

Where are we heading?

CLLD implementation:

State of play & key challenges in Member States

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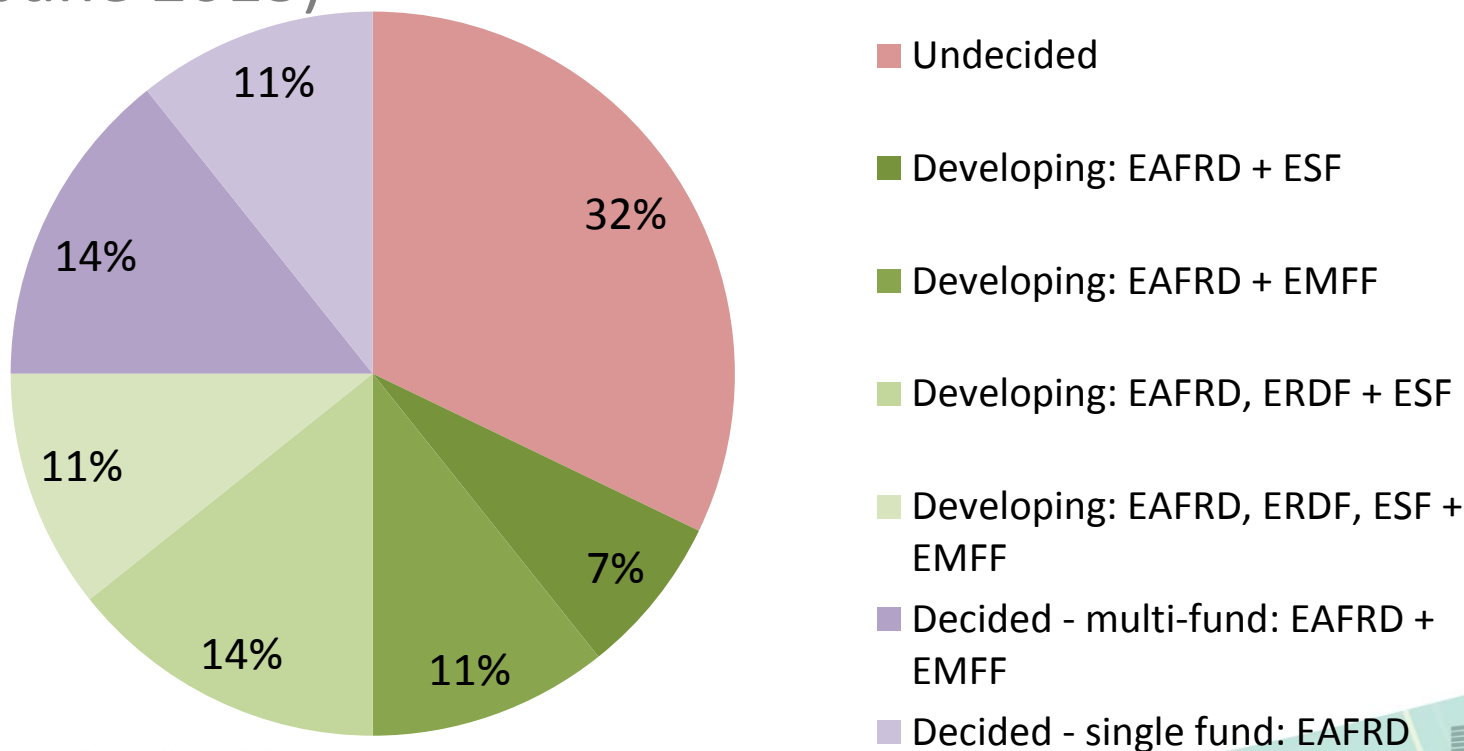
Background

- **Thematic** (and geographical) **clusters** of NRNs supported by the European Network for Rural Development (ENRD)
- **The Hungarian National Rural Network (MNVH)** agreed to lead for the ‘CLLD NRN Thematic Cluster’
- **Great interest** among different types of stakeholders (MAs, PAs, LAGs, and other members)
- Work started in June 2013 in Portugal
- This conference is part of this

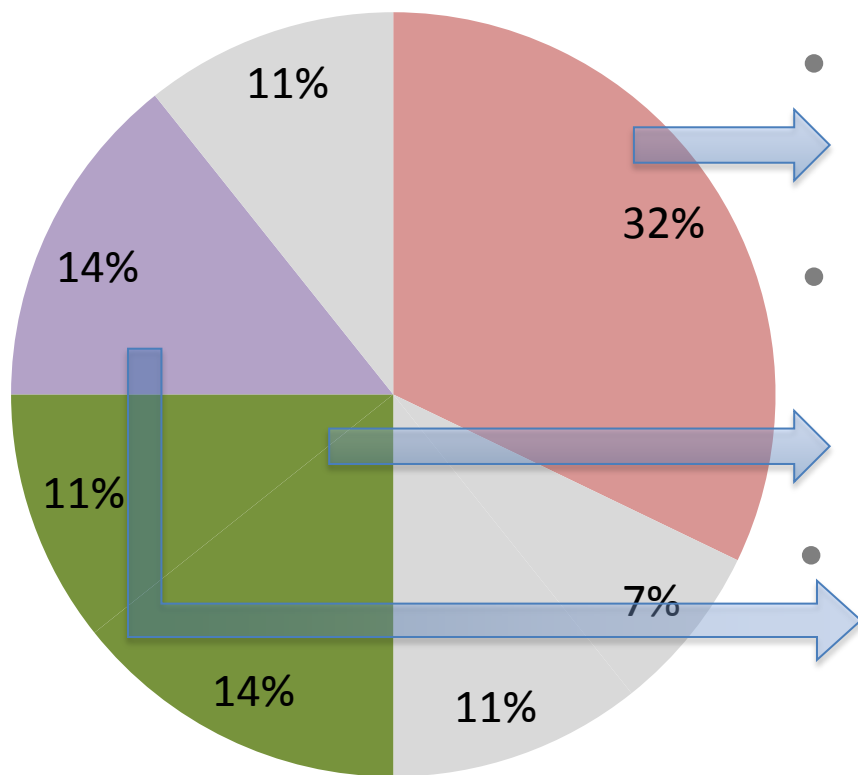


CLLD in Member States

- Mapping exercise originally initiated by the Swedish Network
- Up-date of the 'state-of-play mapping' by ENRD (June 2013)



Some of the main messages



- Many were still undecided about their approach
- 25% of MS/regions were planning to use more than 2 funds
- All those who decided at the time to go for multi-funded CLLD use EAFRD & EMFF

Work in progress

CLLD reports received from various MS specifying:

- Background & institutions
- Key challenges
- Suggested actions

Most common challenges for (multi-funded) CLLD

- **Lack of understanding about the nature and added value of CLLD** (especially in the context of local social and economic development)
- **Fear of complex administration** (especially the rules and management related to different programmes and funds)
- Weaknesses in cooperation of Managing Authorities and different funds

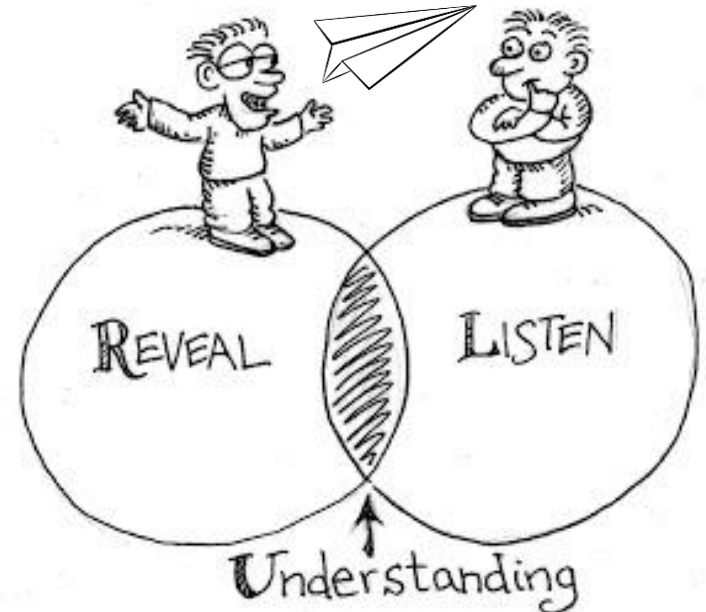


Further challenges

- Preventing the ‘institutionalisation of LEADER’; cooperation between urban/rural territories: “old LAGs versus new (city) LAGs”
- Tight period for the selection of Local Development Strategies
- Weakness of some of the LAGs’ capacity to manage multi-funded strategies

Suggested actions

- **Exchange of experience** with regard to cooperation among managing authorities responsible for different funds / coordination of funds (good practices for administrative simplification)
- Training and guidance for LAGs
- Raising awareness /promoting the added value of CLLD (Good practices/ LAGs)



'Learning-by-doing'

- Still a lot of uncertainties in MS with regard to applying multi-funded CLLD (and 'how')
- New process & difficult to achieve agreement and work out the details

'The NRN took many steps towards the possibility to opt multi-funded CLLD ... Despite the results of all these activities and initiatives we will not have a full-scale multi-funded CLLD approach'.

- A number of Member States/ regions will 'pilot' the (multi-funded) CLLD approach in various ways
- Lessons from past to draw on/ Exchange of current experience (good practices & tools)