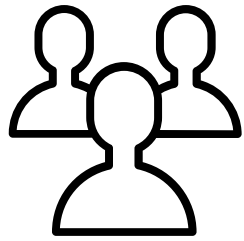


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Key elements of local social, economic and environmental resilience

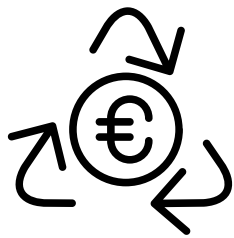


ensuring safety and protection for the community (esp. elderly)

volunteer associations (e.g. sport groups,...)

meaningful and efficient community connection

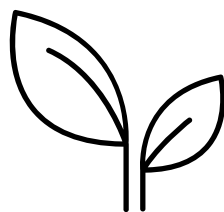
LAGs should act as animators while the ownership of the initiatives should be in the hands of the community



offer small-scale support for small business

providing a local umbrella to ensure coordination and synergies of different development initiatives

private-public cooperation (e.g. cooperation with banks to support access to credits)



raise awareness about climate change

the importance of supporting local supply chains that allows to retain the economic value of the production locally while also contributing to reduce pollution (less transport)

digitalisation, online work

innovation, open to new solutions

How to implement LEADER in the transition period / for post-COVID recovery to achieve resilience in these aspects?



How to design LEADER under the CAP Strategic Plans to enable local development strategies that optimise these aspects of resilience?

It is important to keep an eye on Green Deal policies and how they are translated to national plans when planning the recovery interventions. There is the danger of a mismatch between the new CAP and the Green Deal ambition which may lead to further conflict for farmers

simplification,
remove burdens
and bureaucracy

sustainability

remember the 7 Leader-approaches: bottom-up approach, networking etc. Therefore, there can not be too many restrictions etc.

identify the drivers of change in the area and the key actions to make it happen

keep an eye on wider funding opportunities

Avoid micro detail when writing LDS to keep them sufficiently flexible to address local needs

flexibility during the 7 years as needs and priorities can change

In the current experience LDSs can be amended at anytime , but the process can be quite heavy (especially considered the number of existing LAGs) and time consuming (e.g. CZ and IE)

find a compromise between sound strategic planning and flexibility

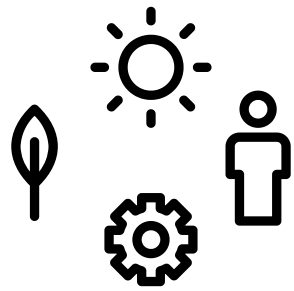
strategies tailored to the local needs: ownership in the ends of the community



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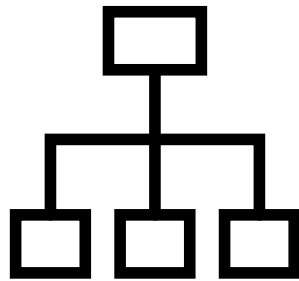
Key elements of local LAG capacities, organisational, and delivery system features for designing resilience?



LAGs have the knowledge and the resources

capacity building activities

networking



financial stability and reliability of local partners and LAGs (instead of changing every few years)

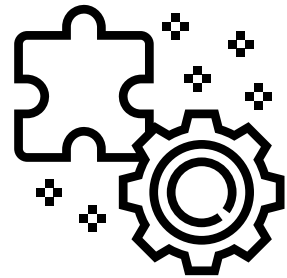
more structured partnership

bottom up approach

local networking capacity

synergies with different funding sources

balance between stability and possibilities for new comers & new ideas



trust between authorities, LAGs and other actors

supporting a common understanding of the regulations and rules

knowledge of the rural actors - LEADER can harness this

Synergies between EIP Operational Groups and LAGs in future?

How to maximise LEADER/LDS contribution to resilience in the transition period (by making these capacities and features work)?

digital solutions in rural areas as a response to the covid crisis

networking and cooperation mechanisms to ensure a smooth transition and strengthen partnerships

collection of examples for LAGs to inspire each other

focus on innovation

LAGs to be involved more in the next programming period

further guidelines on the EU policies

NL + DE: LAGs are not included in the Covid funding, because of concerns they would not be able to use resources fast enough

build new collaboration opportunities

redesign the partnerships

ensuring links to the Green Deal strategies and other policy priorities



How to consider these – capacities and features - when designing LEADER (for resilience) for the future CAP Strategic Plans?

