



LEADER FRANCE

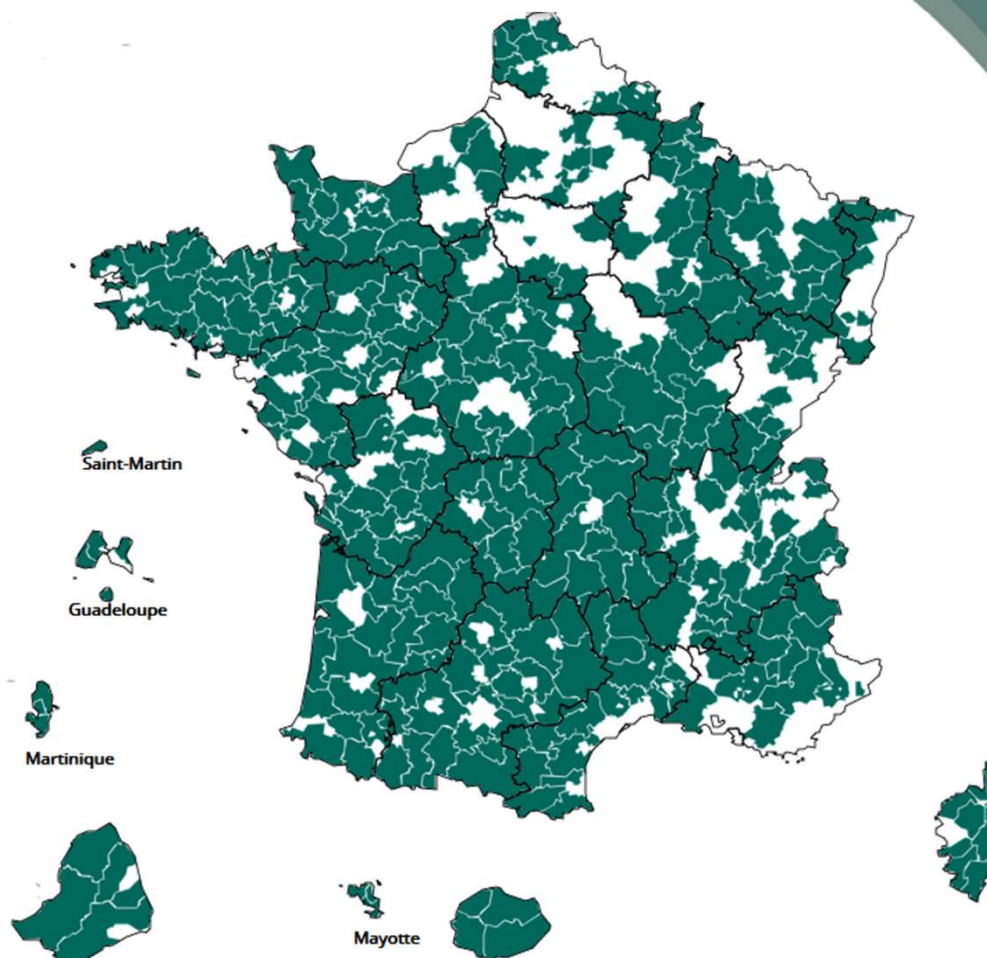
Implementation of LEADER in France





Implementation of LEADER in brief

- 5th generation of LEADER in France, ie € 1,691,000,000 of European funds invested in rural areas since 1990.
- Evolution from 40 to 340 rural territories engaged, ie 97 departments, 26,800 municipalities and 28 million inhabitants concerned.
- 2014-2020 allocation: € 687 million from the EAFRD, representing an allocation per territory of 1.5 to 2 million in addition to national public counterparts.





Actors in France 2014-2020

Management Authority



Paying agency



Networks



National
Representation
(UE, France),
networking,
training, TNC



In some regions
Federations of
LAGs



National
Animation,
evaluation



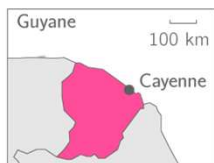
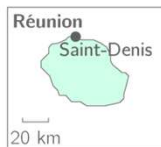
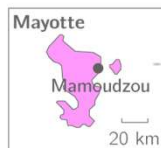
Managing authority



2007 -2013



2014-2020



Île-de-France : région
Paris : capitale régionale





Leader France

National network of LAG

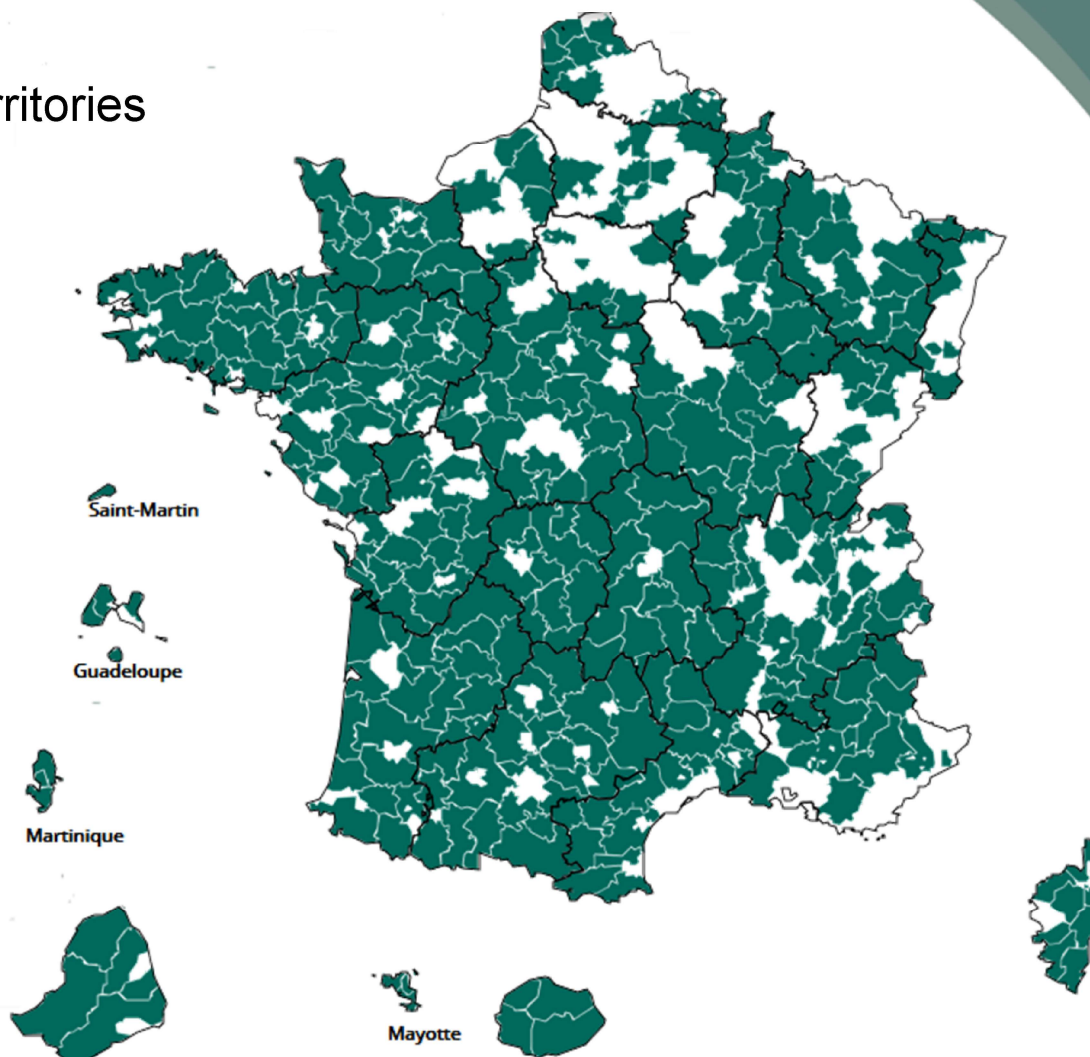
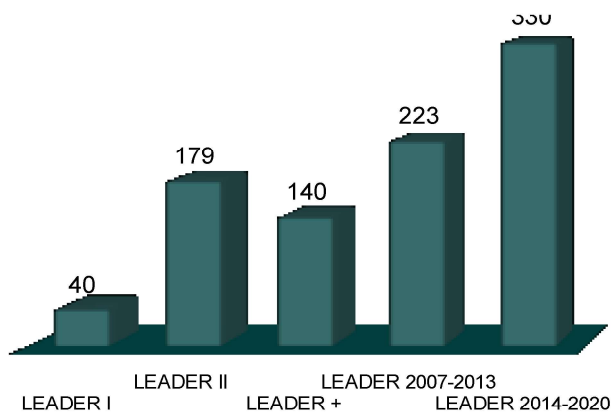


- Only dedicated network to defend the fundamentals of LEADER and the most efficient management of the program.
- Recognized partner who intervenes to relay the difficulties of the territories but also to value their successes and defend the place of rural development in European policies
- Member of many national and European authorities dedicated to LEADER but also of valorization of the rurality.
- Representing the 340 rural territories involved in the LEADER approach to programming 2014-2020.
- Main objectives: Represent and support LAGs in the implementation of the program and highlight their successes and good practices / Defend the place of rural development in European policies.



Local Action Groups

Evolution from 40 to 340 rural territories engaged. (plus 23 Fisheries LAGs)





Local Action Groups

Composition of a French LAG

President

Project Manager

Administrative
Manager

1 Programming Committee

Approves the strategy
Assesses projects

Votes funding

Supporting structure :

- Regional nature parks (6%)
- Community of communes (36 %)
- Pole of rural territories (43 %)
- Association (15%)

+ 10 000 members of programming committee



LEADER 2014 – 2020

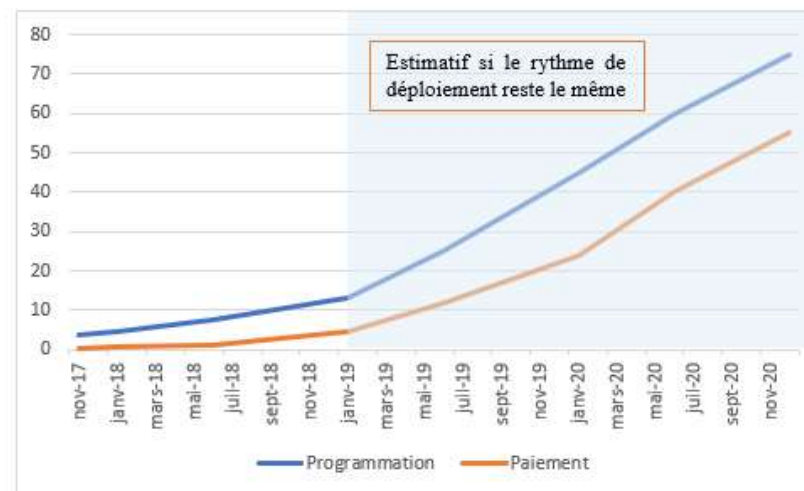
State of implementation

2018 marked the effective start of LEADER programming in France, far behind most European countries.

- Blocked due to administrative blockages during the processing of grant application files and feeling of disinterest from Managing Authorities
- Rescue Plan launched by Leader France to save funds and unlock the situation

To March 18, 2019 :

- 5,45 % paid
- 17,93 % contracted



But French LAGs have the possibility to schedule projects until December 31, 2022 and to pay until 2023.



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Implementation of LEADER cooperation in France

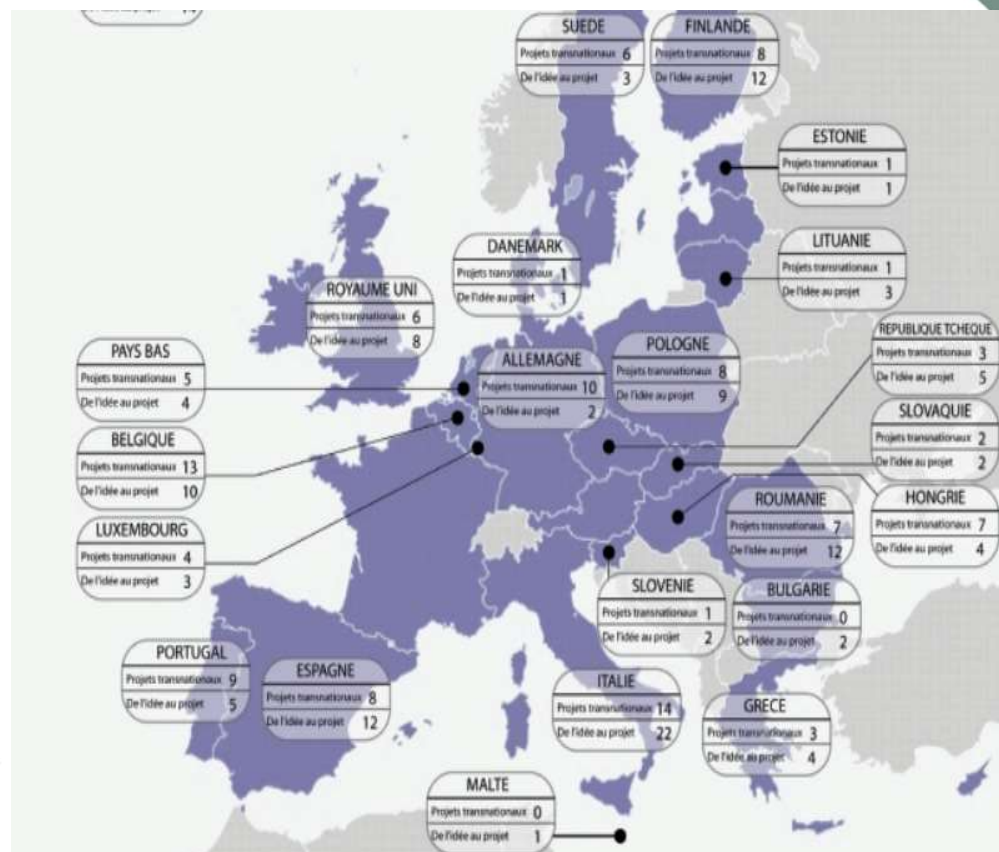




Cooperation in France

Summary of the last period

- 196 projects «De l'idée au projet» (From the idea to the project)
- 256 cooperation projects including 119 interterritorial cooperation projects and 137 transnational projects
- 97 % of the 222 LAGs were involved in a cooperation project.
- 22 countries involved, especially Italy, Spain, Romania, Finland, Poland, Belgium
- A few non EU countries : Switzerland, USA, Marocco, Montenegro





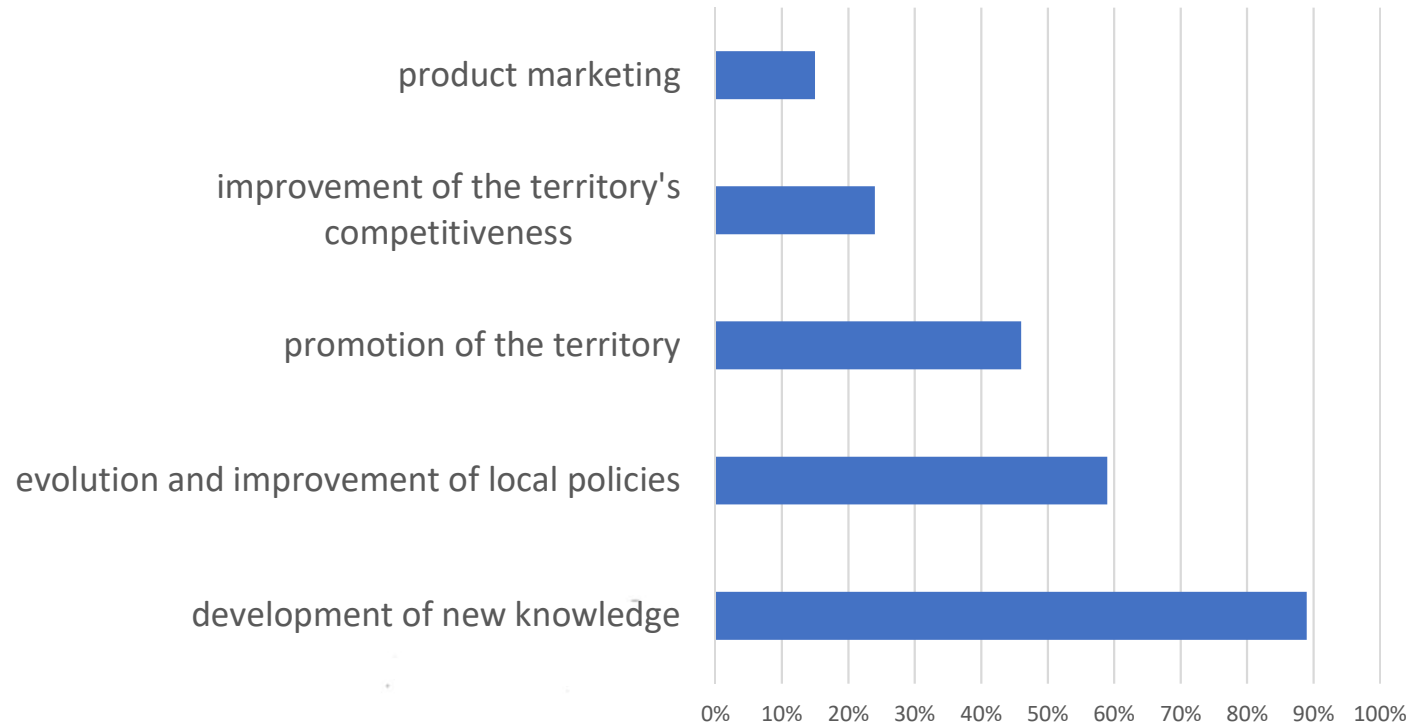
Cooperation in France 2014 -2020 Main principles of implementation

- Same rules as for LEADER 2007-2013 : cooperation is part of the LAG's strategy
- Part of their LEADER budget allocated to the cooperation of 5% / 78% of the LAGs do not have a public co-financing envelope in return for the EAFRD dedicated to cooperation
- Regional calls for projects are implemented only in one rural development programme
- 10 regions out 22 provide support through a Regional Rural Network
- 63% of the LAGs did not carry out a cooperation project on this programming





Cooperation in France 2014 -2020 What's French LAGs want ?





Cooperation in France 2014 -2020 What's French LAGs want ?

- Tourism
- Local products
- Culture and Cultural heritage
- Local energy production / renewable energies
- Basic services
- Territory development
- Natural environment & Resources / Landscape

