally

SCO database of EU MS applications

TNC and COVID-19

Methods for web-based exchange in TNC

How to reward ecosystem services? (LEADER and GD)

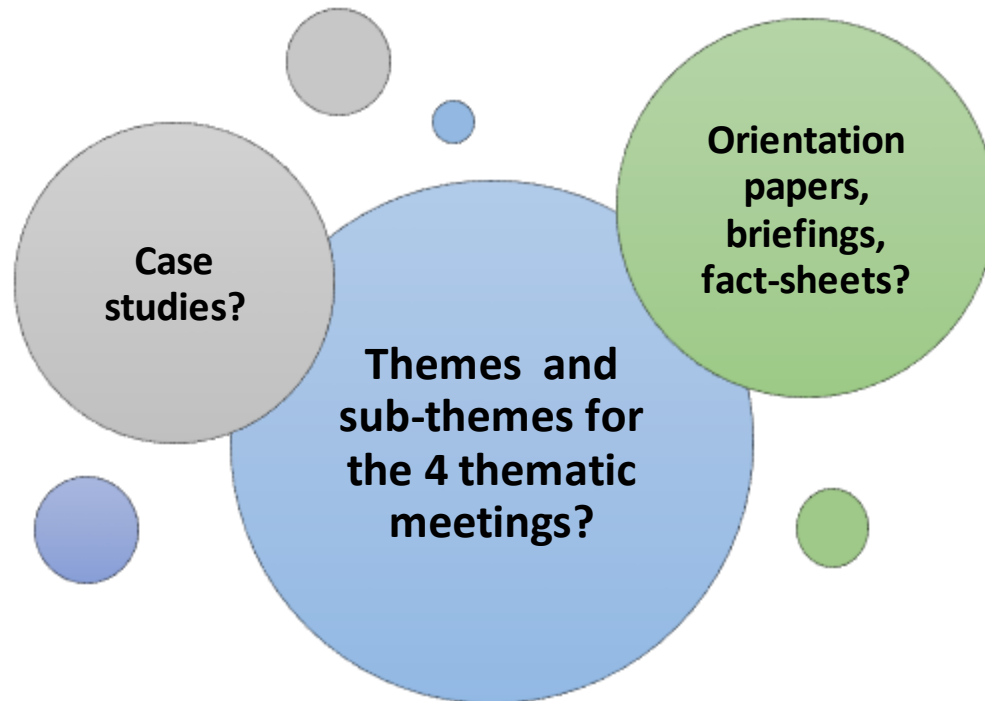
Gender and youth themes (umbrella projects)

Resilience – role of LEADER in mitigating COVID-19 impacts

Citizen shareholders' model and community-based agriculture

Green rural areas

LEADER and LTVRA in practice?



**Your comments?
Suggestions?**

Thank you for your attention!

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