

Developing and supporting quality projects

FLAGs bringing Europe Closer to Citizens, 4-6 June 2024 Dublin, Ireland



In this working group...

√ Warming-up

✓ Experience from a 'fellow' FLAG manager

✓ Group work

√ Key-messages & take away





Warming up...





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By "quality local projects", we are referring to projects that make a real difference to local community members.

Good local projects should:



Respond to a real need at local level (including of specific groups/individuals)



Build on local resources (human and/or natural)



Bring about positive change, for example, to the

- local economy
- environment
- capacity and ability of the community
- well-being and self-fulfilment of community members



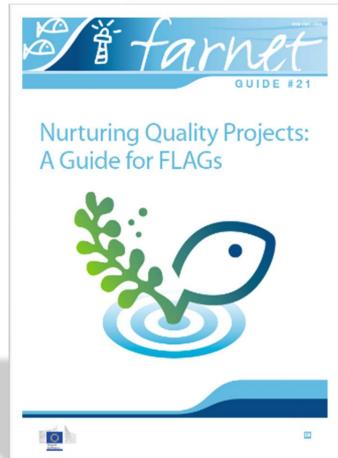
Contribute to long-term improvements in the area



Offer value for money (justifying the investment of public money)



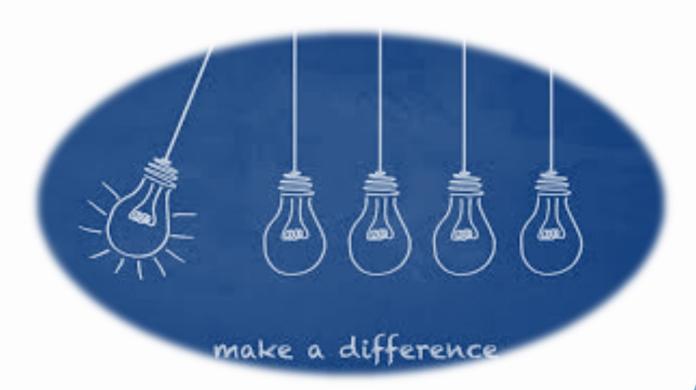
Complement other local projects, building synergies and feeding into a bigger vision for the area





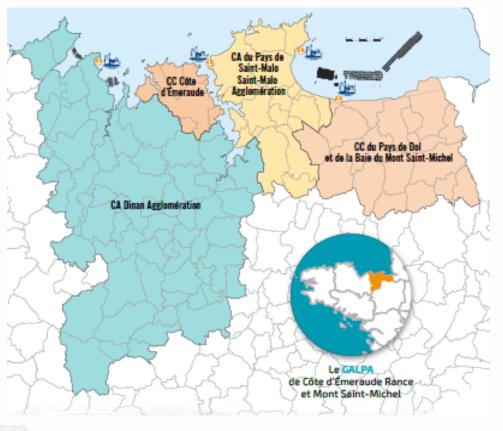
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100 fishing vessels85 % small-scale fisheries



137 shellfish companies (Oysters and mussels)



233 560 inhabitants



Touristic area





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FLAG Governance

- FLAG general assembly = committee board
 - Define the FLAG strategy
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 - ..
- 21 voting members (fishermen and shellfish farmers representatives, associations, citizens, Maritim public school, marine research structure local elected officials)
- 20 consultative members
- Presidency of the FLAG = local elected official
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Enable collective inspiration to initiate new quality projects 1/2

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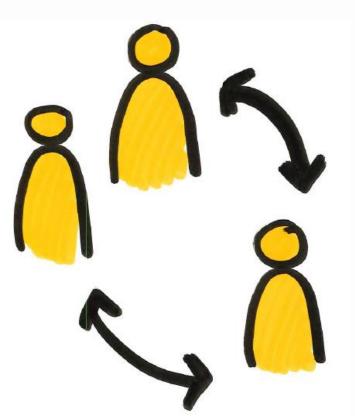






Enable collective inspiration to initiate new quality projects 2/2

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As project manager:

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Support the project promotor during his project implementation

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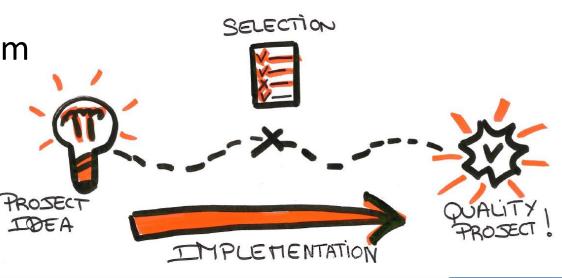
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It's your turn now....

.... reflect on **project phases**

✓ IDEA

✓ DEVELOPMENT

✓ IMPLEMENTATION

✓ FINALISATION

HOW DO YOU SUPPORT QUALITY IN THE DIFFERENT PHASES?





Last job for this working group....

Quality of projects....

... collective at the local level

... improving business

... new activities

... long term viability

... responding to a local need

... bringing positive change

... building synergies



What can you do as a FLAG?



FLAG Costa degli Etruschi

Networking and Cooperation to develop «quality projects»

FAMENET CLLD Seminar
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FLAG Costa degli Etruschi



- Province of Grosseto and Livorno
- FLAG Costa degli Etruschi

GALPA TOSCANA



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Partnership

- F.A.R. Maremma Lead partner (LEADER LAG with 20 years of experience in CLLD methodology)
- 6 Small scale fishing cooperatives
- 1 Small scale fishing Association
- 2 Large scale fishing cooperatives
- 2 Large scale fishing Association
- 3 Municipalities
- 2 Fishing Unions

Local Development Strategy

- **62 Km** of coast (included the Elba Island)
- 3 Main Objectives:
 - 1. Valorisation and management of local natural resources
 - 2. Innovation and development of local fisheries and acquaculture facilities
 - 3. Diversification of local fisheries and acquaculture facilities
- Budget: 2,9 million Euro

In the actual program period 2023-2027 the previous 4 Tuscany FLAG create a new unique FLAG in Tuscany called GALPA Toscana:

- The partnership is composed of 78 subject (all the relevant sectors are present)
- F.A.R. Maremma is still the Lead partner of the new LAG
- The territory include all coastal and internal areas depending from fishing and aquaculture activities
- The budget is about 5,6 million of Euro
- The LDS is based on:
 - Innovation in fishing and aquaculture
 - Local cooperation actions (in fishing and aquaculture)
 - Local cross-sector actions (environmental, diversification, tourism, innovation)



























In our experience
this two principles
play a central role
in the Local
Development
Strategy
to develop
«quality projects»

Integrated multisectoral actions and Cooperation should be central in the LAG Local Development Strategy













THE FAD PROJECT (fishing aggregating device)

BENEFICIARIES

- Small scale fishing cooperative (Cooperativa San Leopoldo)
- Research Institution (CREA)







Public-private partnership

EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

 Municipalities of Grosseto and Castiglione della Pescaia (for the administrative authorization process)



Support from external stakeholder

THE IDEA

Fish resource restocking
and diversification of
fishing activities
throughout FAD (fishing
aggregating device)



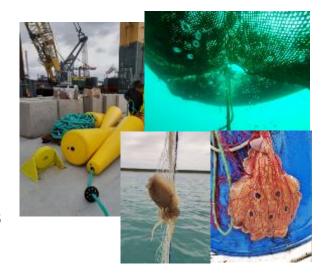
Cross sector project objectives

ACTIVITIES

- Installation of 10 FAD (San Leopoldo)
- Monitoring restocking (San Leopoldo)
- Pesca-tourism and diving (San Leopoldo)
- Scientific validation (CREA)
- Transfer (CREA)



Cross sector activities













HOW TO FACILITATE CROSS-SECTOR PROJECTS?

NOT ONLY FISHERMEN!!

But all the relevant stakeholders especially those who are traditionally external and never «work together with fishermen (eg. Local Associations, local SME, Public Institutions, Schools, Research, ecc..)

FACILITATE LINKS

between different local potential beneficiaries

FACILITATE LINKS AND PROJECTS IDEAS

The LAG should create local events and initiatives (seminars, on field visit, focus) on specific theme to facilitate the meeting of different potential beneficiaries and facilitate MUTUAL KNOWLEDGE AND TRUST

The LOCAL DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY must be the results of
a WIDE and COMPREHENSIVE
participatory process

FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION

of the project through continuous process

NOT ONLY SELECT AND FINANCE!!

The LAG should also be active in the support of local partnership for project implementation (in the respect of its specific role) to improve project QUALITY AND EFFECTIVENESS













THE ENSAMBLE PROJECT (EASME/EMFF/2017 S3 BLUE NETWORK IN THE MED)

PARTNERS

- FLAG Costa degli Etruschi (Lead Partner)
- Legambiente Toscana (IT)
- Petra Patrimonia Marittima (FR)
- WWF North Africa (Tunisia)



EU and non EU Countries

LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS

- Municipalities of Castiglione della Pescaia (IT), Tabarka (TUN), Propriano (FR)
- Local fishermen groups (Tabarka TUN)
- Local activities (El Houaria, Tabarka TUN)



Active involvement of local stakeholders in project activities

ACTIVITIES

- **CLLD** participatory process in Tunisia
- Support of EU partner to activate a public-private partnership in Tunisia (FLAG based initiative)
- Support local Tunisian stakeholders to elaborate a Local **Development Strategy**
- Selection and support to elaborate local project ideas



CLLD participatory process





CLLD methodology project













WHICH ARE THE LESSON LEARNT FROM ENSAMBLE PROJECT?

Cooperation local projects (project with a partnership of local beneficiaries) could increase effectivness and sustainability of LDS and create a real added value for the territory

Cooperation (between LAGs) are relevant also in the elaboration of a LDS. Cooperation actions should be also preparatory activity for LDS











THE BENEFIT OF LOCAL NETWORKING AND COOPERATION

A NEW INTERVENTION LOGIC

FROM

- 1 Project
- 1 Beneficiary

TO

- A cooperation project
- A local partnership

- Local partnerships could continue even after the project end (for other CLLD project or other purpose)
- Working together in a local partnership increase participation and trust between local actors

A NEW (or RENEW) METHODOLOGY

FROM

 LAG (as a third subject responsible for programming and managing the EU funds)

TO

 LAG as a facilitator of local partnership/ideas and support for project implementation

- LAG is not a Managing Authority (!!) but a real facilitator of local networks and innovation
- Working together with the project beneficiaries can improve their skills in managing EU funded projects and give to the LAG the possibility to actively participate to local development











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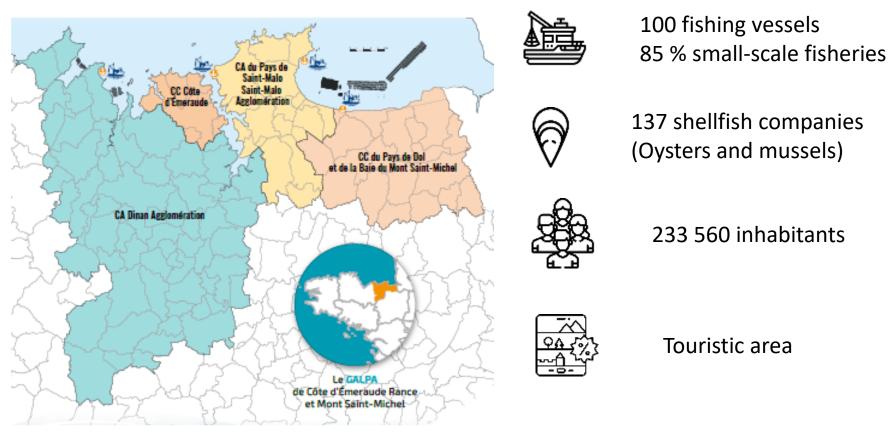


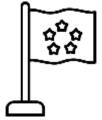






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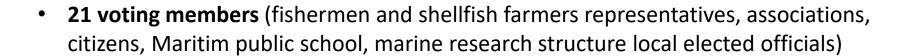
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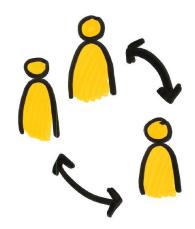


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