



National Networks

Supporting the effective implementation of CLLD

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Article 78 of the EMFF (Reg no. 508/2014)

- ▶ The EMFF may support... subject to a **ceiling of 6% of the total amount of the OP:**
 - a) the measures of technical assistance...
 - b) the ***establishment of national networks aiming at disseminating information, capacity building, exchanging best practices and supporting cooperation between the FLAGs*** in the territory of the Member State.

Why support a National Network?

=> More effective CLLD implementation by:

Bringing together all stakeholders involved in delivering CLLD => increased communication, shared understanding of objectives & rules, trust and efficiency...

Stimulating exchange => maximising project ideas, supporting innovation, capitalising on existing experience...

Connecting local action with national context/aims => better coordination with national and regional strategies

=> Showcasing FLAG work => justifying the expenditure and increasing engagement with the FLAGs and their potential to support local development.

National Networks for 2014–2020

19 out of 20 Member States will ensure networking support to FLAGs

But what TYPES of NNs will be set up...?

14 of the 19 expected NNs will be newly set up

...steep LEARNING CURVE for new NN staff and MAs

4 formal (ES, EE, LV & SE) and 2 informal (RO & LT) NNs operational

...need for others to PLAN, DESIGN & LAUNCH National Networks

What type of National Network for your MS?

Exchange & Learning



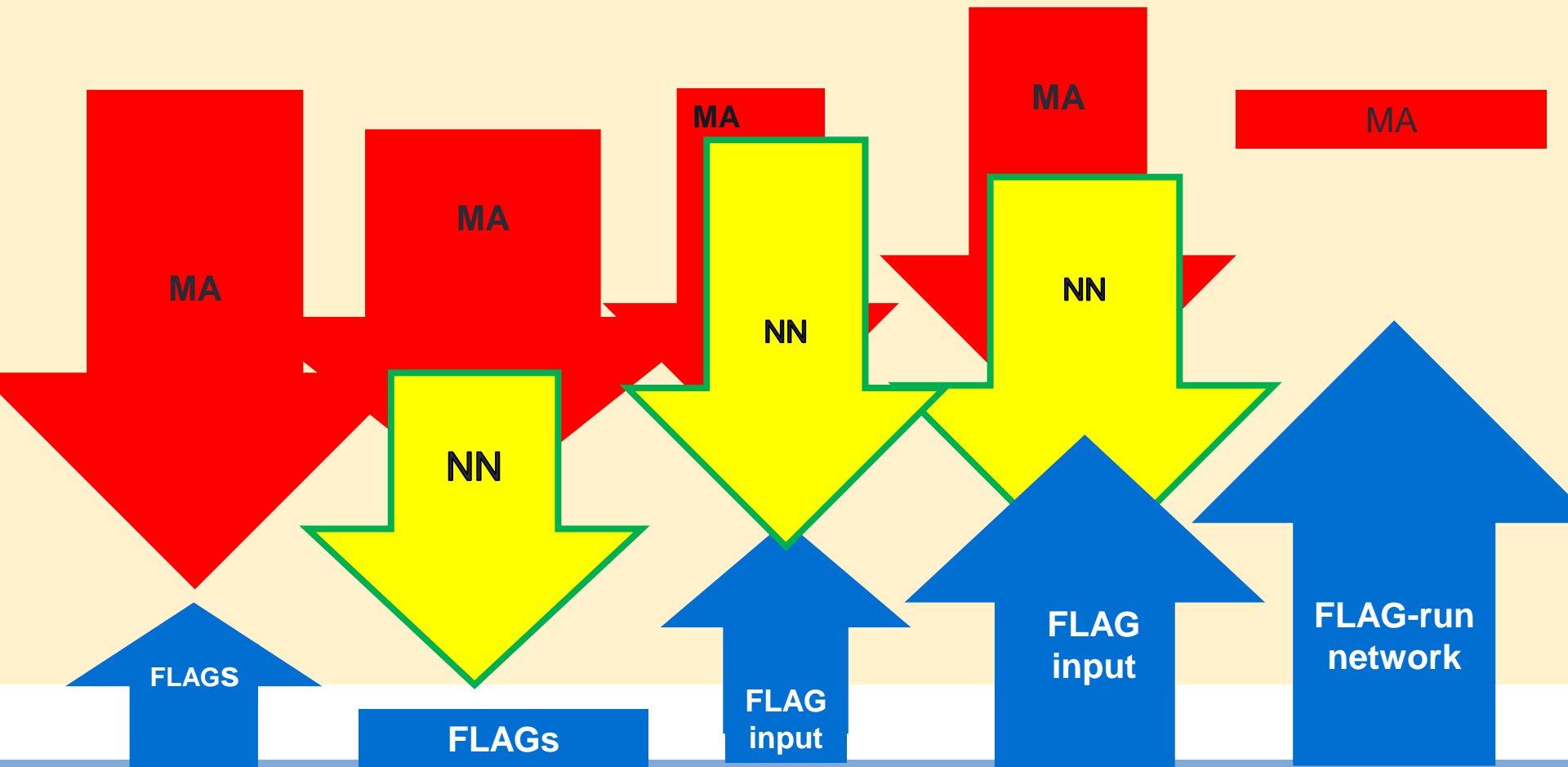
- **Exchange** among FLAGs
- **Peer support**
- Sharing **project ideas & good practice**
- Exchange with **other stakeholders**: fisheries sector, other relevant sectors, rural LAGs...
- Facilitating access to **knowledge & expertise**
- Encouraging **cooperation**
- Communicating CLLD & its results to broader stakeholders => **visibility**

Technical Assistance to FLAGs



- Improving communication and efficiency along the **delivery chain**
- Clarifying administrative **rules & procedures**
- Clarifying **eligibility** questions
- **Technical support** for more complex **projects**, including cooperation projects
- Support & guidance for **monitoring & evaluation**

...Getting the right balance

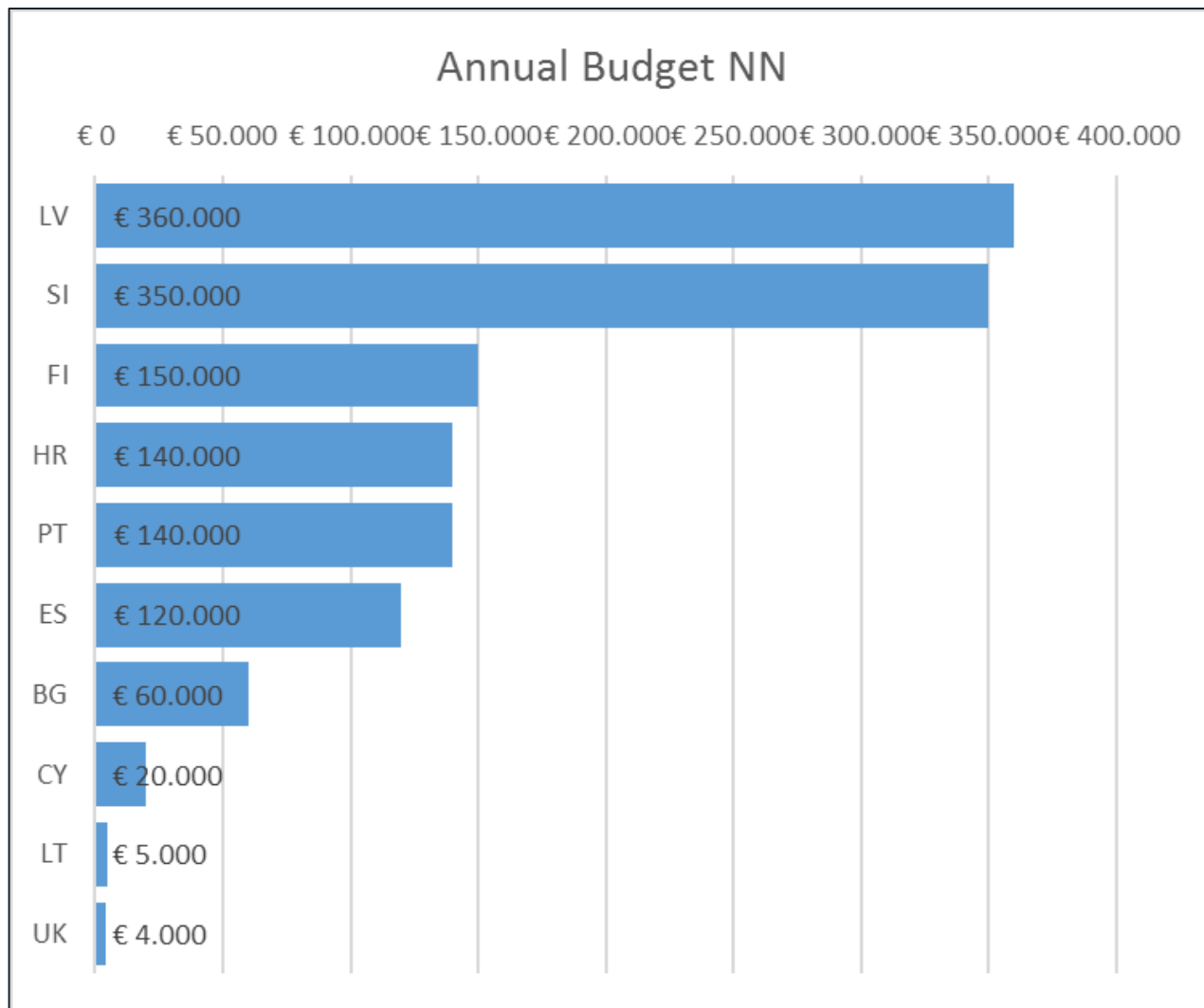


What actions?? Foreseen activities in the MS

Potential activities	Member States	# of MS
Facilitating exchange of experience / good practice	EE, FI, HR, IE, LV, LT, PT, RO, SE, SI, UK	11
Supporting cooperation	BG, EE, IE, LV, PT, RO, SE, SI, UK	9
Organising & animating FLAG meetings	EE, ES, FR, IE, LV, PL, RO, SE, UK	9
Capacity building/ training activities for FLAGs	BG, EE, FI, FR, LV, RO, SI	7
Creation and/or management of website/ social media	EE, ES, FR, LV, PL, RO	6
Guidance material for FLAGs (e.g. on procedures, project selection, evaluation...)	EE, ES, FR, LV, PT, RO	6
Direct / technical support	FR, LV, LT, RO, SE	5
Dissemination/ promotion of CLLD results , including outreach to the fisheries sector	EE, FR, HR, LT, SI	5
Evaluations / studies of CLLD	EE, LV, RO, SI	4
Facilitating dialogue between different delivery actors , e.g. FLAGs, IBs, PAs, MA...	ES, FR, LV, RO	4
Cooperating with other networks (rural, regional...)	FI, FR, SI	3
Visits to FLAG areas	ES, LT	2
Monitoring FLAG projects/ results	ES, SI	2
Expert advice & support for innovation	SI	1

What resources? Staff, expertise, budget...

Annual Budget NN



FTEs

LV: 1 + ad hoc experts

SI: 2 (within NRN)

FI: 1

HR: -

PT: -

ES: 3

BG: 3

CY: 0

LT: 1

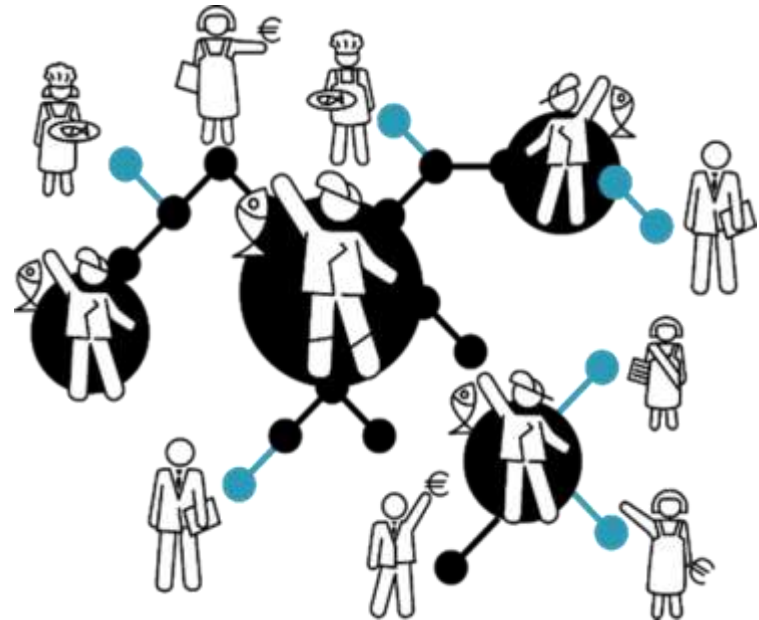
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Two clear priorities for 2016

- ▶ **Plan, design and launch the National Networks**
- ▶ **Support the newly launched NN teams to be as effective as possible in delivering support to the FLAGs.**



- ▶ MA and NN meetings
- ▶ Good practice summary sheet on National Networks
- ▶ Bilateral support from your FSU contact person
- ▶ Participation in your NN events
- ▶ Peer support from other MAs and between NNs



WORKING GROUPS

1. Defining the mission and objectives
2. Which model of governance?
3. Balancing top down with bottom up approaches
4. Developing your action plan

