



# **How to focus CLLD on the things it does best? Clarifying the strategic role of CLLD in the Partnership Agreements**

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# A small reminder: What is the role of the Partnership Agreement (PA)

- Joint strategy at national level for the ESI Funds, in line with the EU 2020 strategy
- Should:
  - provide assurance for the Commission and for the partners/public, that the strategic choices are justified
  - promote cooperation and coordination between relevant authorities and upstream agreements on coordination arrangements to facilitate implementation later on
  - provide for transparency by including commitments not only *vis-à-vis* the Commission but also with respect to the partners and beneficiaries

# The place of CLLD in the PA (1)

1. Arrangements to ensure alignment with the Europe 2020 strategy as well as the Fund specific missions and application of horizontal principles and policy objectives  
(Art. 14(1)(a) CPR)
2. Arrangements to ensure effective implementation  
(Art. 14(1)(b) CPR)
3. Integrated approach to territorial development  
(Art. 14(2)(a) CPR) / Not part of the Commission's decision
4. Arrangements to ensure efficient implementation  
(Art. 14(2)(b) CPR)

## The place of CLLD in the PA (2)

### Section 3: Integrated approach to territorial development

- Synthetic description of the integrated approach
  - to ensure that the overall strategy to promoting smart, sustainable and inclusive growth reflects the territorial specificities (see also CSF, CPR Annex I (7.2))
- Setting out the approach to the different territorial development tools (following sub-sections):
  - **CLLD**, ITI, Sustainable urban development

## Section 3.1.1: CLLD

- MS should outline their approach to community-led local development (CLLD)
- **5 questions:**
  - 1.What
  - 2.Why?
  - 3.Where?
  - 4.Which fund?
  - 5.How to work together?

## **What are the challenges to be tackled with CLLD?**

- No "one size fits all" model
  - CLLD should be responsive to the main challenges and bottlenecks identified in section 1 of the PA
  - Hence related to the 11 thematic objectives listed in the CPR (translating the Europe 2020 Strategy and its headline targets)
  - Flexibility provided in terms of programming and eligibility

# Why? The main objectives and priorities for CLLD in a Member State

- Developing an overall vision for CLLD
  - Results wanted from CLLD
  - Identify objectives and priorities that can best be dealt with locally
  - Identify resources and scope of the four Funds for most appropriate combination to achieve the aims

# Where? The types of territories where CLLD is envisaged to be implemented

PA to map out for each Fund the geography of the challenges CLLD should deal with, eg.

- vulnerable groups, special attention to poverty
  - particular clusters of economic activity
  - physical problems (eg. housing, environment)
- urban, rural, urban-rural cooperation, city neighbourhood, cross-border, areas with specific characteristics such as peri-urban, rural with urbanised centre, coastal areas with fisheries



# Where ? Which Fund intervenes? (1)

- Which Fund does what – Fund specific regulations
- How does it already intervene, where and in what scale in my country?
- Key to achieve best synergy between Funds, eg.
  - careful blend of "hard" investments by ERDF and "soft" investments by ESF to tackle problems in deprived areas and groups in cities

## Where ? Which Fund intervenes (2)

- opportunity to use both EAFRD and ERDF for improving links between urban and rural areas
- synergy between EMFF and both ERDF and ESF for dealing with infrastructure and training for adaptation of larger fishing ports
- joint funding

# How to work together?

- Recommended to identify at the PA stage:
  - the common structures and administrative arrangements between the funds supporting CLLD
  - the type of preparatory support to be made available for local actors
- Leave some room of manoeuvre for the LAG:
  - the choice for a mono or multi-funded strategy
  - the question of a lead Fund

# Important steps towards PA adoption

- Commission services **position paper**
- **Informal dialogue**, on-going

## Next:

- Adoption of **Regulations**
- **Submission of PA: 4 months** following entry into force of CPR (Art. 13(4) CPR)
- Commission **observations: 3 months** following PA submission
- **Adoption** of (parts of) PA (i.e. elements of Art. 14(1) CPR) by decision: **4 months following PA submission – target by end 2013**