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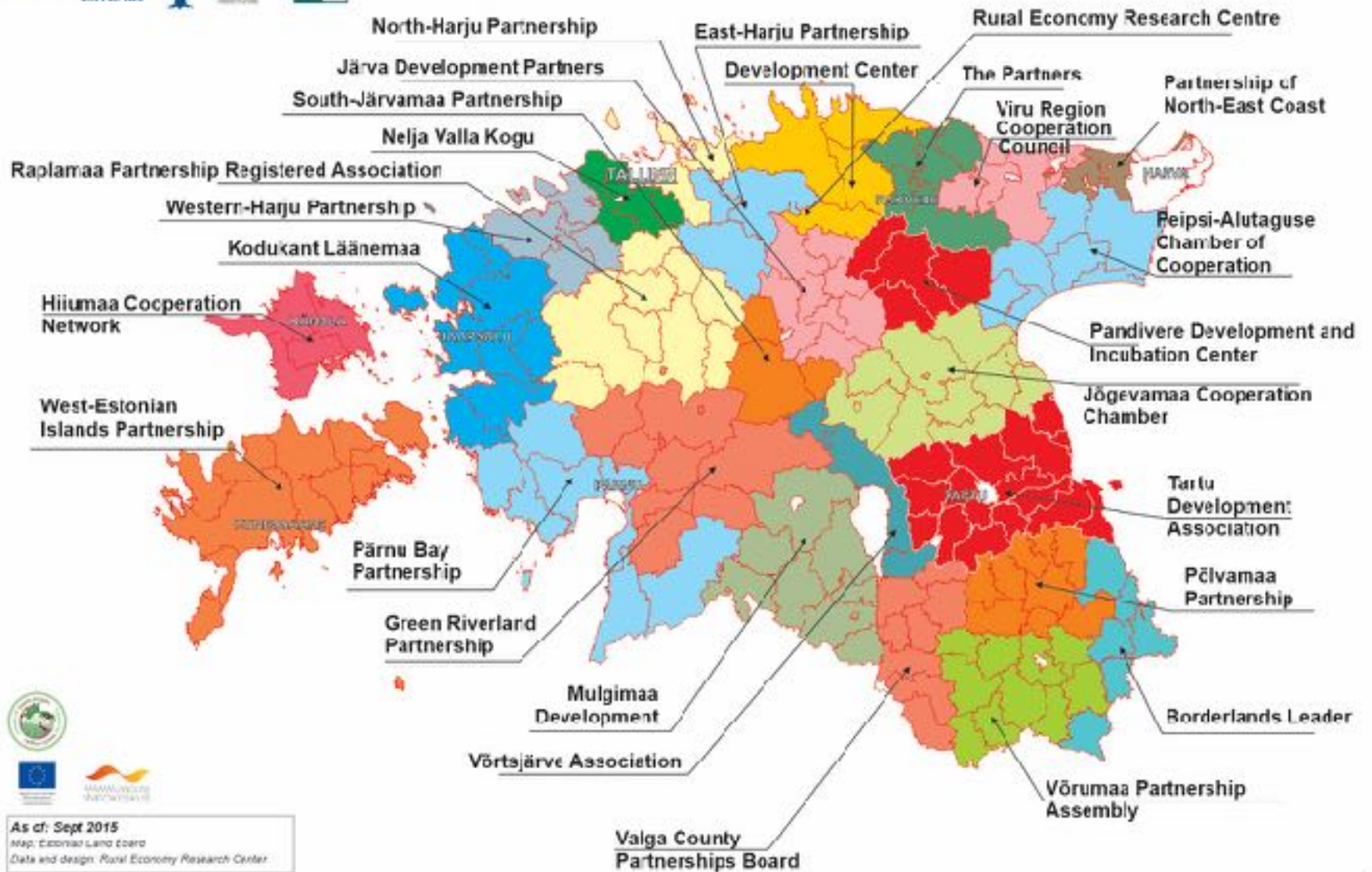
LEADER in Estonia

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LEADER ACTION GROUPS IN ESTONIA



Estonian Leader Union

since 2012

22 members (LAGs)



Estonian LEADER Union is a non-governmental organisation set up to contribute to the implementation of LEADER/CLLD principles in Estonia. The purpose of the union is defined as threefold:

- to unite Estonian LEADER action groups (LAGs);
- to represent the interests of Estonian LAGs both within the country and internationally;
- to support the knowledge-based development of its member organisations.

Our mission: Estonian LEADER Union is a social partner in the legislative process, competent in developing its members and the guardian of LEADER principles in the development of rural areas.

State of the implementation of LEADER / CLLD

26 LAGs + 8 fisheries LAGs

2023-27 budget (for 5 years) **59,5 million euros + 7 million ESF+**

11,5% of CAP budget is allocated for LEADER measure

Spring 2023 Local strategies for the new period

June 2023 Regulations for the period

First LAGs started new period 2024



Objectives of the LEADER 2022+

- Development of the entrepreneurship, in particular through new profitable jobs and/or innovative solutions.
- Empowering local communities, residents and young leaders of the future.
- Development and implementation of environmentally and climate-friendly solutions (promoting the bio and circular economy).
- Improving the availability of services through the development of community services;
- Maintaining and promoting a positive image of rural life, including the promotion of smart villages.

National plan „Estonia 2030+“

Agriculture and Fisheries Strategy 2030



LEADER: general rules

The maximum amount of project support is 200 000 euros

The maximum support for:

- final LAG support is 100%;**
- business-oriented projects 60%;**
- non productive investments 90%;**
- community service 90%.**



Most important changes for 2023 to 2027

- **CLLD multifunding: LAGs will use European Social Fund**
- **ESF+ objectives: improving access to housing and person-centred care, including healthcare; modernizing social protection systems, including improving access to social protection, paying particular attention to children and disadvantaged groups; improve access to health systems and long-term care services (including for persons with disabilities).**
- **simplified cost options**



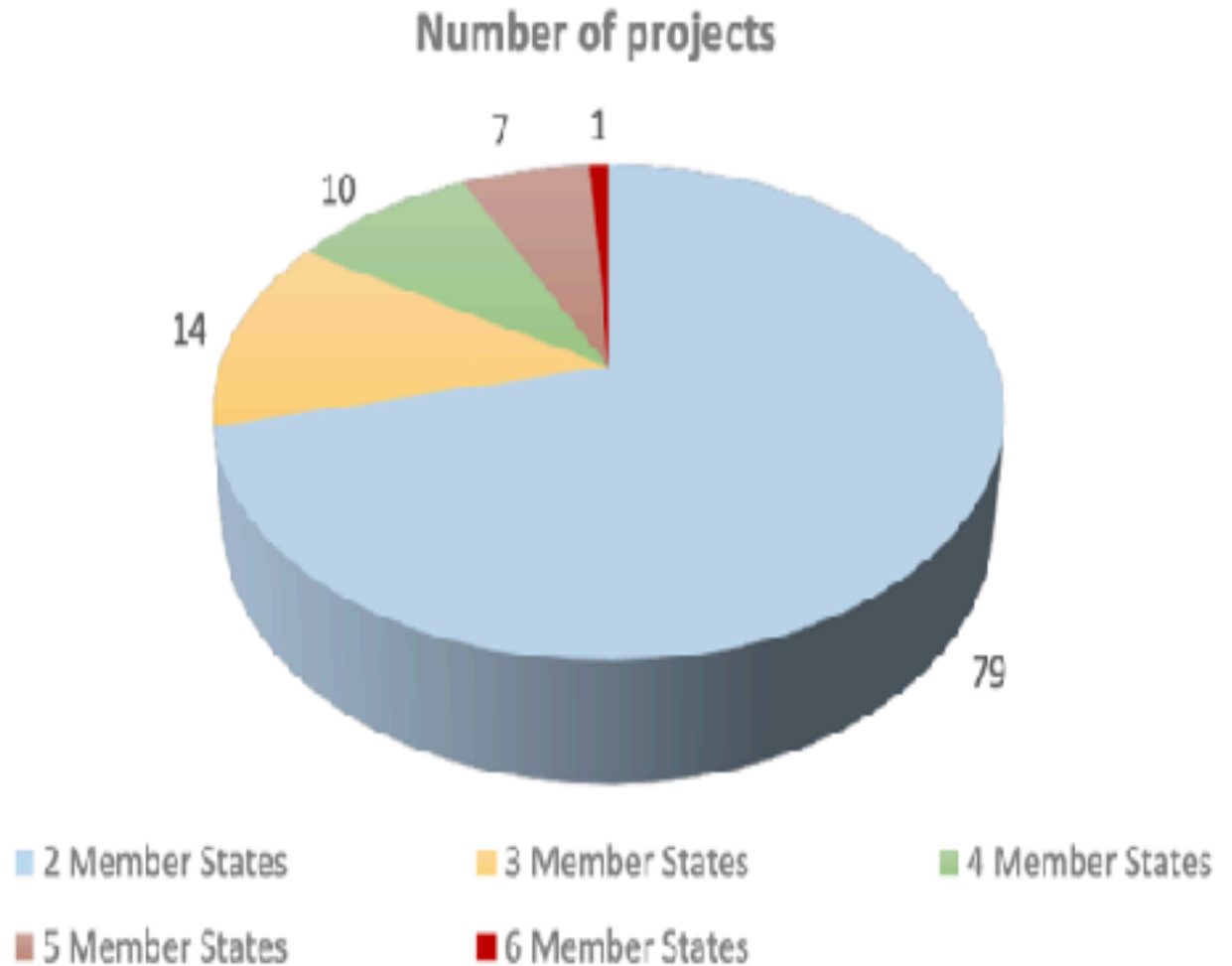
Most important changes for 2023 to 2027

- **simplified cost options in both LAG support and project beneficiaries**
- **Support for the LAG: funding from the budget allocated to the implementation of the strategy on a flat-rate basis 26%**
- **Support for the project: budget-based lump sum (draft budget)**



Cooperation projects

41 Finland
38 Estonia
28 Austria
25 Germany
24 Latvia



Cooperation with non-EU partners

- 'Transnational cooperation project Canada' (approved and reported by SE), **Canada**
- 'Tourism Development. From Traditions to Modern Business' (approved and reported by LT, LV) - **Moldova, Georgia**
- 'Supporting the development of LEADER approach and its application for rural development in Ukraine' (approved and reported by CZ) - **Ukraine**
- 'One Belt One Route - Baltic Silk Route' (approved and reported by EE, FI, PL) - **China**
- Horse industry: Possibilities today and in future (Equus) (approved and reported by LV, FI) - **Georgia**
- 'From traditional craftsman skills to modern sustainable rural tourism products' (approved and reported by IT, LV, PL, SI) - **Moldova, Georgia**

The following projects feature partners from the **UK**: "Effective use of local natural and cultural heritage resources for the development of tourism products" / ETNO - ECO - ECHO, Coastal and Dune Management, Yellow Frames, Darky Sky International - Argo Navis - Follow the Stars, Engine- Entrepreneurship through international experience.

Fostering local engagement for Clean Energy Transition in Rural Areas through Energy Communities



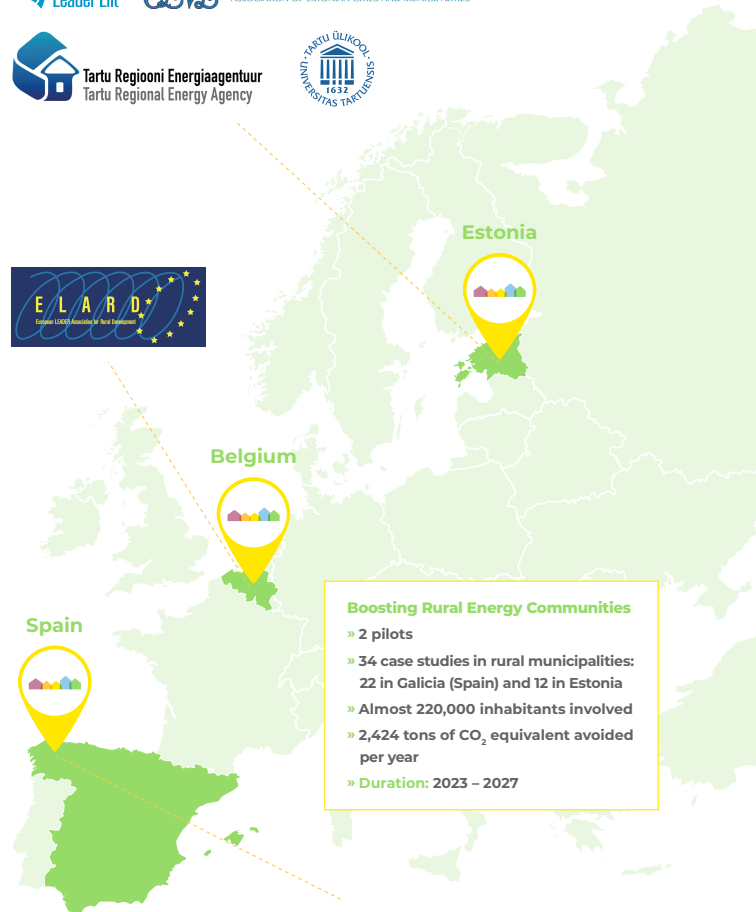
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Boosting Rural Energy Communities

- » 2 pilots
- » 34 case studies in rural municipalities:
22 in Galicia (Spain) and 12 in Estonia
- » Almost 220,000 inhabitants involved
- » 2,424 tons of CO₂ equivalent avoided per year
- » Duration: 2023 – 2027

<https://ec4rural.webs.uvigo.gal/>

Erasmus+ **EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE AND STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN RURAL AREAS**

2024 to 2025

Estonia, Chechia and Slovakia

**exchange of good practice in the field of young people's engagement
in local processes and their involvement in local action groups
and local governments**





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