

CLLD post-2020

According to the proposals of the European Commission, Community-Led Local Development (CLLD) will **continue to be supported** by EU funds in the period 2021-2027. Local strategies will be able to get funding from **four funds**: the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF), the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the European Social Fund (ESF). Only in the EAFRD the allocation of a certain percentage of budget to CLLD (which in this fund is known as LEADER) will be mandatory.

Proposals concerning CLLD have been described in the [draft Common Provisions Regulation](#) (CPR). Local strategies can be funded from **one or more EU funds**, and should contribute to “a Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives”.

In comparison with CLLD in the current (2014-2020) period, the following differences stand out:

- the EU level legislation is **less detailed**, leaving more freedom to the Member States and local actors;
- in case of multi-funded strategies, stronger **coordination mechanisms** are envisaged between funds, including **common selection** of local action groups (LAGs), **joint monitoring committees**, and the possibility of a **Lead Fund** which would not only (as in the current period) cover the preparatory, running and animation costs, but also provide a common set of implementation **rules**;
- MAs must complete the first round of selection of strategies and ensure the LAGs selected can fulfil their tasks within **12 months** of programme approval;
- the **role of the LAG** in project selection has been made clearer, so as to avoid duplication of their tasks by the managing authorities;
- the EAFRD is not covered by the CPR, but the articles concerning CLLD **also apply to LEADER** through cross-references in the regulations.

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