European Rural Networks'
Assembly

LEADER/CLLD Sub-group

Overview of ENRD CP LEADER support activities
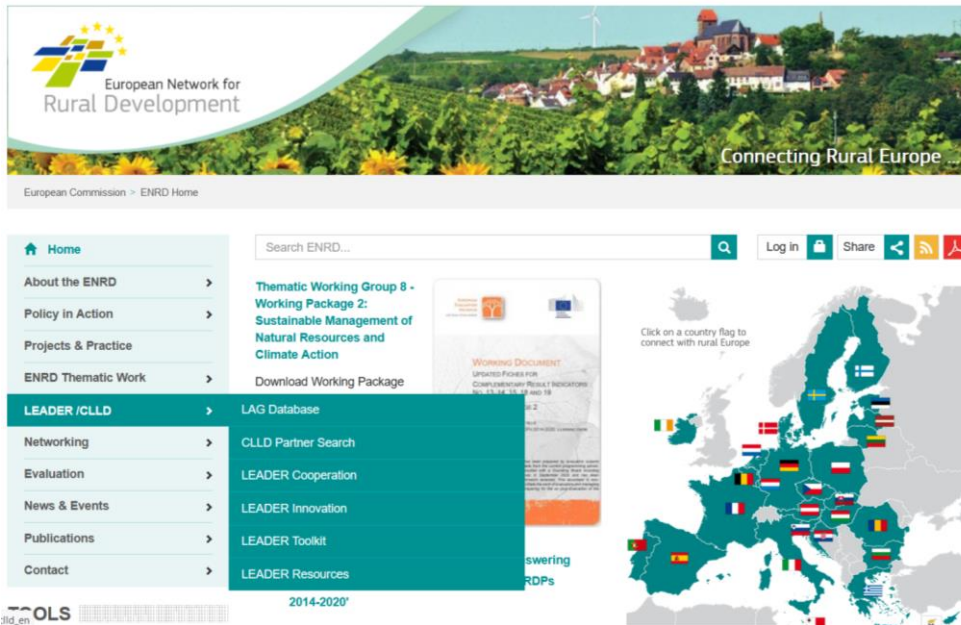
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Online meeting – 23 February 2021

ENRD support to LEADER

- Analytical, methodological, and thematic work

- LAG Database & CLLD Partner Search

- Capacity building activities

- LEADER resources

- Networking and knowledge exchange at EU and MSs level

- Collection of good practices

- Events

LEADER Resources – restructured

Information sources

- 187 project examples
- 12 practical examples of LEADER innovation
- 46 LEADER case studies
- 16 guidance documents
- LEADER videos on EURural – ENRD's Youtube channel
- Transnational cooperation fact sheets and 'Cooperation Landscape'
- State of play of TNC document
- Information about third country contacts for TNC
- 3 098 LAGs featured in LAG Database
- ENRD page 'Rural responses to the COVID-19 crisis'

State of play – transnational cooperation

TNC notifications (min. 2 MS involved)

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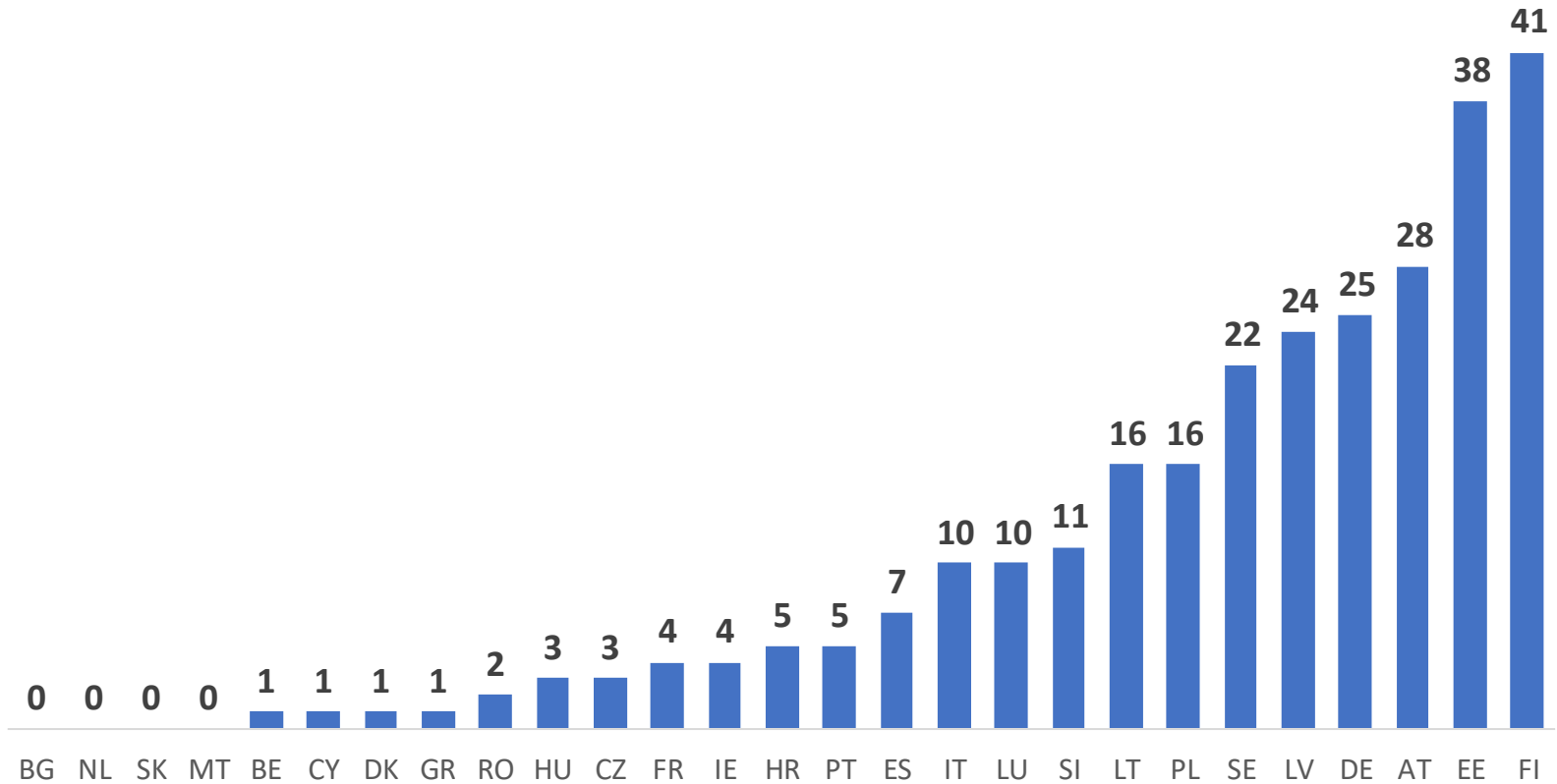
State of play –
transnational cooperation

Number of projects

Legend:
- 2 Member States
- 3 Member States
- 4 Member States
- 5 Member States
- 6 Member States

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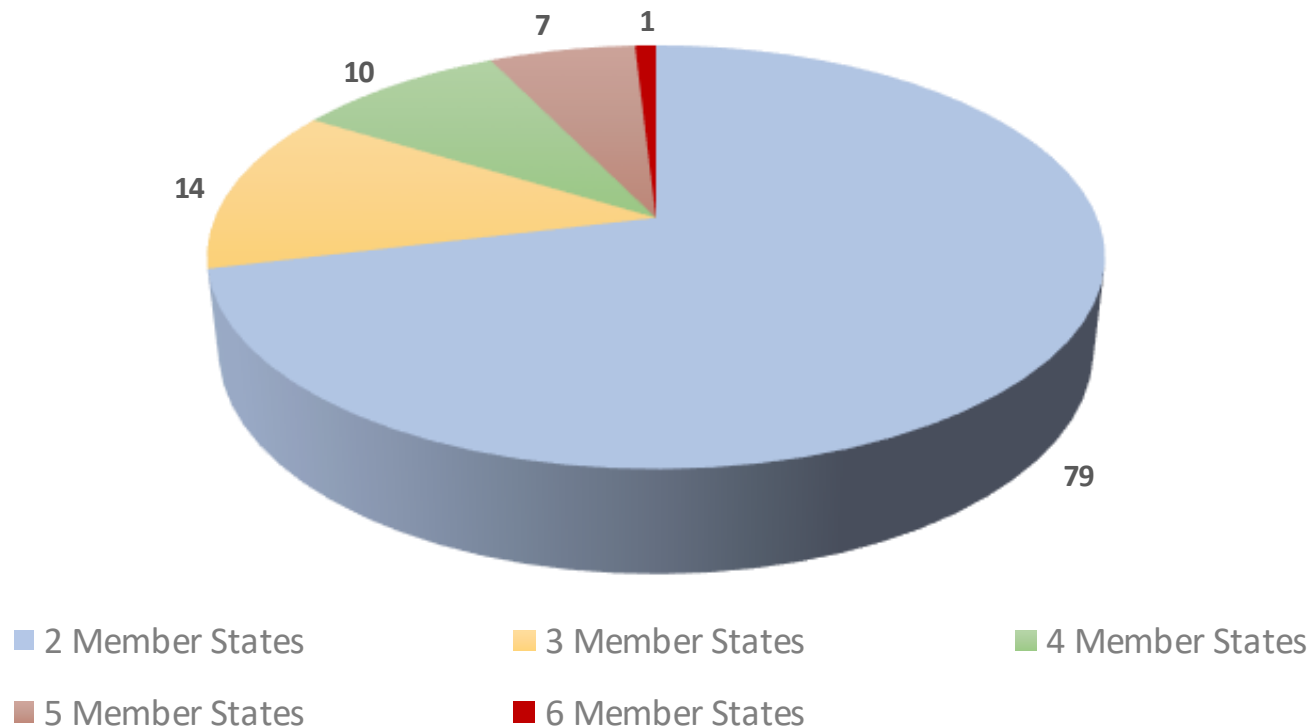
State of play – transnational cooperation

EU Member States with >10 TNC projects notified

Number of projects notified
10   41
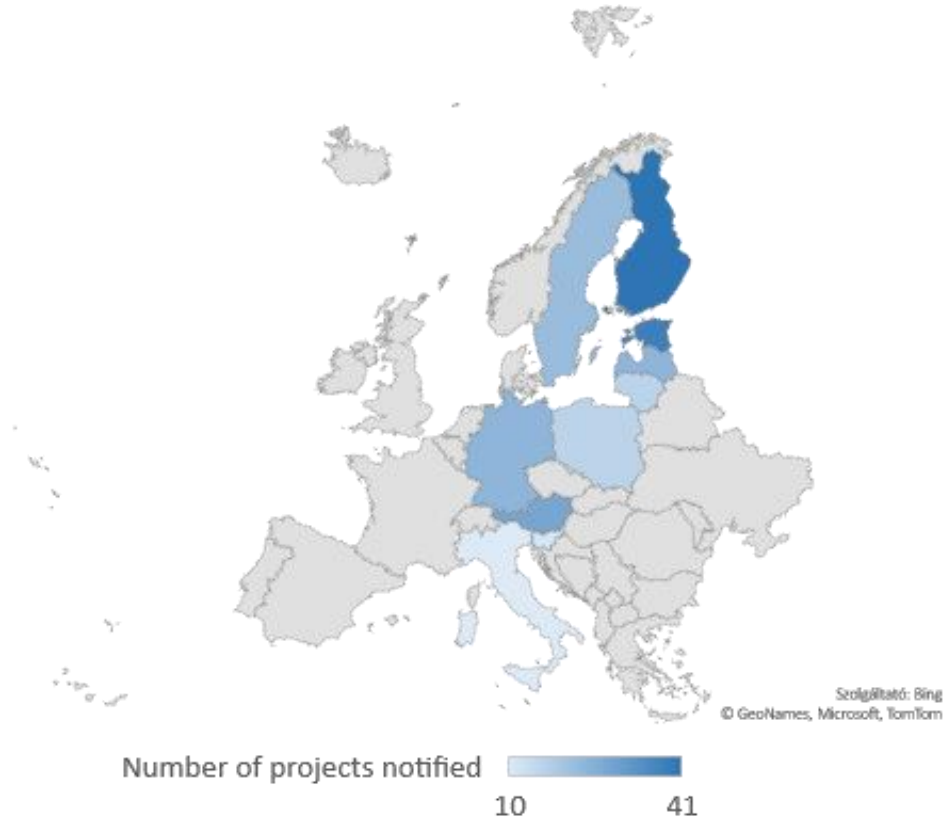
Member States with >15 projects notified (total no. of projects)	Top-3 partner Member States
Lithuania (16)	LV, EE, PL
Poland (16)	LT, LV, FI
Sweden (22)	FI, DE, LU
Latvia (24)	EE, FI, LT
Germany (24)	AT, SE, LU
Austria (28)	DE, SI, IT
Estonia (38)	FI, LV, LT
Finland (41)	EE, SE, LV

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TNC partner search offer in the ENRD website

Bar chart: number of partner search offers

- October 2018: 109
- October 2019: 155
- January 2020: 162
- October 2020: 172
- January 2021: 173
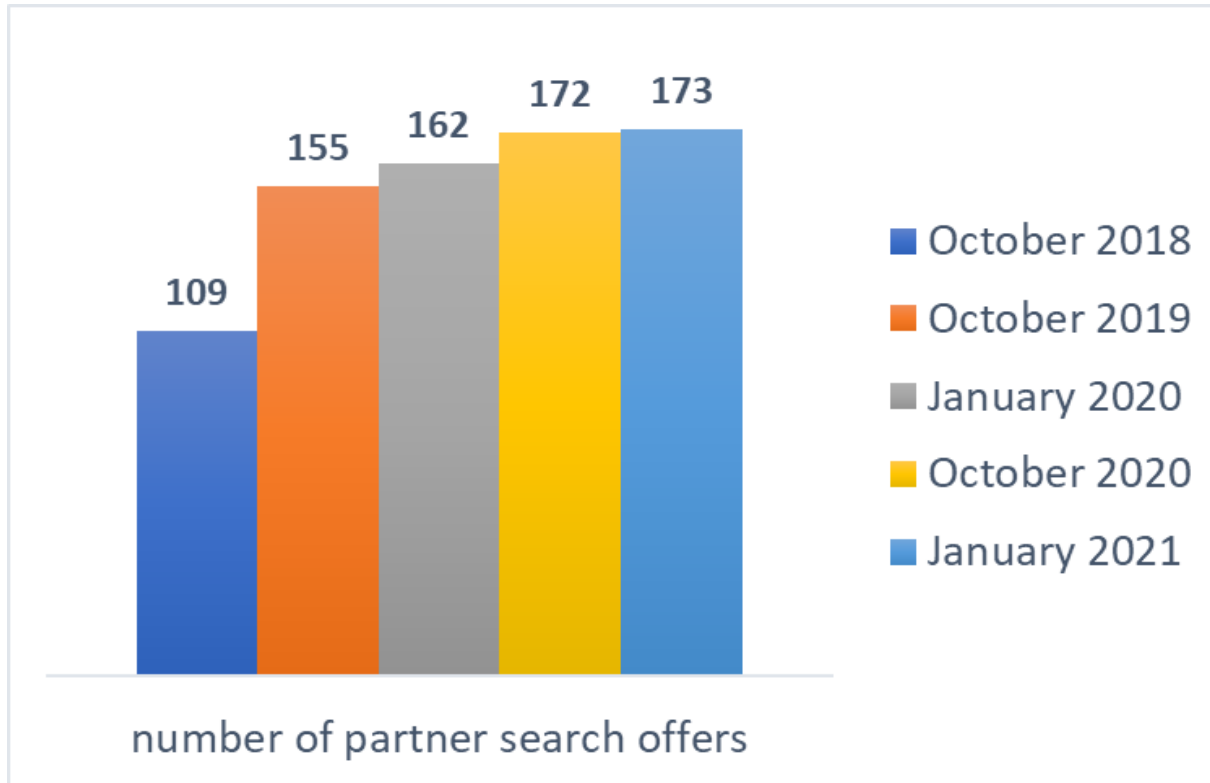
Challenges to TNC activity during the COVID crisis?

Lessons learnt – thematic labs

Developing local strategic approaches to address green issues

- **EGD themes relevant for LAGs -** local food, short supply chains, circular economy, and sustainable mobility are particularly important

- **integrate 'green issues' -** demonstrate the benefits to the local community and economy

- **Better information** – for LAG boards and members and managers

- **Capacity and expertise** – support and involvement of external expertise for LAGs

Lessons learnt – thematic labs

Key success factors to address 'green issues' locally

- Ensure local 'embeddedness' - Connect projects to local issues, themes, places and history,
- Demonstrate how projects facilitating the green transition can address local problems,
- Highlight local opportunities,
- Communicate and deliver on the message that 'nobody is left behind'

Lessons learnt – thematic labs

Designing LEADER for resilience and sustainability

- **Social resilience –** ‚caring' community, strong volunteerism, LAG support to local organisations

- **Environmental resilience –** through strengthening local ownersip of local resources and climate awareness

- **Economic resilience –** synergies among local initiatives and strengthening local SME support

Lessons learnt – thematic labs

Resilience – needs and delivery system features

- Building back better
- 'Re-learning' the LAG territory and studying the ‚hidden' impacts of the COVID pandemic
- Developing local innovation ecosystems
- Re-designing and upgrading local partnerships
- Creating local links to EGD and other EU policy priorities
- Flexibility for LAGs to revise and adapt their local strategies
- Stronger role for animation – reflected also in LAGs' human resources

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Upcoming LEADER events

- LEADER Thematic Lab on Simplified Cost Options (April 2021, *TBC*)

- 4th LEADER Thematic Lab (May 2021, *TBC*)