



Cooperation between LEADER groups and fisheries groups (FLAGS)

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Why cooperation between rural (LEADER) and fisheries groups (FLAGs) ?

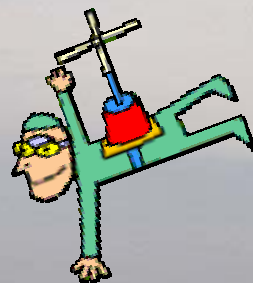
Cooperation has no boundaries

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LEADER = territorial approach

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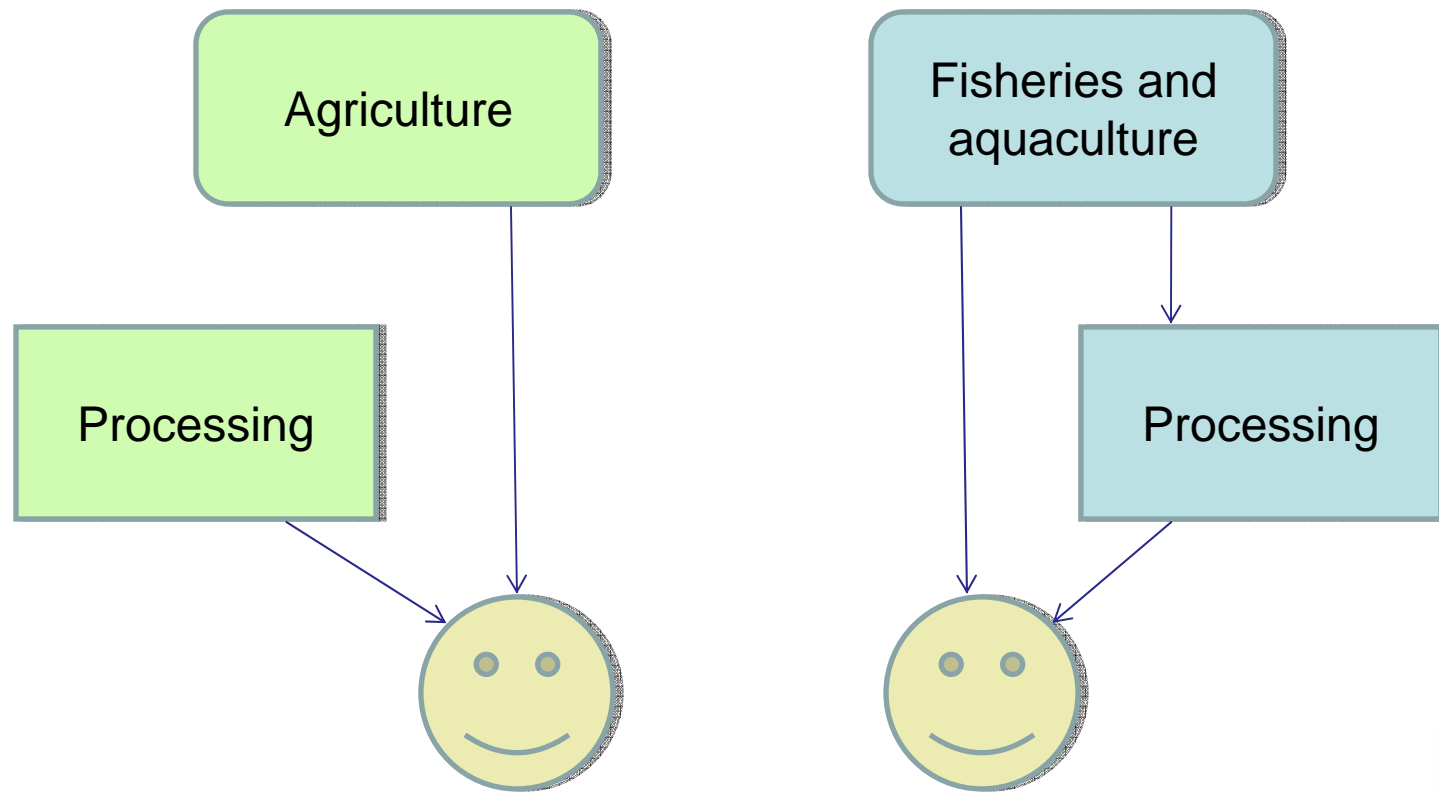
Rural or fisheries area – or both?

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The conventional food chain and support

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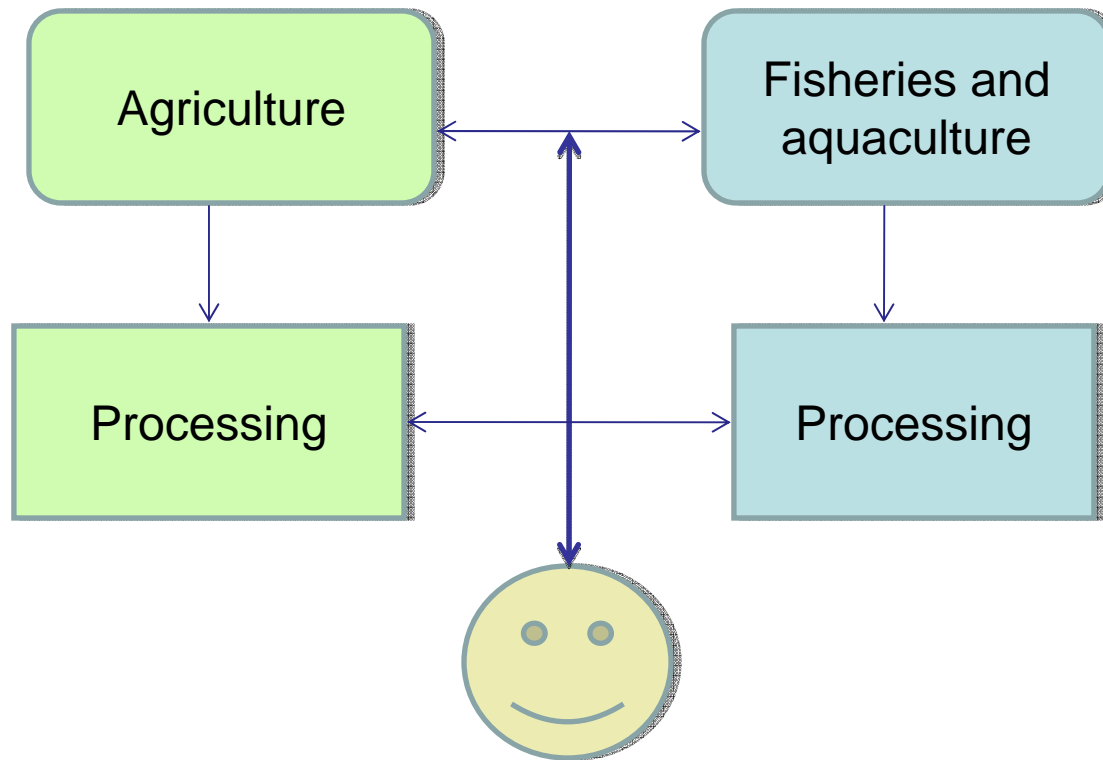


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LEADER = integration

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Cooperation measure in Rural and Fisheries Areas

Rural areas

Cooperation measure (guideline)

- Inter-territorial cooperation within a Member State - also open to other local groups
- Trans-national cooperation: this means cooperation between Leader groups or with groups in third countries following a similar approach.

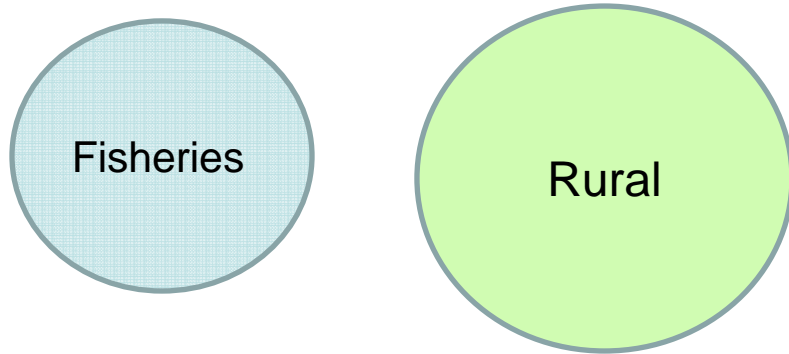
Fisheries areas

EFF regulation article 44(h)

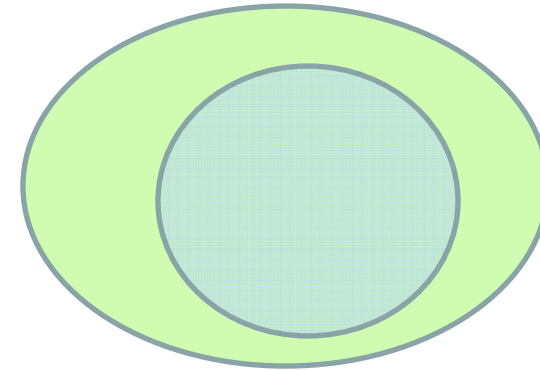
- Promoting inter-regional and trans-national cooperation among groups in **fisheries areas**, mainly through networking and disseminating best practice

Geographical challenges

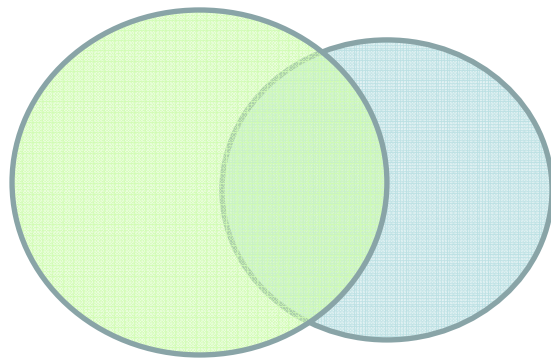
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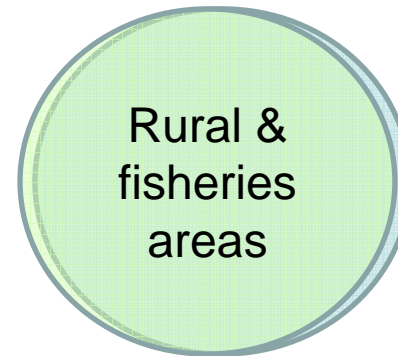
Inter-regional/trans-national



Regional subset



Regional overlap



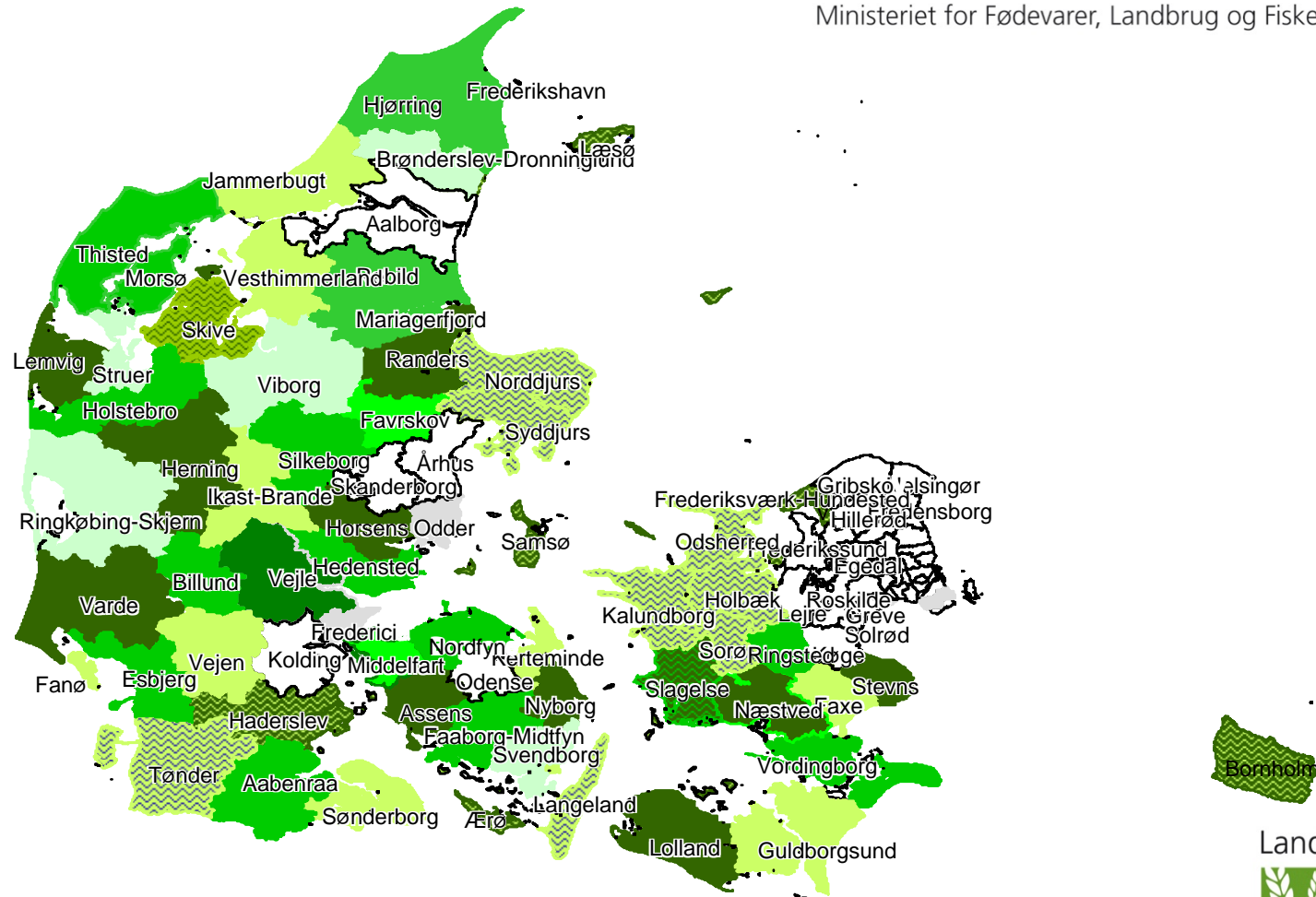
Regional integration

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LEADER groups in Denmark

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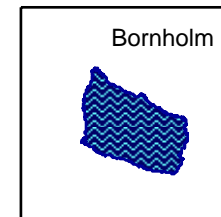
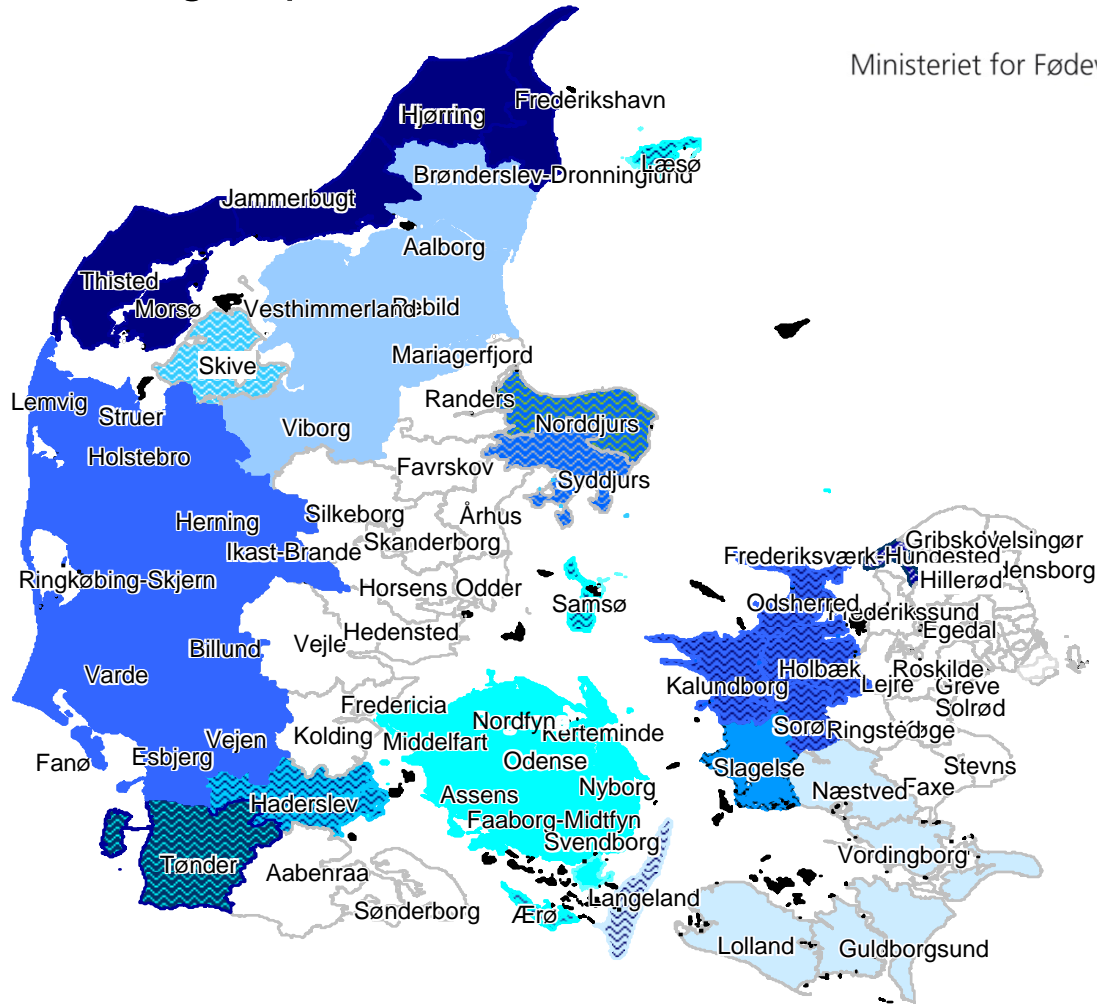
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Local action groups in fisheries areas, Denmark

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Challenge

- No cooperation measure in fisheries areas
- Different (National) regulations. No EU cooperation guidelines under EFF

Solution

➤ Change the EFF Operational Programme. Post 2013 same regulation in EFF and EAFRD

➤ Harmonize national rules and guidelines between EAFRD and EFF - programmes



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Challenge

- No requirement for a Network unit for EFF and fisheries areas
- 2 funds = 2 budgets



Solution

MA must give priority to networking. Collaboration with the Rural Network Unit



2 applications – even in the same Member States

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Challenge

- Different languages
- Different stakeholders and culture

Solution



Websites in English and other languages. Strong national network ready for trans-national cooperation



Cooperation and networking

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Challenge

- If cooperation not eligible outside fisheries areas??

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Solution



No exchange of experiences between LEADER groups and FLAGS in **separated** areas = bad solution



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Conclusion

**There is
no
excuse**

for LEADER groups and FLAGs not to cooperate

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