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ENRD support to LEADER and the ENRD LAG Survey

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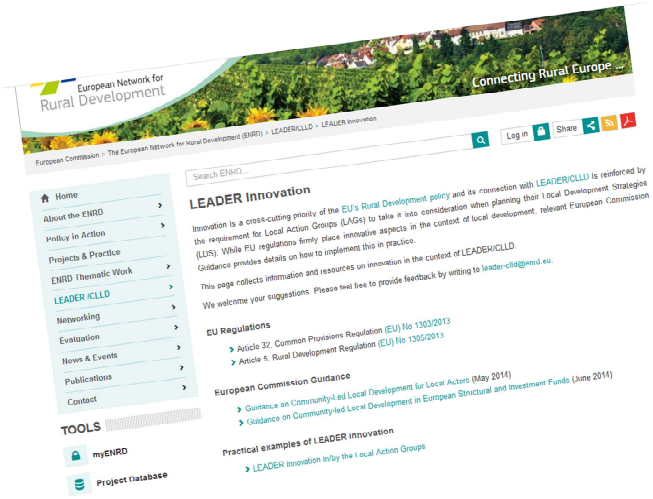
ENRD support to LEADER/CLLD

- Analytical and methodological work
- LAG Database & CLLD Partner Search (now integrated)
- Capacity building activities (e.g. Practitioner-led Working Groups – Cooperation, Innovation, Simplification)
- LEADER resources (e.g. cooperation fact sheets, LEADER Cooperation, LEADER Innovation pages)
- Networking and knowledge exchange at EU and MSs level (e.g. participation at EU MS level LEADER meetings, ELARD, LINC)
- Good practices collection (`high-performing LAGs` & LEADER projects)
- Events

LEADER Innovation

- Practical examples of LEADER innovation collected from LAGs, Managing Authorities, and NRNs
- Summary of the LEADER Innovation PWG discussions, conclusions
- Dissemination tool on LEADER Innovation
- Links to other relevant documents, regulations, and other (non-EAFRD) innovation support mechanisms in the EU



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LAG database

- Validated, basic data for 3056 LAGs (2700 EAFRD funded)
- Includes EAFRD, ESF, ERDF, EMFF LAGs
- Advanced version launched – integrated with cooperation partner search tool
- *LAGs can manage and upload their profiles – including partner search offers*

LEADER Cooperation

- 34 validated fact sheets online
- Continuous updates of LEADER Cooperation offers – integration with LAG database « CLLD Partner Search Tool »
- Updated DG AGRI guidance + ENRD Guidance + `Tools`
- The "LEADER cooperation landscape" with 61 RDP/TNC profiles online

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GET INVOLVED!

Create your LAG profile, browse other LAG profiles, and start cooperating!

316 LAG managers already signed up.

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Next in ENRD activities...

- **ENRD Seminar on 'LEADER: Acting Locally in a Changing World' (15-17 October 2018, Rust, Austria) - Exploring the current and future roles of LEADER**
- **Focus**
  - on Improving and Demonstrating the Achievements of LEADER, more engagement with all LEADER stakeholders, and closer integration of LEADER and with NRN work
- **PWG on LEADER Simplification for Managing Authorities**
- **LAG Survey – country level reports under preparation**
- **Further enhancement of tools and resources**

The ENRD LAG Survey (2017)

LAG survey results report 2017

This is the main report on the key findings of the ENRD survey of Local Action Groups (LAGs) on LEADER/CLLD implementation, carried out by the ENRD Contact Point in November 2017.

It examines LAG insights on the LEADER principles, operation and desired improvements for the future.

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The ENRD LAG Survey - highlights

- **710** Responses from 27 Member States - **72%** from LAG managers.
- Importance of **LEADER method stressed.**
- The **bottom up approach** including decision making power for LAGs was the highest ranked principle.
- **Supporting project development** was a top-priority activity for LAGs.
- 65% consider **implementation constrained** by administrative and reporting requirements.
- Key needs expressed relate to **simplification, coordination, cooperation, involving all!**
- LAGs would like to **devote more** resources and time **to animation, cooperation and innovation.**
- **Work with the ENRD** on implementation, management and tools, strengthening innovation in LEADER and networking and cooperation.

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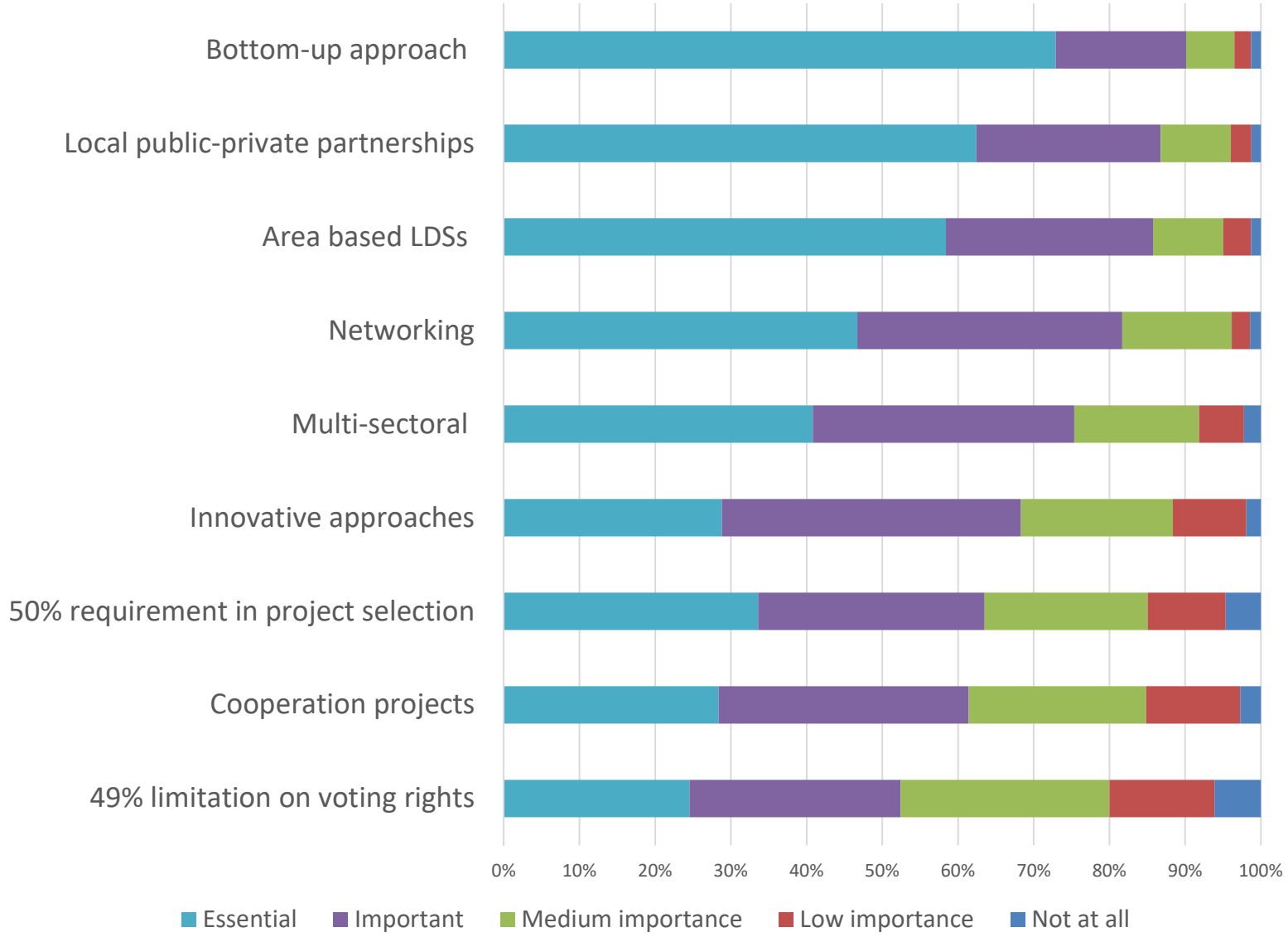

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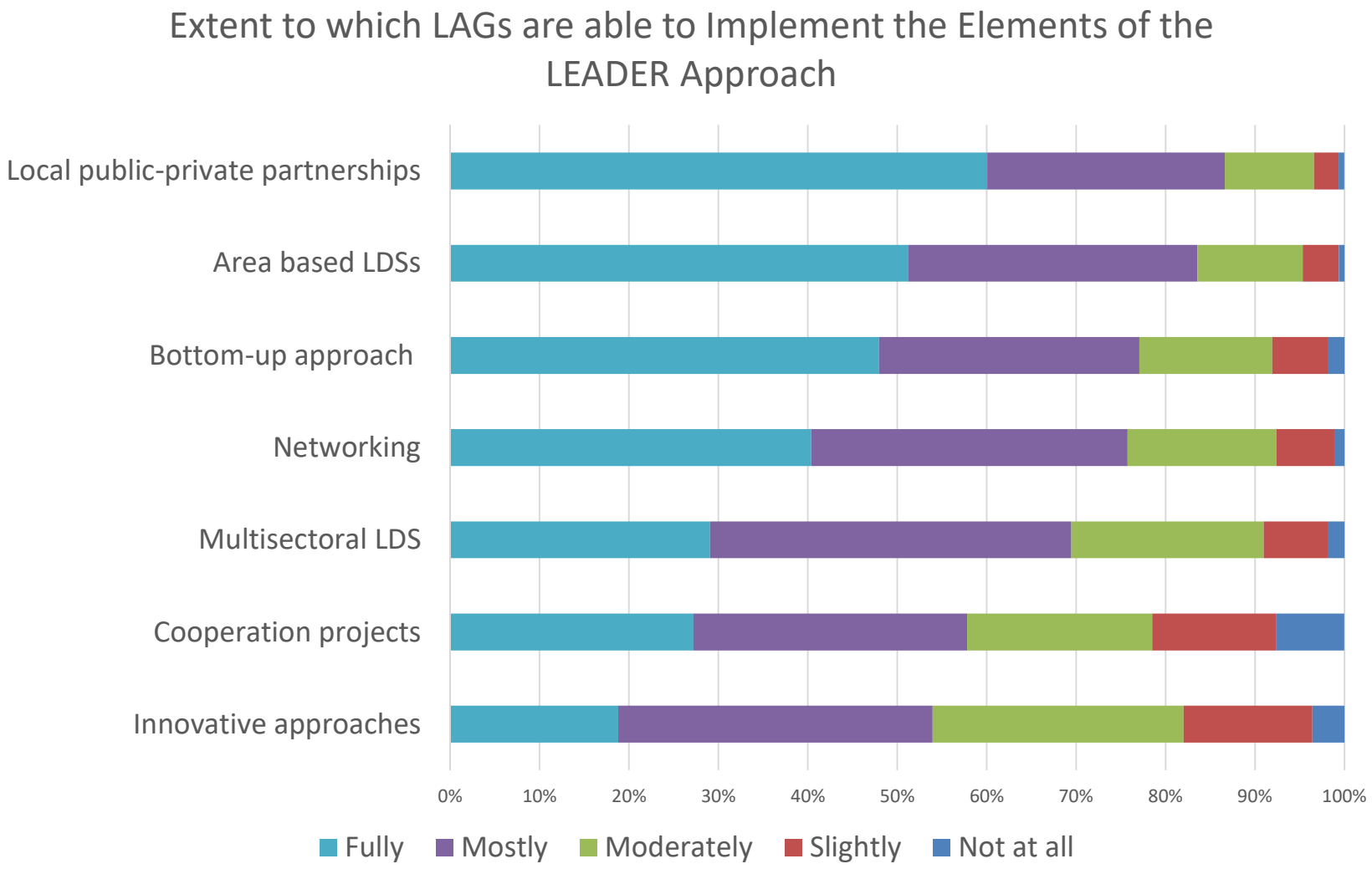
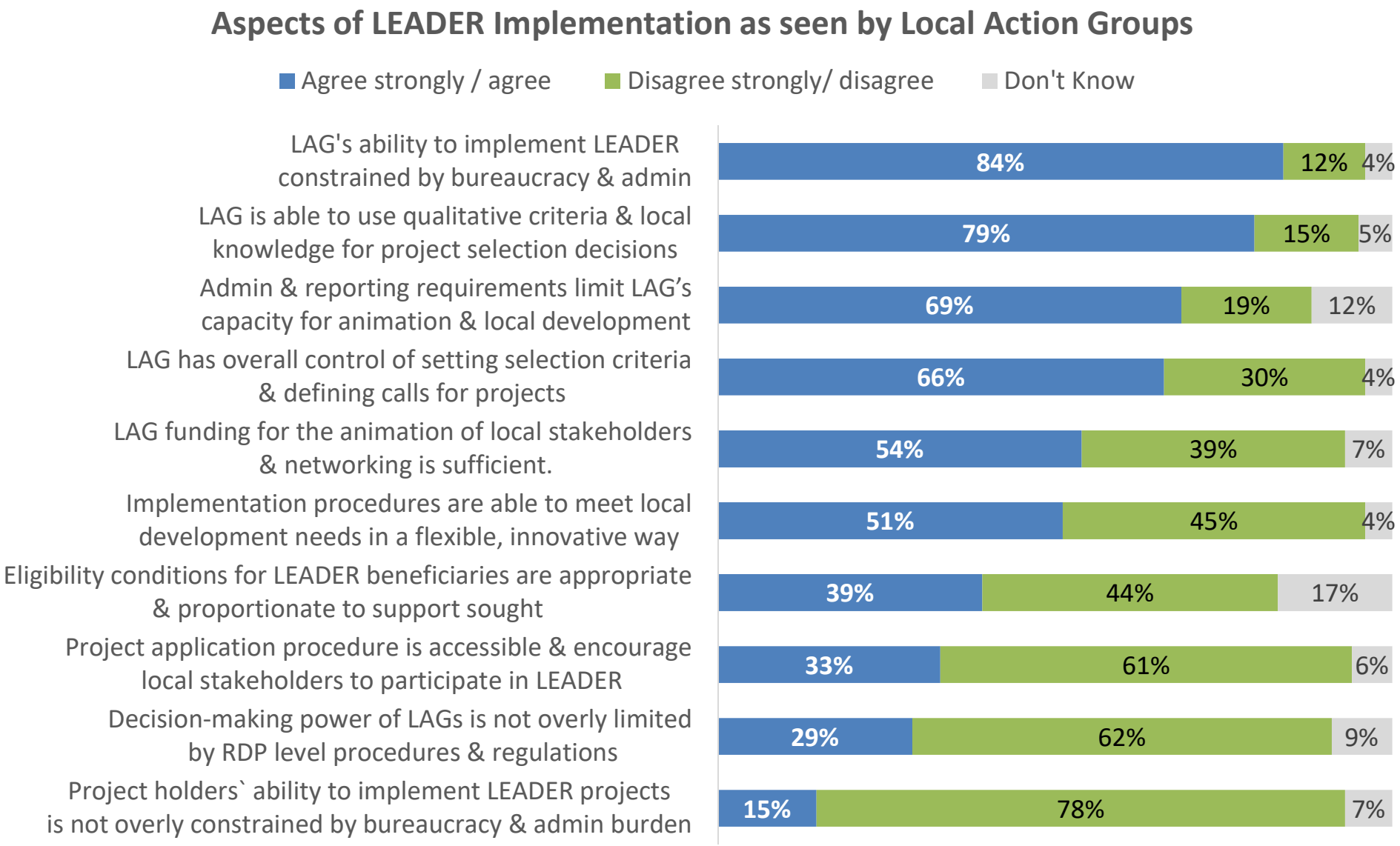
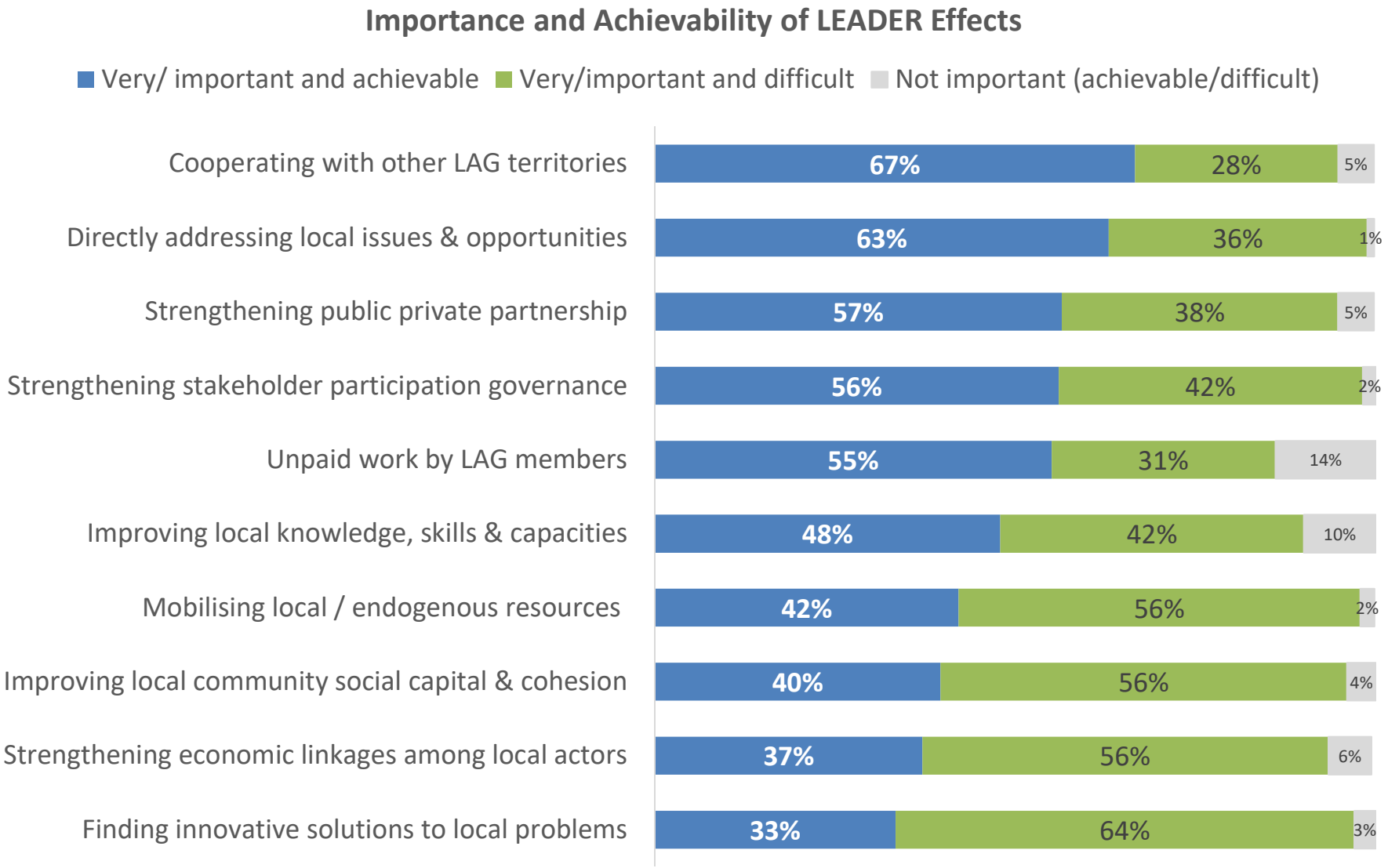


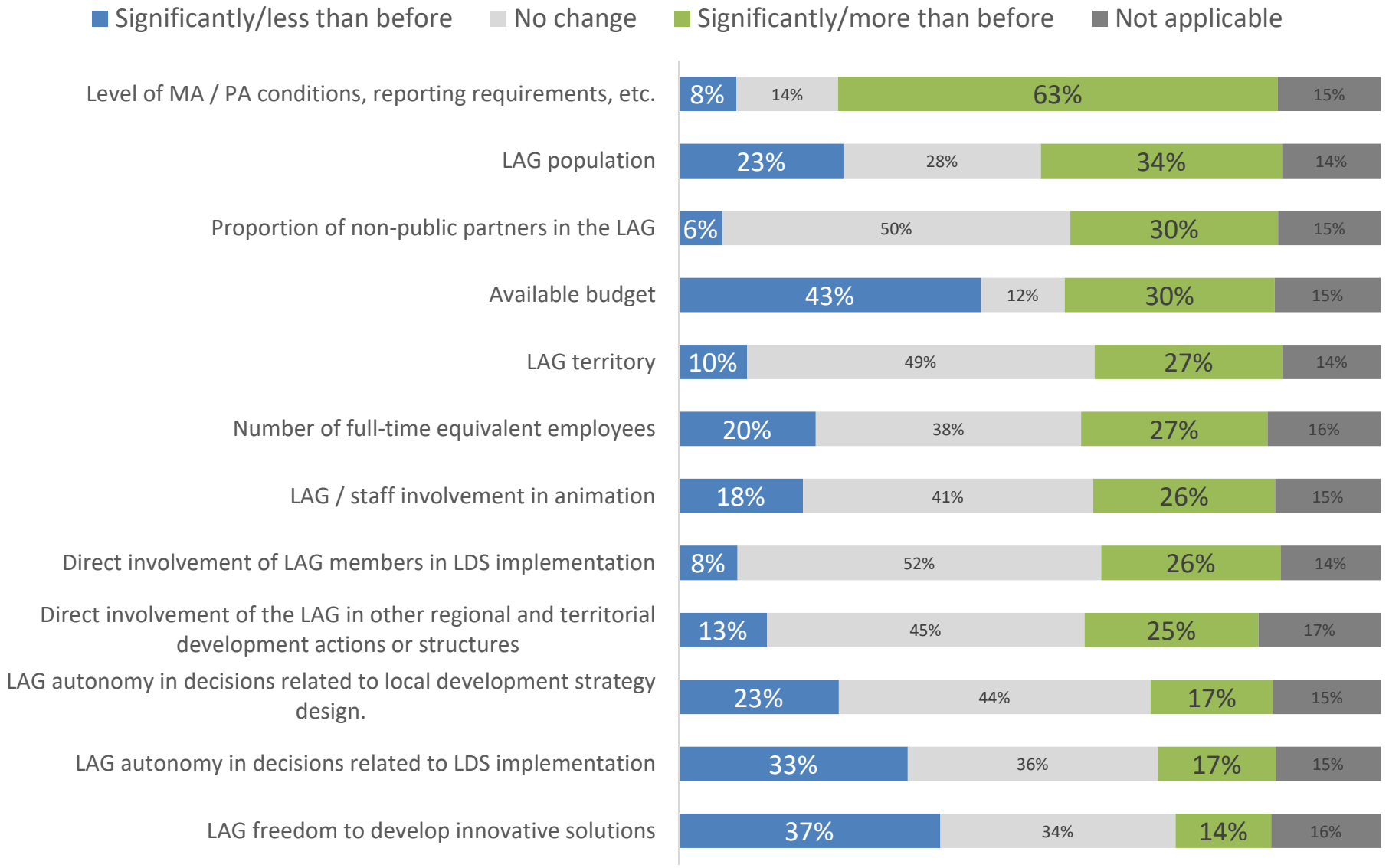
LEADER Principles – Practice



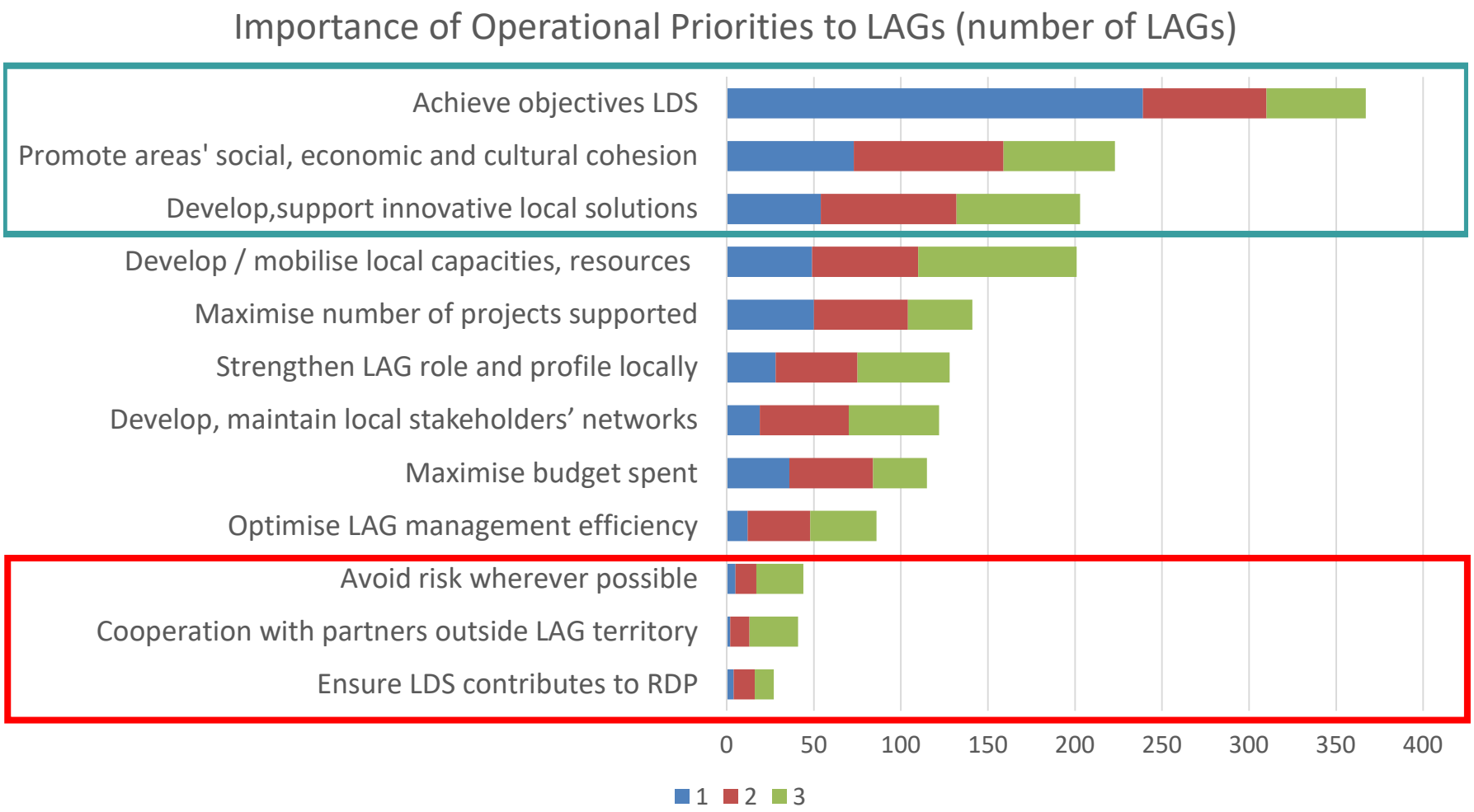
LEADER Principles – importance and achievability



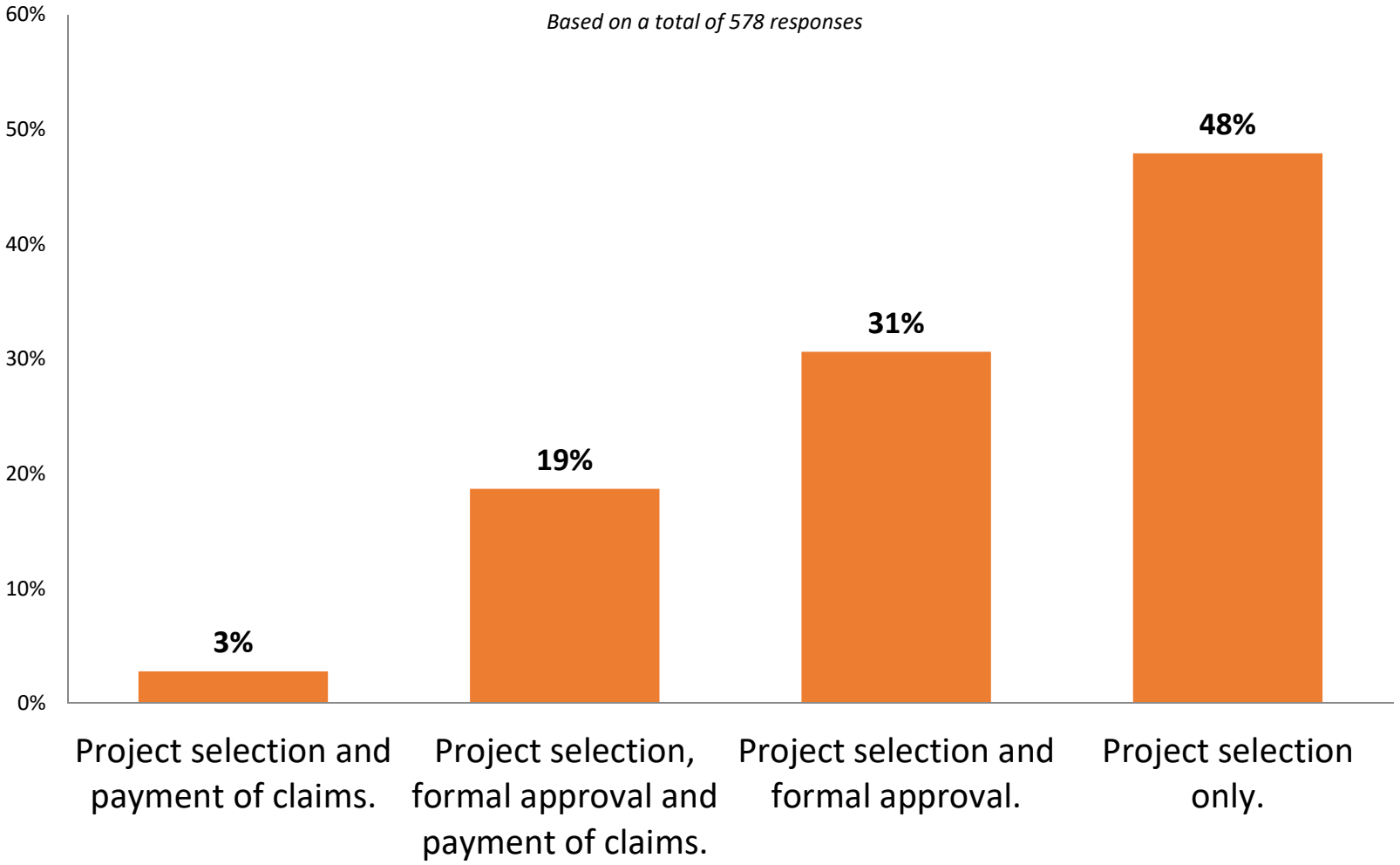
LEADER Operation – changes since 2007-2013



Importance of Operational Priorities to LAGs

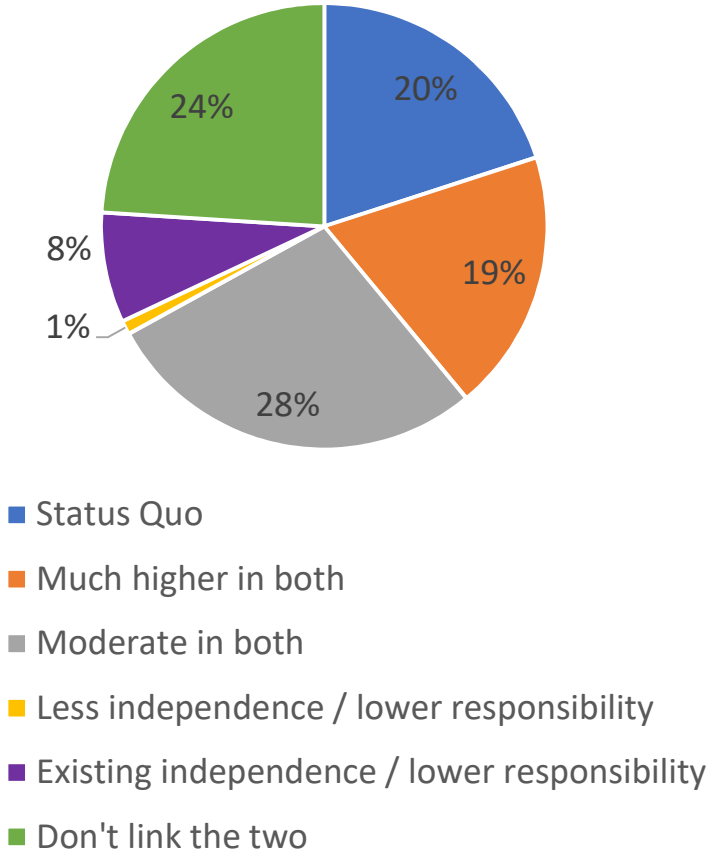


LAG tasks in relation to local projects

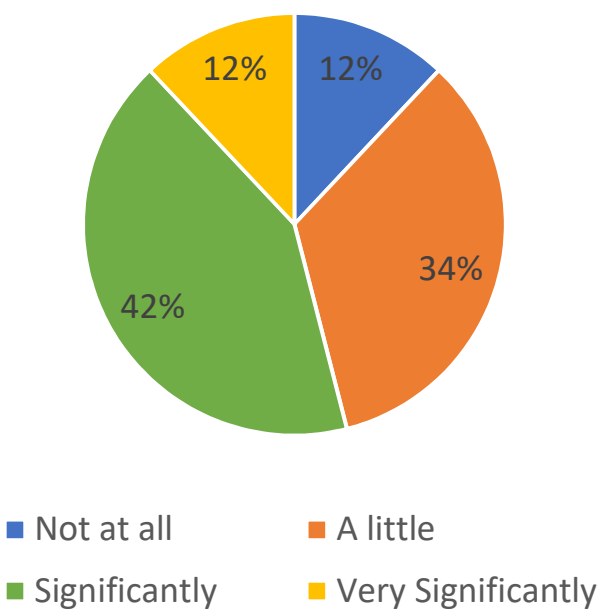


Independence, Responsibility and Achievement

Levels of Independence and Responsibility



Would Greater Independence Improve Achievement?



LEADER improvements – in which field?

1. Simpler application forms / process (53%) ;
2. Simpler and more proportionate system of controls (for smaller projects) (53%);
3. Improving turnaround time on approving selected projects (39%);
4. Simplification, harmonisation and flexibility to support LAGs in the practical use of multi-funding (35%); and
5. Better common knowledge and networking between LAGs, MA/PA & NRNs (34%).

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