

# EU CAP Network updates on LEADER support activities

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## This presentation

- › About the EU CAP Network
- › Ongoing and planned activities related to LEADER, including online tools





# About the EU CAP Network

Evaluation  
Helpdesk (EH)

Innovation & Knowledge  
Exchange (EIP-AGRI)

CAP Implementation  
CP (CAPI CP)



## What does the EU CAP Network support?

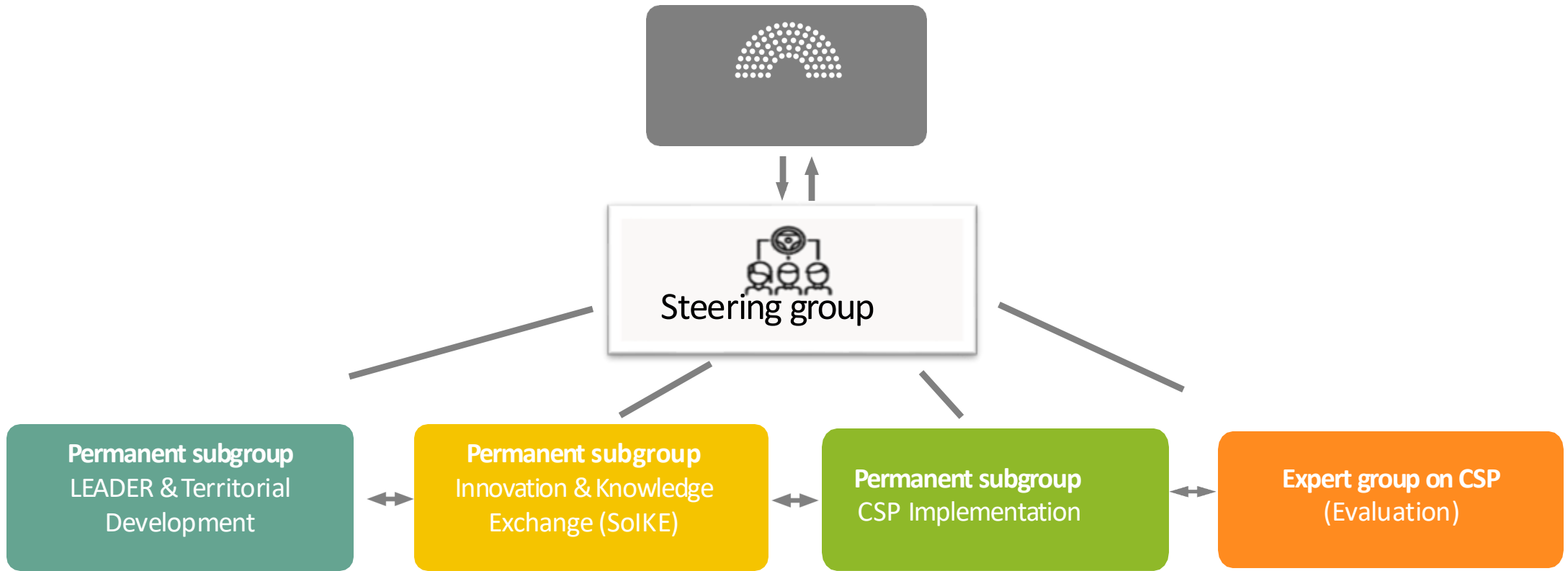


- ✦ **Design and implementation of CAP strategic plans.**
- ✦ **Innovation and knowledge exchange, including EIP-AGRI.**
- ✦ **Evaluation and monitoring of the CAP.**





# Governance Structure





# Support to LEADER

## Discover



### LEADER Explained

Discover about the origins of the LEADER approach and its key characteristics.

[Find out more >](#)



### LEADER Transnational Cooperation (TNC)

Find out all the tools developed by the EU CAP Network to support your TNC experience.

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### LEADER LAG Directory

Connect with LEADER Local Action Groups across Europe from the 2023-2027 programming period.

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## The LAG Directory – purpose

- To provide information about EU LAGs and their Local Development Strategies in the EU CAP Network website
- To facilitate cooperation among LAGs through the integrated partner search functions of the LAG Directory





# LEADER support activities



**LEADER Newsletter**  
September 2025

New tools for LEADER networking



Good news for all the LEADER experts and enthusiasts out there: we have launched a new series of tools to boost LEADER networking across the EU! Discover the new features of the LAG Directory and the LEADER Cooperation Offers - and read what Local Action Groups think about them.

[Find out more](#)

**What are LAGs working on?**

Local Development Strategies (LDS) are a core feature of LEADER. Our new series of articles gives voice to Local Action Groups (LAGs) from across the EU who present the key topics of their LDSs and some projects in place. In this edition, we hear from three LAGs in Germany, Spain and Ireland.

[Find out more](#)



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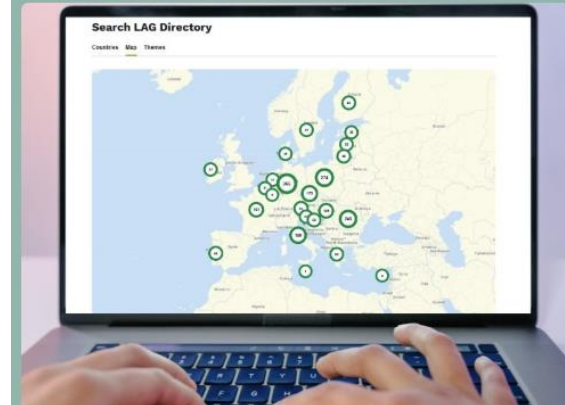


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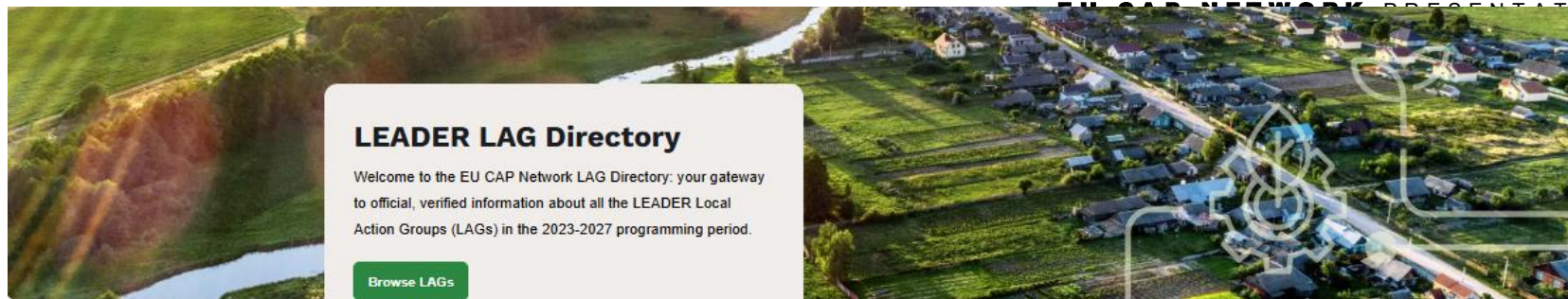
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Browse the new LAG map



**Online exchange platform for LEADER and territorial development**





### LEADER LAG Directory

Welcome to the EU CAP Network LAG Directory: your gateway to official, verified information about all the LEADER Local Action Groups (LAGs) in the 2023-2027 programming period.

[Browse LAGs](#)

The LAG Directory brings together information on all EU Local Action Groups (LAGs) in one place, helping local, regional and national stakeholders connect, network and collaborate.

Click on the 'Browse LAGs' button above and use the filters to search the LAG Directory by:

- > Member State; and
- > Key themes linked to LAGs' Local Development Strategies (LDSs); and
- > LAGs that are interested in transnational cooperation (TNC).

In addition, by using the available online TNC features, you can identify LAGs that have shared TNC offers. Check the requested criteria and explore potential partnerships.

The LAG Directory is being continuously enhanced and enriched with updated information, some of which is shared directly by the LAGs. Please visit the platform regularly to view the latest information and explore additional features.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [leader@eucapnetwork.eu](mailto:leader@eucapnetwork.eu).

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#### Are you a LAG manager?

Log in to your account and manage the online profile of your LAG via the LAG management section.

[LAG management >](#)

#### LEADER cooperation offers

Browse through Transnational Cooperation offers published by LAGs in Europe.

[Learn more >](#)

### Search LAG Directory

[Countries](#) [Map](#) [Themes](#)

## > 2 356 LAGs from 25 MS

- > (1 806 LAGs from 23 MS in March 2025)

## > New functions for LAGs

- > 'Own your LAG profile'
- > Additional data
- > TNC cooperation offers

## > More than 190 LAGs logged in to their profiles

## > 45 LAGs actively interested in Transnational Cooperation





# EU CAP Network LAG map

## Search LAG Directory

Countries Map Themes

Welcome to the LAG map, showing the **Local Action Groups (LAGs)** active in each Member State!  
Click on the pins for information about each LAG, its work and contacts, and find out who is actively interested in **LEADER transnational cooperation (TNC)**.



Webtools + @ EC-GISCO + Leaflet | @ OpenStreetMap | Disclaimer



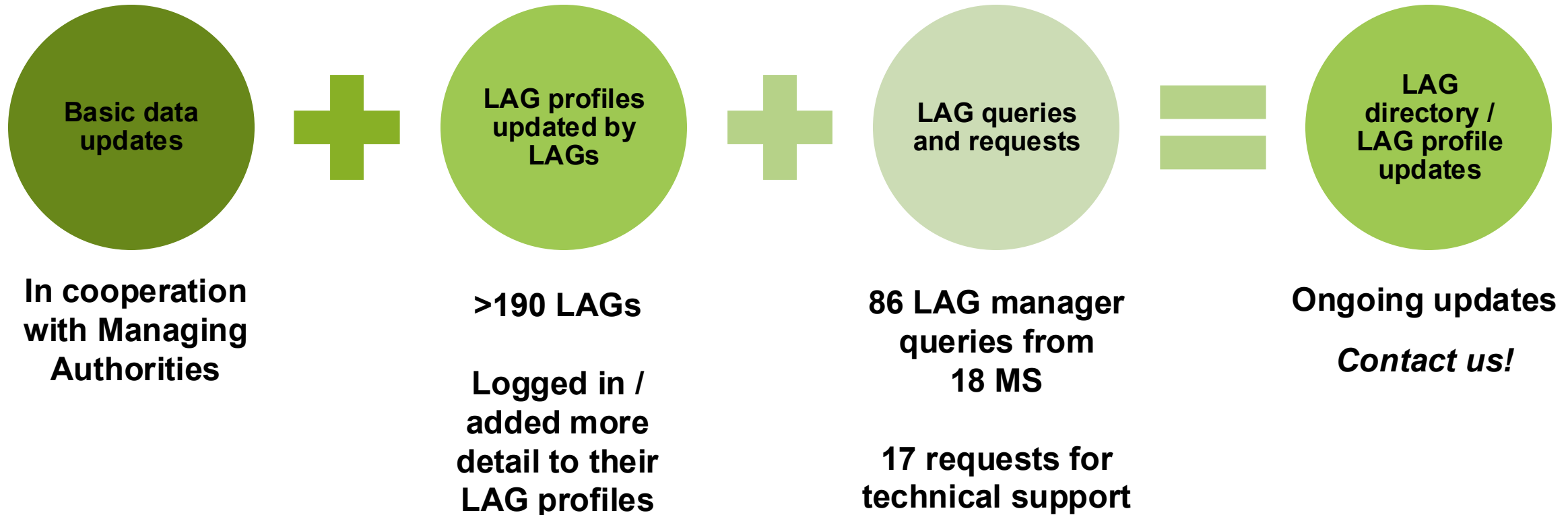
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- Includes all LAGs that have LAG profiles in the LAG Directory
- Based on LAG office addresses
- Does not show LAG territorial or municipal boundaries





# Updates to LAG profiles





# TNC support tools

## > TNC fact sheets

> from 20 Member States (*16 MS fact sheets in March 2025*)

## > **TNC cooperation offers**

> 11 cooperation offers uploaded by LAGs (5 active as of mid-February 2026 )





# LEADER Good Practices from the CAP Strategic Plans

1 485 CAP implementation good practices online



412 LEADER good practices



34 Smart Village good practices



Mint regional office Pongau – together for MINT (Austria)

An engine for innovation, providing youth employment and gender equality through education and collaboration



The Create Green business training programme (Ireland)

The Create Green programme supports creative and food/farming businesses in County Offaly, recognising their vital role in building a sustainable rural future.



L'HanGare (France) is a rural community meeting place that allows everyone to experiment, collaborate, and evolve together for the common good.



An inspired community-run grocery store for Meulles (France)

LEADER funding provided the game-changing catalyst to make an innovative short food-supply chain idea happen in a digitalised social resilience project.





# New publication on LEADER and Social Capital!

- To support LAGs in strengthening the added value of LEADER within their organisations and territories
- Created as web text to be accessible to LAGs as can be translated into 24 MS languages
- Downloadable and printable straight from the website

[Home](#) > [Publications](#) > From local networks to lasting impact: how LEADER builds social capital

PUBLICATION - BRIEFINGS | 18 FEB 2026

## From local networks to lasting impact: how LEADER builds social capital

CAP Implementation > LEADER >

Programming period: 2023-2027



Drawing on academic research and practical experience, this Briefing offers a clear and accessible overview of social capital in the LEADER framework and helps LEADER stakeholders - particularly Local Action Groups - strengthen the added value of LEADER within their organisations and territories.

### Introduction

Defining social capital and why it is relevant to LEADER

The power of social capital in LEADER

Social capital and LEADER's added value

How LAGs can produce social capital

Social capital in the words of LEADER stakeholders

Useful resources

### Introduction

Drawing on academic research and practical experience, this briefing offers a clear and accessible overview of social capital in the LEADER framework, enriched by insights from stakeholders across Europe. It is designed to support LEADER stakeholders – particularly Local Action Group (LAG) managers and staff – in strengthening the added value of LEADER within their organisations and territories.

Readers can navigate the content using the left-side menu or by scrolling through the page. This page is regularly updated with [relevant resources](#); for further news and insights from the LEADER community, subscribe to our [LEADER newsletter](#).





# New web page on Disinformation and media literacy!

- Discover tools that help identify and counter disinformation and misinformation
- Tips on what we can do
- Links to useful resources
- Find it on the Stakeholder Involvement webpage in the Networking section

[Home](#) > [Networking](#) > [About networking](#) > [Stakeholder Involvement](#) > [Disinformation and media literacy](#)

## Disinformation and media literacy

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 [Innovation, knowledge exchange & EIP-AGRI](#) > 
 [Evaluation](#) >



Tackling foreign information manipulation and interference, and enhancing societal resilience against these threats, are pressing issues for the European Union. Discover which tools exist to help identify and counter disinformation and misinformation.

### Context

Foreign information manipulation and interference is a serious threat to European democracies. It can undermine democratic institutions and processes by preventing people from making informed decisions or discouraging them from voting. It can polarise society by pitting communities against each other.

A recent Eurobarometer survey revealed that 73% of EU citizens report that they regularly encounter disinformation, and 86% agree that it poses a major threat to democracy.

Some third countries are using strategic and coordinated dissemination of disinformation to amplify social or political tensions, fuel polarisation, and erode trust in democratic institutions.



The rise of Artificial Intelligence has made it even easier to produce and disseminate disinformation at scale, and, at the same time, it has become even harder to detect and more dangerous.





# Informal meetings for LEADER Managing Authorities

**Launched based on MA demand in 2023**

**All MS invited**

**8 meetings / year (online)**

**Agenda / topics defined with Managing Authorities**

**Optional attendance**

## TOPICS DISCUSSED (until mid-February 2026)

- Advance payments
- Automatic decommitments
- Case handling times
- Competition law
- Conflict of interest
- E-application systems
- LEADER implementation updates
- LAG Directory
- LEADER added value
- Micro-funding for projects
- Public procurement
- Result indicators
- Running costs
- Questions for the TNC fact sheets
- Simplification and SCOs
- Size of LAGs
- State aid rules
- The definition of 'innovative'
- Transnational cooperation
- Visual identity for LEADER
- Online interactive platform
- The future MFF and LEADER



## Upcoming LEADER events

- Workshop on LEADER and social resilience
- 16-17 June 2026
- Workshop for 80 participants to highlight and discuss how LEADER can contribute to social resilience in rural areas





# Planning of future LEADER support activities



## AWP ROADMAP





# From strategic priorities to topics – emerging themes for LEADER

**LEADER: UNLOCKING & STRENGTHENING RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

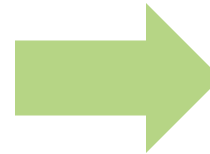
**CHANGING THE RURAL NARRATIVE**

**CAPACITY BUILDING FOR YOUTH**

**COMMUNICATION NETWORKING**

**LEADERSHIP FOR WOMEN**

**COMMUNITY, DEMOCRACY AND FAIR INFORMATION**



**From the “Right to Stay” to the “Wish to stay” – showcasing how LEADER provides reasons to stay in rural areas**

**CLLD beyond the CAP – small inputs, big outputs for rural areas**

**Strengthening CLLD implementation in rural areas**





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