What's new at FARNET?

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Recent activities and **thematic work**

✓ Circular Economy

✓ Smart Coastal Areas

✓ Delivery systems around the EU

| application | selection | approval | implemen-tation | payment | overall issues |

✓ CLLD conference December 2019

Circular Economy

Seminar: *Saint-jean-de-Luz, November 2018*

ECO-DESIGN
New materials for ***oyster spat collectors*** &
mussel lines

new uses for **BY-PRODUCTS**
e.g. ***pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, fishmeal, leather***…

Extending **PRODUCT LIFE** and usage
***Sharing, repairing and re-using*** – *aquaculture equipment, fishing nets,*

End of life **RECYLING** and the **EU Plastics Strategy –** ***fishing gear, polystyrene, engine oil***

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Project showcasing:

- Renewable-energies – 100% self-sufficient fishing association
- Smart Ecosystems for Seaweed and Oysters – IMTA and by-products
- Management of Lubricants in Fishing Ports – getting fishermen onboard
- Setting up Value Chains for Oyster Shells > paint, cattle feed, 3D printing
- Marine Leather – from unwanted fish skin
- Onland aquaculture – from restaurant waste to fishmeal (pilot)
- Inverted Supermarket – from dump to supermarket
- From polystyrene fish boxes to plastic granules – for new objects
- Reseaclons – collecting and recycling plastic litter at sea
- Aquasol – capturing heat from the leisure sector
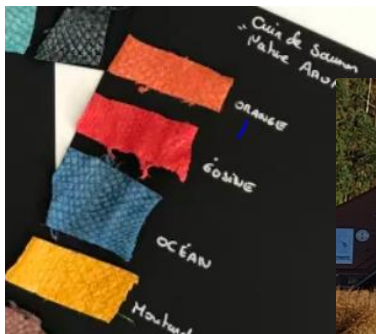
Circular economy guide > March 2019

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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

New thinking for local challenges:

- Climate change
- Depopulation / exodus of services
- Digital divide / opportunities
- Getting limited funding to those who most need it
- Other...

Sub-themes

- ✓ **Smart partnerships**
- ✓ **Smart resource use**
- ✓ **Smart financing**
- ✓ **Smart services**

FLAG Exchange and input from experts on:

Marine clusters
Micro-credit
Community financing schemes
Bio/blue technology
Sustainability transitions
Mutually-beneficial partnerships
Participatory approaches

Work package on delivery of fisheries CLLD
Why?

- Delivery (rules and procedures for administration) are a **key factor in the success of failure** of CLLD
- Big **national differences**

- Need for knowledge to provide advice and guidance to MAs
- Key aim: improving delivery in the next period

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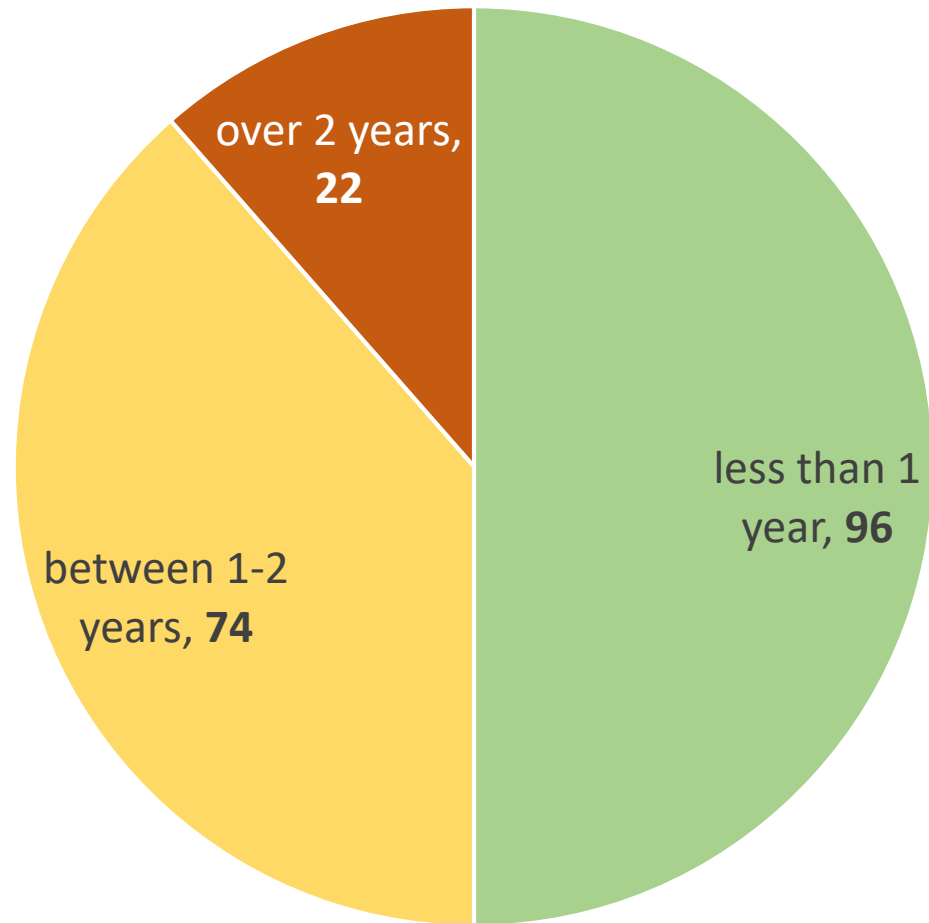
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What?

- **Questionnaire** to all FLAGs (Jan. 2019), asking them to assess e.g.:
  - Time needed for each delivery step
  - Key barriers at each stage
  - Consequences of delivery issues for the FLAG area
  - Good (and bad) practices

- By 14 February 2019: response rate of 52%, all MS (75% mono-fund EMFF; 25% multi-fund)
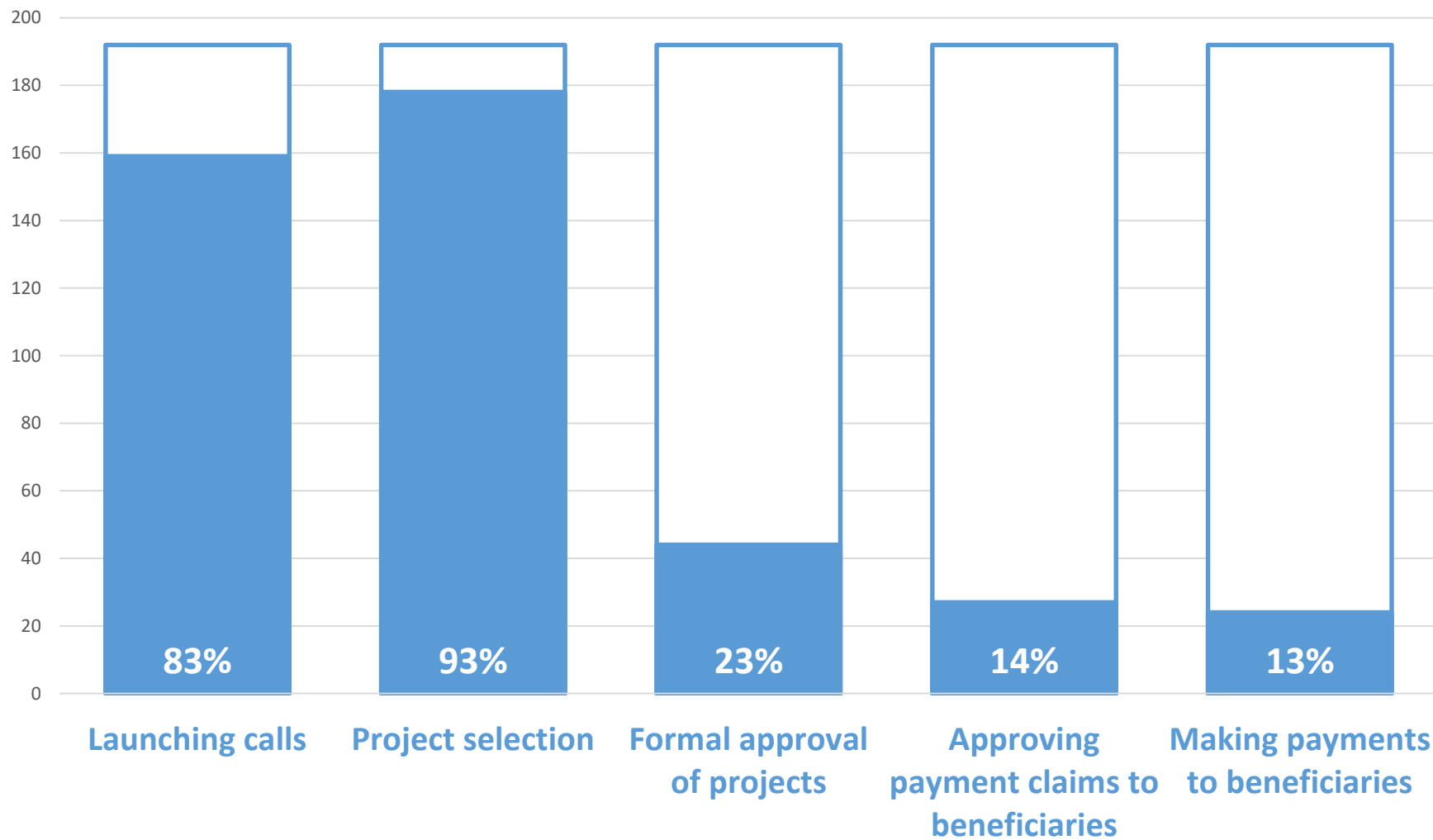
- Some preliminary results, analysis in progres!

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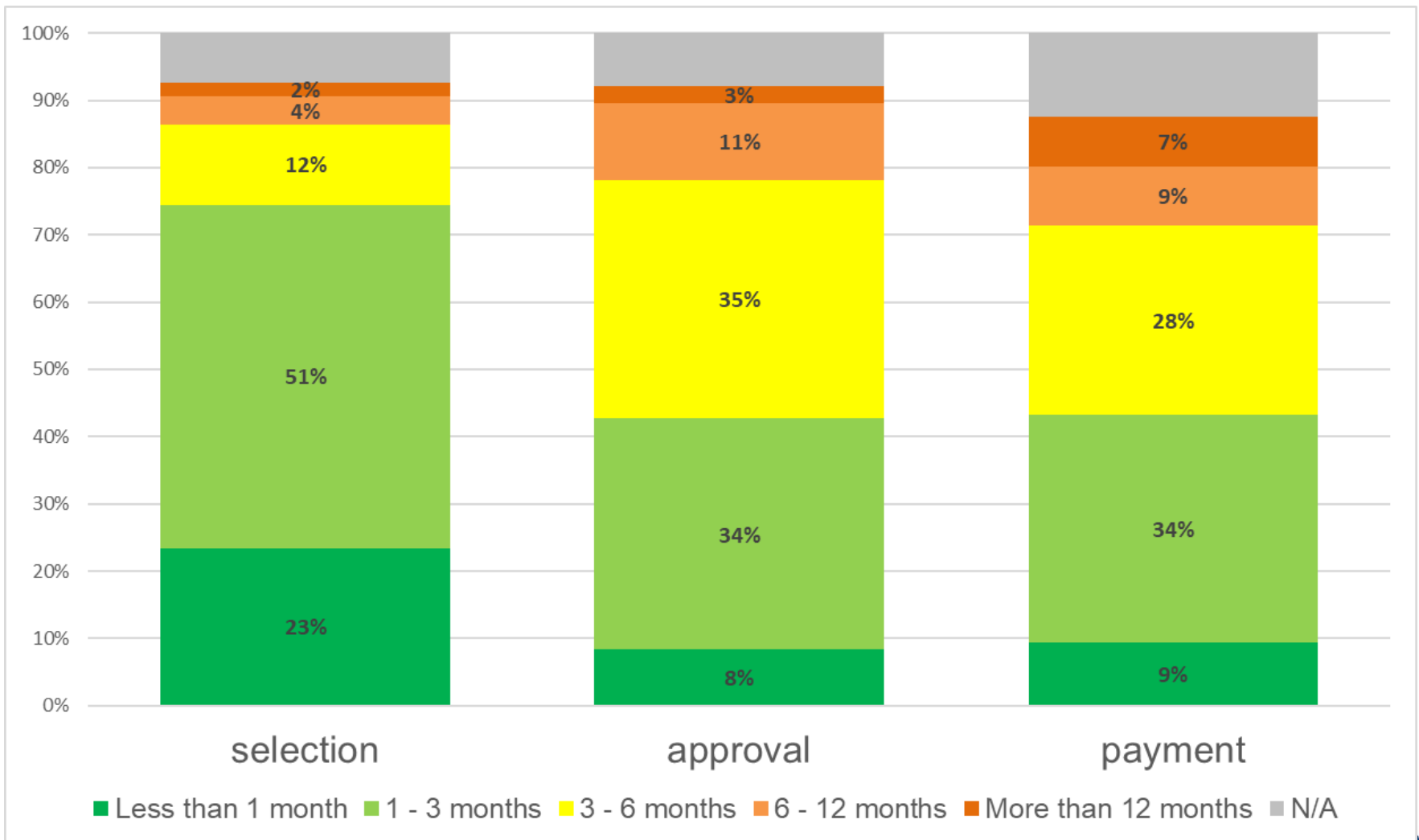
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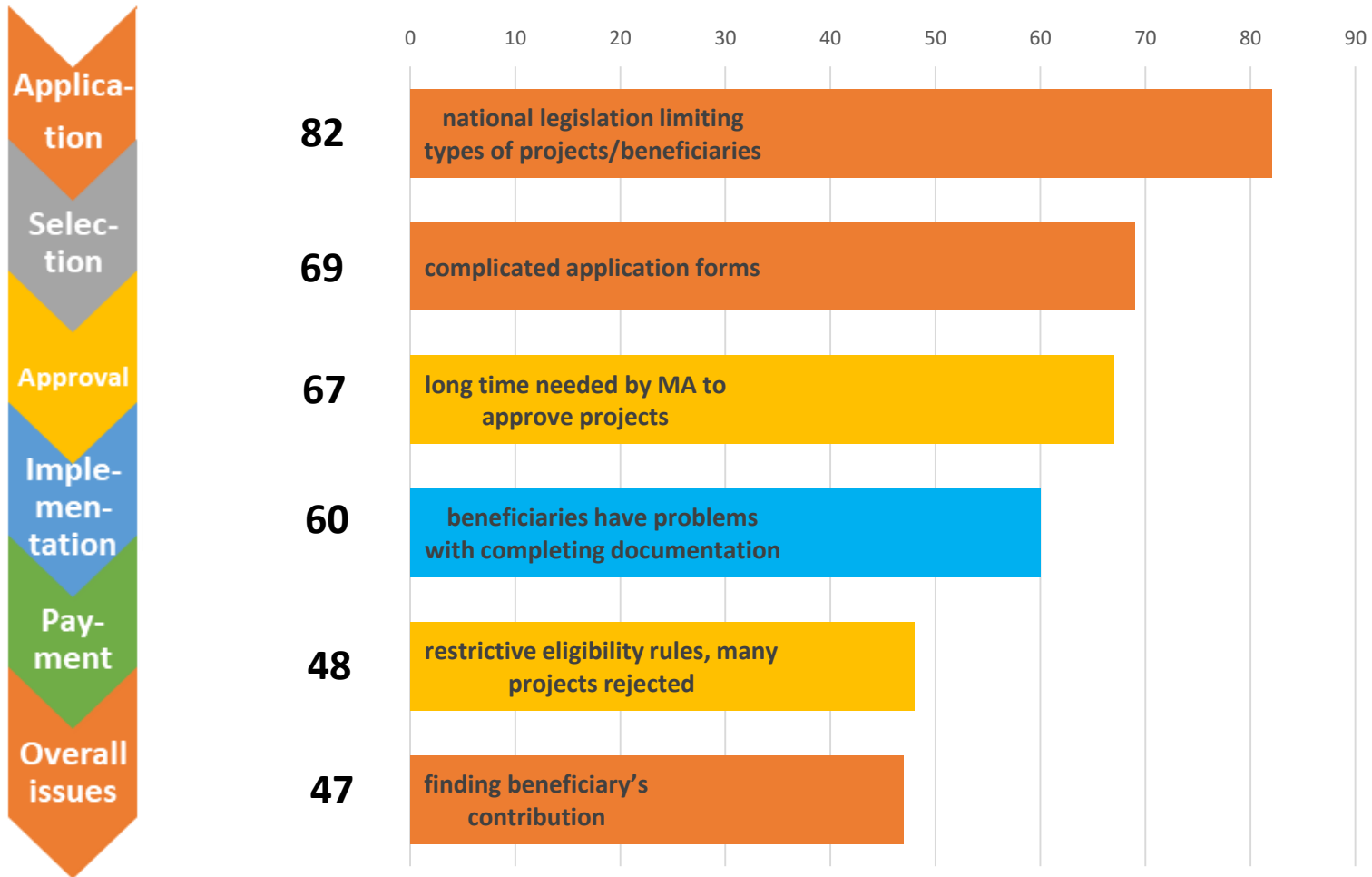
Gap between formal FLAG selection and start of operations
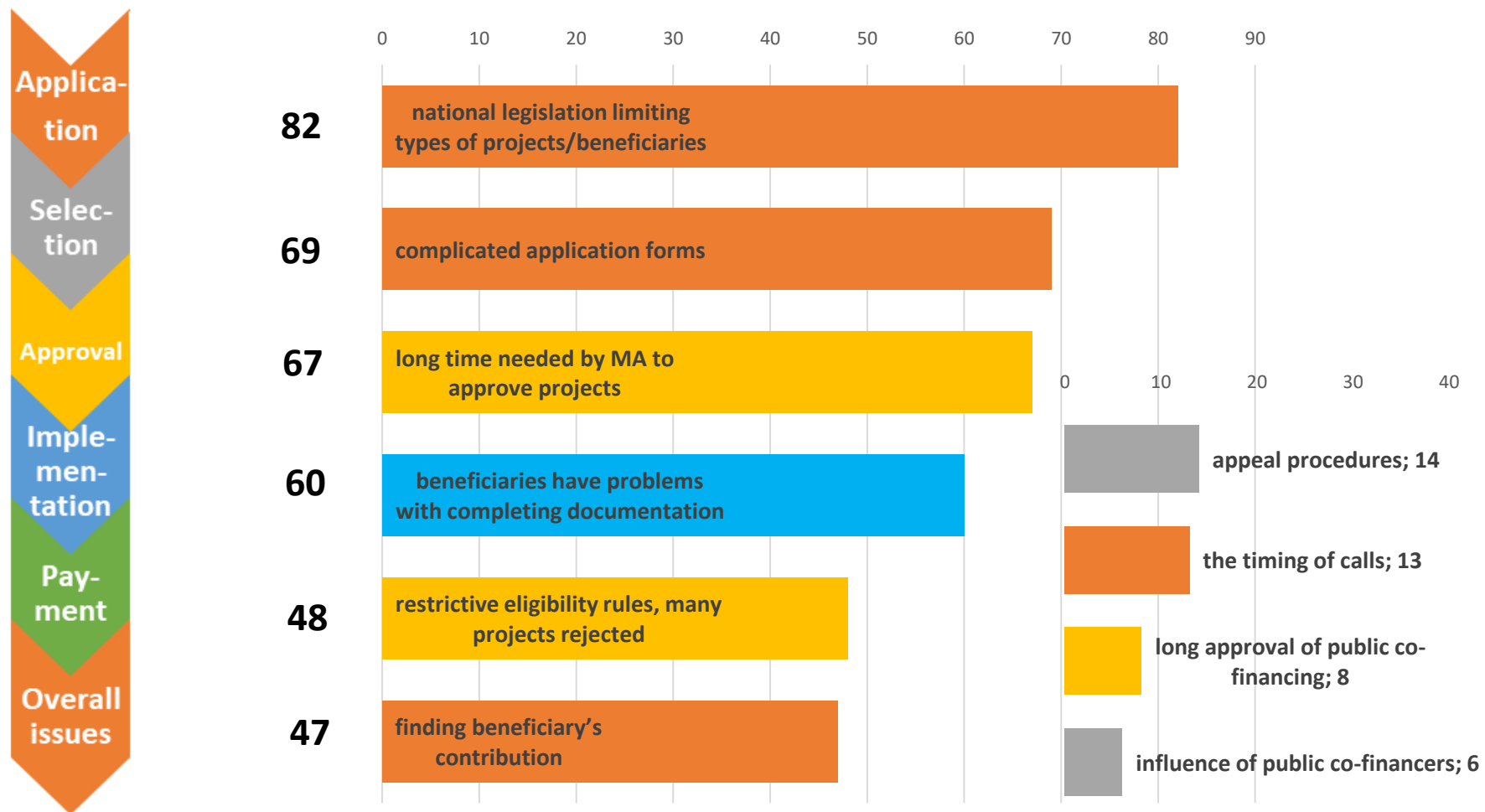
Administrative tasks of FLAGs

Average time to select, approve and pay operations

Key barriers at different implementation stages

Application-tion

Selec-tion

Approval

Imple-men-tation

Pay-ment

Overall issues

Value	Barrier
82	national legislation limiting types of projects/beneficiaries
69	complicated application forms
67	long time needed by MA to approve projects
60	beneficiaries have problems with completing documentation
48	restrictive eligibility rules, many projects rejected
47	finding beneficiary's contribution

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Key barriers at different implementation stages

Negative consequences of implementation barriers

Potential beneficiaries not applying		48%
Loss of FLAG credibility in the area		33%
Shift towards 'easily spendable projects'		22%
Bad image of the EU in the area		20%
Beneficiaries 'abandon' their project after selection		20%
FLAG is not able to spend the budget in time		18%
Low interest to become FLAG members		18%
No negative consequences		19%

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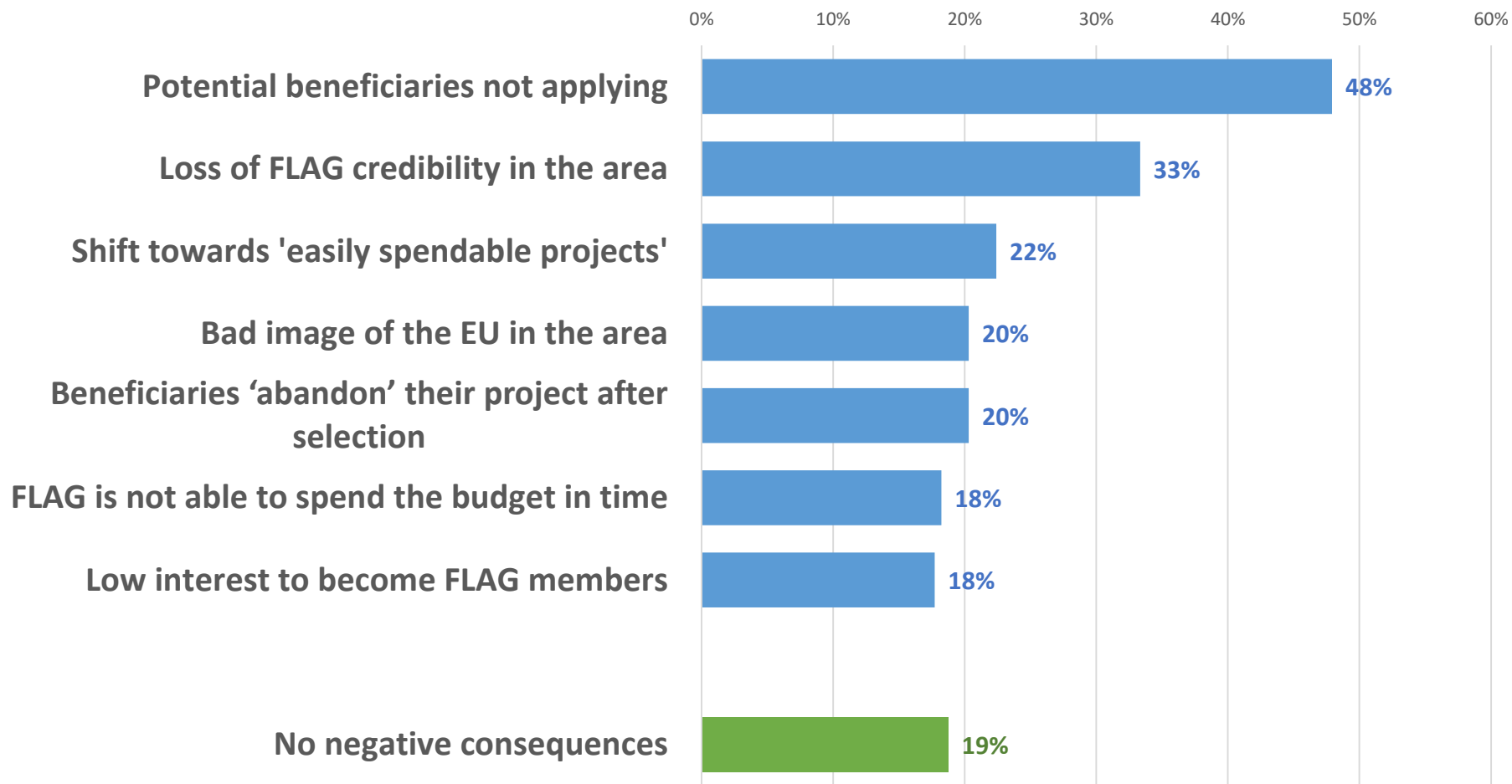
Next steps

- In-depth case studies in 5 MS: **FR, GR, SE, EE, PL**

- Enhanced support at MA level (some improvements of current procedures still possible)

- FARNET Guide on delivery systems - December 2019

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

FARNET CLLD Conference

Timing	Objective	Fund	#pax
Day 1, am	***Unleashing CLLD potential under EMFF***	EMFF	150
Day 1 , pm	***Demonstrating the added value of CLLD***	All ESIF	450
Day 2, am	***CLLD driving the transitions***	All ESIF	450

- Key features
  - Project videos and competition
  - Project exhibition (40 stands) and awards
  - Guide on better systems
  - Local development strategies of the future

Thank you for your attention

Any questions?

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