

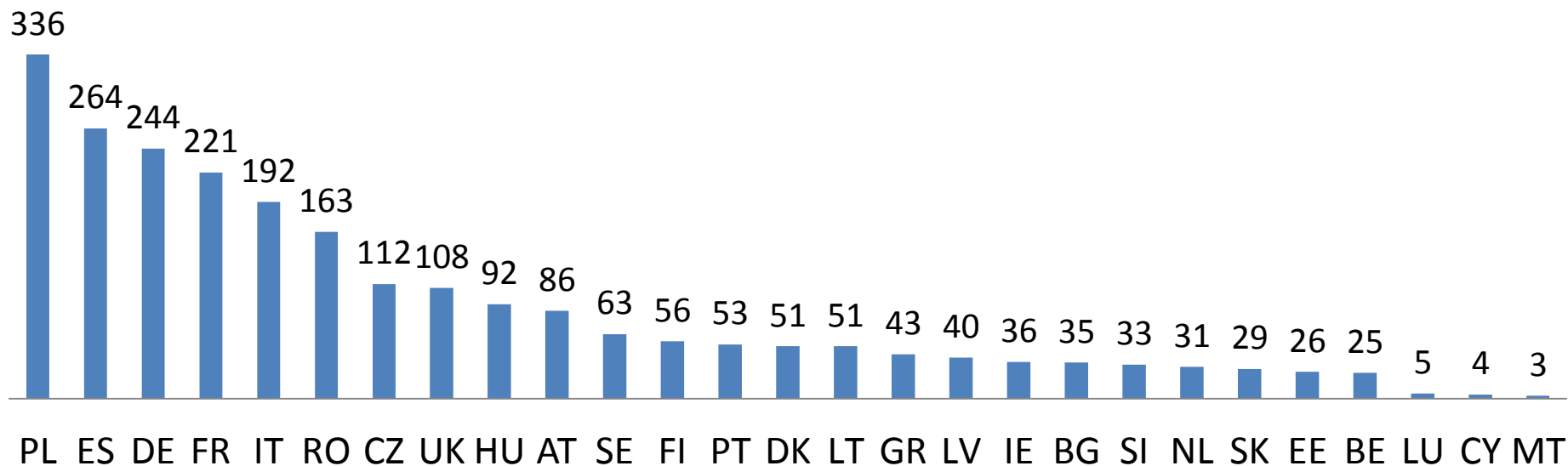
# LEADER Axis implementation

State of play, as of October 2013

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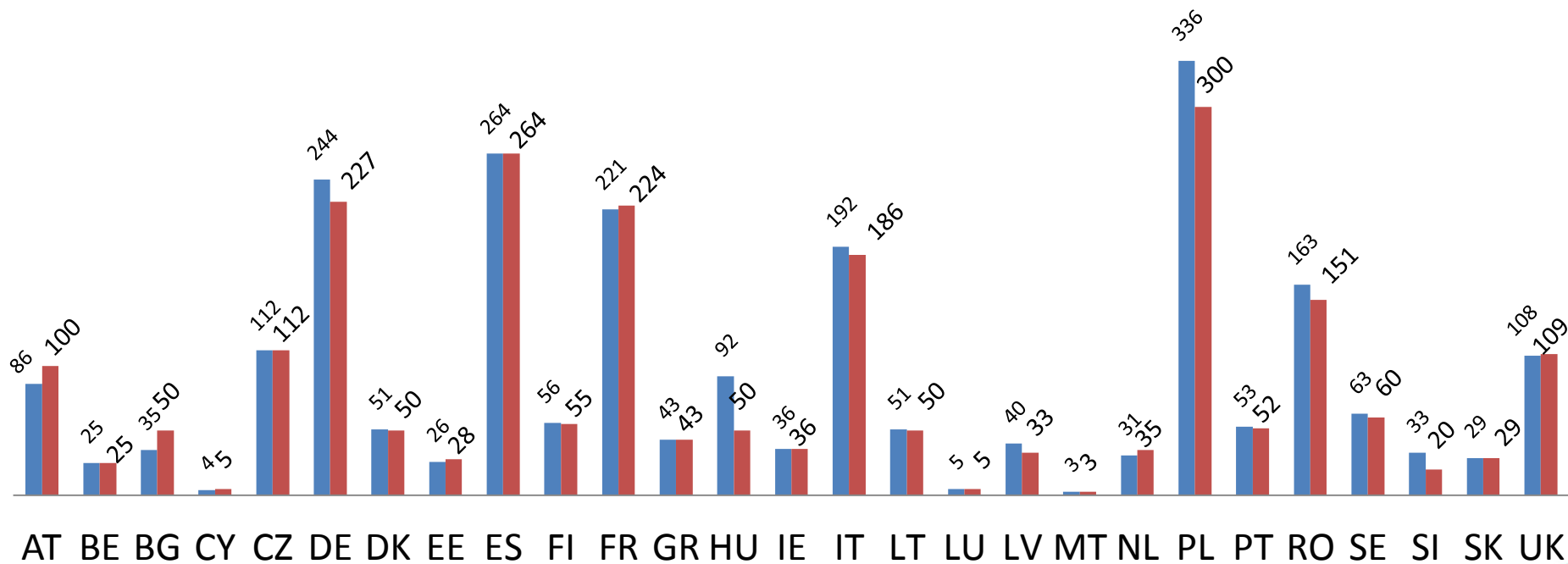
## Total number of selected LAGs per MS (LAG database, DG AGRI – G.3)



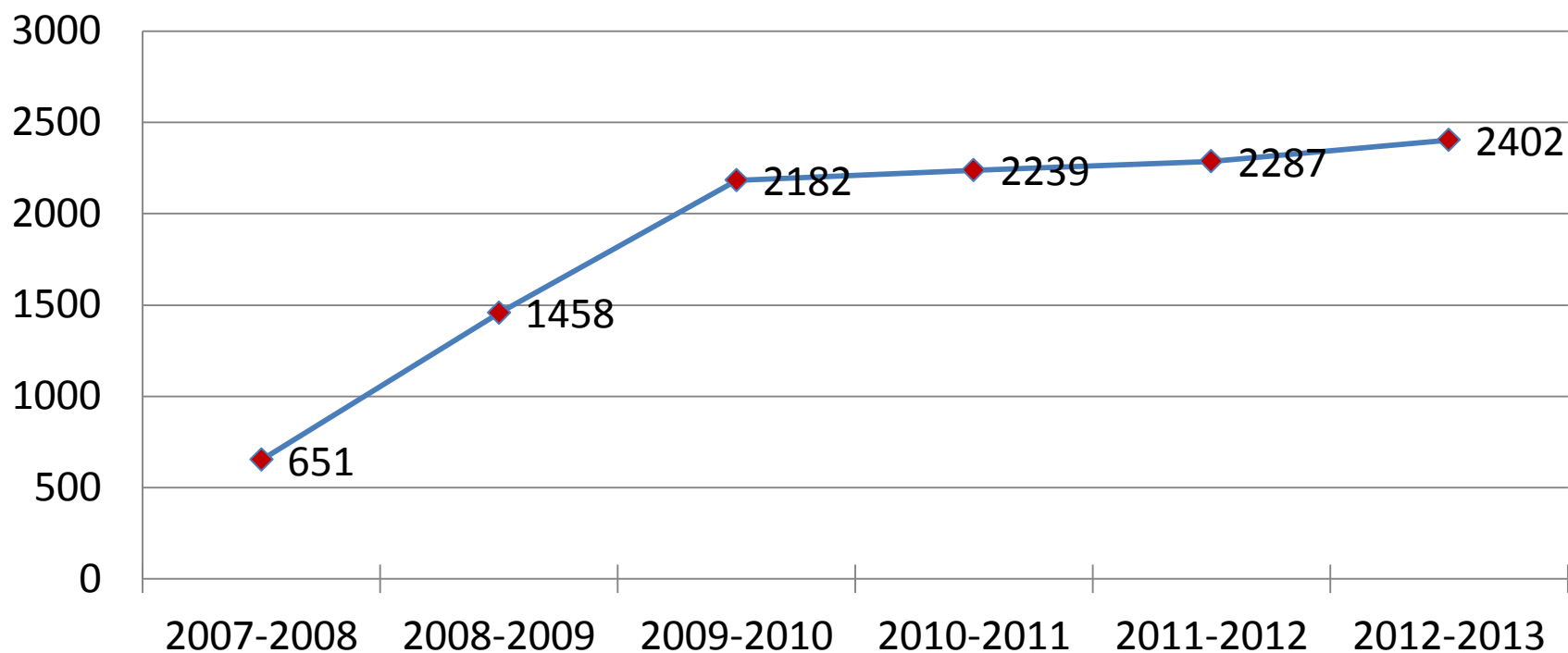
## Selected LAGs vs Targets per MS

(LAG database, DG AGRI – G.3 and monitoring data, 2012)

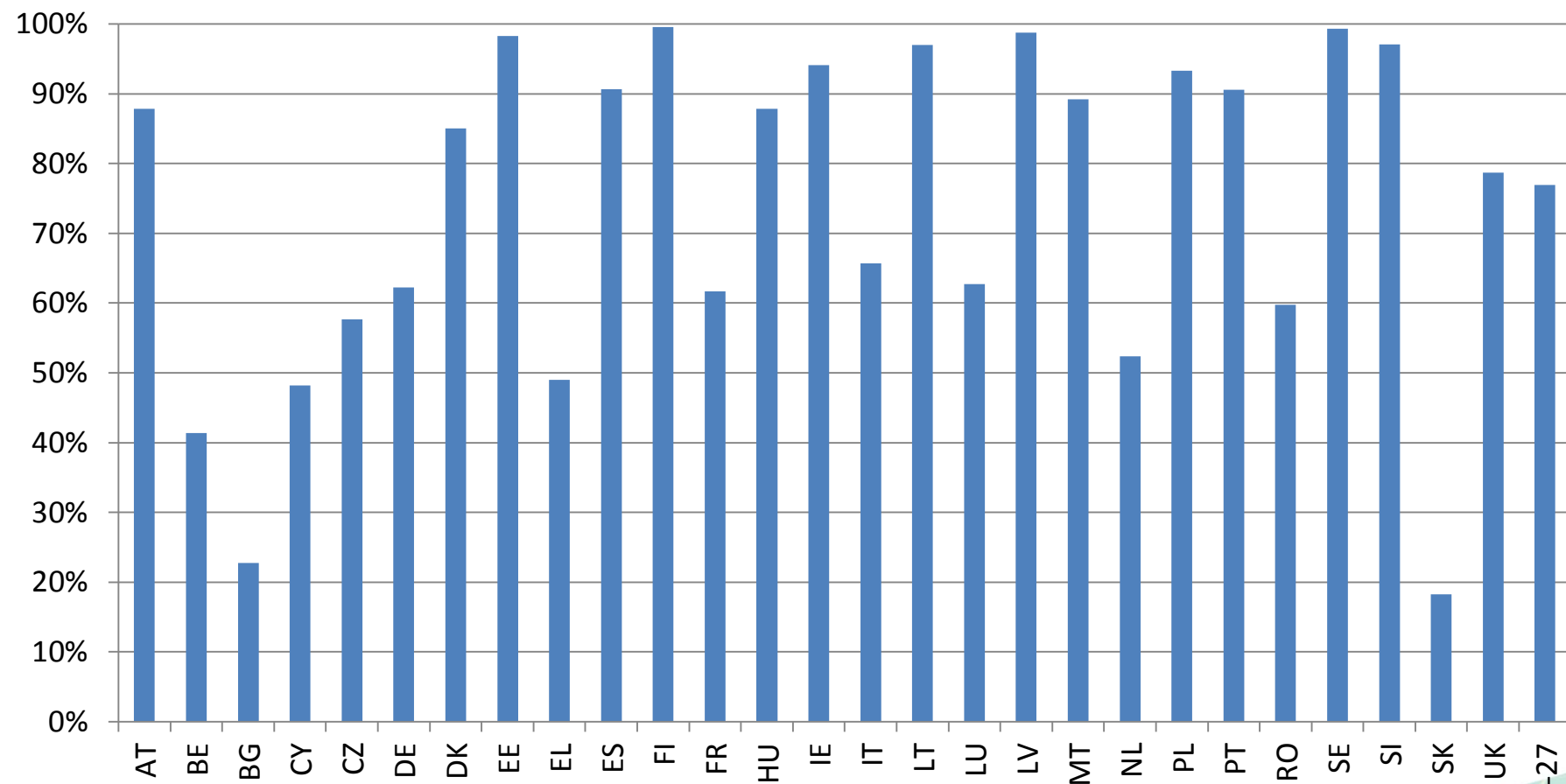
■ LAGs in 2013: 2402    ■ Targets 2007-2013: 2302



## Progress on LAG selection in the EU

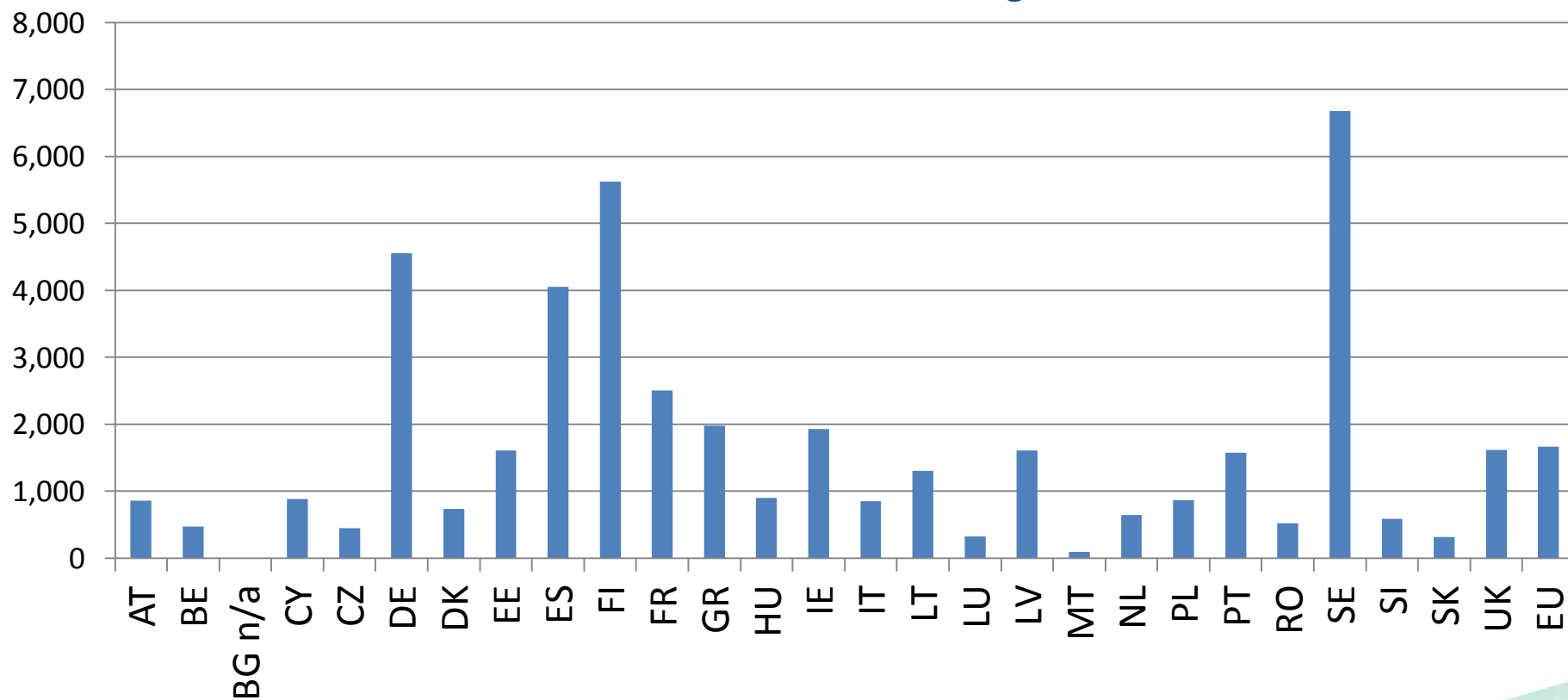


## Total area covered by LAGs compared to Total MS area (LAG database, DG AGRI – G.3)



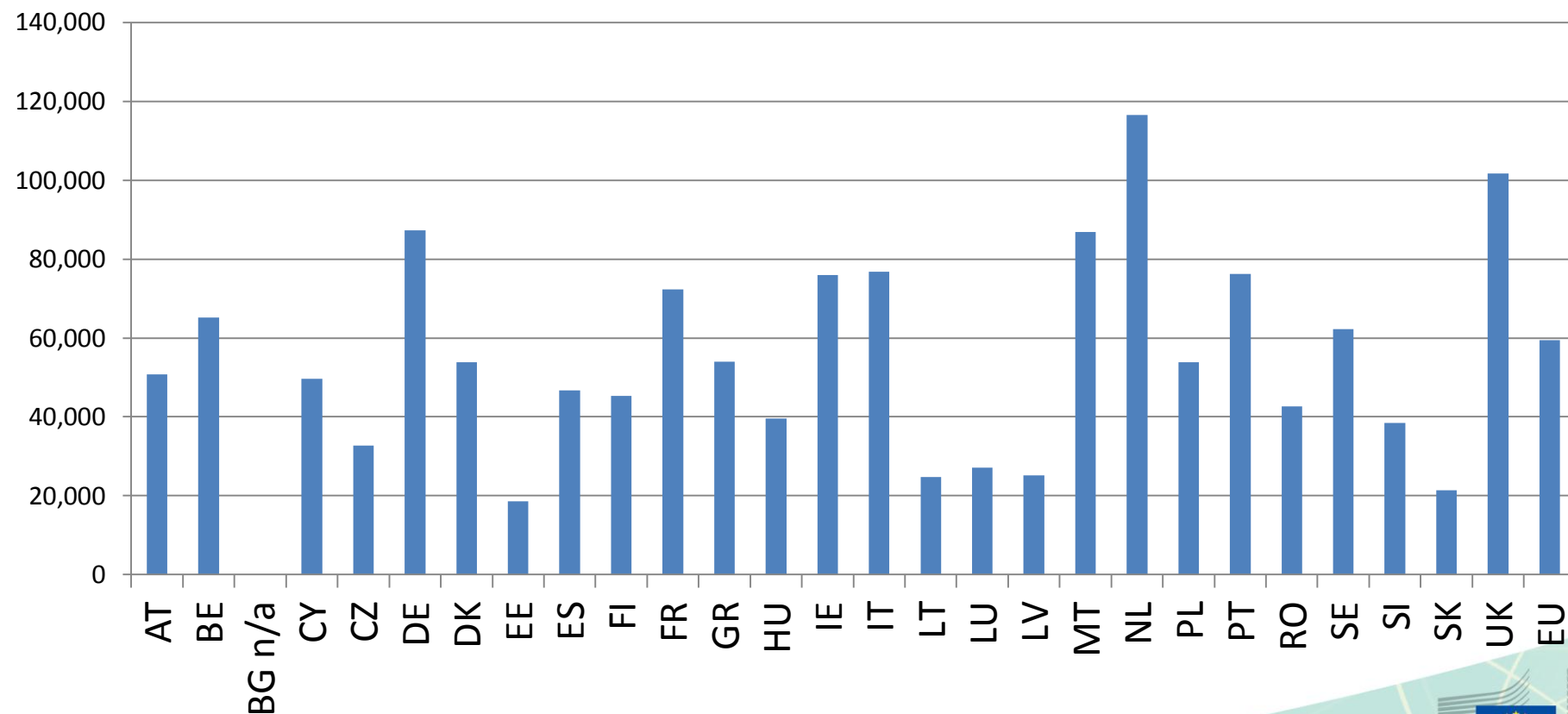
## Average LAG area (km<sup>2</sup>) (Annual Progress Reports, 2012)

Average LAG area in EU: 1 663 km<sup>2</sup>



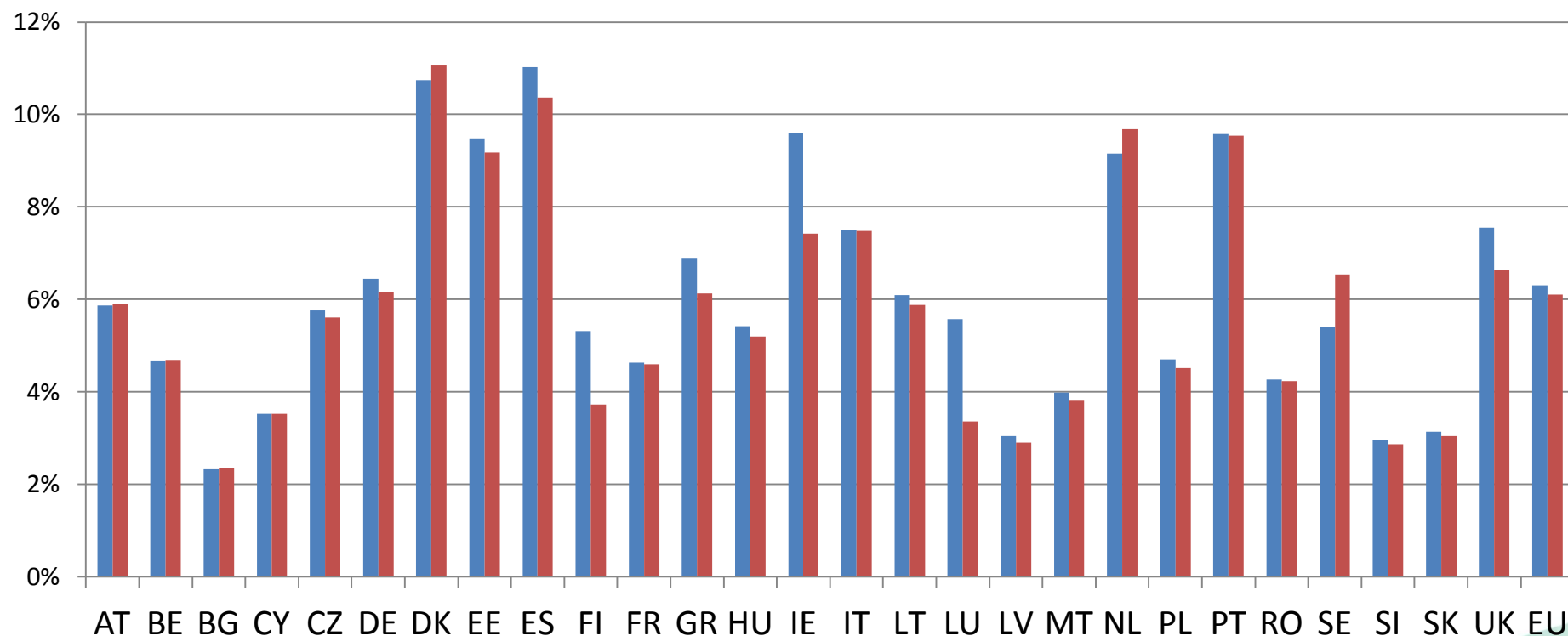
## Average population covered by selected LAGs (Annual Progress Reports, 2012)

Average population in LAG area in EU: 59 447



## Share of Axis 4 in RDP total budget 2007-2013 (Financial data 2012)

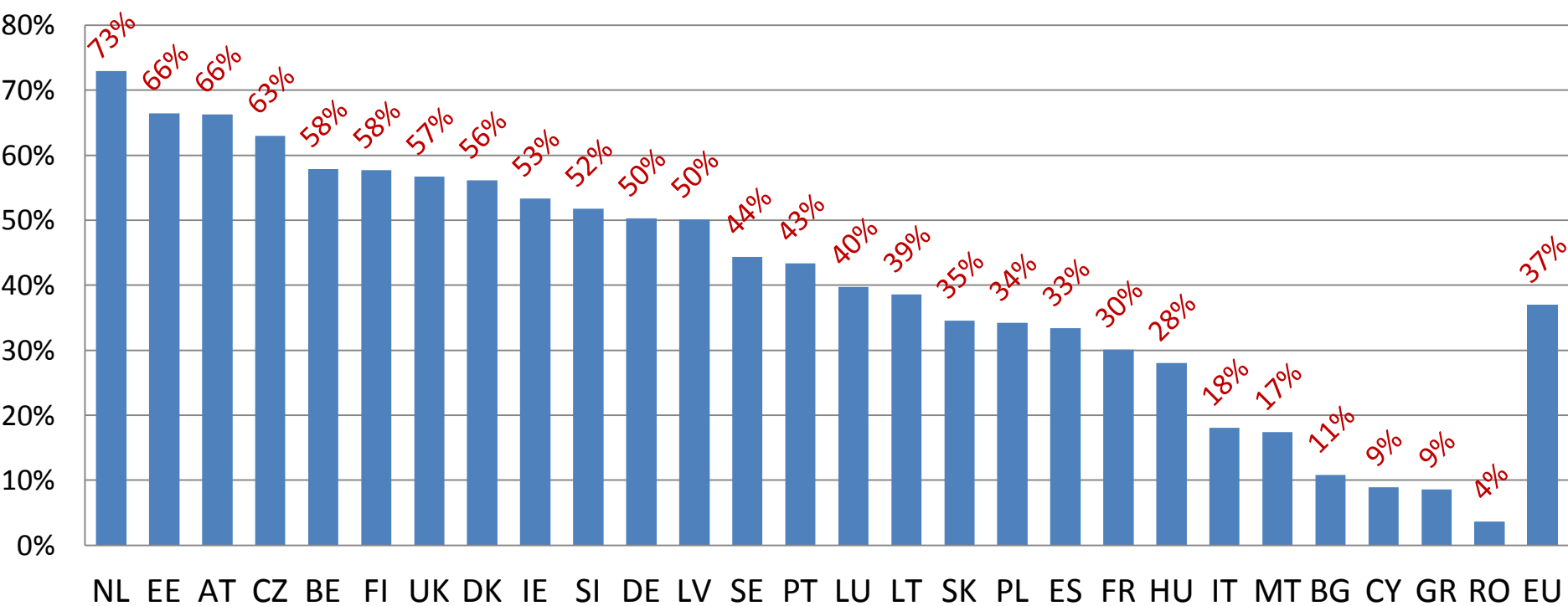
■ EAFRD (%) ■ Total Public (%)



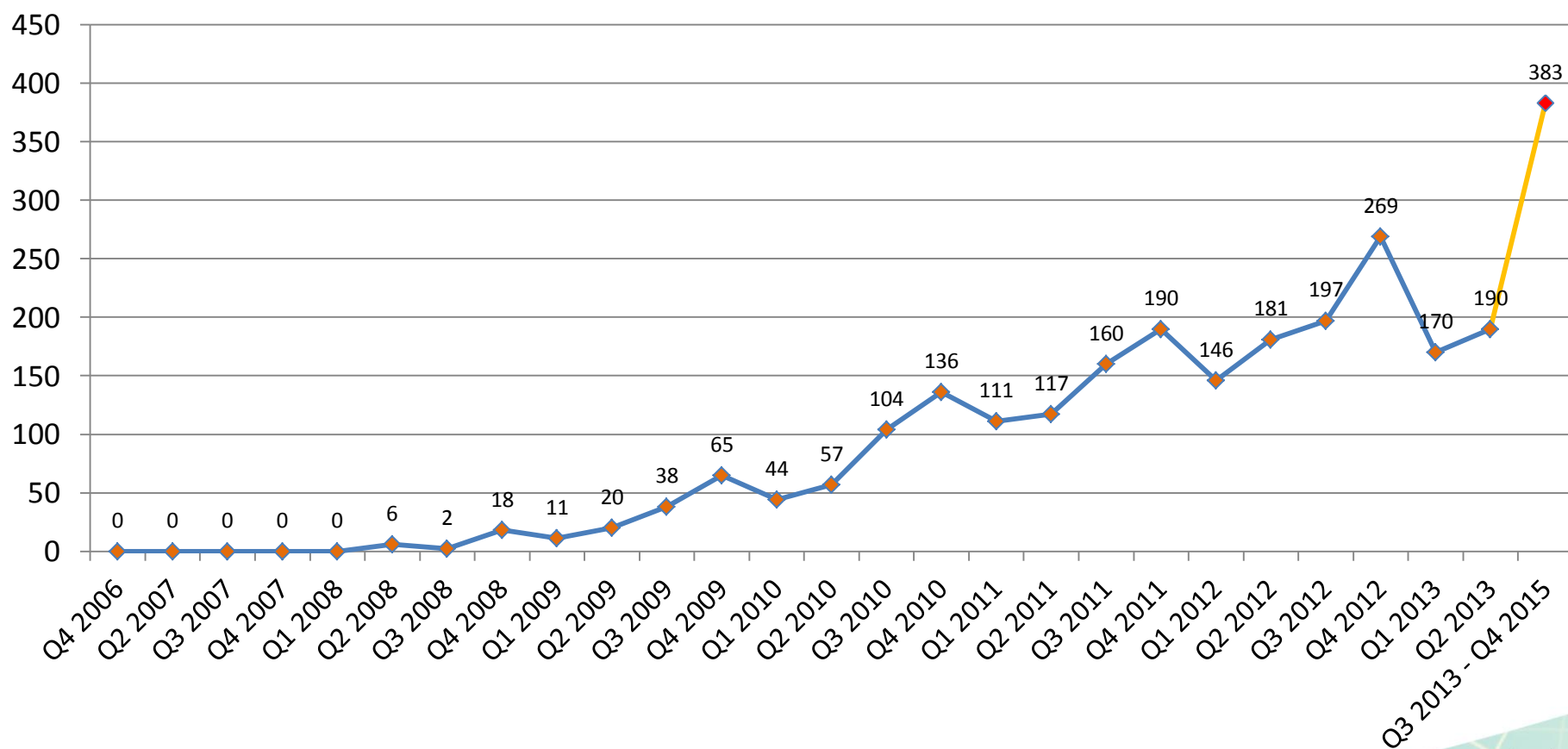


# Total EAFRD expenditure of Axis 4 vs. Total programmed EAFRD expenditure

*(Financial Data, June 2013)*



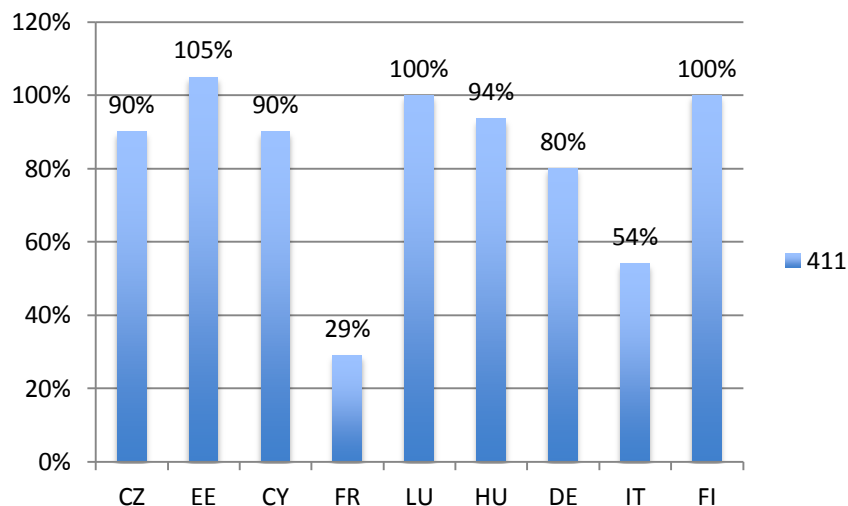
## Progression in EAFRD declared expenditure for Axis 4 at EU level (millions €) June, 2013



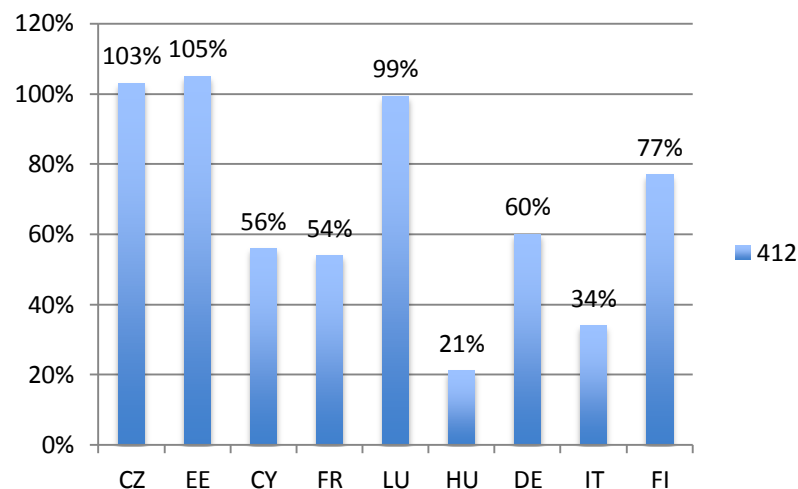
# Information on committed LEADER funding

*(through the opENRD survey, Nov, 2013 based on received responses)*

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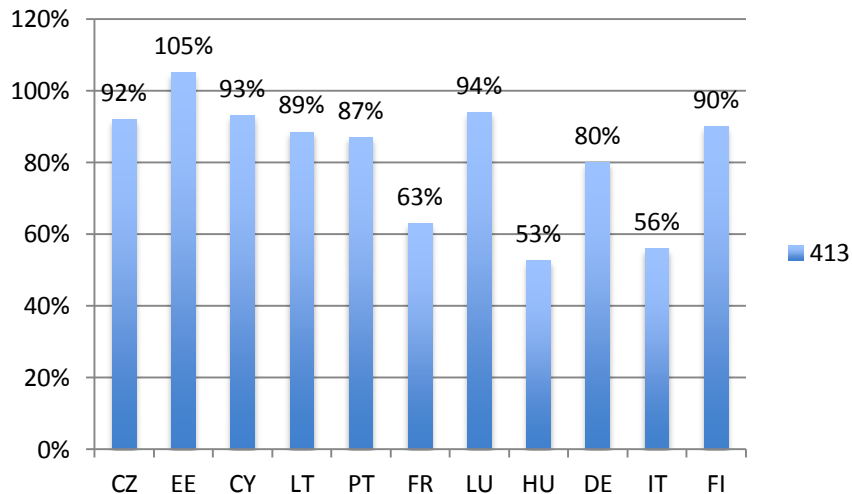
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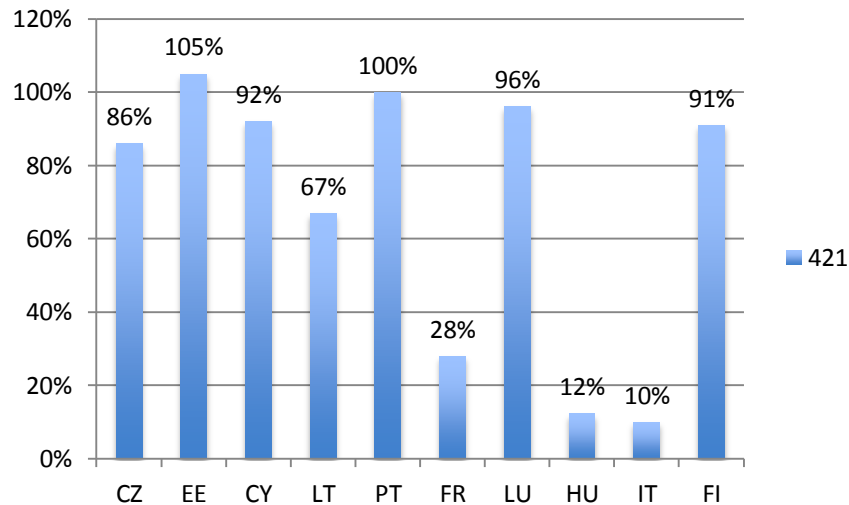
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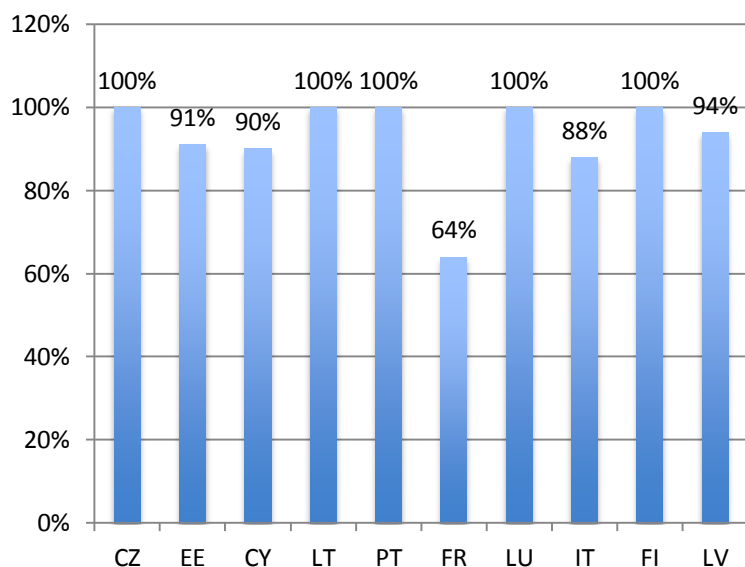
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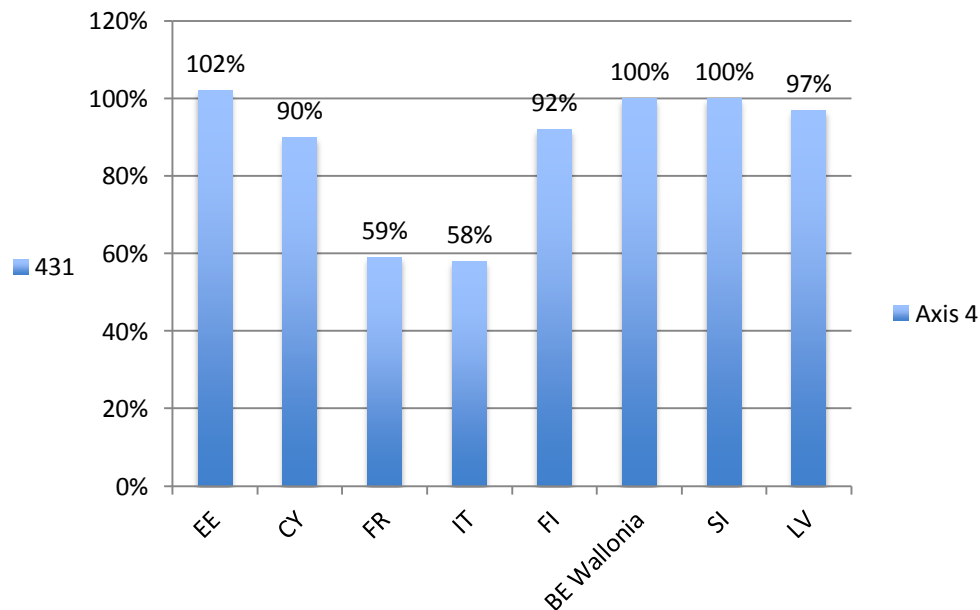
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**Axis 4**



## LEADER Axis budget modifications: beginning of the programming period up until June 2013 (Preliminary findings)

(EU 27)

	Initial RDPs approved in 2007 & 2008	Latest RDPs modifications approved up until July 2013	+/- %
<b>Axis 4</b>	<b>€8.9 billion</b>	<b>€9.2 billion</b>	<b>+3%</b>
<b>M 411</b>	<b>€810 million</b>	<b>€808 million</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>
<b>M 412</b>	<b>€312 million</b>	<b>€269 million</b>	<b>-14%</b>
<b>M 413</b>	<b>€6.1 billion</b>	<b>€6.2 billion</b>	<b>+2%</b>
<b>M 421</b>	<b>€444 million</b>	<b>€423 million</b>	<b>-5%</b>
<b>M 431</b>	<b>€1.3 billion</b>	<b>€1.5 billion</b>	<b>+14%</b>

## Budget modifications screening exercise : initial findings for LEADER Axis

### Axis 4

On average Axis 4 budget **increased** by 16% in 13 Member States.  
In 7 Member States Axis 4 budget **decreased** by 7% on average.

### M 412

In 26 RDPs the initial measure budget **decreased** by 34% on average.

### M 431

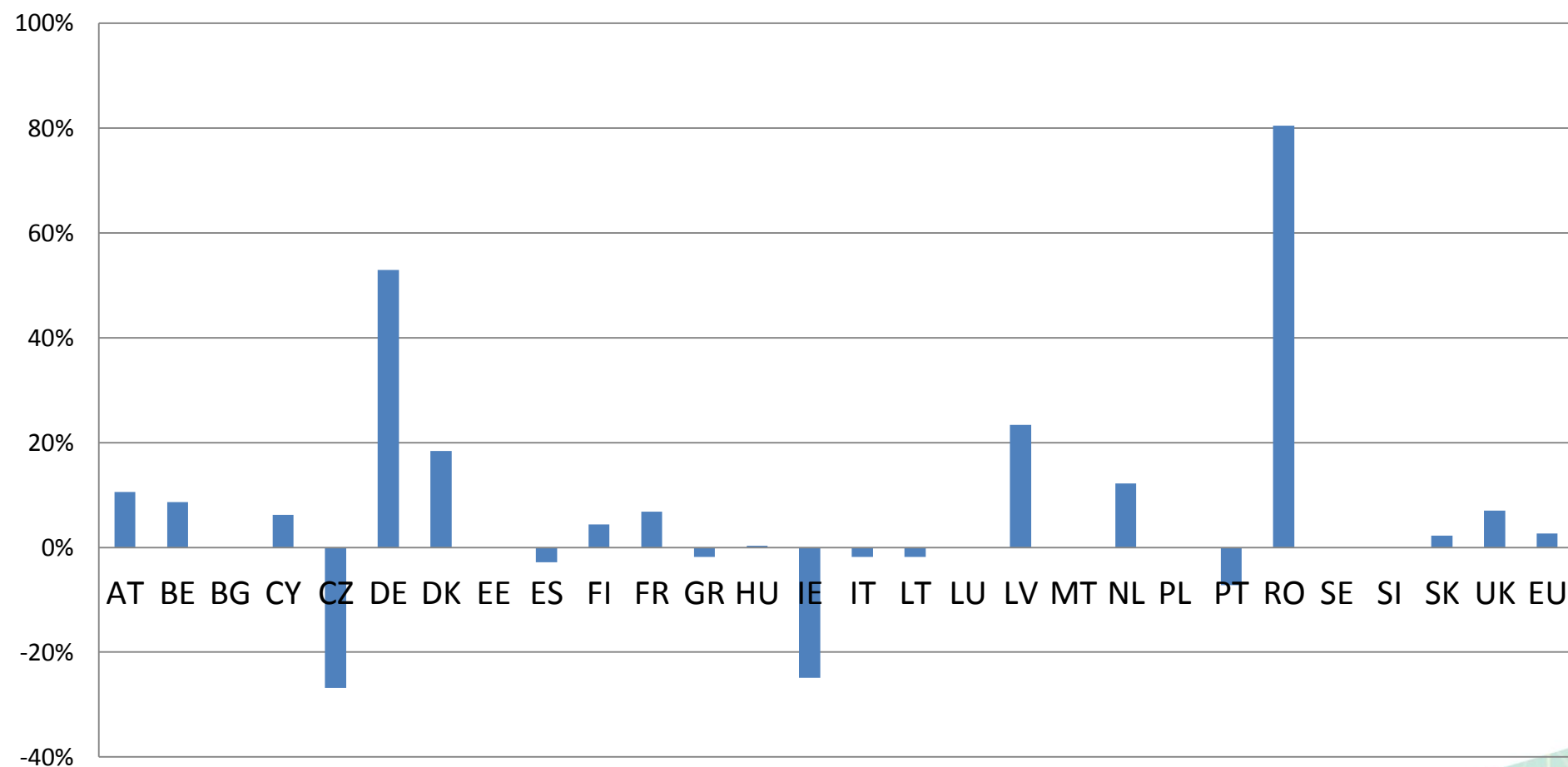
34 RDPs **increased** their initial measure budget by 43% on average.

### RDPs modifications in the first half of 2013

Reduction of most Axis 4 measures: M411 (-4%), M412 (-3.5%), M421 (-1.9%) and M431 (-1.3%).

Measure 413 budget increased by 8.5% in comparison to 2012.

## LEADER Axis budget modifications: beginning of the programming period up until June 2013





# State of play of LEADER in Croatia (IPARD)

- **LEADER measure accredited** – 30.04.2013
- **Allocated budget** for 2007-2013 period
  - Total allocated budget : 5.073.000€
  - Total contracted budget : 3.600.000€
- **Number of contracted LAGs:**
  - **30 LAGs** have been contracted by the PA – in March 2013
  - **12 LAGs** are expected to be contracted by the PA – end of 2013

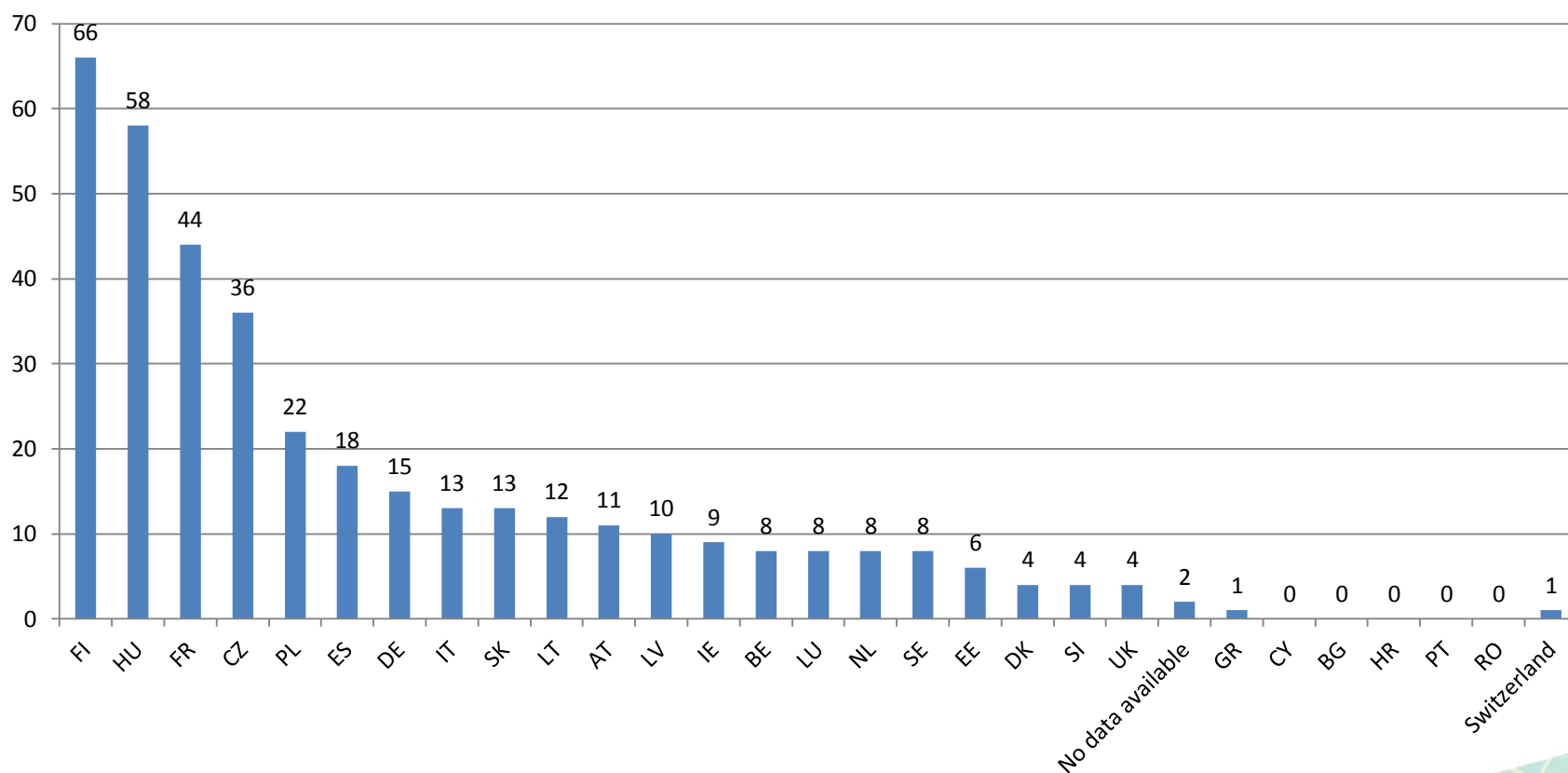
# State of play of LEADER in Croatia (IPARD)

- **Area covered by LEADER**
  - **Total area eligible** for financing under LEADER in Croatia – 50.000 km<sup>2</sup> (**88% of total area of Croatia**); eligible area is rural area excluded towns above 25.000 inhabitants and capital Zagreb
  - **Total area covered** by 30 LAGs – 26.200 km<sup>2</sup>
- **Population covered by LEADER**
  - **Total population eligible** for financing under LEADER in Croatia – 2.660.000 (**62% of total population in Croatia**);
  - **Total population covered** by 30 LAGs – 1.055.000

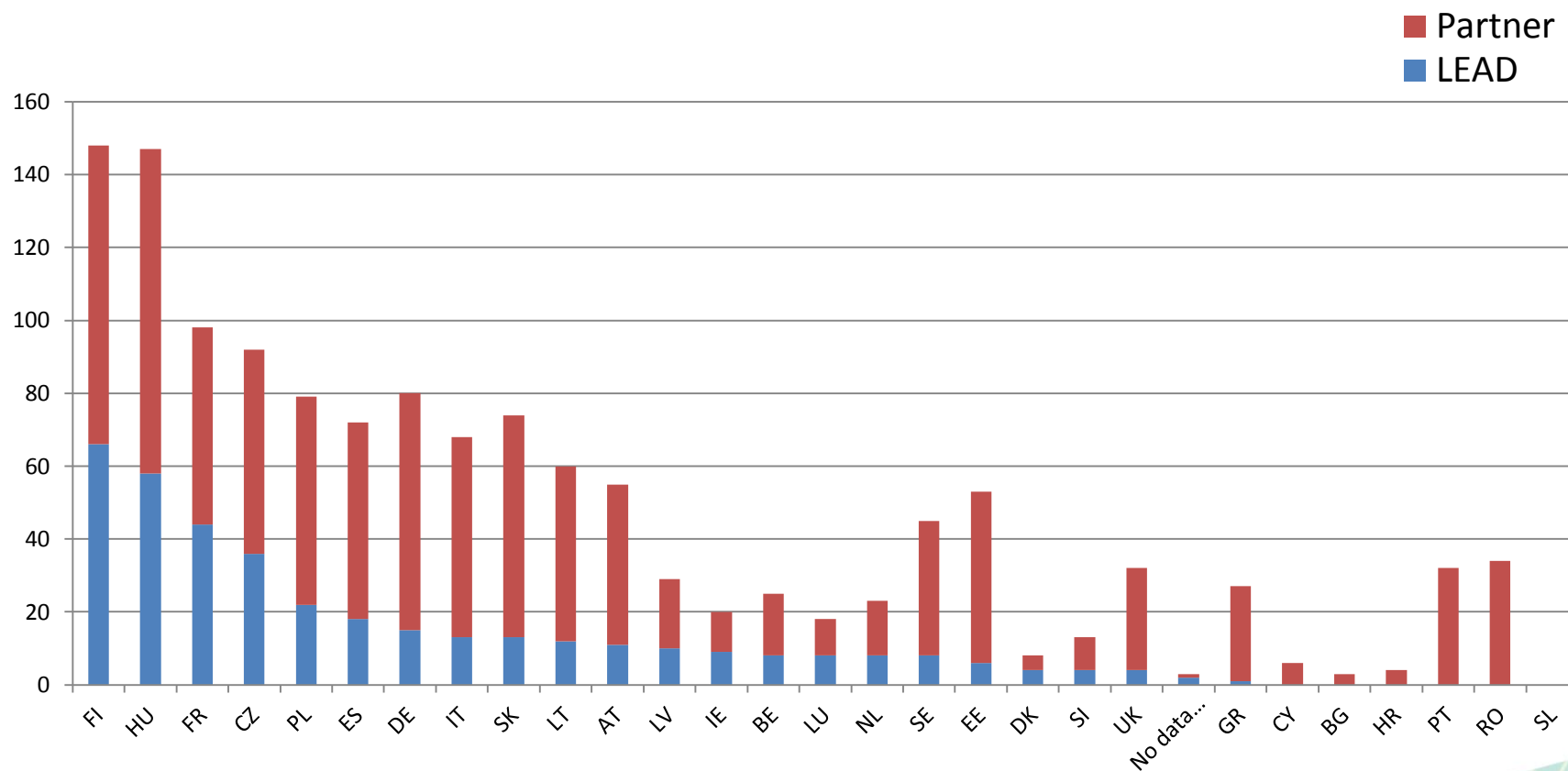
# Transnational cooperation

## Projects with LAGs as LEAD partner *(SFC, Oct, 2013)*

### 381 projects

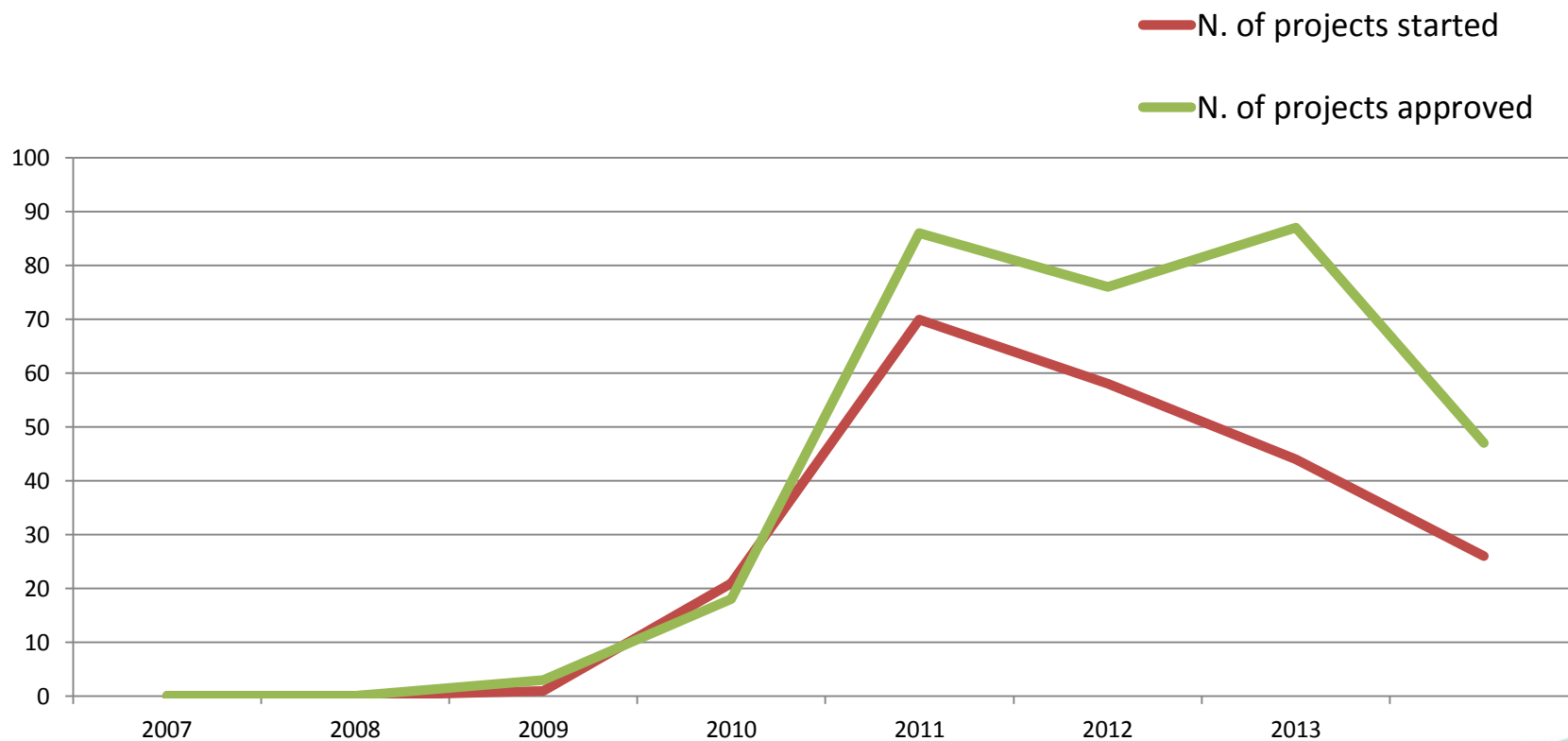


## N of TNC projects (SFC, Oct 2013)



# N. of TNC projects started and approved per year

(SFC, Oct. 2013)

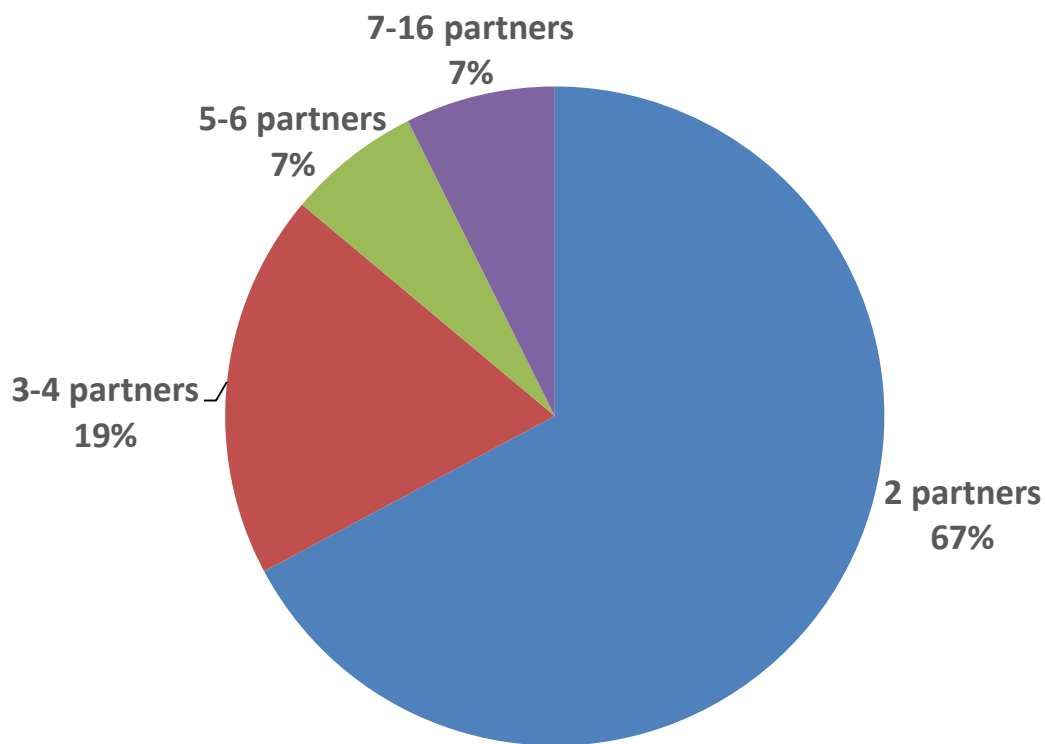


## General features of the TNC projects

*(SFC, Oct. 2013)*

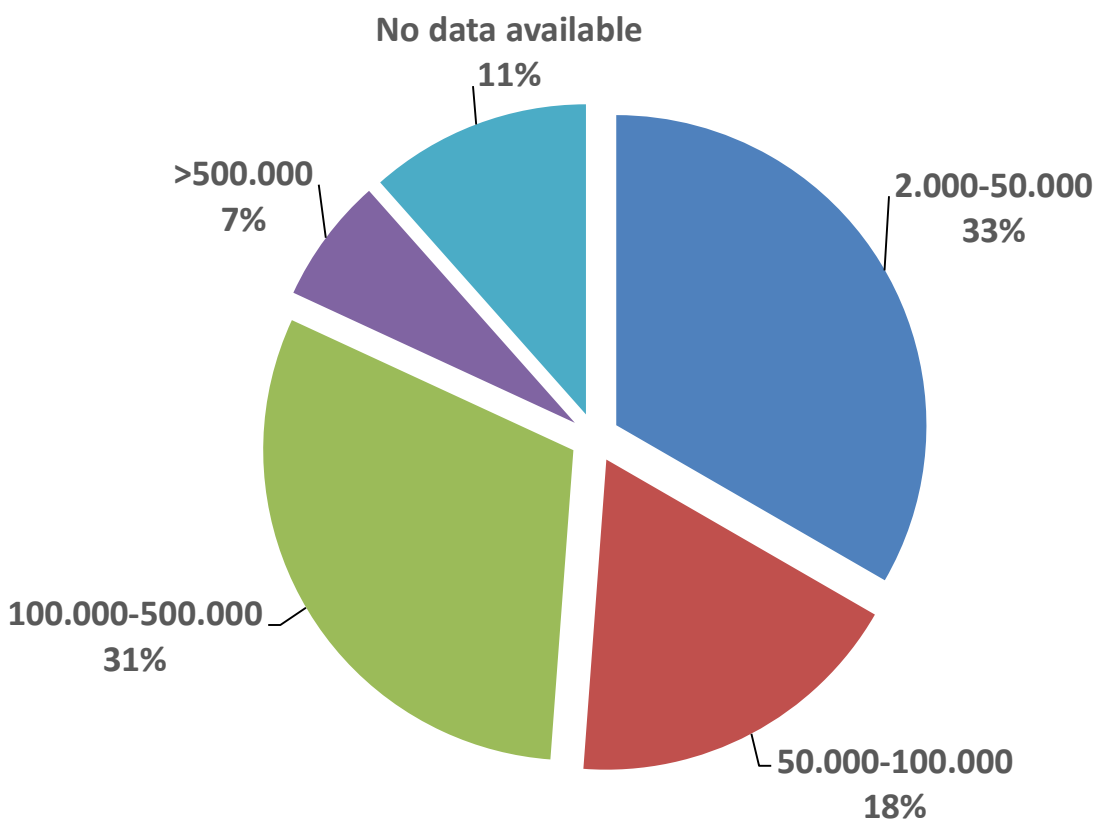
- Average duration: approximately 2 years
- Max: 6 years
- Average number of partners: 2,6
- Maximum number of partners: 16

## N. of partners per TNC project (SFC, Oct. 2013)



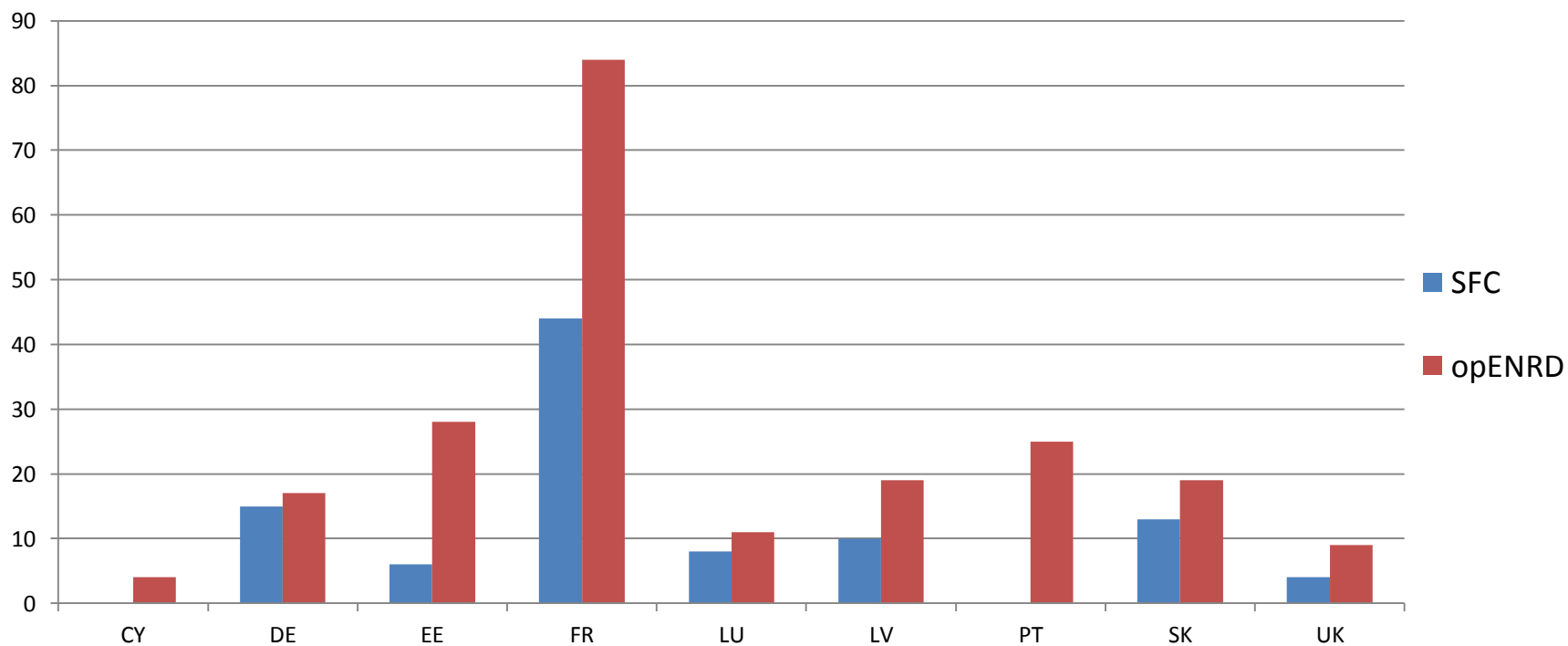


## Budget range of the TNC projects (SFC, Oct. 2013)



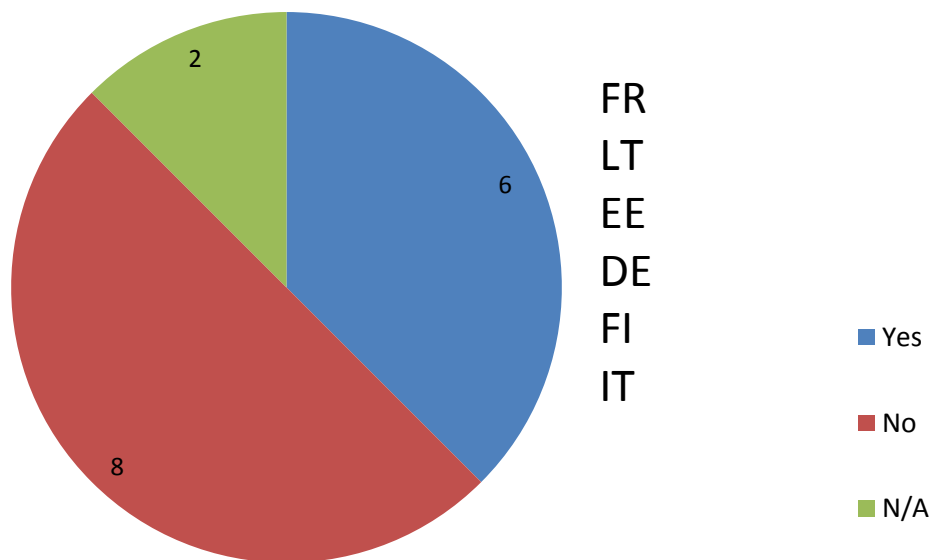
## N of TNC projects

*(indicated through opENRD forum 11.2013)*



# Still available budget and possibility to apply for *TNC*

*(opENRD survey, Nov, 2013- 16 responses)*



# Main challenges with completing LEADER 2007-2013 *(opENRD survey, Nov, 2013: 16 responses)*

- Completing LDS while planning next one
- Ensure 20%/80% rule at every LAG level
- Still 30% to be paid in 2014-2015
- Liquidity and needs for upfront funding for project implementers

# Main challenges with completing LEADER 2007-2013 *(opENRD survey, Nov, 2013: 16 responses)*

- The conflict between the decision making and the paying processes: “*Who decides after all what is eligible*”
- *No possibility to use resources of the current programming period when preparing the next on*
- Limited national funding

# Main challenges with transition to LEADER

**2014-2020** *(opENRD survey, Nov, 2013- 16 responses)*

- CLLD planning - Administrative system to coordinate and define roles MAs and PA without overly burden of LAGs
- Selection of LAGs in a period of programmes overlap
- Turnover with LAG staff
- Changing the areas
- LAGs survival: a gap between last and first payment for LAGs

# Thank you!