

LEADER in Germany 2023 - 2027

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- Federal system in Germany: one strategic 2021 – 2027 plan instead of 13 programmes in 2014 – 2020
- lowest common denominator?
- How much freedom for the regions within the national strategic plan?
- Indicators for the LAG from the programme - yes, but from the LAG to the programme? - !We are not in favour to amend the CAP-Plan after approval of LDS to consider other contributions of the LDS expressed in form of additional values for other result indicators. This serves top-down problems!

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- I art. 71 Abs. 4 b) with art. 68: yes to avoiding bypassing in funding, but no – if it leads to top down mainstreaming of LEADER
- I art. 71 Abs. 4 b) with art. 68: High of funding set in Article 68 as a limit in LEADER too – that's a problem for some LAG!
- I LEADER added value on project level – no requirement of the regulation, but useful to explain the added LEADER effort

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- I Definition of interest group - art. 25 Abs. 2 b and art. 27 Abs. 3 b
 - > how many interest groups are appropriate?

Possible solutions

- I national plan (must be flexible, but frame setting), rules for the LAG application (more detailed): what should be consistent in Germany and decided in the national plan – what should be decided by regions in the LAG-selection process, and what by the LAG in the LDS?
- I Only one result indicator: % population covered by LDS (R31a)
- I Possible Area of LEADER – Groups: allow all kind of actions to develop the country, sometime they need the cooperation with the cities in rural areas – that means no restrictions by definition of rural areas

Possible solutions

- LEADER system 2023 – 2027 respecting the needs of the LAG and the regions („Länder“)
- No gold plating
- „no“ time delay: LDS should be written 2021 and 2022

Possible solutions

- Easy system of Unit amount for LEADER: € per LAG per year; can't be a constant! At least in the first year zero! - Output "number of LAG" is a constant value just after approval of the LDS
- common rules for LEADER in Germany means easier LAG - cooperation
- For not separable projects in cooperation: lead PA
- SCO: in Germany a keyfactor for LEADER-success, all kinds of imaginable forms will be allowed

Possible solutions

- I Create not to many interest groups, in Germany
 - I at least the public sector, defined on national level
 - I The definition of the other groups are a task of the LAG, influenced by the main topics of the LAG, but stay flexible and operational – rather 2 ore 3 instead of 10!