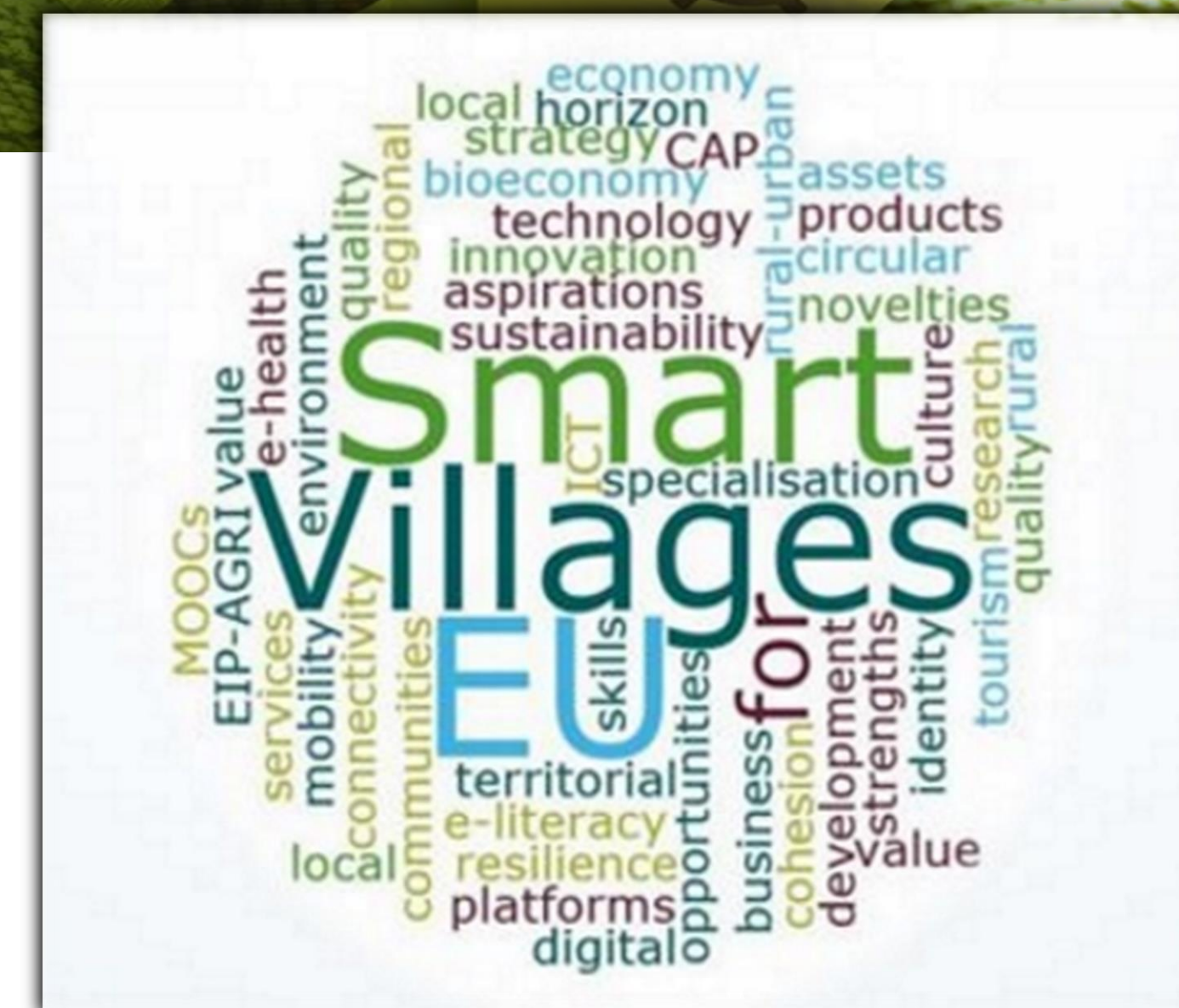


# Future CAP policy instruments supporting Smart Villages



ENRD Smart Villages Thematic Group meeting

European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development  
*F1 – Conception and consistency of rural development*



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# STATE OF PLAY OF THE CAP PROPOSAL

- ***Legal proposals for the CAP post 2020 adopted by the Commission on 1 June 2018***
- ***Discussions as part of legislative procedure with the Council and the European Parliament ongoing***
- ***Proposal provides for a date of application as of 1 January 2021***



# SMART VILLAGES IN THE FUTURE CAP



## Smart Villages in the CAP proposal

- Referred to in recital (45) on support for cooperation
- Targets to be set for Smart Villages, based on Result Indicator 33:  
"Rural population covered by a supported Smart Villages strategy"

## The proposal in general

- Strong focus on innovation and digitisation of agriculture and rural areas
- Legal framework provides for more flexibility for Member States to design simple, relevant interventions according to national/regional/local context



More **flexibility, fewer** rules ...



# SUPPORT THROUGH THE CAP STRATEGIC PLAN

## ***Member States design interventions and set targets in CAP Strategic Plans***

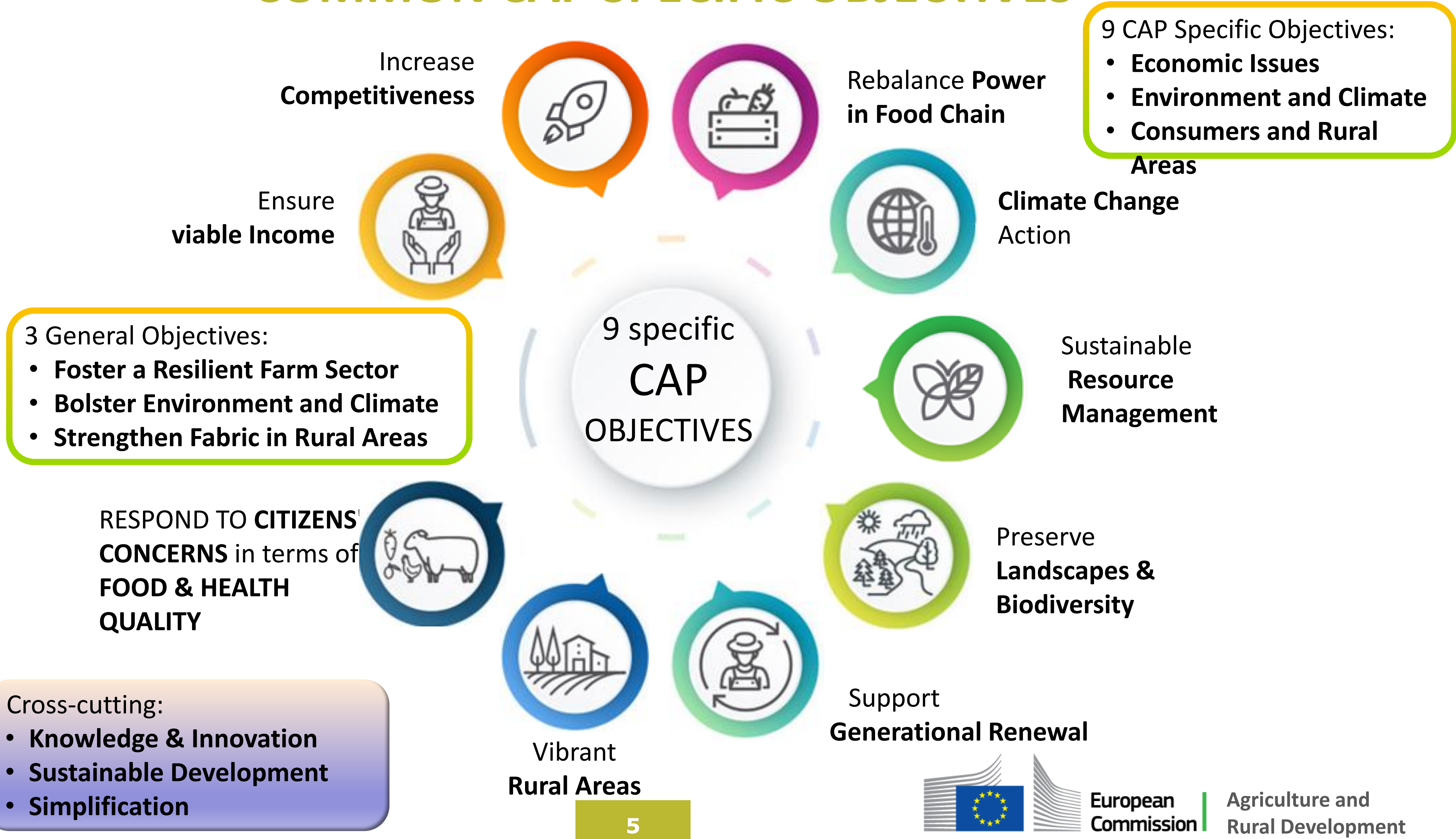
- *According to SWOT analysis and assessment of needs*
- *Contributing to one or more of the 9 CAP objectives*



*E. g. interventions under Cooperation (incl. LEADER) possibly combined with other interventions, such as digital solutions, knowledge exchange and information, investments...*



# COMMON CAP SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES



# SUPPORT FOR COOPERATION – ART. 71

## ***Support to forms of cooperation contributing to achievement of specific objectives***

- *LEADER*
- *Other forms of cooperation*

# “OTHER FORMS OF COOPERATION”

## ***Flexibility for Member States to define interventions according to varying contexts***

**Don't forget current possibilities in rural development!**

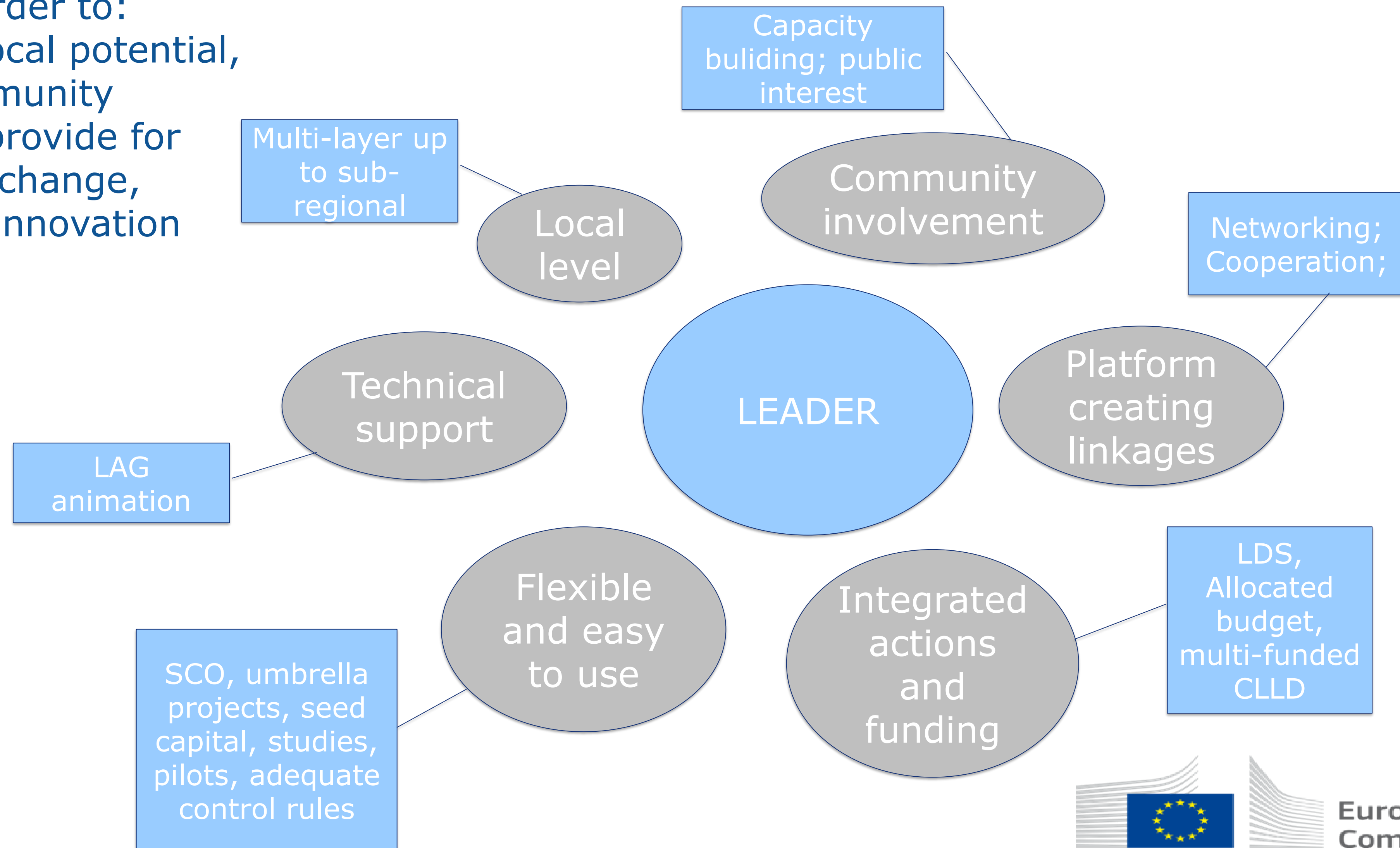
- *Support may cover up to 100 % of eligible costs for the cooperation*
- *Cooperation operations may include also animation and project implementation (elements similar to other types of interventions according to those rules, e. g. investments)*
- *Or cooperation only, in combination with other CAP Strategic Plan interventions*
- *Eligibility criteria (e. g. regarding the strategy) to be defined by MS*



# SMART VILLAGE SUCCESS FACTORS VS. LEADER

LEADER in order to:

- mobilise local potential,
- build community capacity, provide for structural change,
- stimulate innovation





# LEADER

- *Has it all to be the main vehicle ...*
- *on the condition that all the features are present.*
- *Yet, to play to its full potential it needs to be complemented by enabling environment (bigger scale investments, regulatory framework, coordination)*

# FUTURE OPPORTUNITY

- *Flexible framework (to be developed with LAGs)*
- *Multi-funded CLLD facilitated*
- *SV indicator*
- *Match means (capacity, funding, delivery mechanisms) with objectives*

Thank you!