



Comhshool, Pobal agus Rialtas Áitiúil
Environment, Community and Local Government



Rural Development Programme

Ireland 2014-2020

LEADER : the Community Led Local

Development (CLLD) Approach

to Rural Development



Community Led Local Development (CLLD)

- Community-led local development (CLLD) is a tool for involving citizens at local level in developing responses to the social, environmental and economic challenges we face today.
- Community-led local development shall be:
 - focused on specific sub-regional areas;
 - led by local action groups composed of representatives of public and private local socio-economic interests, in which, at the decision making level neither public authorities, as defined in accordance with national rules, nor any single interest group represents more than 49% of the voting rights;



Community Led Local Development (CLLD)

- carried out through integrated and multi-sectoral area-based local development strategies;
- designed taking into consideration local needs and potential, and shall include innovative features in the local context, networking and, where appropriate, cooperation.



LEADER 1991 - 2013

- EU LEADER Programmes
 - LEADER I
 - LEADER II 1994 - 1999
 - LEADER+ 2000 - 2006
- Rural Development Programme 2007 - 2013
- Rural Development Programme 2014 - 2020



Background: LEADER Pre-2007

- LEADER Approach – Introduced 1991
- EU's strategy for 'bottom-up' rural development
- Local communities operating in partnership structures to identify their own development priorities and their strategies for tackling these
- Innovative approaches



Framework for 2014-2020

- More integrated framework for 5 main funds
- Partnership Agreement
 - Agreement between Ireland and Commission detailing how the 5 main ESI funds will be managed in the 2014-2020 period
- Operational Programmes
 - Individual operational programmes for each fund
- Local Development Strategies
 - Sub-regional (county) strategies for LEADER element of the Rural Development Programme



Financial Allocations RDP 2014-2020

- Total Allocation of €2.19 billion over 7 years
- Co-Funded by the Exchequer at 65%/35%
- 7% allocated to LEADER (Minimum 5%)
- €153 million EAFRD allocated to LEADER over 7 years
- Total Programme complement €250 million



2014 - 2020 LEADER Themes

- Individual operations shall be eligible if they contribute to achieving the objectives of the LDS and correspond to the objectives and priorities indicated for support in the PA and the RDP.

“LEADER Themes”

- Rural Economic Development/Enterprise Development and Job Creation
 - Rural Tourism
 - Enterprise Development
 - Broadband
 - Rural Towns



LEADER Themes

- Social inclusion through building community capacity, training and animation
 - Basic Services for hard to reach communities
 - Rural Youth
- Rural Environment
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Thank You!