



Designing LEADER for resilience and sustainability

The potential of LEADER from the LAGs point of view

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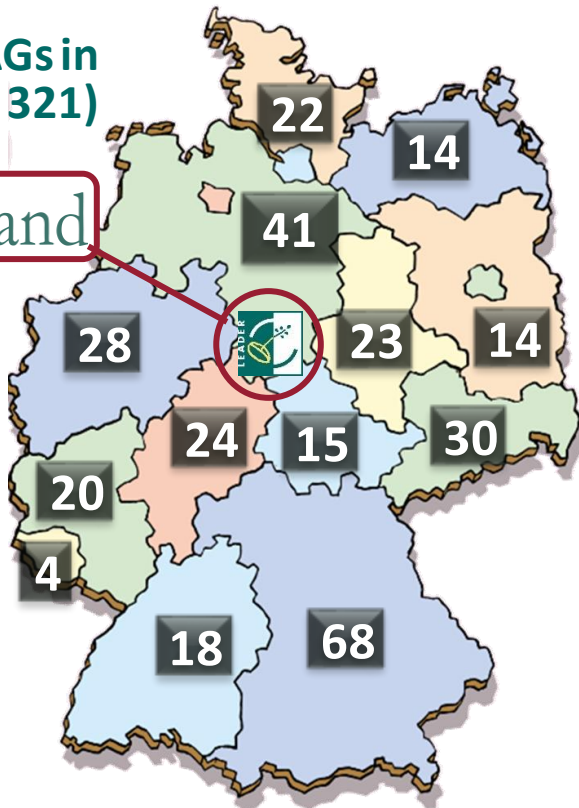


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Number of LAGs in
Germany ($\Sigma = 321$)

LEADER
GÖTTINGERland



3.000 LAGs in Europe



What do rural areas need?

Globalisation changes the requirements for resilience

- Knowledge
- Economy
- Climate
- Health

Resilience

- Knowledge concentration
- Global competition
- Climate Change
- Pandemic Risk

How can rural areas act for more resilience?

1. Economic regionalisation

- Build/strengthen local/regional (food) supply chains
- Create new local employment opportunities

2. Improving social infrastructure

- Provide social care services
- Provide recreation space

3. CO₂-Reduction and climate impact adaption

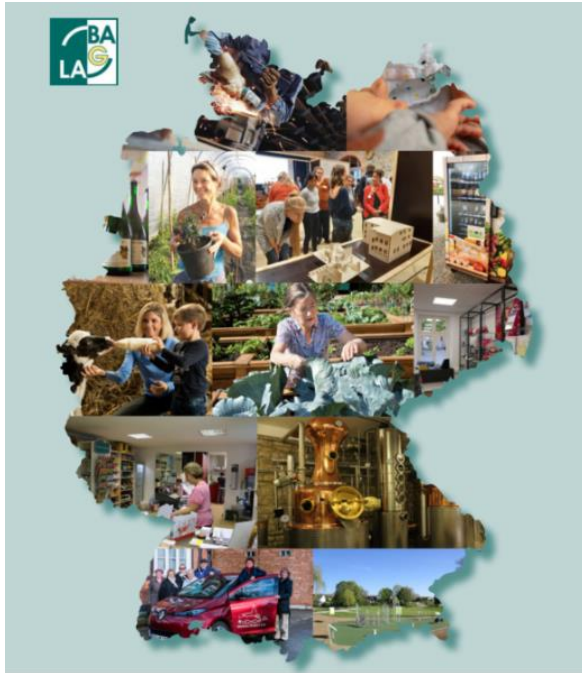
- Production of renewable energy (bioenergy, wind, solar energy)
- Transition to climate friendly consumption

4. Create participation opportunities



**Engaged citizens are
the basis of resilience**

LEADER addresses the main factors of resilience



LEADER in Deutschland
Stark in der Krise!



Bundesanstalt für
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Deutsche Vernetzungsstelle
Ländliche Räume

Two publications in Germany
end of 2020 to give examples
from the potential of LEADER

**Gemeinsam
stark sein**

Projekte des bundesweiten Wettbewerbs 2020
Motto: Täglich gut versorgt!

Bundesministerium
für Ernährung
und Landwirtschaft



Europäischer Landwirtschaftsfonds für die
Entwicklung des ländlichen Raumes Hier
investiert Europa in die ländlichen Gebiete.



LEADER's potential in making rural areas resilient

LEADER can contribute to overcome the impacts of the Covid crisis and at the same time foster sustainability

- by the implementation of projects which help to tackle social, technical, economic or environmental challenges
- convey knowledge, foster capacity building and build multisectoral networks
- strengthening regional identification and awareness of regional chances and challenges



Requirements for the implementation of LEADER to play an important role in making rural areas resilient

Due to complicated framework conditions LEADER's share of the Post-Covid recovery **fund** (Next Generation EU) will be low in Germany.

However LEADER can play an important role in Covid recovery **measures** if

- the LAGs receive a sufficient share of the transitional allowance
- national programmes allow support across the whole EAFRD spectrum
- the framework enables the LAGs to work continuously
- simplified cost options are used wherever possible
- further efforts are made for more simplification, less responsibility of voluntary actors, better financing conditions (e.g. prefinancing/refund procedure) and shorter approval procedures

**Climate
Change**

