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Getting ready for the start of CLLD under EMFAF

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The importance of time for CLLD

- Local development and community involvement are **long-term** processes
- **Projects** take a long time to emerge and develop
- CLLD needs **special skills** (at community, FLAG, MA, IB level), long to develop and easy to lose

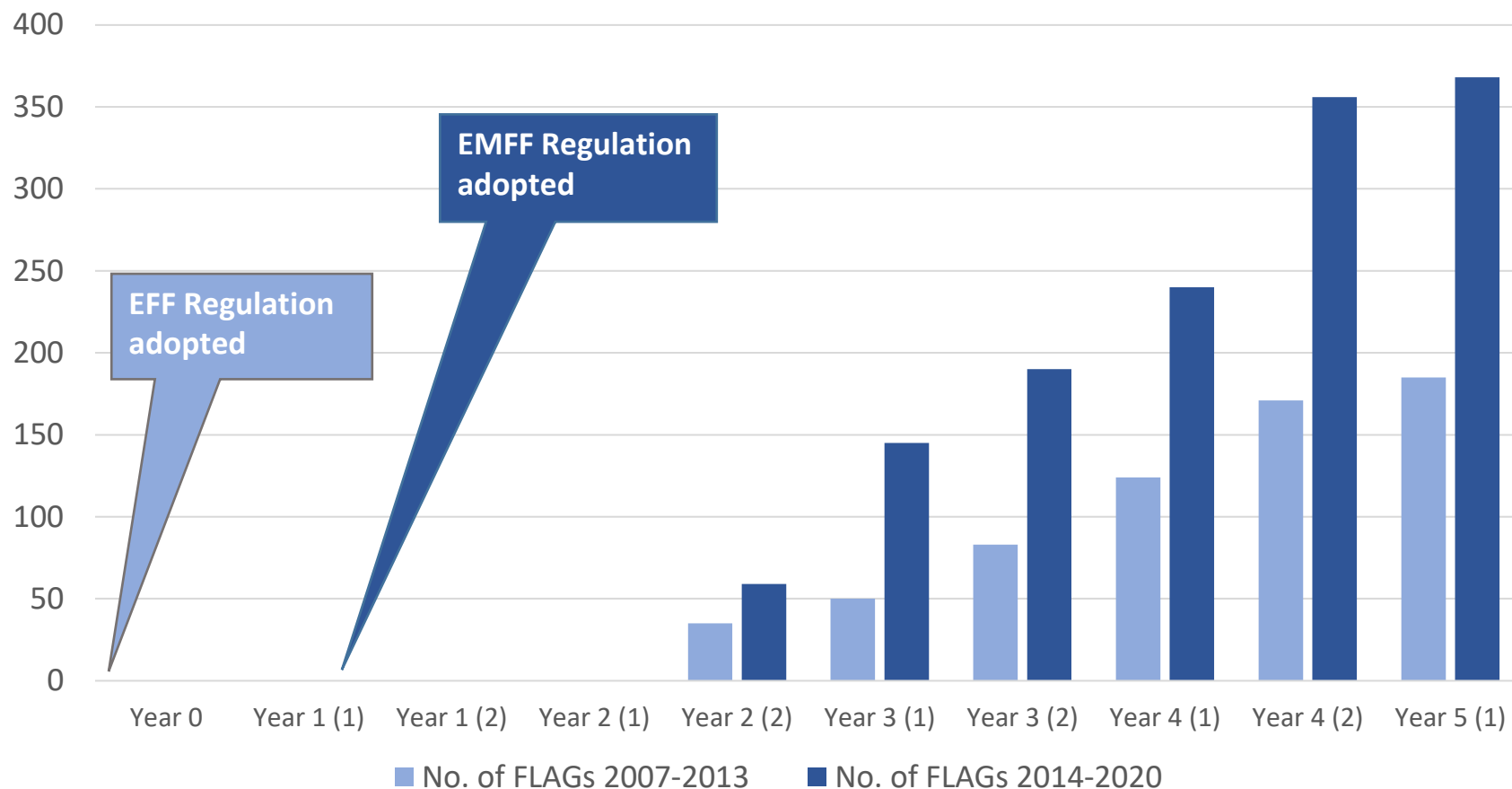


Important to **avoid gaps** between programme periods!



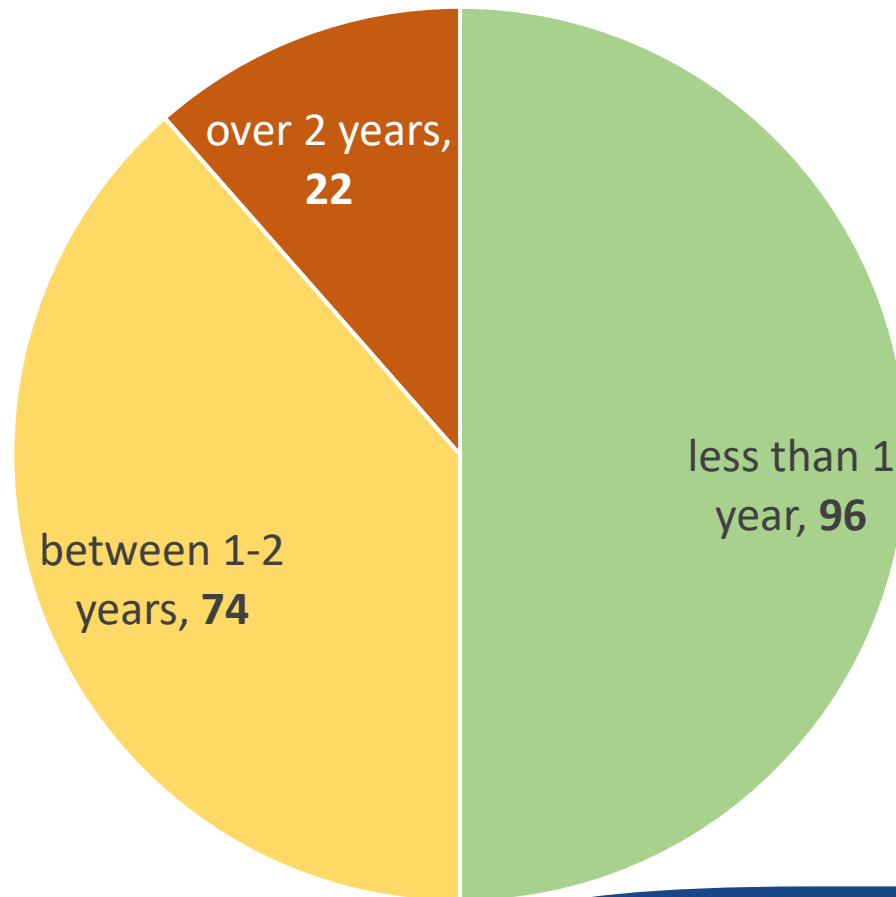
And yet, in previous periods...

Number of FLAGs formally selected



Gap between formal FLAG selection and start of operations

(2014-2020 period, source: FARNET FLAG Survey 2018/19)



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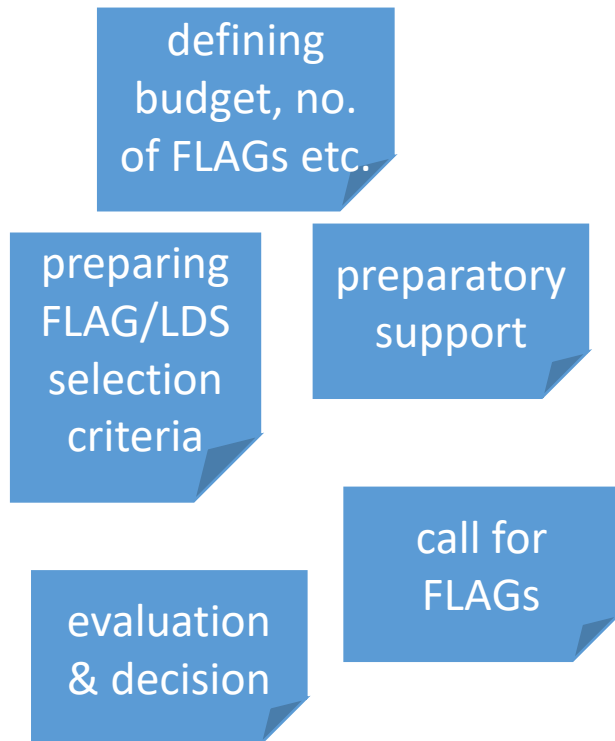
- CPR Art. 32.3 states that:

MAs must "complete the first round of selection of strategies and **ensure the local action groups selected can fulfil their tasks (...)** within **12 months** of the date of the decision approving the programme"

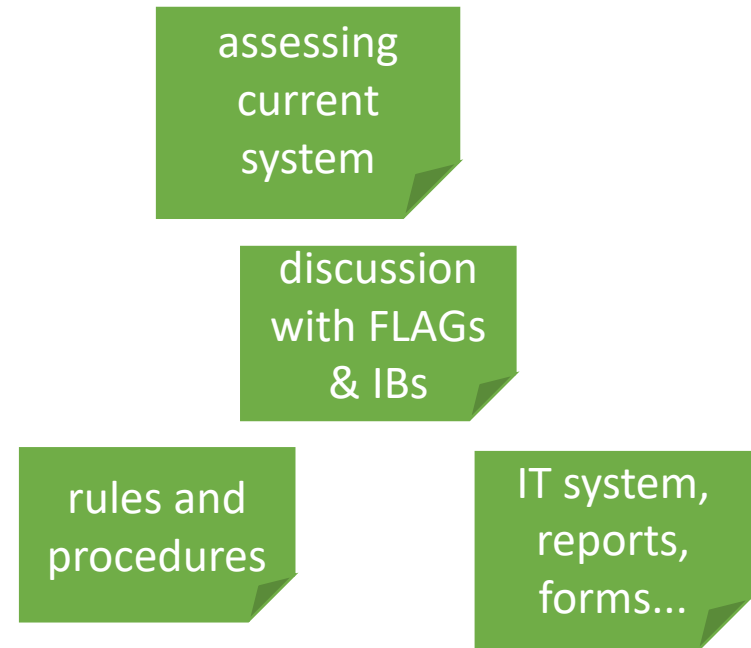
(under multi-funding, within 12 months of the date of the decision approving the last programme concerned).

Thus, you may have to work in parallel on:

- FLAG selection



- Designing delivery system



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call for FLAGs	must involve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - community involvement (meetings, discussions, capacity building) - local knowledge input - drafting strategy, preparing formal application...

...while also...

discussion with FLAGs & IBs	may involve	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- iterative process with meetings and discussions- establishing working groups?- FLAG involvement a key to success! *
rules and procedures		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- involvement of IBs, Paying Agencies...?- calculation of SCOs- taking into account rules on state aid- training of staff (MA, IB, FLAG...)

* FLAGs are key actors of CLLD delivery; they strongly influence the **quality of projects, time of processing, error rates...**
FLAGs involved in the design and periodic review of delivery more often perceive the system as "helpful" rather than "constraining"
(*FARNET FLAG Survey 2018/2019*)



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Thank you! Comments, questions...

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