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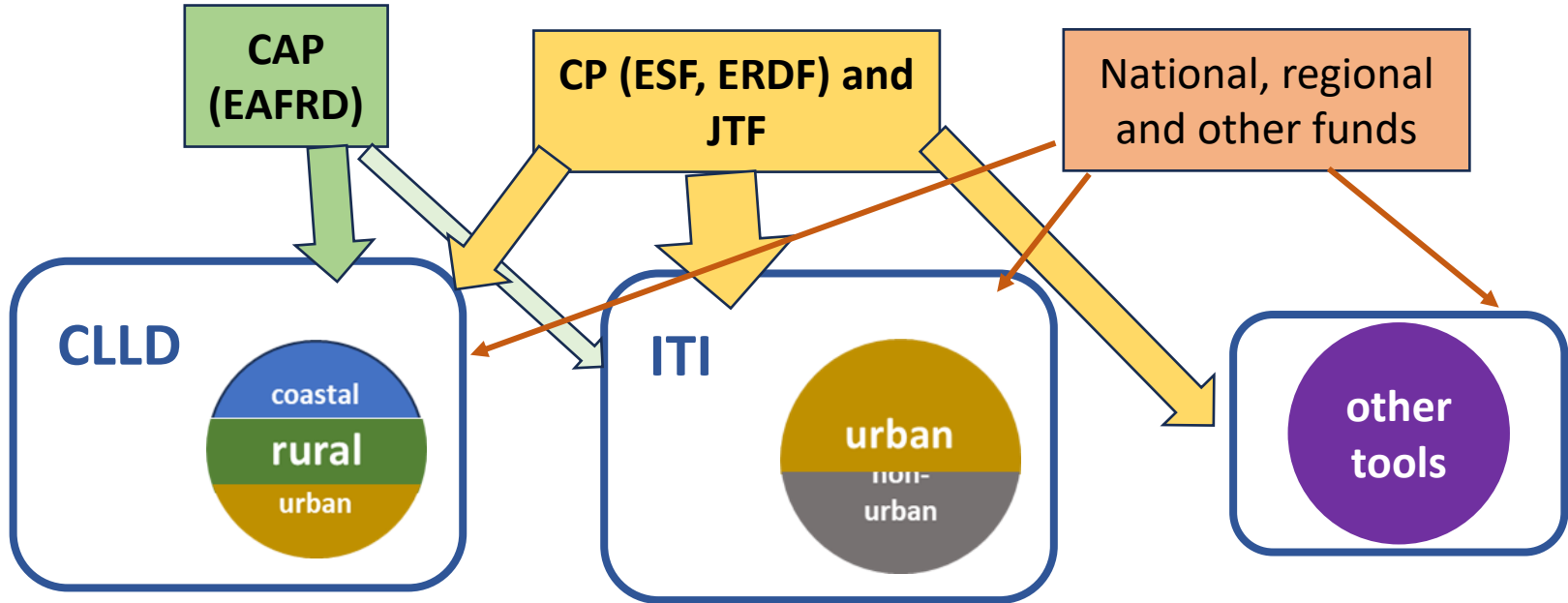
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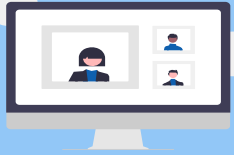
The shaping of EU rural policies – what role for rural communities?

Urszula Budzich-Tabor

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Reminder: local development in EU funds today



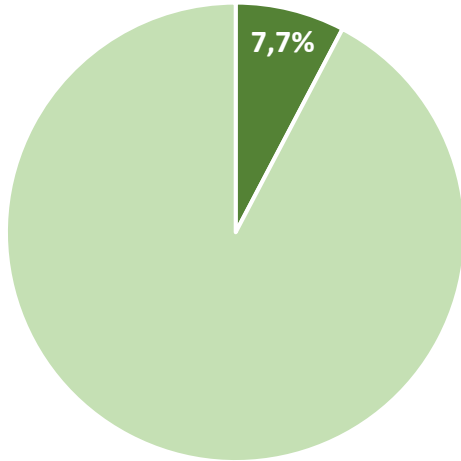


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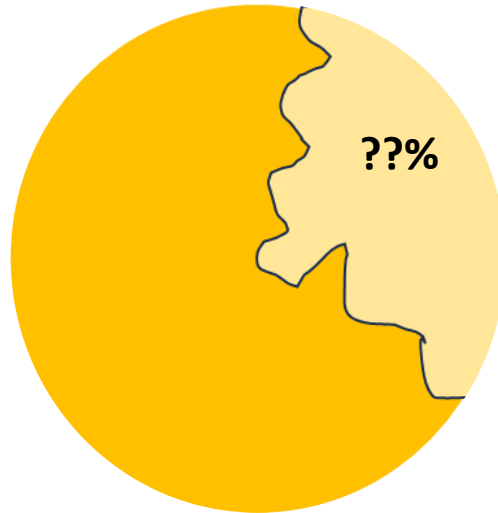
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Rural development in EU Funds today

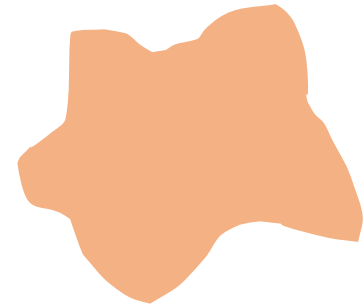
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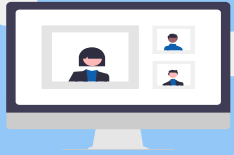


Cohesion Policy & JTF



National, regional etc.



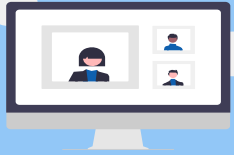


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Some questions

- Place of rural development & link with other policies
- Amount of funding
- Proportion of local development tools
- Scope for local decision-making

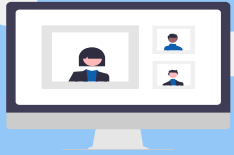


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Considerations

- Importance of rural areas to the whole EU society
- EU-level support different from national or regional level
- EU added value (including major progress in assessing LEADER/CLLD added value)
- Limited budget needs better coordination and synergy
- Diversity – no „one size fits all” solutions
- Importance of stakeholder involvement (OECD)



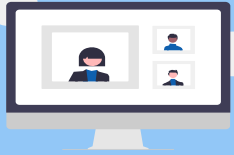
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Place of rural development & link with other policies

- Part of agricultural policy or cohesion policy?
- Governance (e.g. under which DG)?
- Dedicated fund/policy/strategy?
- ...



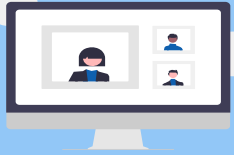
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Amount of funding

- Safeguarding sufficient funding in view of new priorities?
- Allocation based on needs or per capita?
- Mandatory minimum or up to MS?
- Monitoring – where does the funding go?
- ...



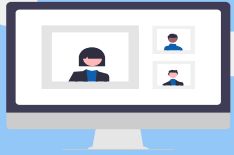
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Proportion of local development tools

- Ringfencing or up to MS?
- One or more tools?
- Incentives for uptake?
- ...



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Scope for local decision-making

- Safeguarding local autonomy
- Avoiding „gold-plating”
- Capacity building at local and MA levels
- ...