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Making LEADER...	Younger				
<p>What is your Member State doing / planning to do to make LEADER younger?</p>	<p>Youth defined as younger than 25 years of age; interest: youth on LAG Boards; TNC projects involving and engaging youth; SCD for young people - s organisations (up to 10 people, less than 600 Euro / lump sum); criteria for project evaluation = priority for applicants aged <25 (LV)</p>	<p>Empowerment of youth in the daily work of the LAG (administration, animation, council activities), rather than just ensuring one vote in the council (LV)</p>	<p>LAGs involve people in selection and decision-making, own subgroup for consultation, opportunity to learn "on the job" (= committee) (NL)</p>	<p>Constant work with youth because of fluctuation</p>	
	<p>Survey to youth (both urban and rural) = capitalise youth talent / the rural areas need you / results: only 19% consider to be involved in political movement / development in their area; 21% are entrepreneurs already (70% of them heard about LEADER); strategy to facilitate youth returning to rural areas: enabling participation in decision-making and promotion of entrepreneurship (ES - REDR)</p>	<p>In the LDS, youth is included in strategic themes, activities focused on young people, and specific projects (NL)</p>	<p>Exhibition of best LEADER youth projects in 2022 (EE)</p>	<p>Youth in LAG Boards (minimum quota) (SE)</p>	
	<p>Youth inclusive groups - social projects, implementing their ideas, ESF (CLLD multi-funded) (CZ)</p>	<p>Youth LEADER in Finland / small groups for young people (funded by the municipalities); youth boards as a decision-making body (FI)</p>	<p>Microgrants to youth (<600 Euro) to buy equipment for their business / start-up (FI)</p>	<p>Guidelines to promote youth entrepreneurship, including information on different financial resources; face to face meetings in schools, educational centres, to promote partnership among young people, LAGs, rural organisations (go where young people are) (ES - NN)</p>	
	<p>Rural Youth Parliament; umbrella projects in LEADER and ERASMUS+ (RO)</p>	<p>Projects for children, including farm visits, workshops about safe driving, etc. (SI)</p>	<p>Summer campaign - LAG hired young social media experts - associations (NGOs) could use their help in communication activities, funding from private foundations (FI)</p>	<p>Activation of young people through vocational training, cooperation with teachers, young people developing practical research and identify obstacles (NL)</p>	
<p>As national LAG network we have a "youth platform" that organises mainly young LAG staff, their meetings, "LEADER camp", introducing some projects to involve youth in LAGs, etc. (CZ)</p>	<p>Youth is not a homogeneous social unit - they are relevant active people and citizens in their own right (ES - REDR)</p>	<p>Youth umbrella projects - events, local development activities by young people for young people (SE)</p>	<p>Youth councils in many municipalities, big focus on youth in new LDSs (DE)</p>		
<p>How can we contribute to making LEADER younger in the Member States?</p>	<p>CAP Network youth award (in ARIA) - every year</p> <p>Engage with the start-up village network and in social innovation</p> <p>"As an National Network we built the Youth LEADER brand and coordinate on national level the youth activator network and organise national youth LEADER camp" - at EU level? (FI)</p> <p>Coordination of short, informal MS exchanges (online), involving LAG networks, other stakeholders (e.g. young farmers) on specific topics</p>				
	<p>Introduce other funds into the discussions (e.g., European Solidarity Corps, ERASMUS+)</p>	<p>Connect LEADER action groups with related local initiatives such as bio-districts (where young people are mainly involved) (Agroecology Europe)</p>	<p>European Rural Youth Parliament</p>		<p>Connection between the sustainable food systems law and LEADER - EU Food policy councils at local level (discuss access to land for youth, shape food environment that promotes local and sustainable consumption, organise cooking class - multi-generational, based on local traditional knowledge and recipes)</p>
	<p>Youth-friendly communication and LEADER promotion</p>	<p>Include youth in all thematic activities of the EU CAP network (youth quota)</p>	<p>A youth action can be included in the LINC conference</p>		