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MAKING LEADER „SMARTER“ IN LITHUANIA

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GENERAL INFORMATION



Population: 2,8 mln.

Population in rural areas: ~ 1 mln.

Area: 65,3 thousand sq. km.

Administrative division:

60 municipalities,

545 elderships

23-27 LEADER:

Budget: 76 mln. Eur

Number of LAGs: 49 (100% rural coverage)

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1. Thematic LDSs
2. Focus on social enterprises



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THEMATIC STRATEGIES

41 out of 49 LAGs have decided to implement the thematic LDSs

The main causes:

- large number of problems vs limited budget of LDS;
- the result is greater impact and higher added value.

Lessons learnt (*for the future*):

- to encourage LAGs to focus on even narrower themes (for example: focus on creating social and public services; green deal and the bio-economy, climate issues, etc.)



Commonly used words in the strategy title

FOCUS ON SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

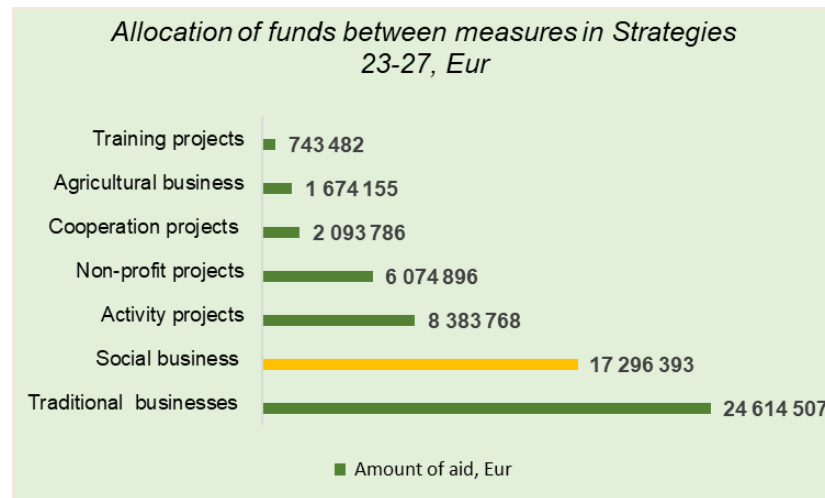
- LEADER is the pioneer in Lithuania of the methodology for funding support to social enterprises and the system for measuring their impact.
- The "Guidelines for Social enterprises" have been developed as a basis for the development of a national framework for financing social enterprises.

The main causes:

- LEADER = local communities = social and public services;
- LEADER is one of the best tools to achieve this.

Lessons learnt:

- 2014-2020: social and community businesses were implemented;
- 2023-2027: the creation of public services is joining.



Thank you!

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