



# Cooperation Measure

State of Play of the implementation in the  
MS/regions

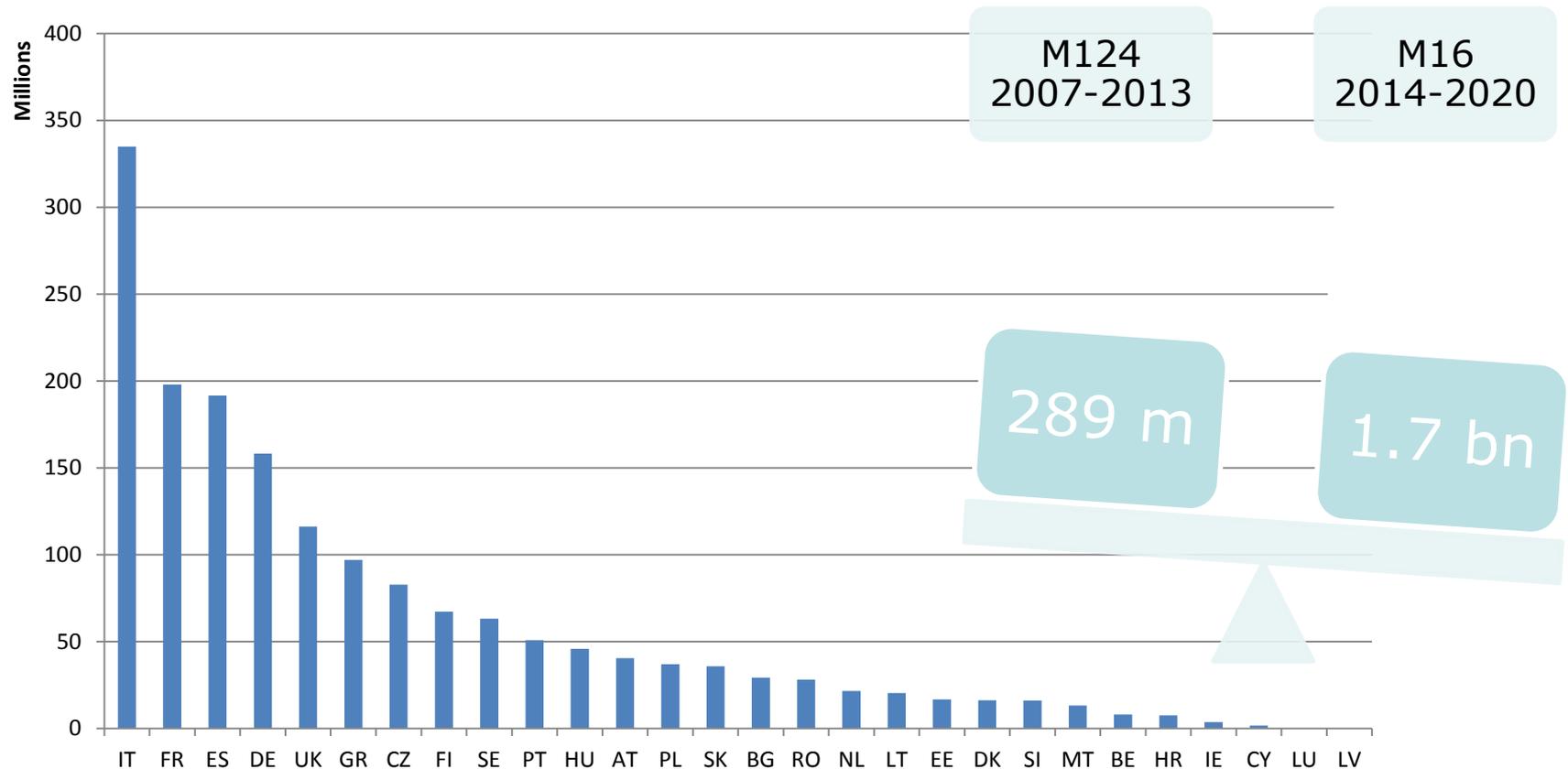
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# Why cooperation?

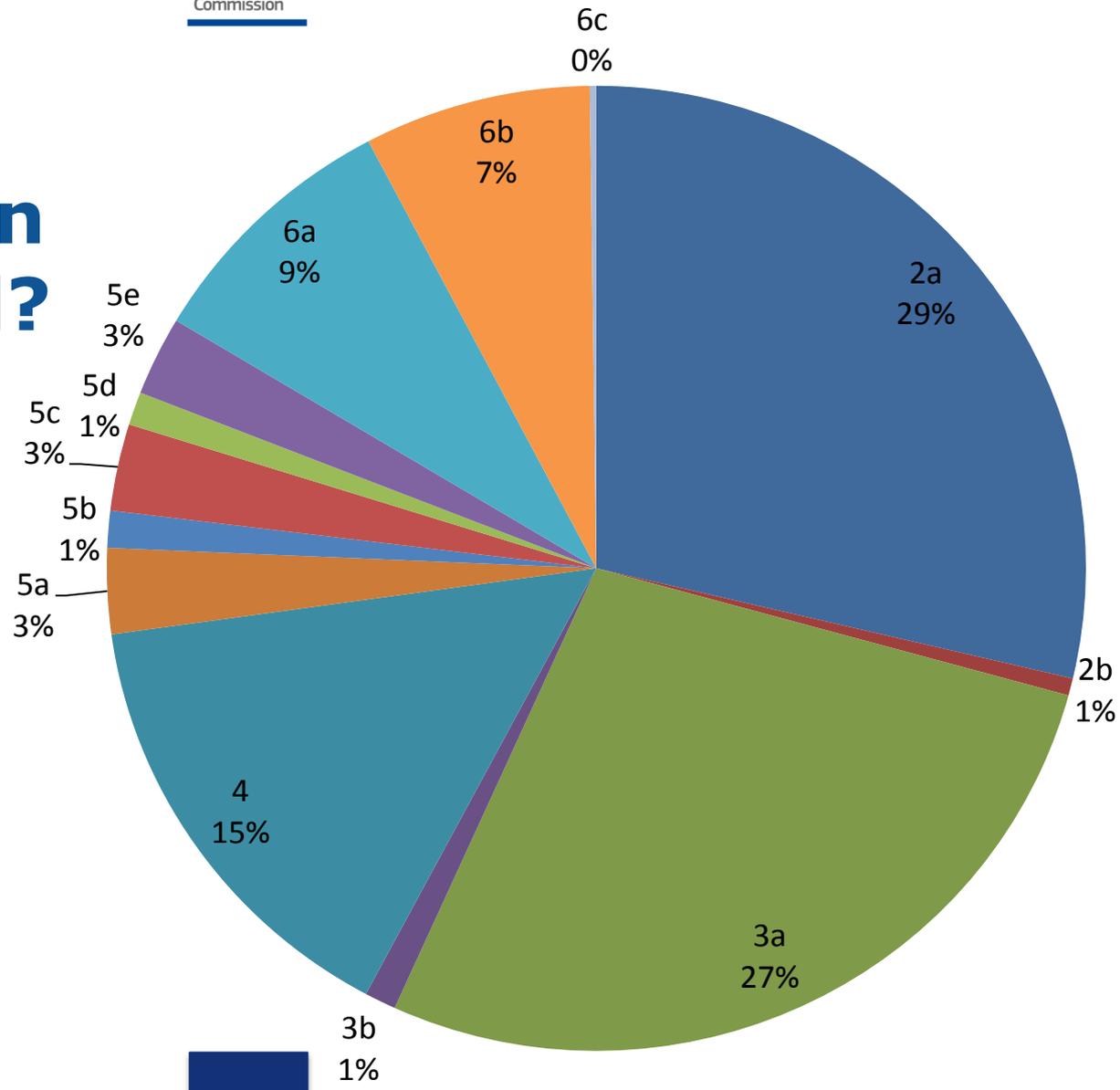
- *The need for scale (organize input/output on farms, habitat fragmentation, cost-sharing)*
- *The need to do things differently (innovation, inclusion, integrated solutions, supply chain)*
- *Fills a gap between LEADER and PG/Quality*

# 2014-2020 Uptake of M16

26 Member States (All but LV, LU)



# Under which Focus Areas has M16 been programmed?

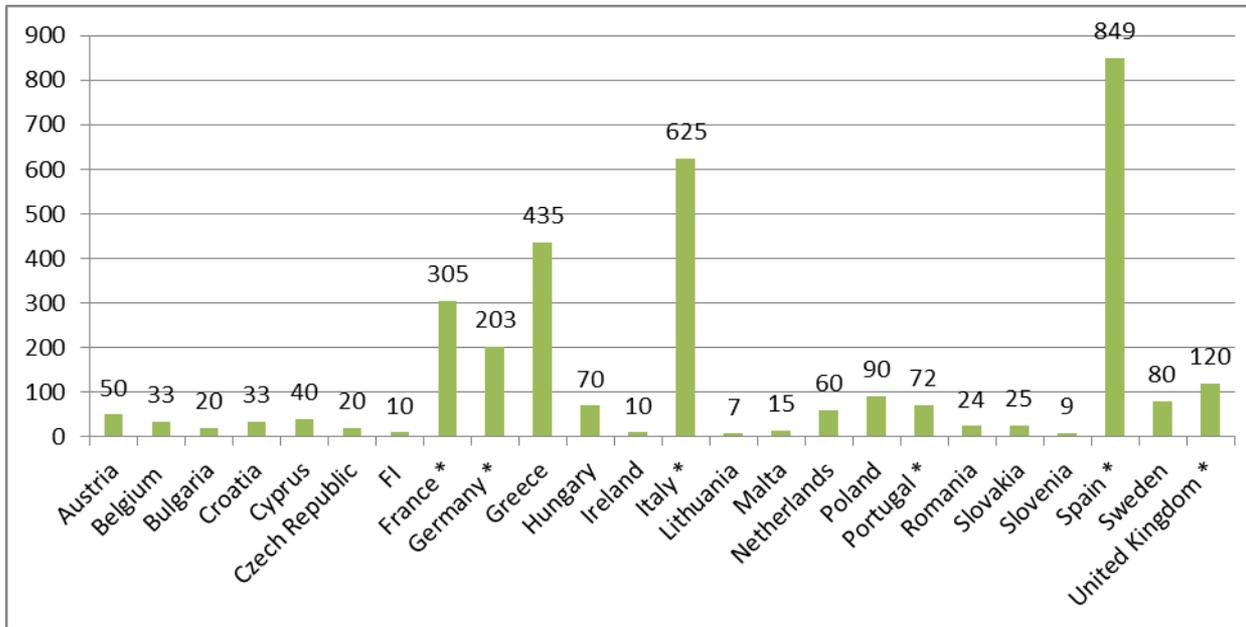


# State of Play Expenditure

*Committed per 31.12.15: € 98 million (5.7%)*

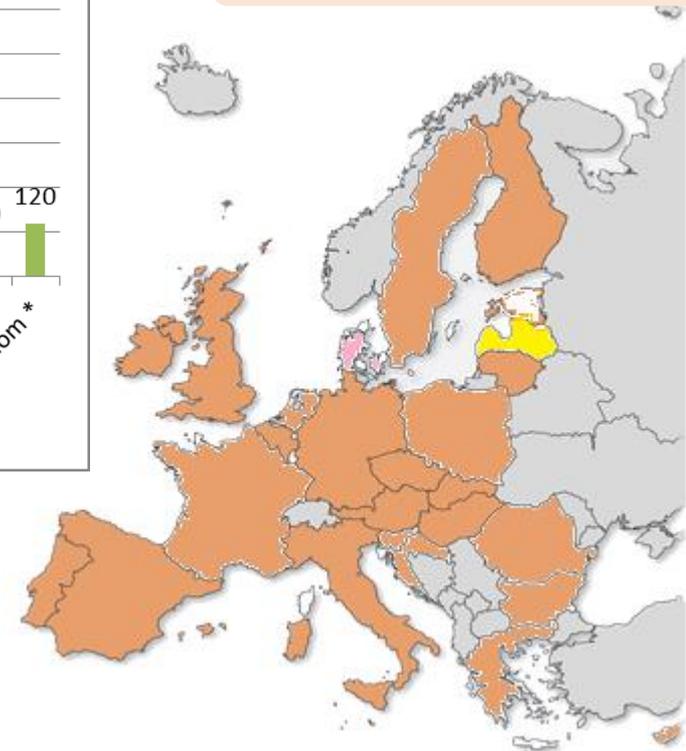
*Payments executed (19.09.16): 16.8 million (>1%)*

# M16.1/16.2: Funding for EIP projects & pilots



Number of EIP Operational Group per MS

94 RDPs across 24(+2)MSs



# M16.3 – Small operators & rural tourism (1)

## Objective:

- Increase the **economic viability of small operators**

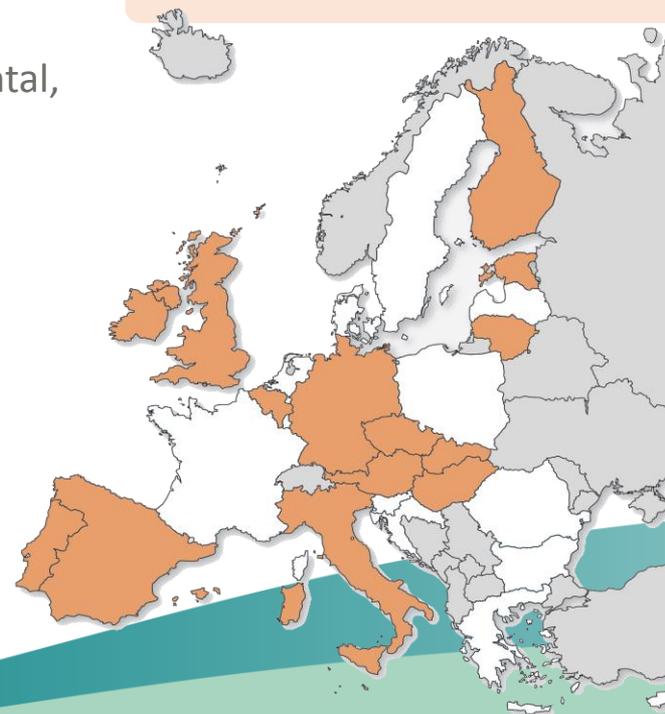
## Approaches:

1. **Cooperation in tourism sector**, new clusters, associations, networks, marketing of rural tourism services
2. **Cooperation among small farmers**, vertical & horizontal, cooperation and investments to share equipment, machinery and services
3. **A mix**, cooperation of tourism activities aiming at sharing facilities and services

## More:

Craft sector, food sector, forestry, tourism in nature, social farming.

37 RDPs across 15 MSs





## M16.3 – Small operators & rural tourism (2)

<b>Contribution P/FA</b>	6A - Diversification & job creation, 6B - Local development, 3A - Agri-food chain integration & quality, and 2A - Farm's performance, restructuring & modernisation
<b>Linkages with Measures</b>	<b>M04</b> - Investments in physical assets
<b>Costs</b>	Studies, creation and implementation of business and marketing plans, animation costs, marketing and promotional activities
<b>Cooperation group</b>	According to the regulation: at least <b>two entities</b> , being <b>microenterprises</b>  + approach of a <b>min. no. of partners</b> , E.g. 10 EE, IT-Emilia Romagna
<b>More criteria</b>	Promotion of <b>specific categories</b> (e.g. woman & youth), attention to <b>climate change</b> , <b>innovation</b> brought by the projects, <b>location</b> in areas with development problems...

# M16.4 – Short supply chains and local markets (1)



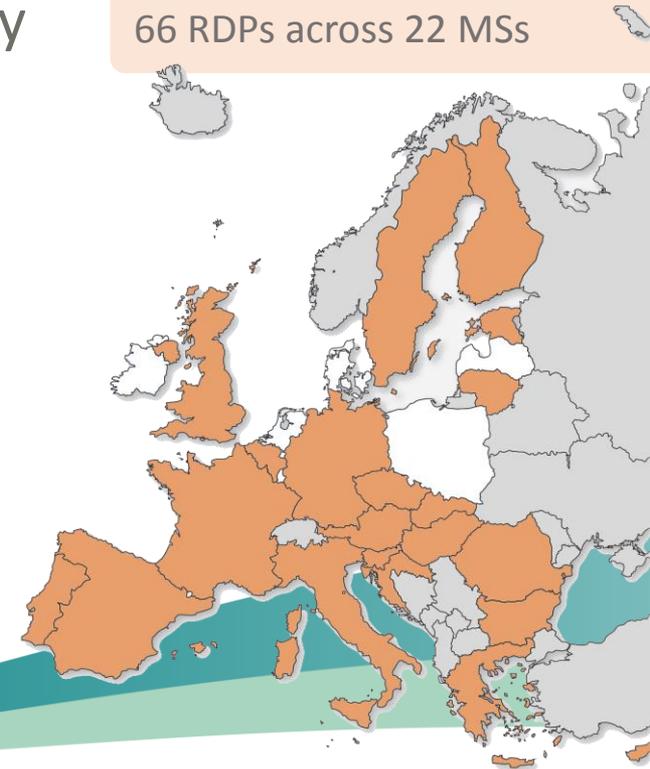
## Objective:

- Increase farmers income & competitiveness, economies of scale, more competitive prices, fairer payment to producers
- Better quality products, support to quality schemes
- Environment and climate impact: limit CO2 emissions
- Increasing awareness about SSCs, viability

66 RDPs across 22 MSs

## Approaches:

- Sharing facilities and resources
- Creating point of sale, cooperation for direct selling to consumers



## M16.4 – Short supply chains and local markets (2)



<b>Contribution P/FA</b>	3A - Agri-food chain integration & quality, P1 - Knowledge transfer & innovation 6A - Diversification & job creation, & 6B - Local development
<b>Linkages with Measures</b>	M04 - Investments in physical assets M1 - Knowledge transfer and information actions + others... 16.1 in several RDPs
<b>Costs</b>	Studies, creation and implementation of business including investments, pilot projects, animation costs, promotion & communication activities.
<b>Cooperation group</b>	At least <b>two entities</b> from agriculture, food or forestry sectors Important: <b>coordination of the cooperation group</b> Privilege to <b>numerous groups</b> , some cases RDPs specify the categories e.g. young farmers + Local authorities, R&D organisations & advisors
<b>More criteria</b>	<b>Local market size:</b> max distance from 20 to 100 km; average: 70-75 km Where <b>M16.4 + M16.1:</b> dissemination of projects results through EIP network

# M16.5 – Environment & climate change (1)



## Objective:

1. **Protection of biodiversity** with specific attention to protected areas (Natura 2000, parks, high nature value) → **FA 4A**  
→ **FA 4C & 5E**

2. **Land management plans**

1. Sustainable soil uses
2. Resource efficient agriculture production
3. Traditional rural landscapes
4. Sustainable forest management

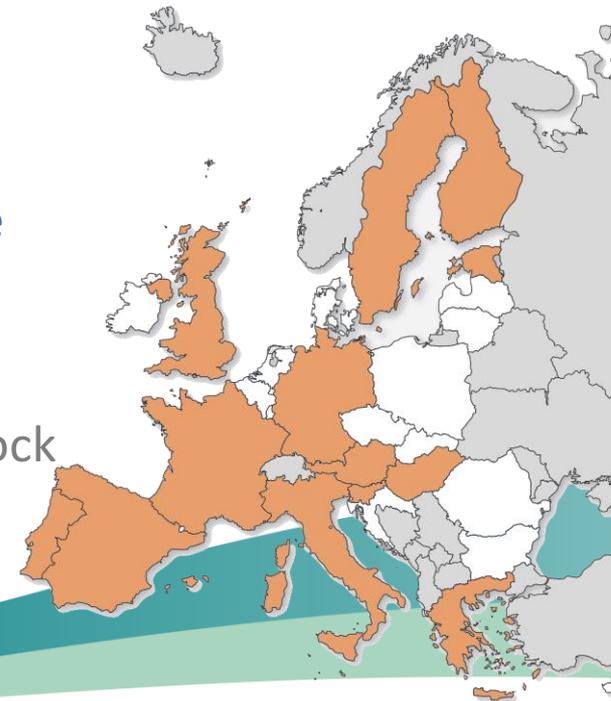
→ **FA 4B & 5A**

3. **Water management**, adapting water networks

4. More **resource saving, site-adapted** and **sustainable practices** → **FA 5B & 5C**

5. Reduction of **greenhouse gas emissions** from livestock & agricultural practices → **FA 5C & 5D**

56 RDPs across 15 MSs



# M16.5 – Environment & climate change (2)



<b>Linkages with Measures</b>	<b>M10</b> - Agri-environment-climate <b>M11</b> - Organic farming <b>M04</b> - Investments in physical assets Also, combination with other M16 sub-Measures e.g. 16.1, 16.2
<b>Costs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the <b>establishment and coordination of the cooperation group</b>;</li><li>• <b>feasibility studies</b> and business plans.</li></ul> <p>No mention to project support! However <b>very few RDPs clearly specify</b> the use of other measures for supporting the projects.</p>
<b>Cooperation group</b>	<b>Wide variety of stakeholders</b> ...land and wood managers, farmers, NGOs, local authorities, research institutes...
<b>More criteria</b>	<b>Impact on environmental and climate change</b> Also the <b>number, composition and professional background/training</b> of the applicants

# M16.6 – Biomass provision (1)



## Objective:

1. Strengthen weak, small or young biomass sector
2. Improve the competitiveness of the biomass supply chain & all actors involved in it
3. Support the sustainable production of biomass & sustainable management of forests
4. Take advantage of un-used local resources
5. Increase the added value of agro-food products
6. Bring innovation in the biomass supply chain:  
e.g. processes and practices for production and distribution

24 RDPs across 9 MSs



# M16.6 – Biomass provision (2)



<b>Contribution P/FA</b>	<p>5C - Renewable sources and wastes management</p> <p>3A - Integration &amp; quality development in the agri-food chain integration &amp; quality</p> <p>2A - Farm's performance, restructuring and modernisation</p>
<b>Linkages with Measures</b>	<p>M04 - Investments in physical assets</p> <p>M06 - Investments in farm and business development</p> <p>M07 - Investments in village services</p> <p>M08 - Investments in forest areas</p> <p>16.1 EIP</p>
<b>Costs</b>	<p>Feasibility studies, creation and implementation of business plans, Animation costs; implementation of the projects.</p>
<b>Cooperation group</b>	<p><b>Raw material producers, biomass processors, actors of the agriculture, forestry and food sectors</b></p> <p>Also: sectorial organisations, public institutions, research institutes, advisory services</p>
<b>More criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Numerous</b> cooperation groups</li><li>• Applying <b>sustainable practices</b></li><li>• Also: SSCs, traceability location of projects</li></ul>



# M16.7 – Non CLLD Strategies (1)

## Approaches:

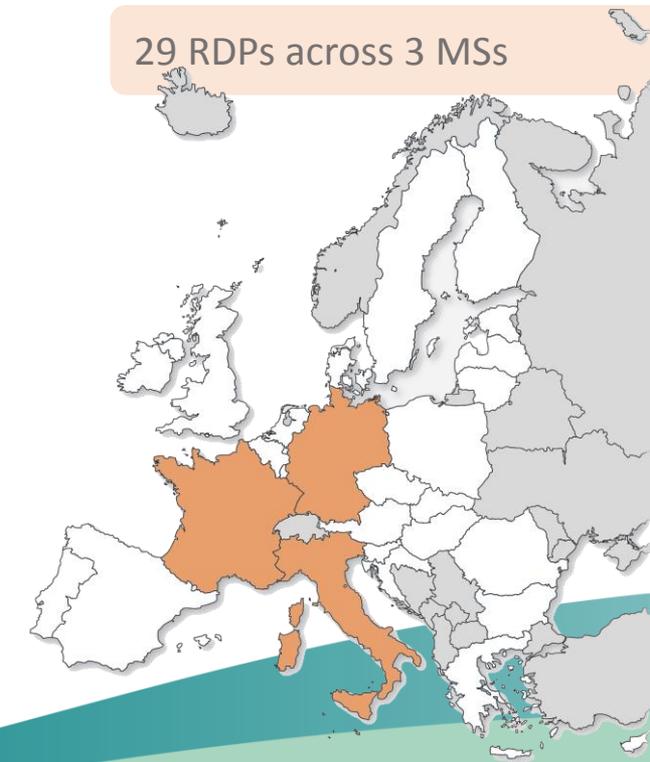
1. Integrated LDSs with a broad variety of objectives: 21/29 RDPs → All 3 MSs
2. LDSs aiming at improving land & forests use & management: 12/29 RDPs → Only in France
3. Both: 4/29 RDPs

## Linkages with M19 - CLLD

Demarcation M16.7 / M19 is some times presented in the RDPs, e.g.

- Primacy to M19
- Territories not covered by CLLD

Cases: Start-up toolkit for CLLD, unsuccessful LEADER applicants





## M16.7 – Non CLLD Strategies (2)

LDS	Objectives	Criteria
Integrated LDSs	<p>Most RDP provide a list of topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strengthening <b>social cohesion</b></li><li>• Improvement and creation of <b>basic services</b></li><li>• Creation of <b>new income and employment opportunities</b></li><li>• Fostering collaboration among various <b>actors of the agriculture and nature protection fields</b></li><li>• Supporting the <b>handcraft and agro-food sectors</b> for quality &amp; sustainable local products</li></ul>	<p>Involvement of the <b>key stakeholders</b> in the partnership in <b>relation to the objectives of the LDS</b></p> <p>Presence of all <b>relevant local stakeholders</b></p>
Forestry LDSs	<p><b>More dynamic management of forests</b>, where this is <b>highly fragmented</b> and is performed with <b>inefficient or unsustainable practices</b></p>	<p>Presence of the <b>relevant forestry actors in the partnership</b></p> <p>Involvement of <b>local people</b></p>

# M16.8 – Forest management plans (1)



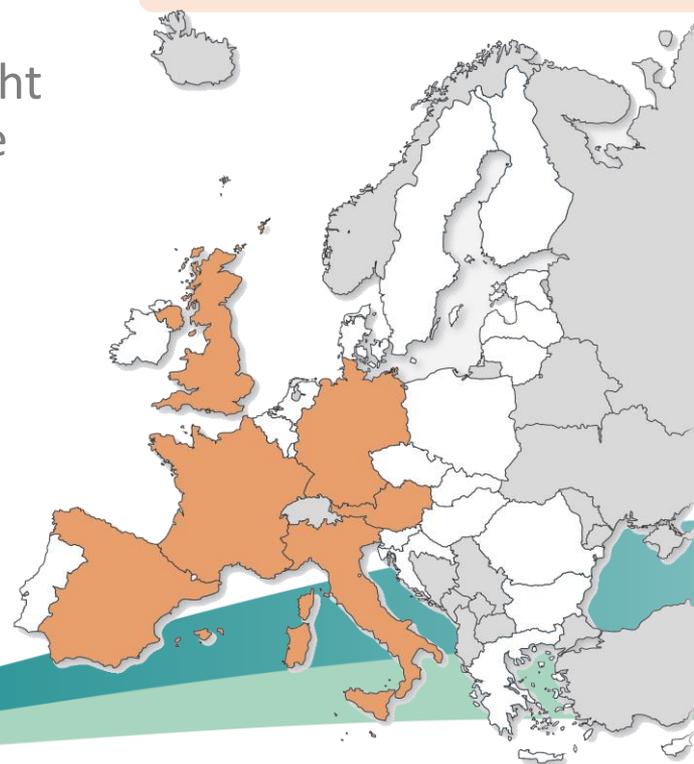
## Objective:

Improve the forest management from an environmental, economic and social perspectives

## Forest management plans :

- improving **environment, biodiversity**, the fight against climate change and to strengthen the bio-energy sector
- **strengthening the forestry sector**, in specific associations and cooperation, **small forest owners**
- role of forest for **social purposes** e.g. socio-cultural services for urban communities

32 RDPs across 6 MSs



# M16.8 – Forest management plans (2)



<p><b>Contribution P/FA</b></p>	<p>P4 - Ecosystems management P5 - Resource efficiency &amp; climate P2 - Competitiveness</p>
<p><b>Linkages with Measures</b></p>	<p>M08 - Investments in forest areas M04 - Investments in physical assets M01 – Knowledge transfer</p>
<p><b>Costs</b></p>	<p>Feasibility studies, research, creation and implementation of the plan, Animation costs.</p>
<p><b>Cooperation group</b></p>	<p><b>All actors form the forestry sector including associations and groupings, advisory services, research institutes, public bodies</b></p> <p>Groups of forest owners reaching a minimum number of ha from 10ha (FR-Franche Comte) to 100 ha (several IT RDPs).</p> <p>Different approaches: small owner, private owner, public owners</p>
<p><b>More criteria</b></p>	<p><b>Location of the forests in protected areas e.g. Natura 2000</b></p>

# M16.9 – Diversification & social farming (1)



## Approaches:

### 1. To bring social benefits in rural areas

- Mainly fostering social inclusion targeted to specific disadvantaged target groups
- Focusing on community cohesion

### 2. Economic benefits to rural holdings,

- Supporting diversification,
- Creation of new job opportunities

Very often:

**Education & training activities** to the wider population

29 RDPs across 3 MSs



# M16.9 – Diversification & social farming (2)



<b>Contribution P/FA</b>	6A - Diversification & job creation 6B - Local development 2A - Farm's performance, restructuring and modernisation
<b>Linkages with Measures</b>	M04 - Investments in physical assets M06 - Investments in farm and business development 16.1 EIP
<b>Cooperation group</b>	At least two member, one must be a farmer or operator in the agriculture sector Also: involvement of specific social groups
<b>More criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Numerous</b> cooperation groups</li><li>• Creation of <b>new economic activities and/or new social opportunities</b></li></ul>

# M16.10 – Other forms of cooperation

9 RDPs across 7 MSs

AT	Set-up <b>networks, clusters and cooperation</b> among organisations cooperatives and industry/branch associations
ES-Andalucia	<b>Studies for more efficient small agro-food enterprises</b>
FI-Mainland	<b>Innovation in the bio-economy sector</b>
FR-Champagne Ardenne	Fostering collaboration for <b>employment in agriculture and forestry</b>
IT-Basilicata, IT-Lazio & IT-Lombardia	<b>Strengthening the supply chains in the agro-food and forestry sectors</b>
PT-Mainland	Support to Inter-professional Organizations
UK-Scotland	Common Grazings Committees