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# SUPPORT OF INNOVATIVE BUSINESSES IN RURAL AREAS

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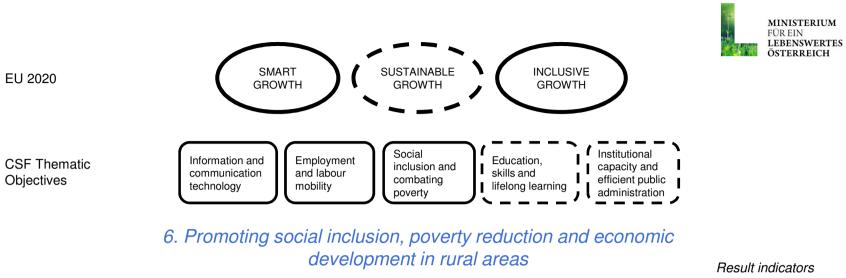
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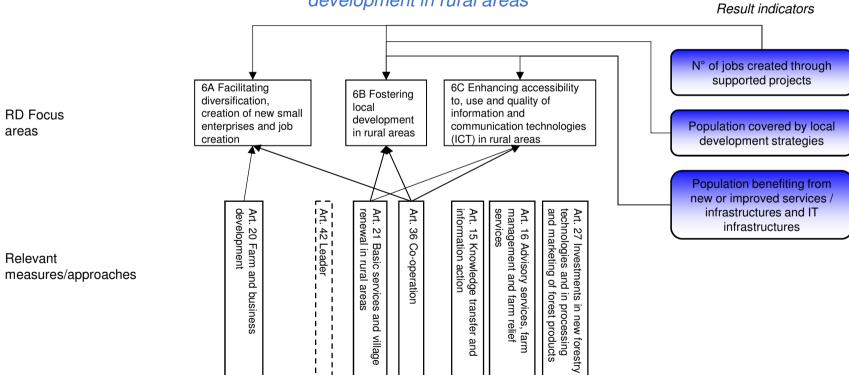






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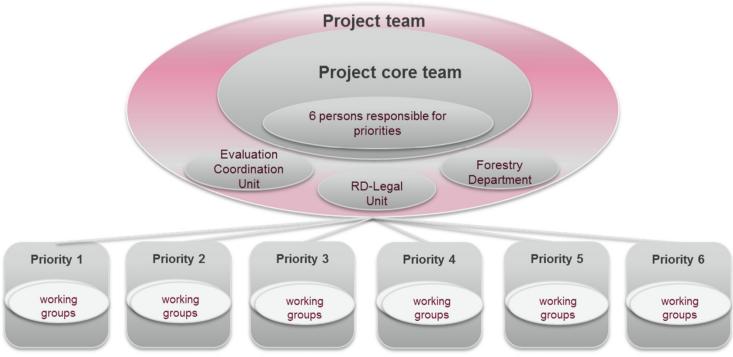


# STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMMING PROCESS IN AUSTRIA

Programming
Project organisation

#### **Project Contractor Committee**

Secretary General (leader), Minister's office, Heads of Department, Head of MA



Individual number of working groups per priority

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# WORKING GROUP 6A - DIVERSIFICATION, CREATION OF NEW SMALL ENTERPRISES AND JOB CREATION



#### 20 members:

- Ministry of Agriculture
- Ministry of Economics & Tourism
- Federal Provinces
- Chambers of Labour, Commerce and Agriculture

5 meetings between January 2013 and February 2014 (submission of the programme to the Commission in April 2014)

## topics:

• Discussion of legal texts, EC-guidelines, SWOT analysis, needs assessment, measure design, drafting programme text

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#### PROGRAMME LOGIC – FOCUS AREA 6A

#### **SWOT**

- Good economic development in rural areas esp. near transport routes and in touristic regions but low initial level
- Outstanding importance of SME
- lack of job opportunities, danger of downward spiral

# Needs assessment

- Economic diversification
- Development of touristic infrastructure and offers
- Support of cooperations and value chains
- Strengthening of links between cities and their surrounding areas

#### Strategy

- Support of farms to diversify into non-agricultural activities
- Creation and development of innovative enterprises
- Accompanying training information and adivsory measures

#### Measures

- M6
- M 16
- M 1
- M 2

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**CREATION OF JOBS** 

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## **MEASURES TO TARGET FOCUS AREA 6A**



#### Farm and business development (M6)

- Diversification of farms into non-agricultural activities
- Creation and development of small start-ups and young enterprises in rural areas
- Support of local supply

## Cooperation (M16)

- Cooperation in tourism services
- Development of small and micro enterprises in rural areas
- Operation of cluster and networks
- Diversification of farms into social services

Knowledge transfer and information actions (M1)

Advisory services, farm management and farm relief services (M2)

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# **RD-MEASURE** "Creation and development of small start-ups and young enterprises in rural areas"







- innovative crafts, innovative manufacturing, industrial production
- innovative services
- new products and services in the region, which complement the regional value chains

#### Beneficiaries

• Start ups and innovative young small enterprises (up to 5 years) in rural areas

#### Eligible costs

- material investment costs (eg purchase of machines), immaterial investment costs (eg licenses), investment-related personnel and general costs
- Projects between EUR 20,000 and EUR 200,000 and cost positions above EUR 5,000.00 are eligible, max. EUR 50.000 support

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#### **RD-PROJECT "LIVING CONTAINER"**



Conversion of high sea containers into autonomous small apartments with 25m² living area

#### Key characteristics

- stackability and mobility
- recyclable
- all-year use
- affordable price

#### - RD-funding

- total costs: 95,900 EUR
- funding: 50,000 EUR



http://www.livingcontainer.at (DE)

- 3 prototypes for non-commercial demonstration purposes
- eligible costs: materials and technical services for the containers and their conversion

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# RD-PROJECT "NRGkick" - mobile charging unit for electric vehicles



#### Key characteristics

- no dependency on public charging stations
- compact and handy to transport in the car
- safe and fast charging at any standard wall outlet (up to 22kW)
- reduced charging time that standard 3-phase power sockets allow
- in addition a smartphone app and intelligent plug adapters are developed



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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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