

Supporting LEADER added value through Practitioner-LED Working Groups

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This Presentation

**LEADER
Simplification
PWG (new)**

**LEADER
Cooperation
support &
PWG**

**LEADER
innovation
PWG**

Cooperation PWG – Outcomes, Issues



- More detailed description of joint actions and common costs;
- Generic cooperation agreement template developed;
- Information sharing:
 - preparatory support template;
 - project information sheet etc.;
- DG AGRI Guidance updated.



- Information gaps remain;
- Diversity of rules at MS level.

Support to LEADER Cooperation



LAG Database

- ✓ **Validated, basic data for 3 058 LAGs (2 745 EAFRD funded);**
- ✓ Includes **EAFRD**, EMFF, ESF and ERDF funded LAGs;
- ✓ Advanced version launched – integrated with cooperation partner search tool;
- ✓ *LAGs can manage and upload their profiles – including partner search offers.*



LEADER Cooperation

- ✓ 34 validated fact sheets online;
- ✓ Continuous updates of LEADER;
- ✓ Cooperation offers – integration with LAG Database « CLLD Partner Search Tool »
- ✓ Updated DG AGRI Guidance, ENRD Guidance and ‘Tools’;
- ✓ **‘The LEADER cooperation landscape’ with 61 RDP/TNC profiles online.**

Create your
LAG Profile

Browse other
LAG Profiles

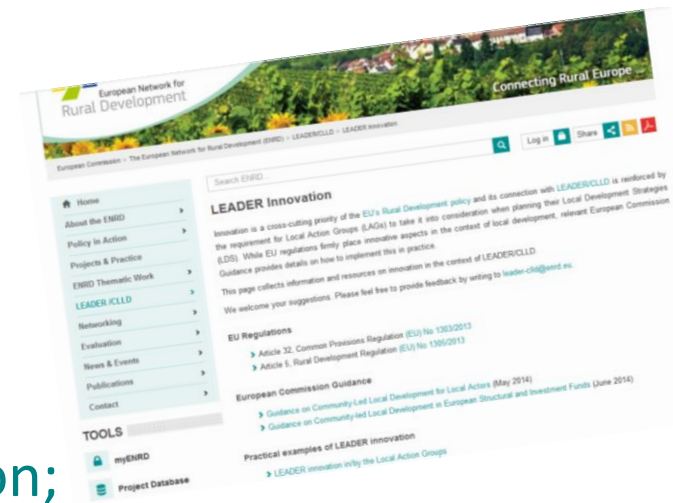
**MORE INVOLVEMENT
FROM
LAGS NEEDED!**

336 LAG Managers
already signed up!

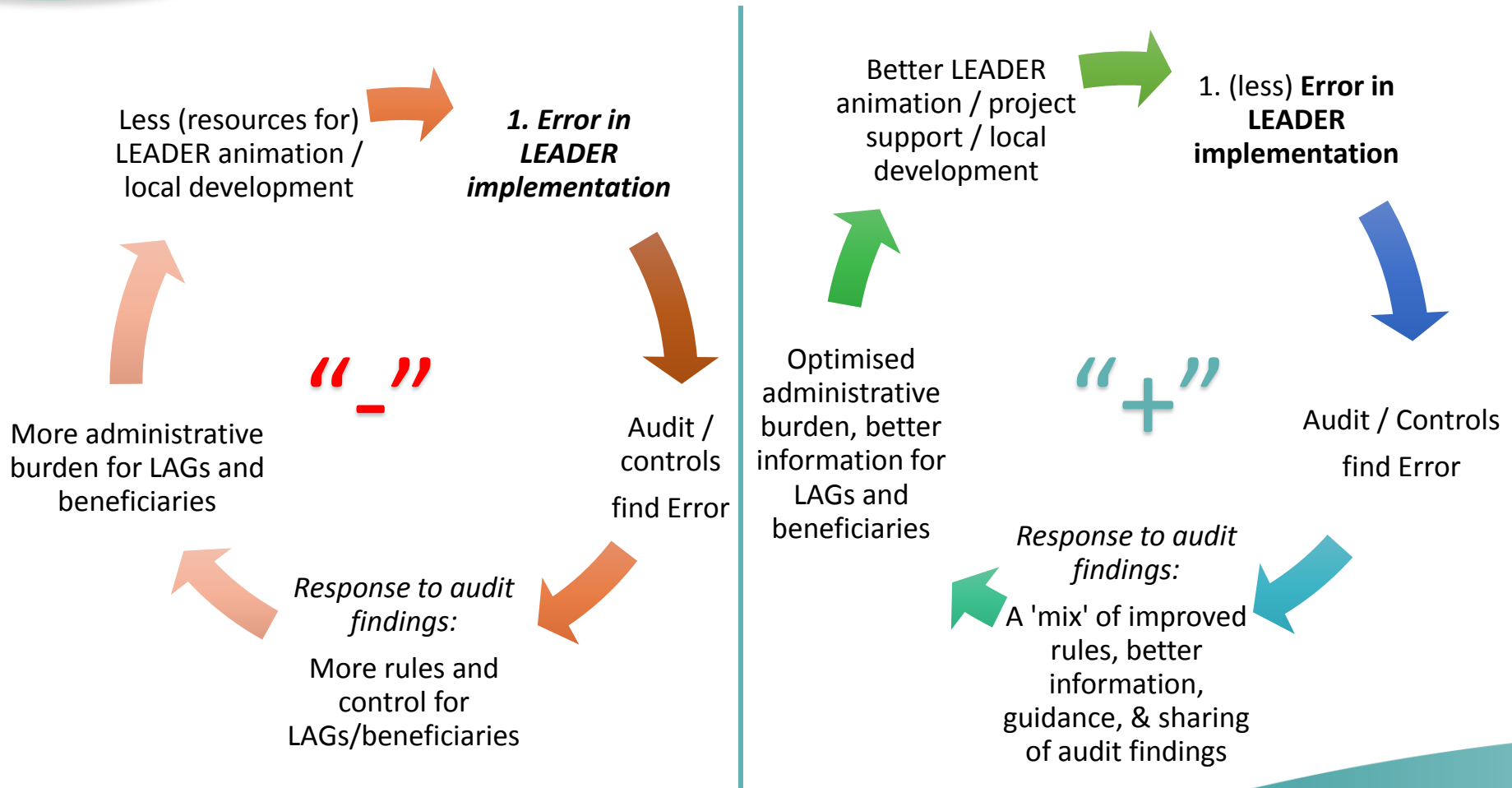
Start Cooperating!!

The LEADER Innovation PWG

- PWG involved 44 members from 19 EU Member States;
- Practical examples of LEADER Innovation from:
 - LAGs;
 - Managing Authorities;
 - NRNs.
- Summary of LEADER Innovation PWG discussions and conclusions;
- Dissemination tool on LEADER Innovation;
- Links to other relevant documents, regulations and other (non-EAFRD) innovation support mechanisms in the EU.



Two possible 'feedback loops'



Making LEADER Innovation work

Key ingredients of a recipe (?)

Shared understanding of what LEADER Innovation is and why it is important

Conscious effort from all to Build Trust, Cooperate, Coordinate

Acceptance of diversity in local contexts (LDSs) that define it



Understanding the Benefits of LEADER Innovation

'Local innovation culture' and 'Innovation Animator' within the LAG

Adequate level of Resources for Animation at LAG level

Knowledge of Relevant Rules and local context

Capacity Building – learning from audit findings and networking at all levels (inc. EU)

The LEADER Simplification PWG



Objectives: identify and develop practical initiatives and methods for simplifying LEADER implementation



14 EU MS / 27 members signed up – more members welcome



4 stages: scoping (completed) – sharing and developing (launched) – validating - disseminating

LEADER Simplification PWG Topics

**Applying
Simplified Cost Options**

**Understanding
'Gold-plating'**

**Simplification -
at Local Level**

**Simplification -
Omnibus Regulation**

**Simplification –
The Role of NRNs**

**Simplification -
LEADER sub-measure 19.3**

**Integrated approaches to
Simplification in the
LEADER Delivery Chain**

Looking to the future...

**Simplifying the
implementation of
Multi-fund CLLD**

Thank you for your attention!

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