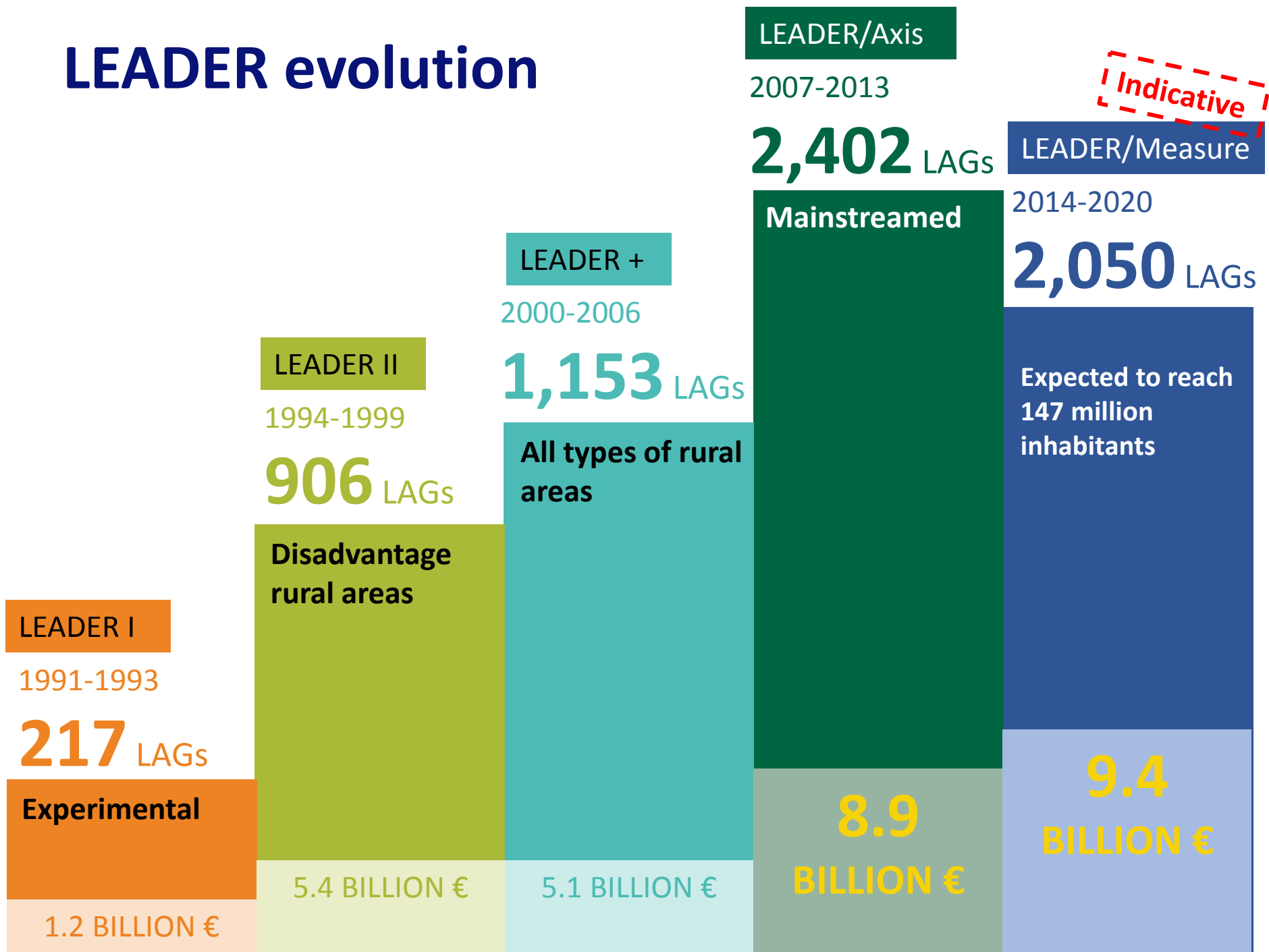# CLLD planning in 2014-2020 & LEADER Cooperation

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#LeaderCLLD

LEADER evolution

LEADER I
1991-1993
217 LAGs
Experimental
1.2 BILLION €

LEADER II
1994-1999
906 LAGs
Disadvantage rural areas
5.4 BILLION €

LEADER +
2000-2006
1,153 LAGs
All types of rural areas
5.1 BILLION €

LEADER/Axis
2007-2013
2,402 LAGs
Mainstreamed
8.9 BILLION €

Indicative

LEADER/Measure
2014-2020
2,050 LAGs
Expected to reach 147 million inhabitants
9.4 BILLION €

2014-2020 Indicative allocation of budget for LEADER - *Breakdown by sub-measure*

European Network for Rural Development

9.4 Billion EUR

LEADER budget

M19.3 Cooperation activities
4% - 1.5 billion EUR

M19.4 Running costs & animation
16% - 404 million EUR

M19.1 Preparatory support
1% - 108 million EUR

M19.2 Implementation of operations
79% - 7.3 billion EUR
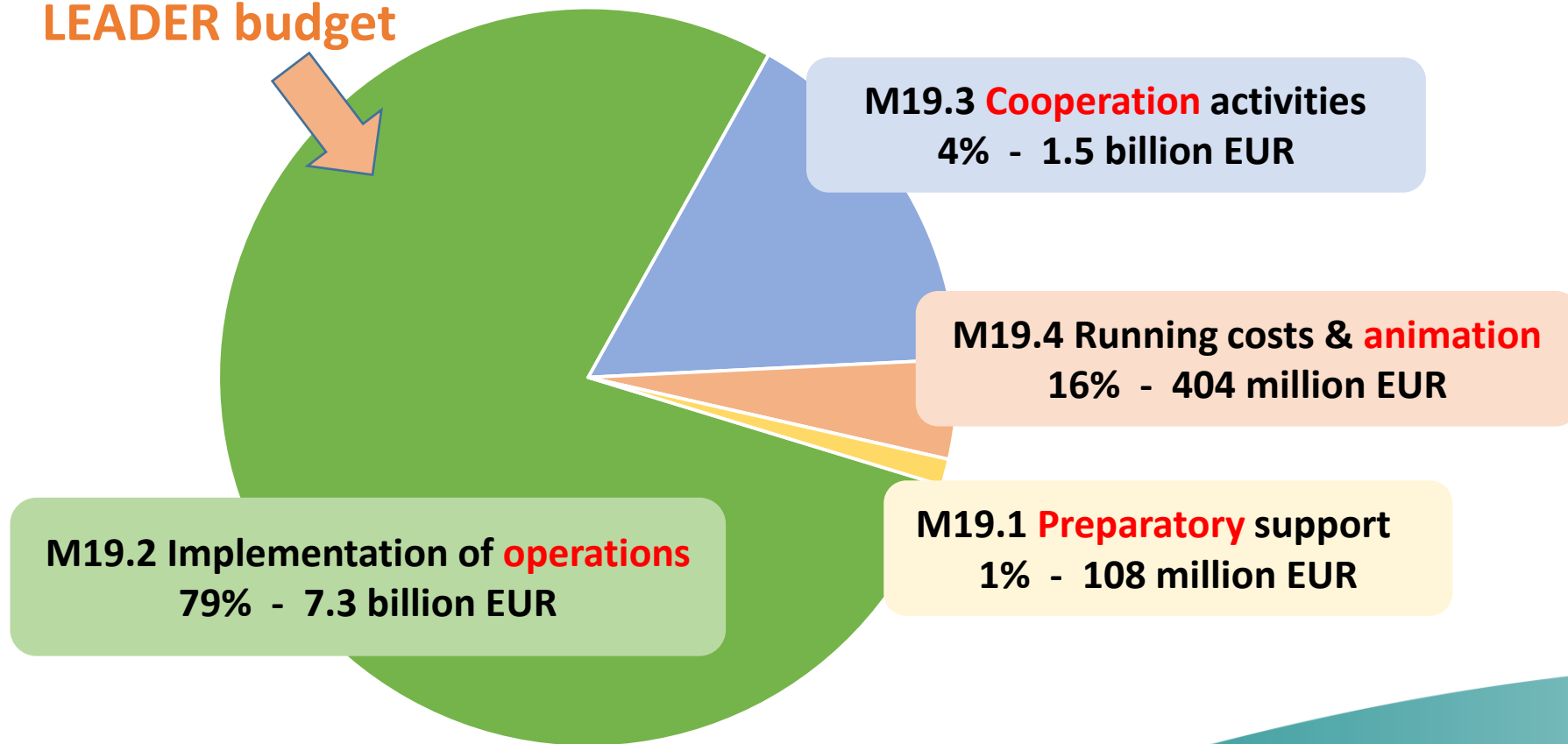
2014-2020 Examples of differences in planned allocation for sub-measures

% of M19 planned budget

Cooperation
(incl. preparation)

- Lowest: 1%
- Highest: 22%
- Average: 5%

Running costs & animation

- Lowest: 7%
- Highest: 27%
- Average: 16%

Source: DG AGRI - 2014-20 RDP provisional budget data
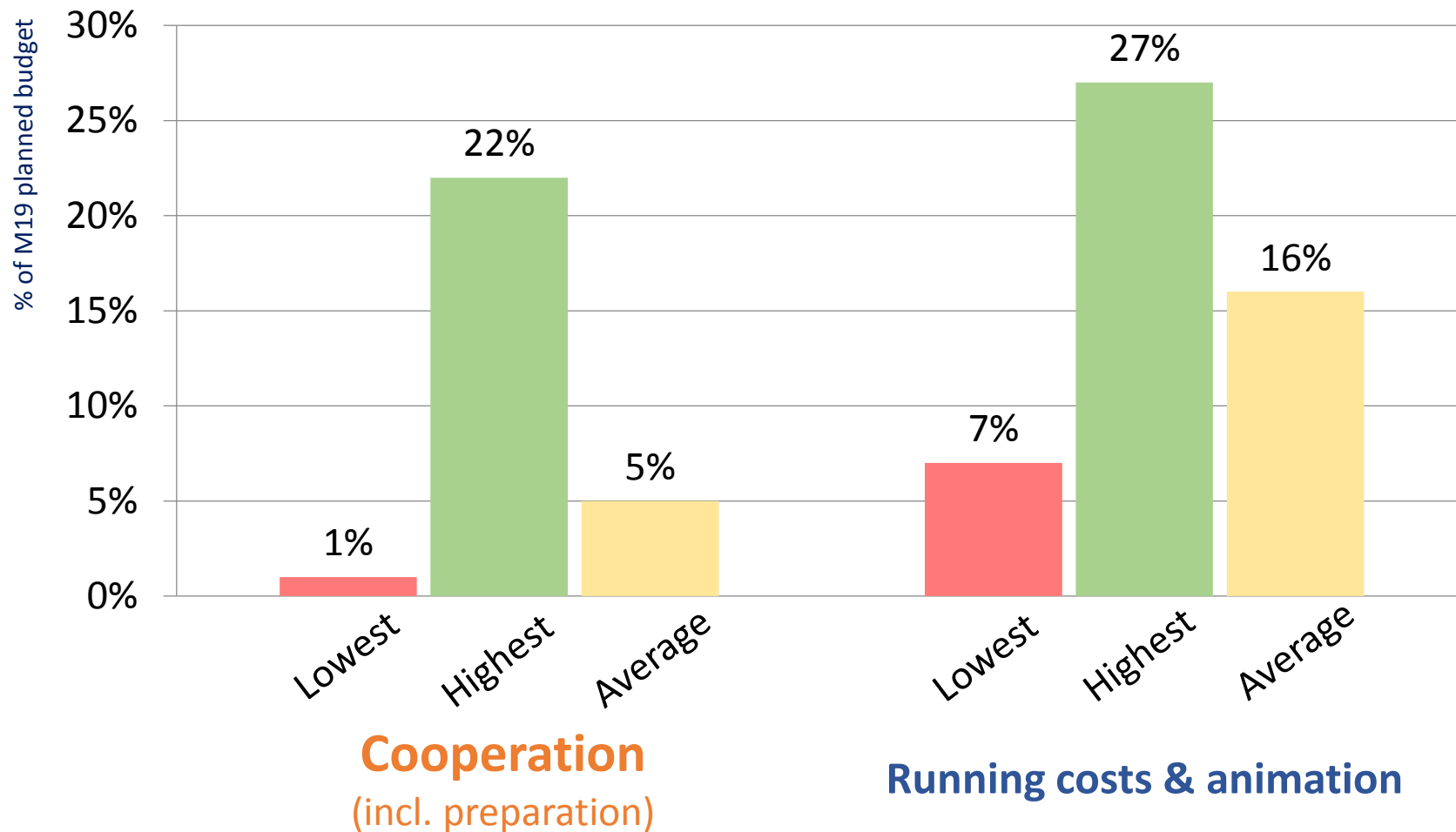
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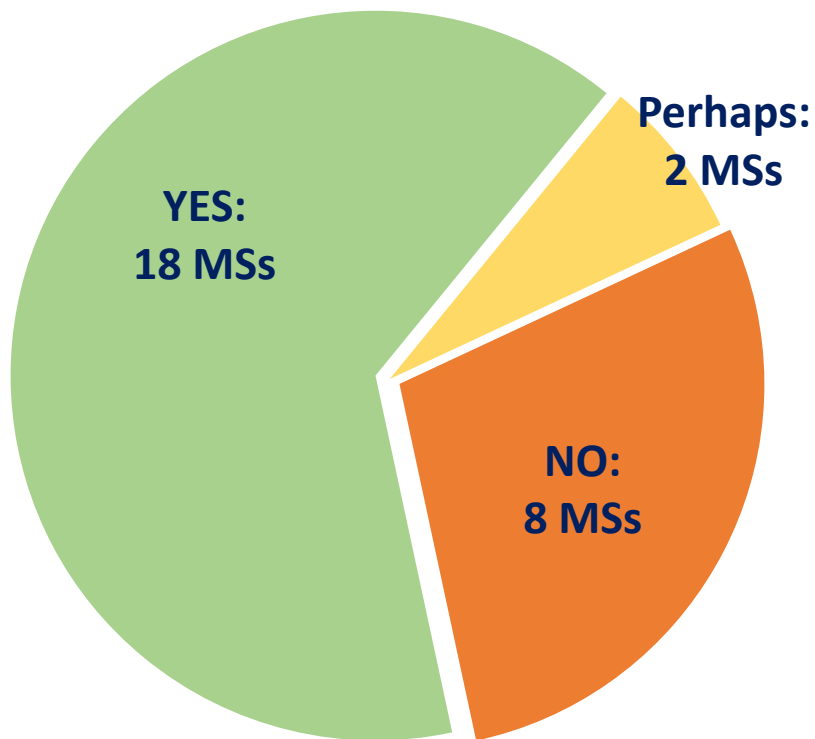
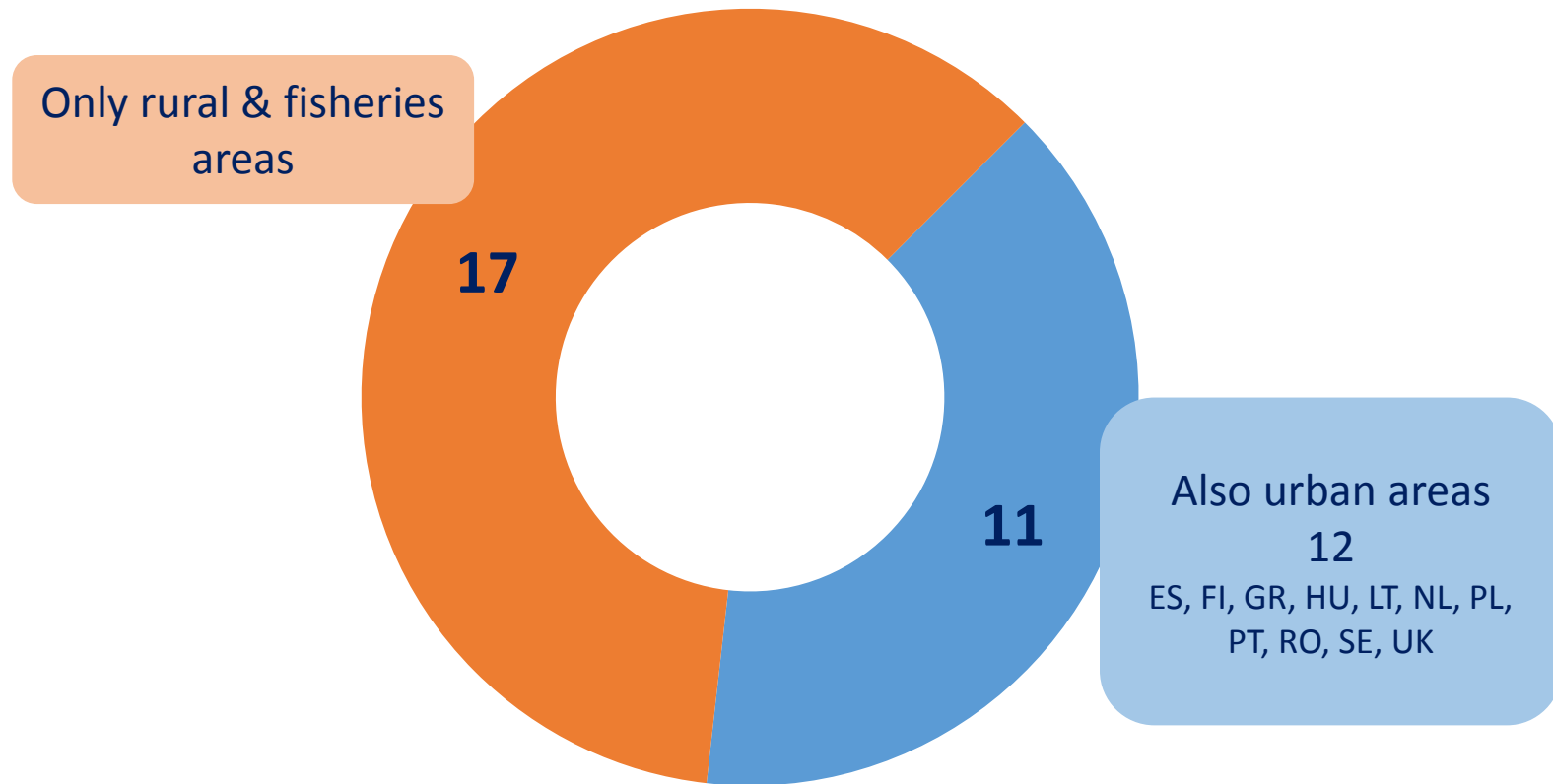
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NO	8 - BE, EE, HR, HU, IE, LU, MT and NL
YES	18 - AT, BG, CZ, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GR, IT, LT, LV, PL, PT, SE, SI, SK and UK
Perhaps	2 - CY, RO

YES: 18 MSs

Perhaps: 2 MSs

NO: 8 MSs

Source: ENRD CP - Screening of 28 approved Partnership Agreement

ESI Funds other than EAFRD involved in CLLD (multi-funded or single-funded LAGs)

Pie chart:
- Mainly EMFF: 7 MSs
- Only ERDF: 2 MSs
- ERDF & EMFF: 1 MSs
- ERDF & ESF: 2 MSs
- ERDF, ESF & EMFF: 10 MSs
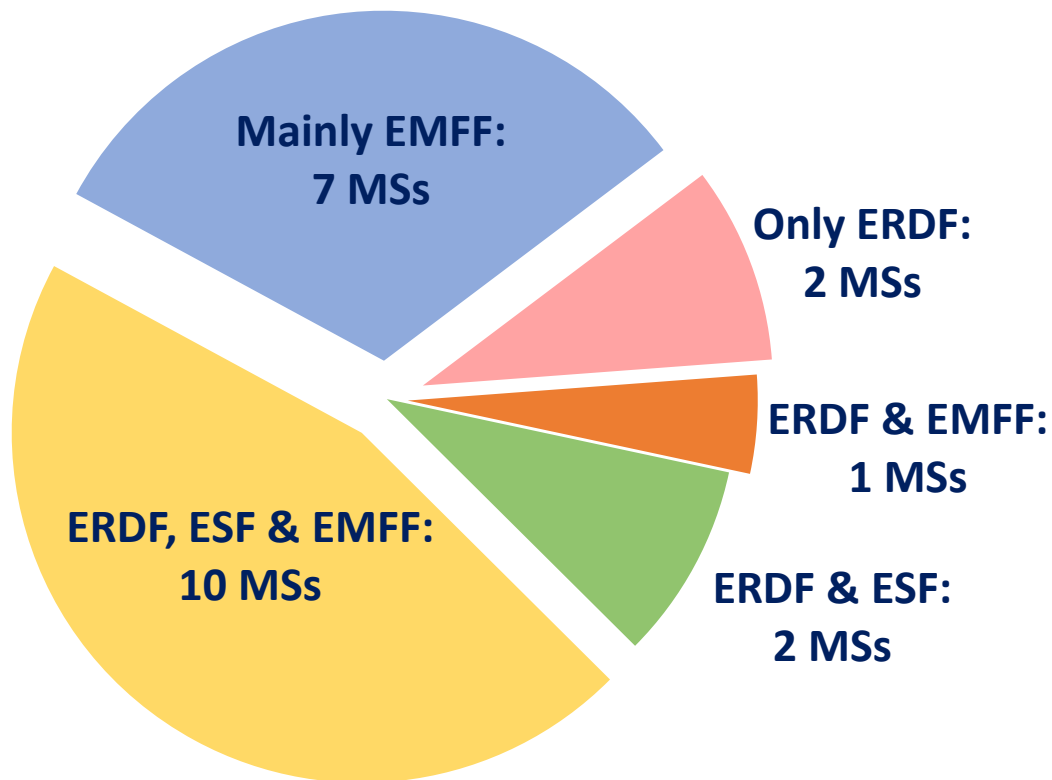
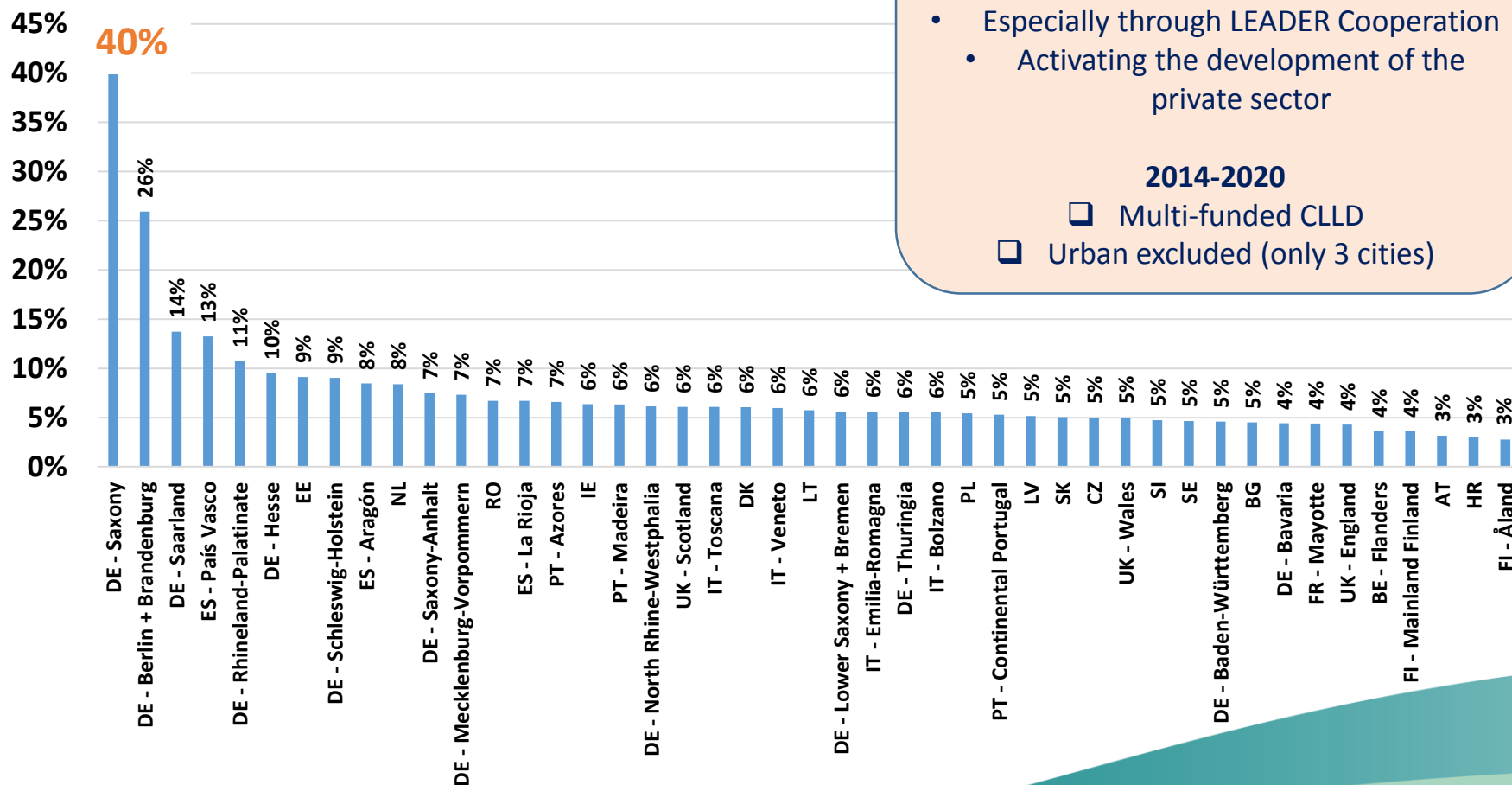| Category	MSs
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Only ERDF	2 - AT, SK
ERDF & ESF	2 - CZ, HU
ERDF & EMFF	1 - SI

Source: ENRD CP - Screening of 28 approved Partnership Agreement

Member States where CLLD is possible also in urban areas:

Only rural & fisheries areas

17

11

Also urban areas
12
ES, FI, GR, HU, LT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SE, UK

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Rural Development

M19 planned budget - *% of total planned budget*
(46 RDPs approved at 26.05.15)

Range: 40% - 3% of RDP planned budget

DE – Saxony LEADER evaluation 2007-13
- Contribution to reaching RDP objectives
- Especially through LEADER Cooperation
  - Activating the development of the private sector

2014-2020
- ❑ Multi-funded CLLD
- ❑ Urban excluded (only 3 cities)

Source: ENRD CP – 46 RDP approved budget data + screening

ENRD CP Leader/CLLD survey
March-May 2015

LAG skills

- In most MS the skills of 'old' LAGs will be to some extent used in the new period

- 4 MS expecting a significant proportion of 'new' LAGs:
  CZ, DE, FR, IT

  New people joining the LAGs: UK (Wales), IE

- With some exceptions, LAGs tend to have **strong skills** in:
  - Strategy development
  - Budget management

  Potential good practices: DE, EE, NL, SE, UK-England

- LAGs may **need capacity building** in particular in:
  - Setting indicators and carrying out evaluation
 - Coordinating different funds

  Potential good practices: LV, SE

LEADER Cooperation 2014-2020

- Some preliminary data

- Extracted info from the *Guidance for the implementation of the LEADER co-operation activities in rural development programmes 2014-2020*

- Highlighted: most relevant new features

M19.3 LEADER Cooperation planned budget
% on M19 total budget - *(46 RDPs approved at the 26.05.15)*

Range: 18.5% – 0.4%
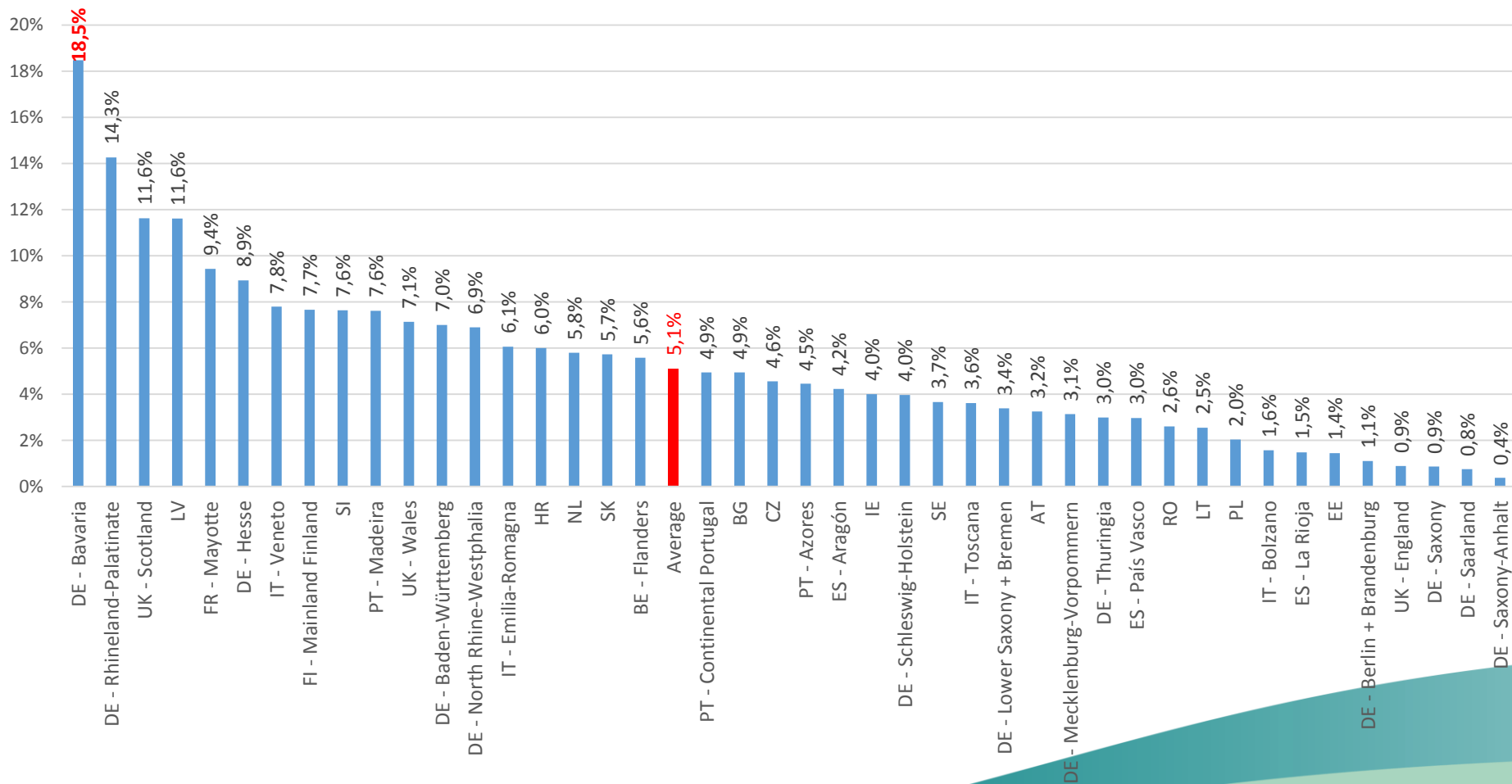
Programming:

Obligatory for the RDP, facultative for the LAG

Eligibility:

- Partner:

  a) A group of **local public private partners** *(LAG or other)*
  b) **Implementing a LDS**
  c) Within or outside the EU (rural)
  d) Rural or Urban area

- The **beneficiary can be the LAG itself**

- **Lead-LAG:** not compulsory but suggested. Tasks: Monitoring, coordination communication

- **Common costs can be covered**: up to the MSs to establish flexible rules

Cooperation Project:

Concrete activity with clear identified deliverables or output.
Can include capacity building and transfer of knowledge

2 phases with ≠ 2 selection procedures :
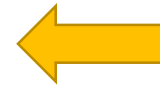
1. Technical preparatory support

2. Implementation of cooperation projects

2 ≠ types selection procedures: a. Centralized – MA selection

b. By the LAG

2 possible funding systems:

i. Cooperation budget is (including co-financing) <u>preserved by the authority, grant delivered after submission of application to the MA</u>

ii. Cooperation budget is <u>allocated to the LAG </u>within the frame of its LDS

Preparatory support:

- **Obligatory** for the RDP, suggested not to limit the eligible costs too much

- Condition: LAGs should demonstrate that they are **envisaging the implementation of a concrete project**

- Eligible also if the project does **not carry on**
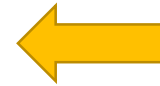
Project selection:

- **LAG** or system of **ongoing application** managed by the MA (min 3-4 calls per year)

- If centralized decision should be taken **within 4 months** from projects submission

- **Provisional approval** subject to the approval of the partners (reasonable time)

- Communication of the selection procedures

- Communication of the selected projects to the other MA and to the Commission
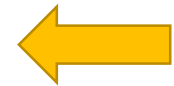
Screening of the RDPs *(23/52 approved)*

Selection of the Cooperation project:

- Majority of the RDP approved: LAG, (alternative: MA)

Conditions:
- Project coherence with LDS
- Description of the Cooperation activities in the LDS
- Development of projects to increase the value added in the cooperating regions
- The project have a sustainable effect
- Innovative projects are expected

Case: DE-North-Rhine-Westphalia

The cooperating rural areas should have similar problems. The development strategies … similar thematic focus.

Case: PL

The development strategies should necessarily describe the objectives and the thematic focus of the cooperation activities.

Regulatory background

- Chapter II, Regulation (EU) Nº 1303/2013

- Art. 42-44, Regulation (EU) Nº 1305/2013

- Guidance for the implementation of the LEADER co-operation activities in rural development programmes 2014-2020

Grazie !

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Additional material:

Results from the ENRD CP Leader/CLLD survey launched in March-May 2015

1. Examples of LAG capacity building already implemented or planned to be implemented in 2013-2020
2. Examples of MA/PA capacity building
3. Emerging possibilities of exchange („match-making")
4. Themes of potential joint interest

1. Examples of LAG capacity building

Training Seminars		other tools	
Innovation	2 BE-Wallonia RO	**Coaching**, peer learning, communities of practice, new LAGs learning from old ones	5 BE-Flabders BE-Wallonia CZ, DE, NL
Communication, including social media	3 BE-Wallonia DE, NL	**Helplines**, on-line FAQs, expert support by telephone	1 SE
Financial instruments (micro-credit, crowdfunding)	1 DE	**Support material on website**, with examples of forms, docs	2 EE SE
Public procurement, including e-procurement	3 EE, LT, RO	**Feedback on draft strategies**	1 FI
Monitoring and evaluation, self-evaluation	5 BE-Flanders DE, NL, PT, UK-Wales	**Newsletter**	1 SE
Audit, document management etc.	2 LT UK-England	**Guidance** for applicants to be customised at LAG level	1 UK-England
Quality assurance	1 FI		

2. Examples of MA/PA capacity building

Training Seminars	
Cooperation and regular exchange with NRN	3 DE, SE, UK-England
Meetings between MA, PA and LAGs facilitated by the NRN	1 EE
Periodic meetings (3-4 times a year in PL) or video-conferences	2 PL, FI
Training of MA/PA staff as trainers or facilitators for LAGs	3 PT, UK-England
Training for new Mas - Regional (FR) - Other CLLD Funds (IT)	2 FR, IT
FAQs and interpretation documents	2 FR, PL

- **Suggested**: Field trips, study visits, training on simplification and supporting TNC, Internships in LAGs

3. Emerging possibilities of exchange („match-making")

Theme LEADER related	Experience needed by	Experience available in
Involving farmers	BE-Flanders BE-Wallonia PT	RO EE (successfully involving different actors)
Animation skills	EL	IT (evaluating animation capacity)
Social media	ES	NL DE
Multi-funding	EE	PL SE IT and LV (MA training) CZ (mentoring)

4. Themes of potential joint interest

Theme	MS potentially interested to explore
Social innovation, social enterprise, inclusion...	ES, HU, LT...
Integration of migrants	DE, SE...
Urban-rural linkages	BE (FL), HU, NL...
Innovative approaches: action planning, U-theory	NL, UK, FR...
Working with young people	LT, LV, NL...
Improving delivery: sharing of responsibilities between MA, PA, NRN, LAG; simplified cost options etc.	BE (FL), DE, FR, IT...
Supporting and approving TNC projects	BE (FL), DE, EE, IT...