

Role of the intermediate local bodies, in particular in axis 3 and 4

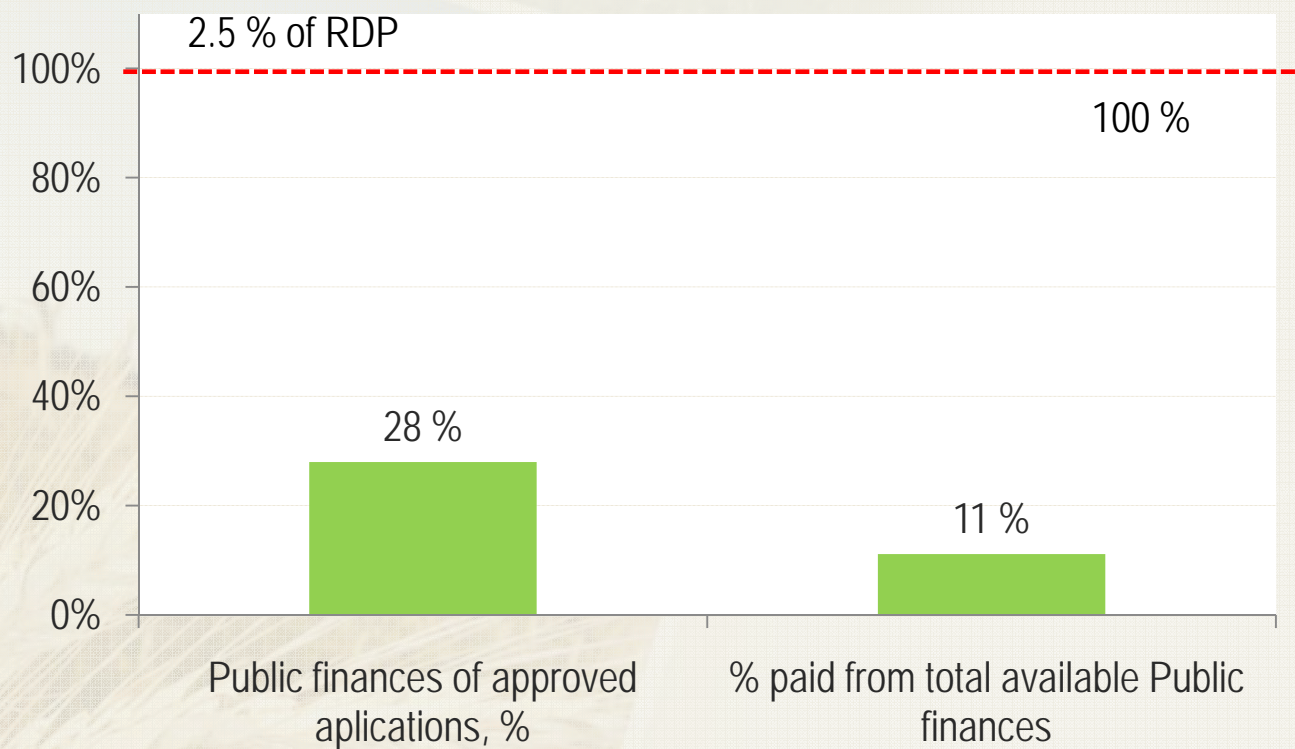
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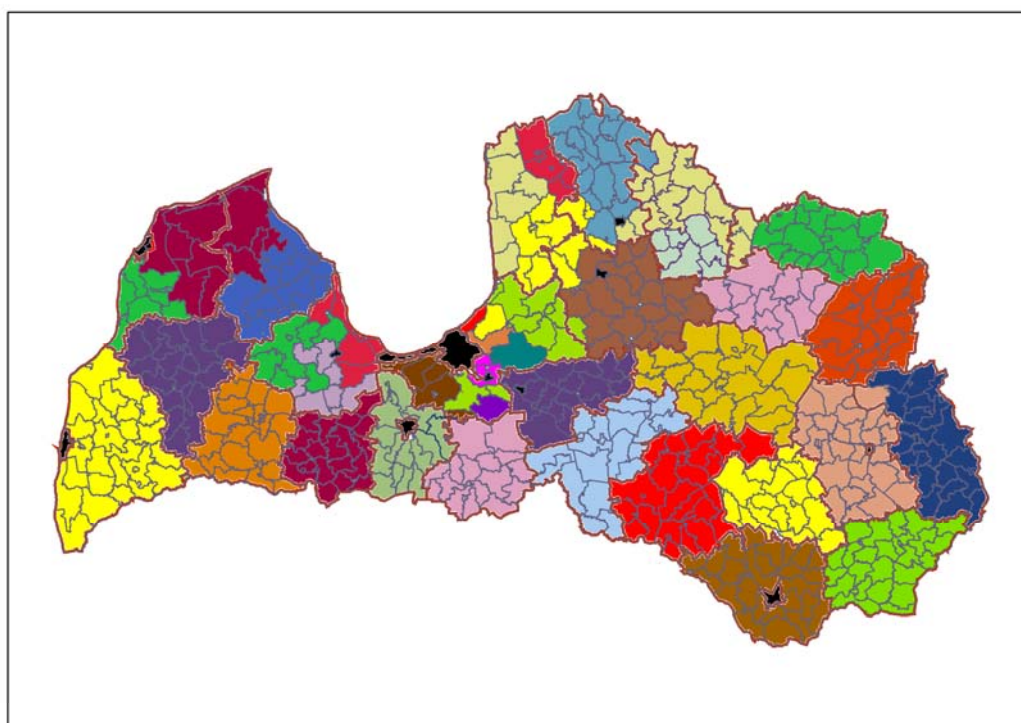


RDP 2007-2013 of Latvia

Axis 4: financial indicators



Local action groups (LAG) in Latvia



40 LAGs have received aid for implementation of local development strategy:

In 2009 - 39 LAGs;

In 2010- 1 LAGs

incl.,

17LAGs - implemented LEADER+ strategies;

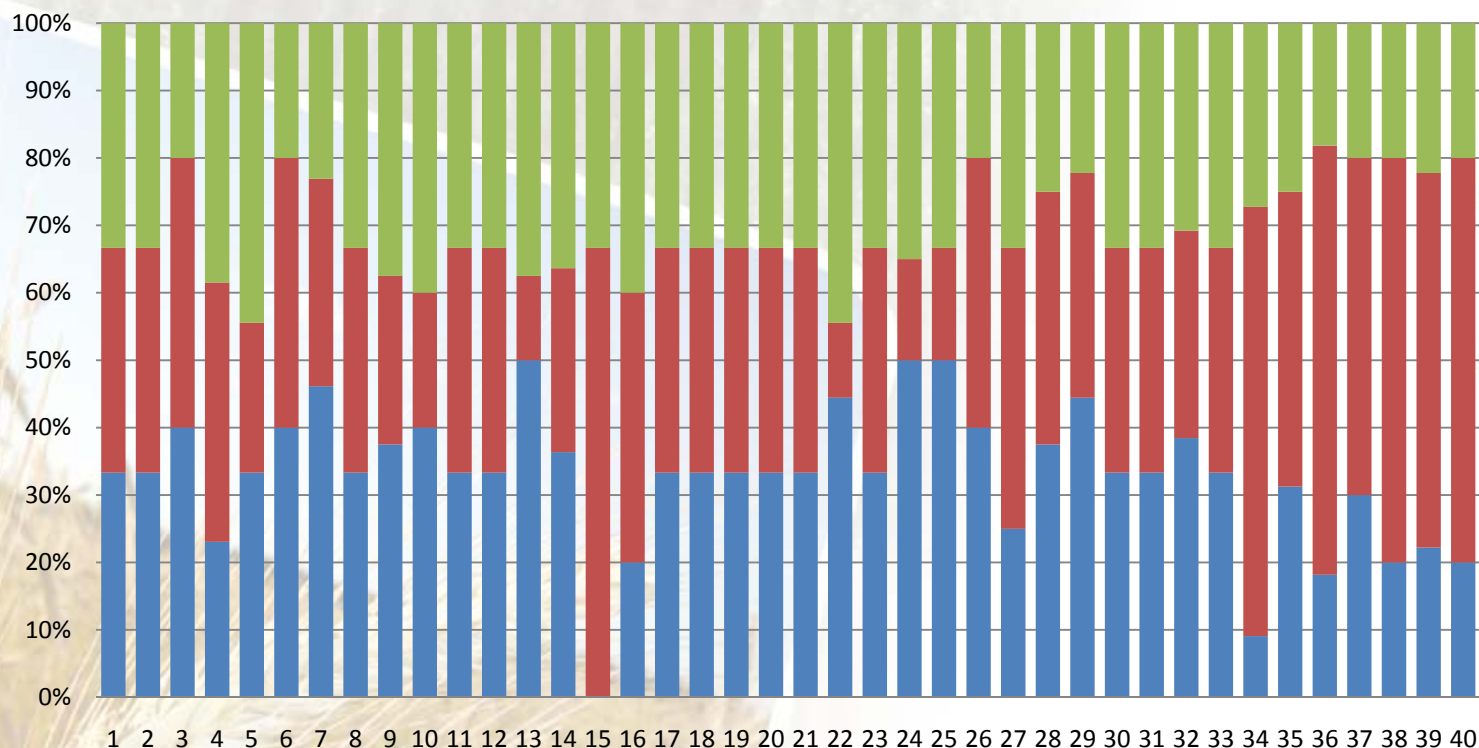
23LAGs – new strategies

Legal status of LAG –
association or
foundation

LAG activity areas cover the entire territory of Latvia that complies with eligibility conditions under LEADER



Composition of LAG decision-making institution in Latvia



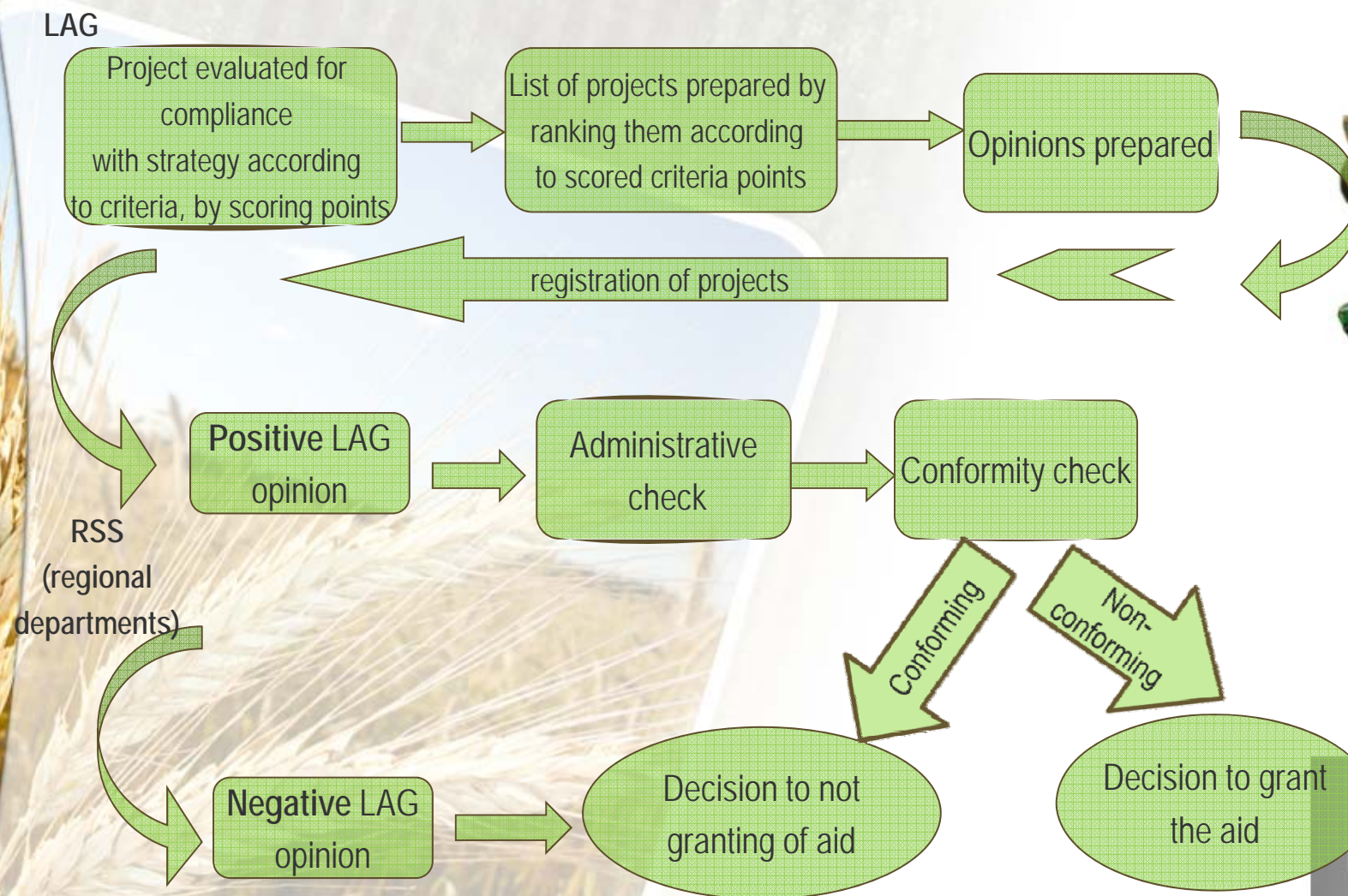
- Representatives of local municipalities and governmental institutions
- Economic partners
- Social partners

In LAG decision-making institution interests of **farmers, rural women and youth** are represented





Assessment of project applications

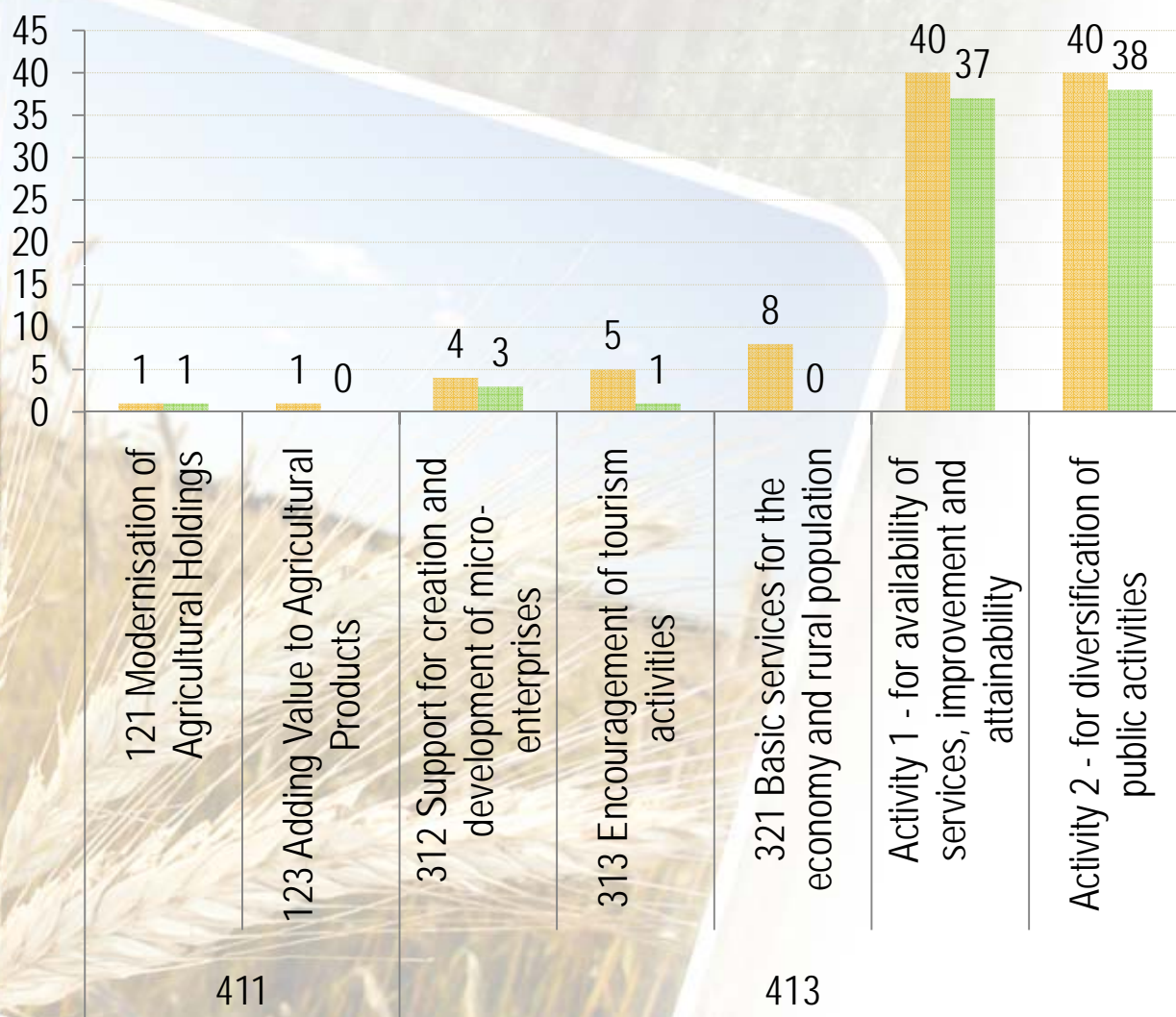


Implementation of LEADER approach

LEADER measure 411	LEADER measure 413
Measures of Axes 1:	Measures and activities of Axes 3:
121 - Modernisation of Agricultural Holdings	312(311) Support for creation and development of micro-enterprises (including diversification into non-agricultural activities)
123 - Adding Value to Agricultural Products	313 – Encouragement of tourism activities
	321– Basic services for the economy and rural population
	Activity 1 - purchase of implements, equipment and development of a small-scale infrastructure for availability of services, improvement and attainability
	Activity 2 - purchase of implements, equipment and development of a small-scale infrastructure for diversification of public activities (incl. training and interest clubs, cultural, environmental protection, sports and leisure activities)



RDP measures included and announced in the action plans of the local development strategies



■ Number of LAGs which have included in LDS

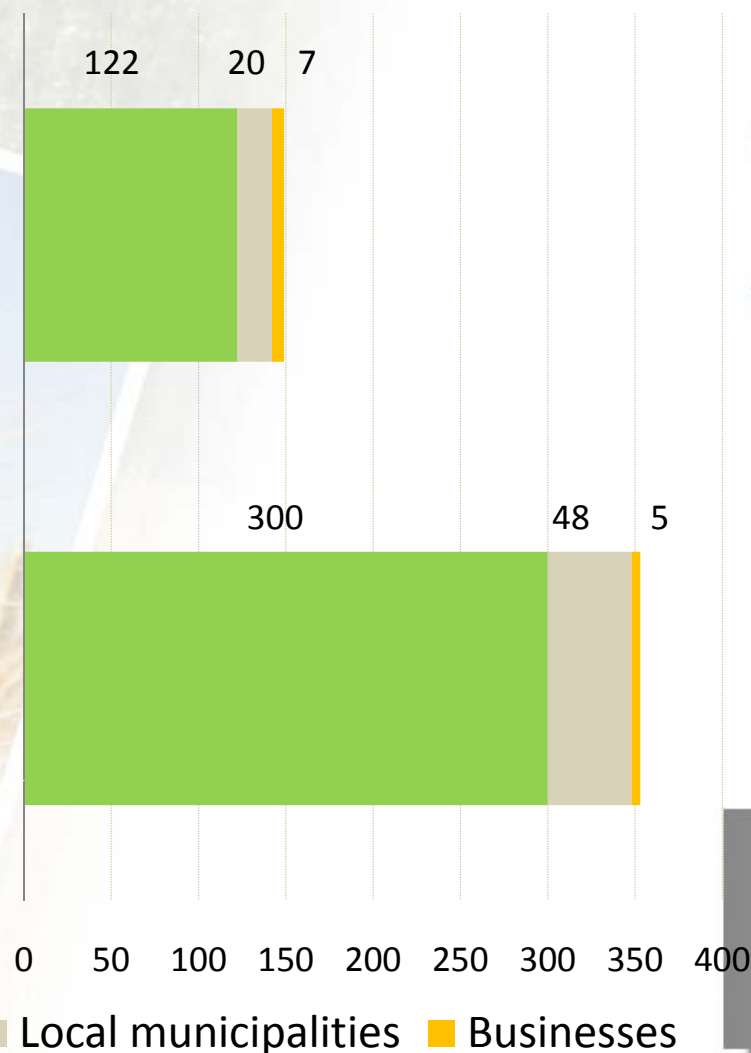
■ Number of LAGs which have announced



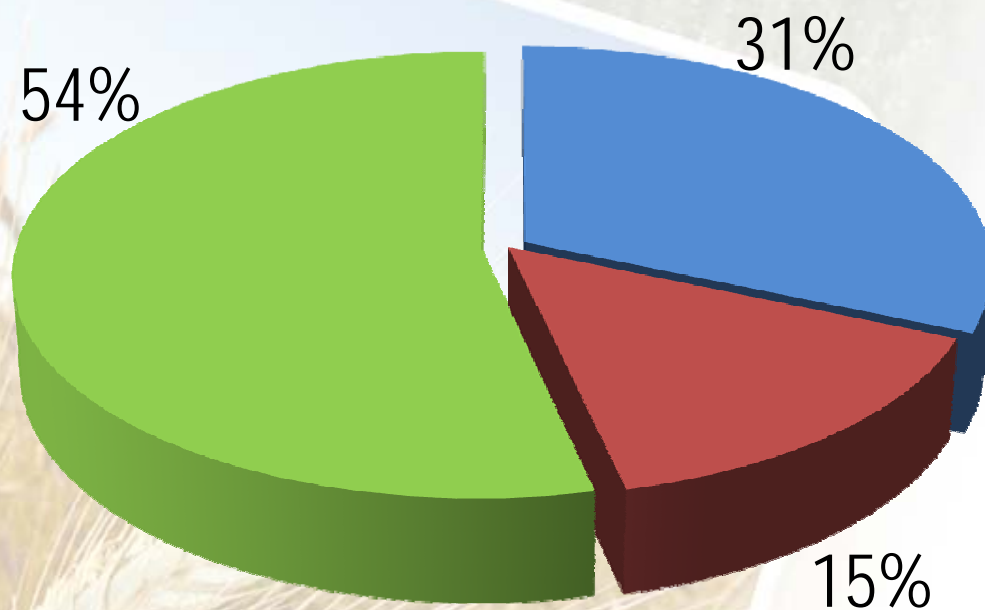
Breakdown of approved projects by activities facilitating attainment of axis 3 targets and by beneficiaries

Activity 1 – availability of services, improvement and attainability (services promoting entrepreneurship and tourism development and social services)

Activity 2 - diversification of public activities (activities for children and youth, activities focused on acquisition of skills, sports and culture linked activities, improvement of recreation centres)



Breakdown of approved projects by targets



■ Projects facilitating development of entrepreneurship

■ Projects facilitating development of tourism

■ Basic services for economy and population



Issues

- ✓ Dependency of LAGs from local governments (particularly in new LAGs);
- ✓ Small scale projects in relation to the administrative burden;
- ✓ Transparency on where financing is spent;
- ✓ Demarcation between EAFRD and EFF axis 4 measures;

Solutions:

- ✓ Aid eligibility conditions are simplified (requirement to conclude agreements to receive the aid is discarded, simplified documentation, beneficiary may deviate from expenditure items of the approved project application estimate as 10% of the total expenditures and this is not requiring separate agreement with RSS)
- ✓ LAG ensures publicity on LAGs activities, acquisition of skills and territory activation expenditures



Recommendations for the next programming period

- ✓ To envisage LEADER approach also for implementation of other EU financial instruments (ERDF, ESF);
- ✓ To reduce demarcation between EAFRD and EFF activities implemented by LEADER approach;

