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Making delivery work

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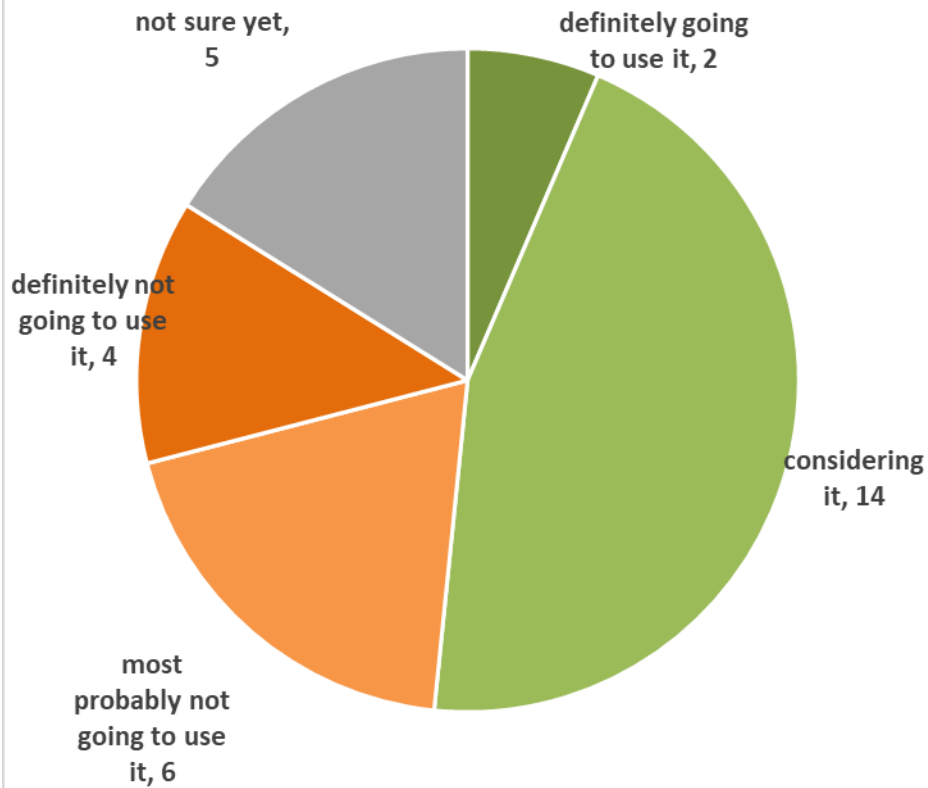
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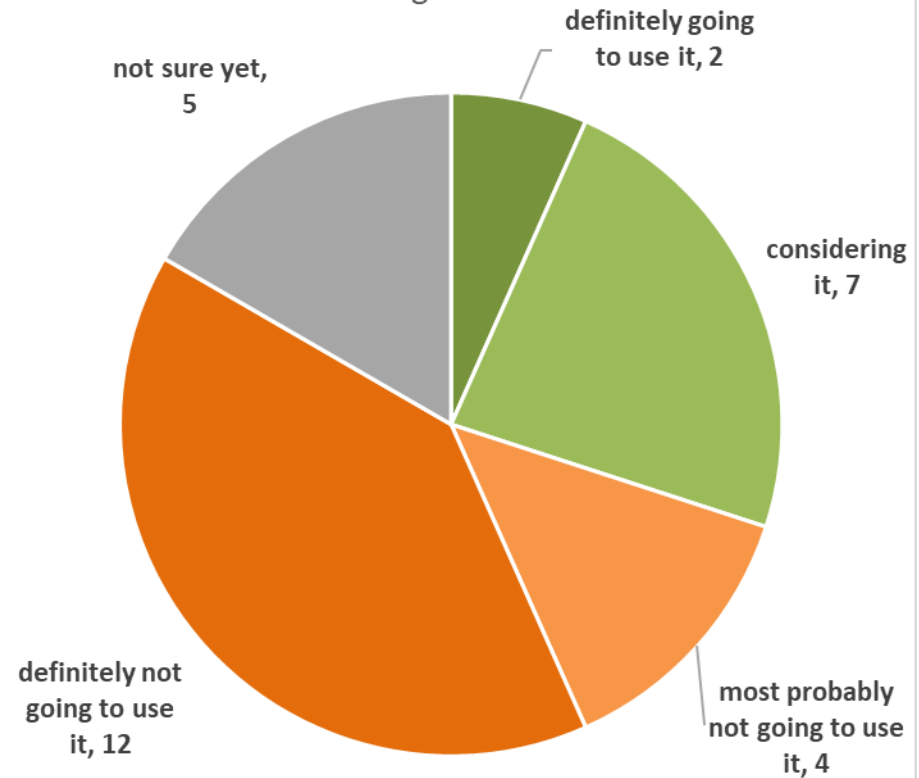
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Planned use of delivery tools (MA responses)

additional tasks to the FLAGS

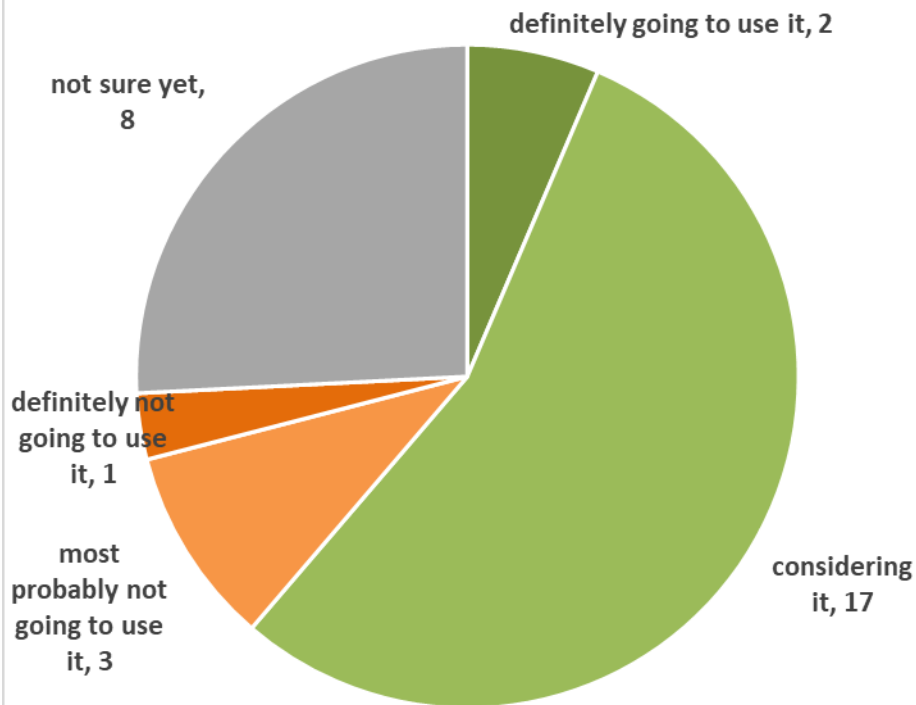


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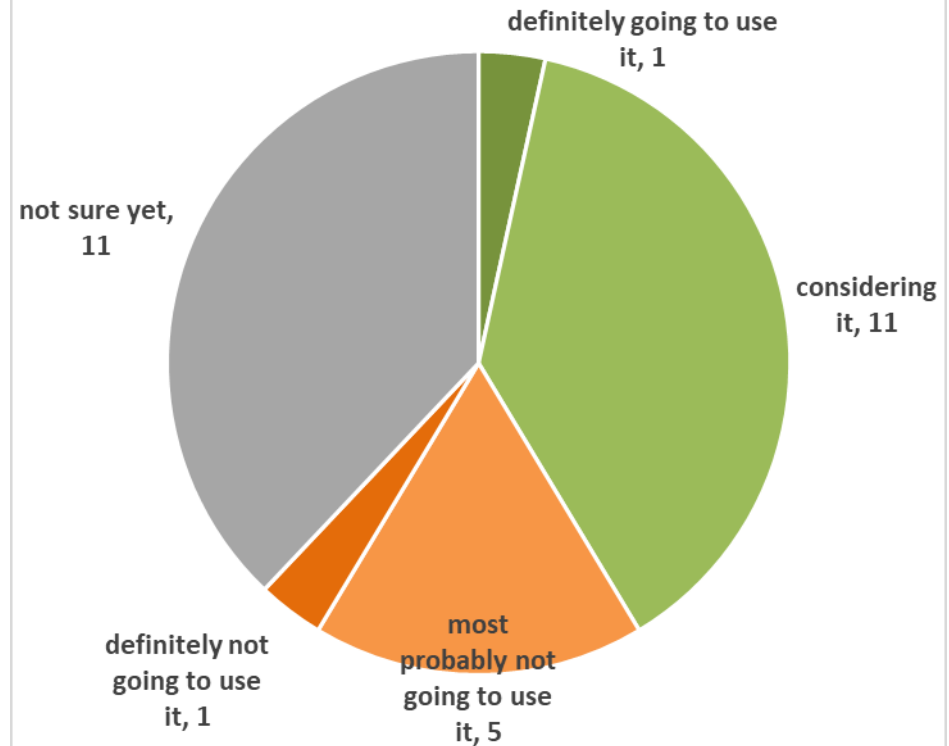


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reducing national eligibility rules

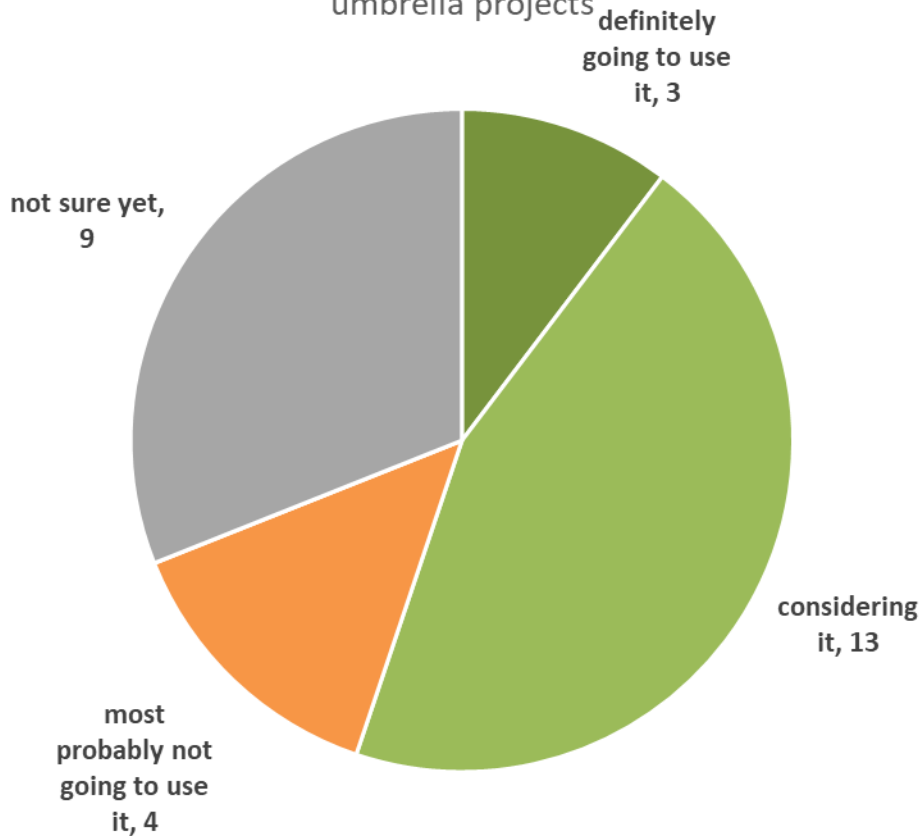


simplified verification for experienced administrators

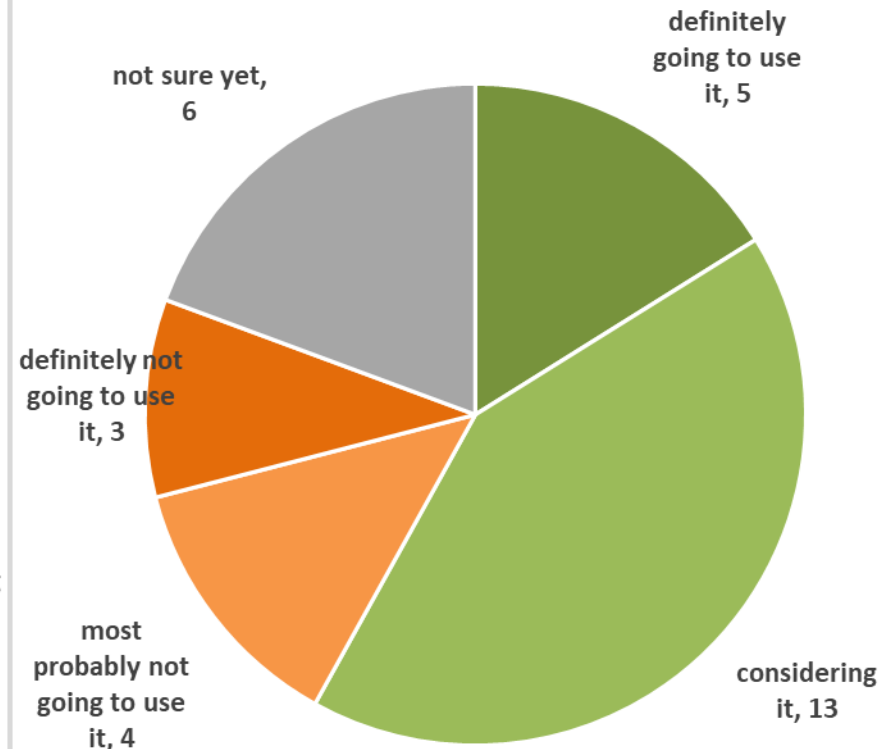


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umbrella projects

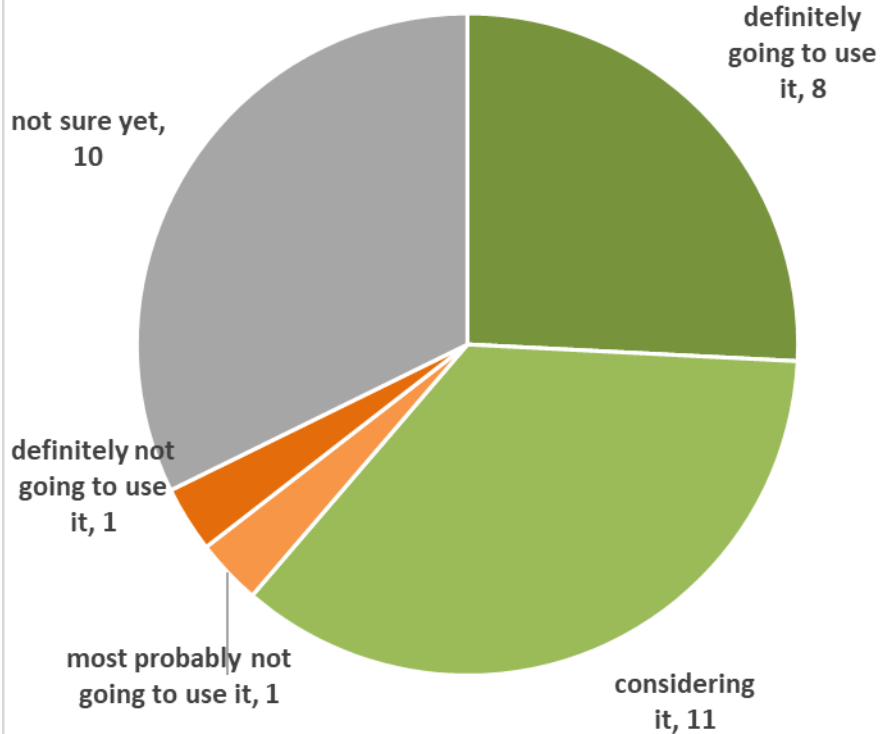


simplified rules for small-scale projects

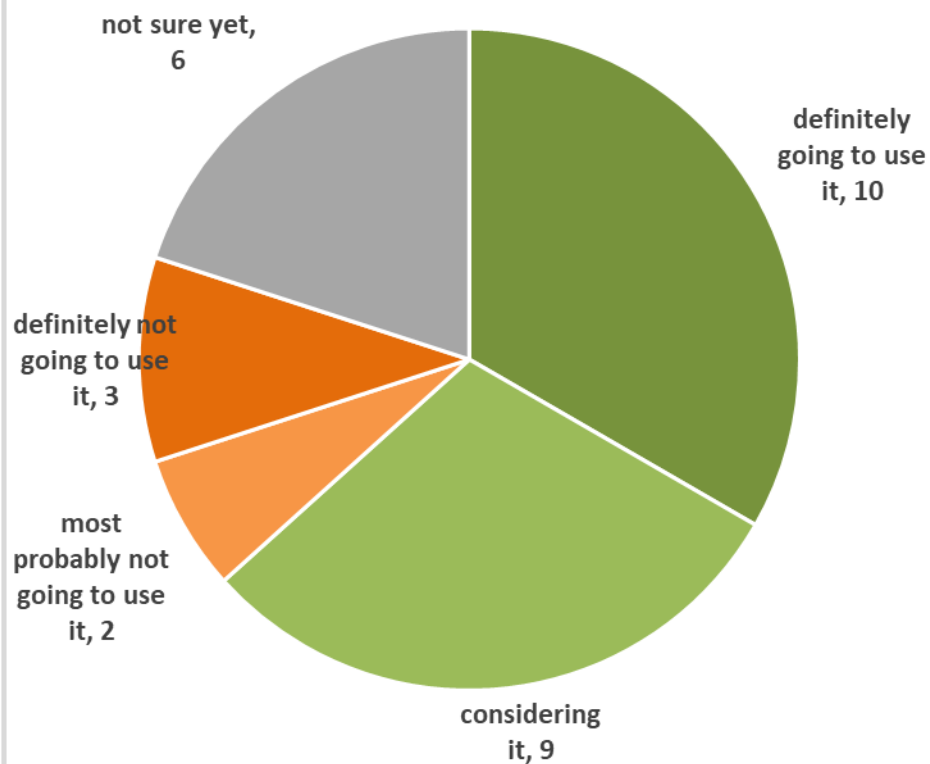


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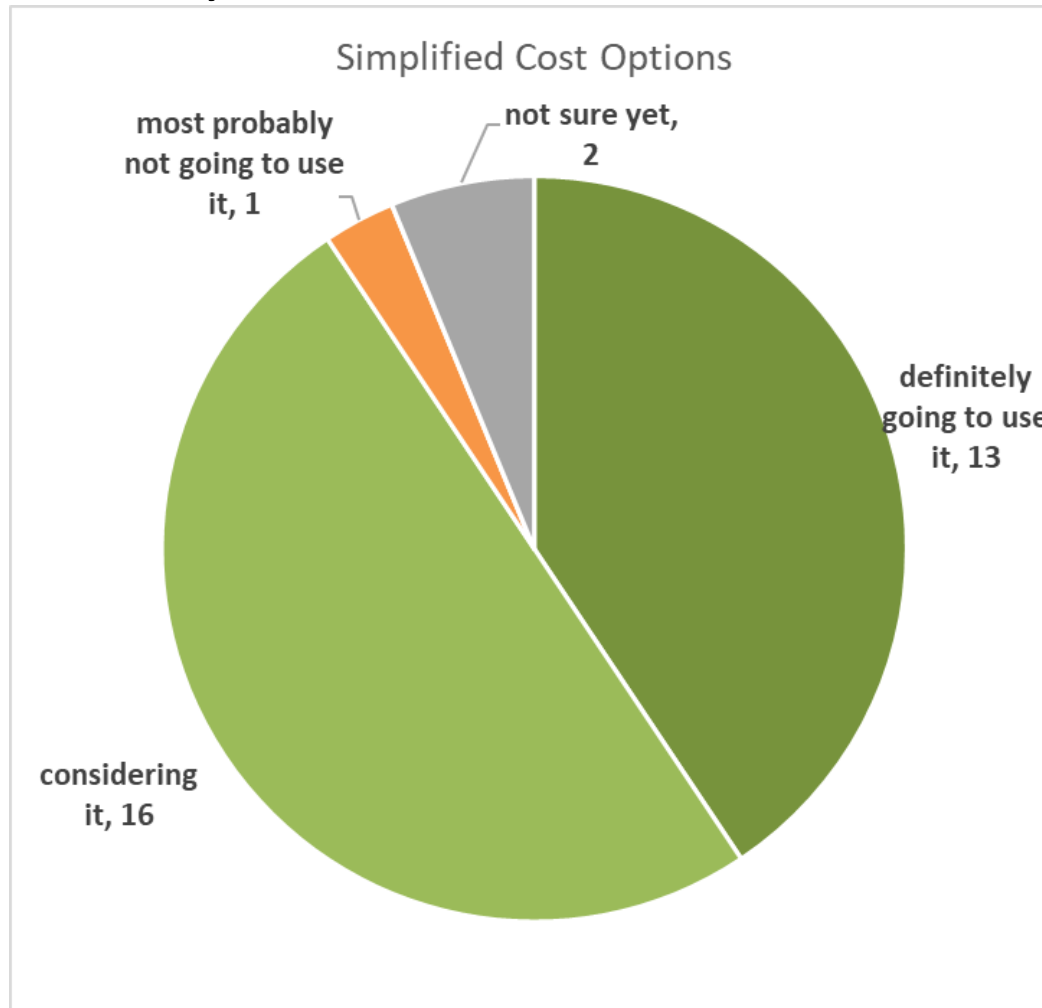
packaging nat/reg co-financing with EU funding



advance payments for beneficiaries



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Tools and practices available:

A lot of administrative burden can be avoided by linking the **FLAG running costs** to:

- staff costs (off-the-shelf SCO)
- running costs of the previous period and/or size of the LAG area, population, budget...



SCOs in projects can include:

- specific types of costs (e.g. personnel, travel etc.)
- specific types of projects (e.g. business start-ups)
- draft budget (costs are checked at application, only outputs/results checked at project completion)

Tools and practices available:



Additional roles for FLAGs

- final **approval** of projects
 - making **payments**
 - signing **contract** with beneficiaries
 - field **visits**...
- would require designation as IB*

Can **speed up** the delivery proces and reduce **admin work** at MA level.

Group of small projects **treated as a single operation** for administrative purposes

The FLAG or another operator keep **overall responsibility**.

A good tool for involving **small-scale local actors**.



Tools and practices available

Avoids looking for national/regional funding on a **project-by project** basis

Provides **certainty** to beneficiaries and FLAGs

Avoids **delays** and disproportionate **decision-power** to public sector



Important for small-scale beneficiaries with **little liquidity** and limited **access to financial services**.

Advance payments – best solution

Where advances not possible, FLAGs or MAs can **negotiate special loan conditions** from financial institutions

Tools and practices available

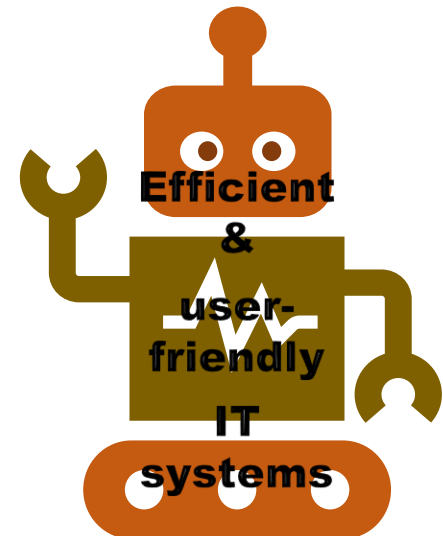


Administrators who processed X applications without errors – status of "**green administrator**"

=> projects get processed **more quickly (fewer checks)** by the MA/IB

Good IT system can e.g.:

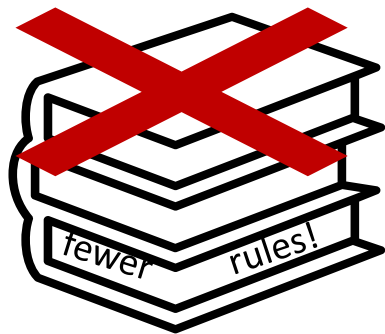
- **reduce errors**, save unnecessary work
- facilitate **information flow** between actors
- speed up **decision-making**
- ensure **transparency**
- provide **management information...**



Interesting practices

Facilitating access for small local actors who may not otherwise access EU funding by e.g.:

- simplified **application forms**
- streamlined **control/approval procedures**
- higher **co-financing** levels
- adapted **procurement/state aid** rules etc.



Additional eligibility conditions for projects and beneficiaries **limited** to minimum

- FLAGs able to use the **full scope** envisaged in EU legislation (but can still be encouraged to focus)
- Less time for **checks**
- Less **audit** risks

Tools available

National Networks can play a key role in:

- improving **communication** and building **trust** between different delivery stakeholders
- ensuring uniform **interpretation of rules** (e.g. between regions)
- facilitate **participatory evaluation** of delivery systems
- ...



Delivery system "health check"

- TIME: project approval, payment (average vs. longest...)
- STAFF: processes by staff unit (at LAG, MA, IB...)

Check also:

- ERROR RATE
- APPEAL RATE
- DROPOUT RATE

Make sure you have the information!





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