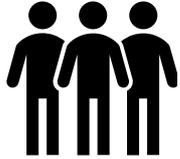


The LEADER Approach - Adding Value

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LAG Survey Highlights



710 Responses
73% LAG Managers

27 Member
States



Importance of
LEADER
Method
Stressed



Highest
Ranked
Principle



Top Priority for LAGs!

Implementation
Constrained by



84% of LAGs



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- ✓ Implementation
- ✓ Management & Tools
- ✓ Strengthening innovation
- ✓ Networking
- ✓ Cooperation



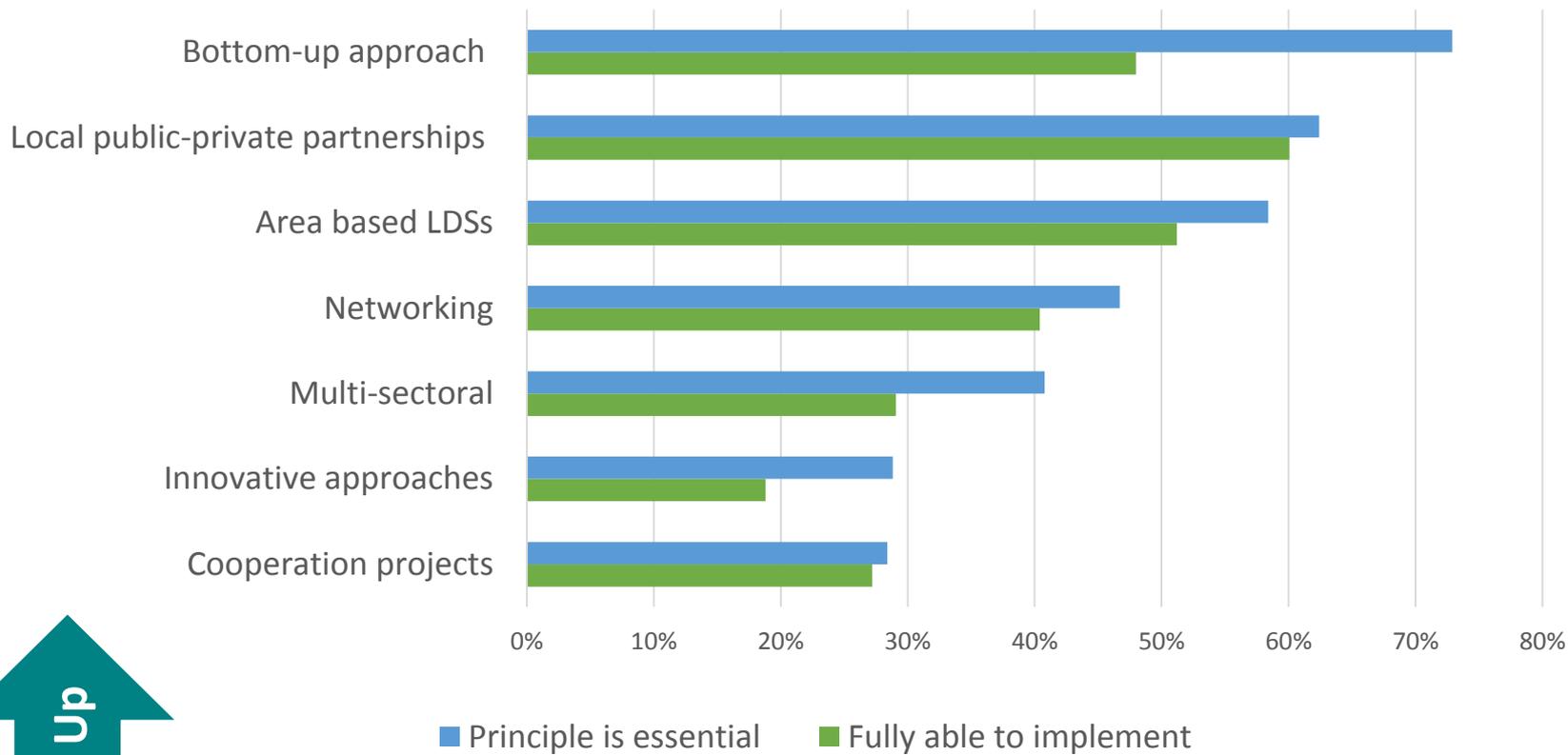
- Animation
- Innovation
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KEY NEEDS



Simplification
Coordination
Cooperation

LEADER Principles and Implementation



Highest
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Aspects of Implementation

Implementation
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- **84% of LAGs** and **78% of Project holders** see their ability to implement LEADER constrained by bureaucracy and admin
- **69% of LAG's** see administration and reporting requirements limit their capacity to animate

BUT!

- **79% of LAGs** are able to use qualitative criteria and local knowledge to select projects
- **66% of LAGs** have overall control of setting selection criteria and defining calls for projects

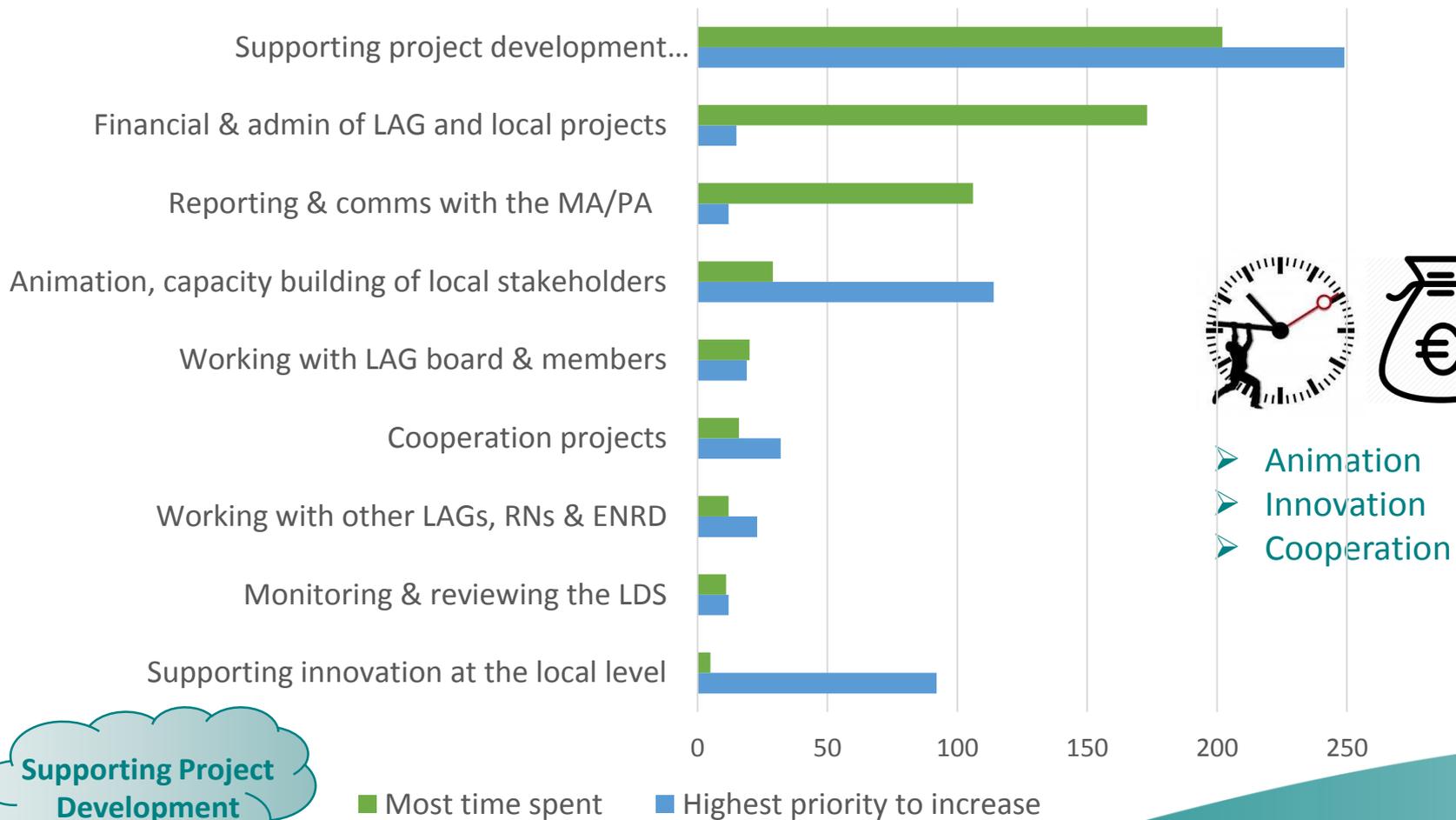


Qualitative Effects Distinct to LEADER

- ✓ 😊 Cooperating with other LAG territories;
 - ✓ 😊 Directly addressing local issues and opportunities;
 - ✓ 😊 Strengthening public private partnerships;

 - ✓ 😞 Finding/implementing innovative solutions to local problems;
 - ✓ 😞 Strengthening economic linkages among local actors;
 - ✓ 😞 Improving local community social capital and cohesion;
 - ✓ 😞 Mobilising local/endogenous resources (human, physical, financial).
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- ✓ 😊 Very/important and achievable
 - ✓ 😞 Very/important and difficult

Comparison of Day to Day Activities and Priorities to Increase



Supporting Project Development

Top Priority for LAGs!

Ways to Improve LEADER

- ✦ Simpler application forms / process (53%) ;
- ✦ Simpler and more proportionate system of controls (for smaller projects) (53%);
- ✦ Improving turnaround time on approving selected projects (39%);
 - ✦ Simplification, harmonisation and flexibility to support LAGs in the practical use of multi-funding (35%); and
 - ✦ Better common knowledge and networking between LAGs, MA/PA & NRNs (34%).



Thank you for your attention!

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