Update on FARNET activities

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EMFF Expert Group meeting
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Smart Coastal Areas

2-4 April 2019 - Bantry, Ireland

- 140 participants, FLAGs, MAs, NNs, experts
- Co-organised with the Irish Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Ireland's Seafood Development Agency (BIM) and FLAG South

Smart Partnerships: FLAGs encouraged to think about complementary relationships to create win-win situations

Smart Resource Use: Maximising potential, revaluing waste to assets and improving the utilisation of undervalued species

Smart Financing: Special credit lines, micro-credit, crowdfunding as alternative/complementary to EMFF

Smart Services: FLAGs supporting innovation in rejuvenating services in coastal areas & repurposing fisheries facilities

Smart projects presented included:

- Credit Unions – getting fishermen microcredit to kickstart proje
- Roach in Lapland – from unwanted bycatch to marketable product
- Blue Crab Control Plan – dealing with an invasive species
- T-FISH – innovative system for the management of seafood product traceability
- Schull Bait Bins – provided through cooperation by harbour users
- Emergency medical consultations for the fishing community
- Xesmar app – simplifies work management and organization in the shellfish sector

Courtmacsherry Community Shop Co-operative – community-owned and operated shop

Hästholmen harbour – development through local cooperation

Cuan Beo – partnership to connect land and sea

"Walls of Ideas" displayed posters of 30 smart initiatives from participating FLAGs' regions. Prizes awarded for best project in each smart category.

- The future of CLLD!
- A chance to "Meet the Practitioner"
- Field trip to fisheries projects in the Bantry area

FARNET MA and NN meeting

- Two meetings per year, usually in Brussels
- Involves persons in MA directly responsible for UP4 (CLLD) and National Networks for FLAGs
- 17-18 June 2019

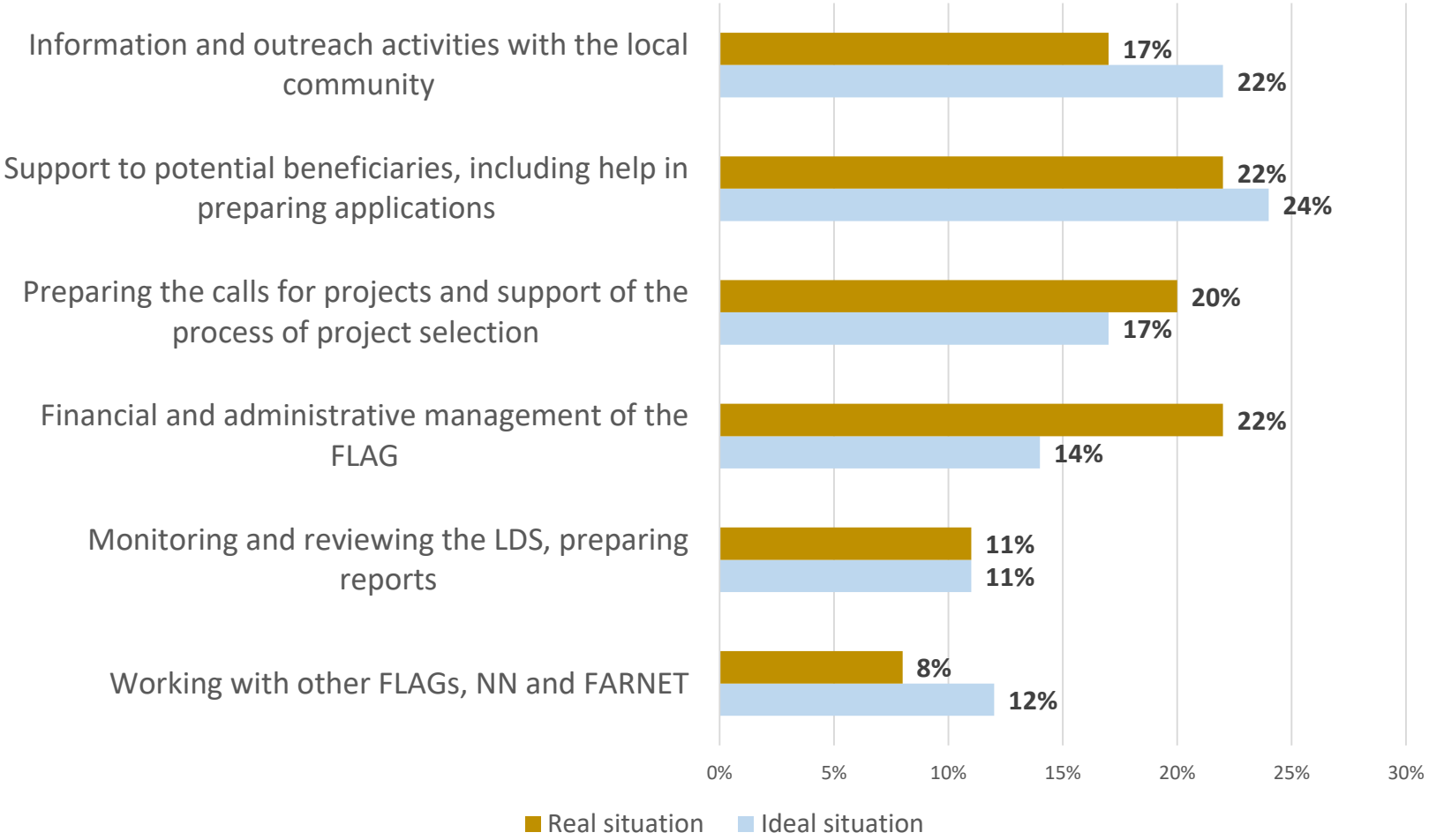
Focus:

- Encouraging quality projects
- Improving CLLD delivery
- New tool: MA „twinning” sessions
- Update on implementation, stock-taking by MS, sea-basin exchange

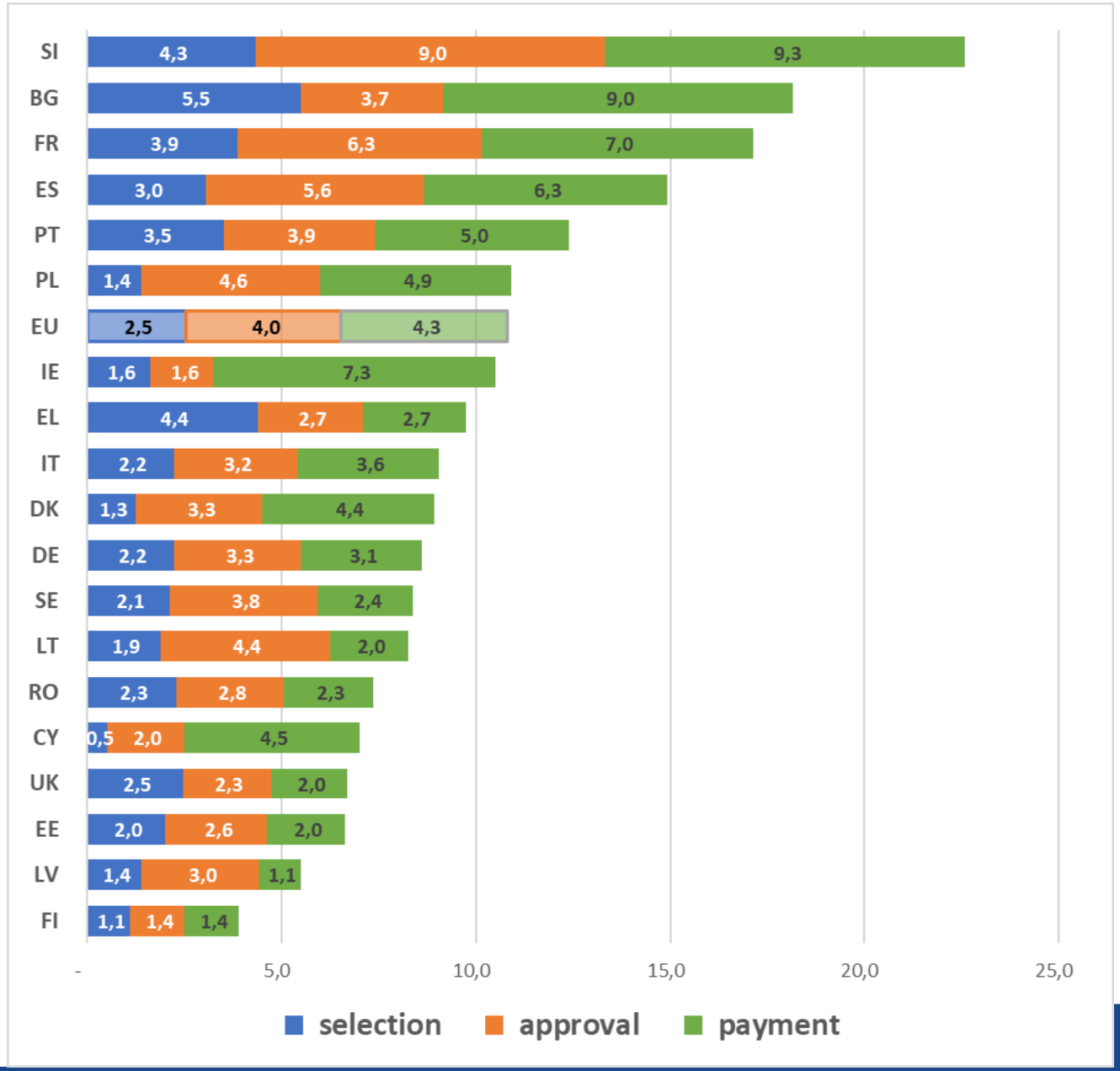
FLAG survey on CLLD delivery

- **Questionnaire** to all FLAGs (Jan. 2019), asking for:
  - Time needed for each delivery step
  - Key barriers at each stage
  - Consequences of delivery issues for the FLAG area
  - Good (and bad) practices
- Responses from 198 FLAGs
- Complemented by in-depth case studies in 5 MS (EE, FR, GR, PL and SE)

FLAG time spent on different tasks



PROJECT DELIVERY: A LONG PROCESS

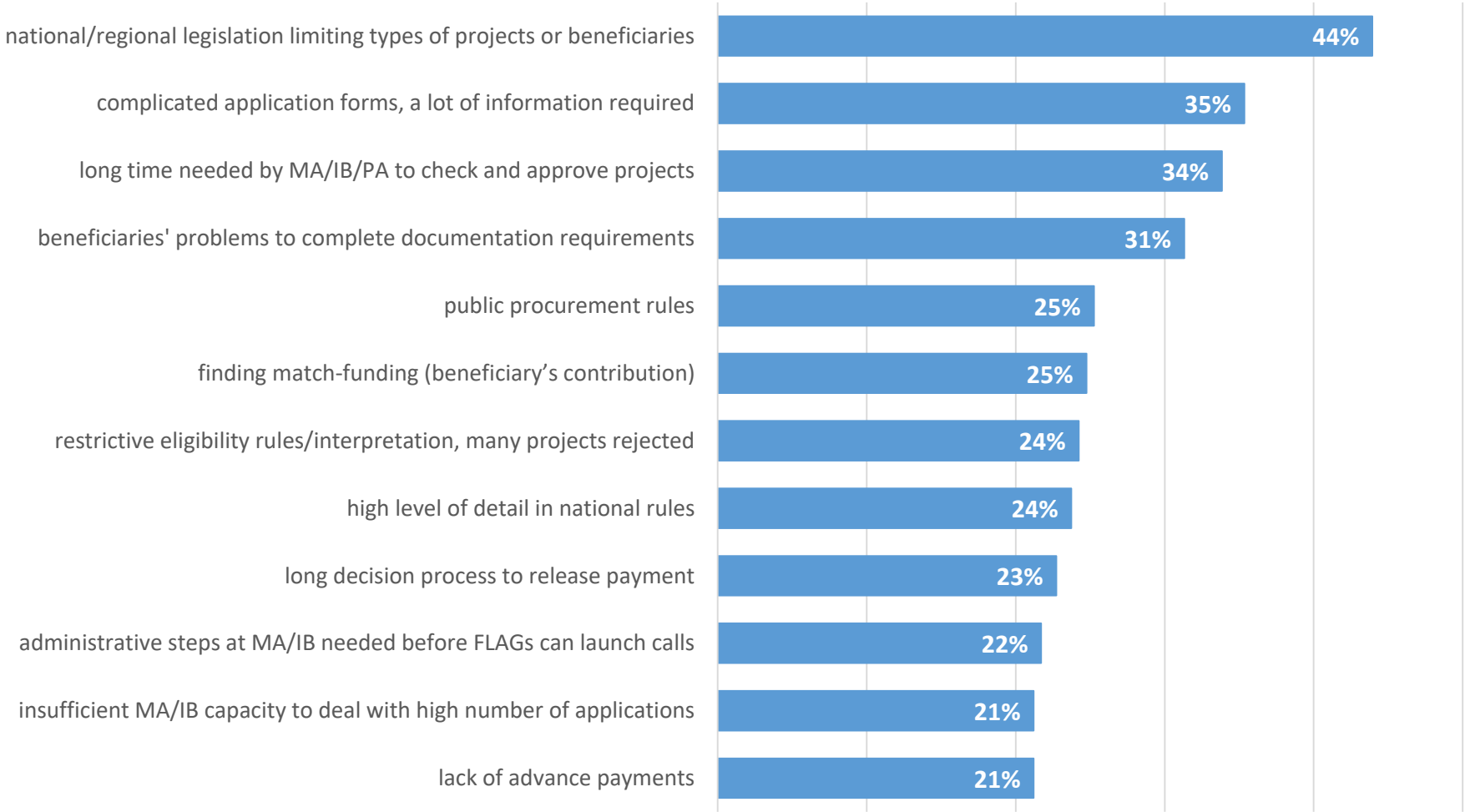


Average time length in [months]

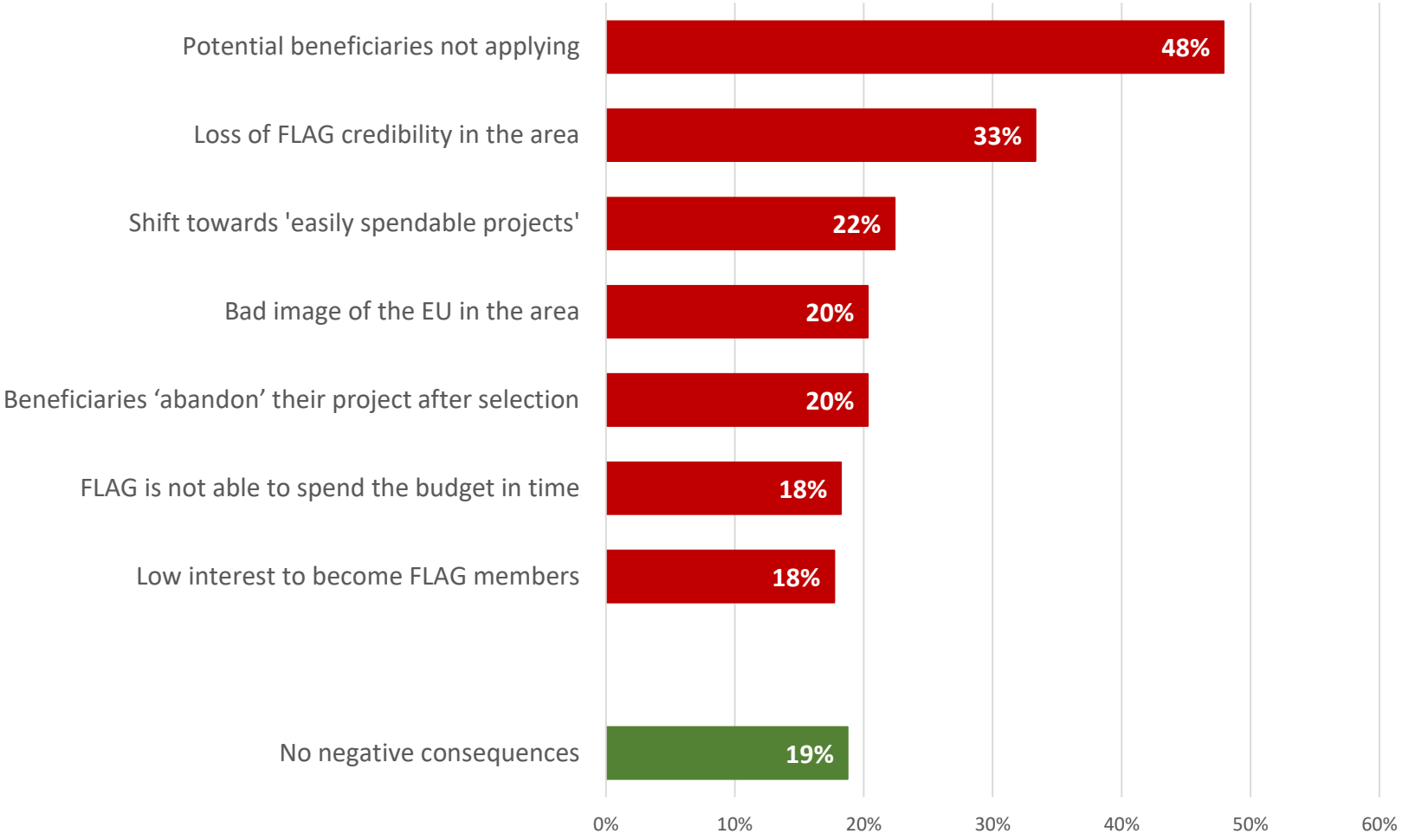
For project:

- **SELECTON**
- **APPROVAL**
- **PAYMENT**

Most frequently mentioned delivery issues



Negative consequences of delivery issues



Key conclusions

- CLLD delivery is **complex and time-consuming** in most MS.
- Most significant barriers:
  - at **application** (additional rules in national legislation and complex application forms)
  - at **approval** (long checks carried out by the MA or IB and restrictive interpretation of eligibility).
- **Negative consequences:**
  - beneficiaries discouraged from applying
  - loss of credibility by the FLAG
  - negative impact on the image of the EU
  - divert EU funding to sub-optimal projects.
- Two thirds of the FLAGs **not involved in the design of delivery systems** or only involved on an **ad-hoc basis**.
- National systems considered **helpful in delivering the local strategy** when FLAGs have been involved in **both** design and review of the system.

FARNET CLLD Conference

- 3-4 December 2019

- General objectives
  - demonstrate added value of CLLD and a Europe closer to citizens,

  - kickstarting the transitions and
  - fostering cooperation between local action groups across the funds

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FARNET CLLD Conference: agenda
3-4 December 2019

Timing	Activities	Fund	#pax
Day 1, am	**Opening plenary for EMFF participants to include:** • Interactive introduction on "LDS of the future" • Presentation of the results of delivery system survey and the FARNET guide on efficient delivery systems **Parallel Working Groups focusing on:** • New strategies, new challenges (FLAGs) • Better systems (MAs)	EMFF	150
Day 1, pm	**Opening plenary for all funds to include:** • Screening of CLLD video • Panel interviews / discussions between decision-makers, EU actors and local people on what CLLD has and can achieve **Projects Exhibition** **Project Awards**	All ESIF	450
Day 2, am	**Working Groups on a number of themes including:** Energy and climate transition, sustainable tourism and circular economy	All ESIF	450

FARNET CLLD Conference: key features
3-4 December 2019

CLLD video:

- Highlighting the tangible results of CLLD, funded under the different ESI funds
- 5-6 minutes with shorter cuts for social media
- In line with EU's 'jobs & growth' agenda in different types of areas > small-scale fisheries communities > remote rural villages > inner cities

Project exhibition:

- 40 stands (20 EMFF, 15 EAFRD, 5 ERDF/ESF)
- Fun method of voting
- Awards ceremony

Guide on better systems

Local development strategies of the future

Thank you! Any questions?

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