



Keeping CLLD simple and transparent

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**Simplification is not
so simple to apply!**

Simplification in use of public money

Broad application of simplified cost options:

- a) Preparatory support
- b) Running and animation costs
- c) Business start-ups





Preparatory support – lump sums

- With 3 thresholds depending on the size of LAG (27 500 EUR, 33 000 EUR, 38 500 EUR)
- Commitments:
 - assuring minimum number of employees (1, 1,5 and 2)
 - at least one meeting with local community in each commune
 - office open (2, 3 or 4 days a week)
 - drafting and submission of the LDS
- First payment (70%) when the contract is signed
- Final settlement only if the LDS submitted meets formal requirements (does not have to be selected)

Running costs and animation – flat rate

- Differentiation of rates: from 15% up to 25% depending on the LDS budget
- Advanced payment up to 50%
- Main commitments:
 - financial progress of LDS,
 - implementation of communication plan,
 - assuring minimum office staff (from 2 up to 5 employees)
 - running the office
 - running the website
 - advisory service



Business start ups – lump sums

- Thresholds predefined in the strategy, up to 25 000 EUR on the basis of social and economic situation, historical financial data,
- Might be different according to the economic branch, category of beneficiary etc.
- First payment (70%) when the contract is signed
- Final settlement – only if business plan is implemented and at least one job created (including self-employment)



Advanced payments

- Advanced payments introduced in:
- Art. 45 (4) – investments
- Art. 42 (2) – running and animation costs of LAGs
- Art. 63 (1) – bank guarantee
- National advanced payments scheme – 37% (equivalent of national public contribution) – no bank guarantee



Simplification of rules

- Broad menu of potential types of operation in RDP to choose
- Only general eligibility criteria and list of eligible costs
- Umbrella projects
- Bigger role of LAG:
 - verification of eligibility of the operations in accordance with the Programme and LDS,
 - selection of the operations,
 - regional office conducts only final verification, no substantial modifications of the application at that stage
- advisory role of LAGs



Umbrella projects

- LAG as beneficiary

- **LAG responsible for:**

- selection of grants
- signing the contracts for grants
- verification of grant payments claims
- grant payments
- controls
- reporting

- **Regional office responsible for:**

- verification and approval of umbrella projects
- overall checks of selected grants before LAG signs the contracts for grant (temporary)
- verification of payment claims submitted by LAGs (sample checks of grant invoices)
- sample on spot controls (and on spot controls of investments)

Final settlement – if planned results of umbrella projects are achieved.



Transparency

- More detailed verification of membership in different interest groups
- More transparent selection procedure - minutes with information on exclusion due to conflict of interests are published on LAG website
- Two - stage appeal procedure



CLLD coordination

■ at LDS selection stage:

- common calls with common set of criteria and one Selection Committee
- one contract with LAG
- lead fund

■ at implementation stage:

- Negotiations with other ESIF to use:
- ✓ SCOs for running and animation costs
- ✓ guidelines for LAGs on LDS implementation issued for EARDF

■ at institutional stage

- CLLD working group within RDP 2014-2020 Monitoring Committee
- LEADER thematic group within NRN (with participation of all CLLD MAs)





Thank you for your attention

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