

# Community Led Local Development across European Regional, Rural and Maritime Policies post 2013

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# COSLA work on sustainable local development

- National association of the 32 Scottish Councils
- Negotiating with Scottish Government Partnership Agreement 2014-2020
- 4 reps. Scottish PMC
- Single Outcome Agreements
- Community Planning Partnerships
- Sub-regional targeting indicators.



## CEMR

- Europe's local government representative body since 1951
- 50 member National Associations of Local Authorities from 37 countries
- Key interlocutor European Commission, EP, CoR
- *COSLA chair CEMR Cohesion Task Force*



## CoR

- EU official assembly of regional and local elected representatives
- Advisory role in EU legislation
- Strong support EU Cohesion funding
- *COSLA nominates 4 Members*

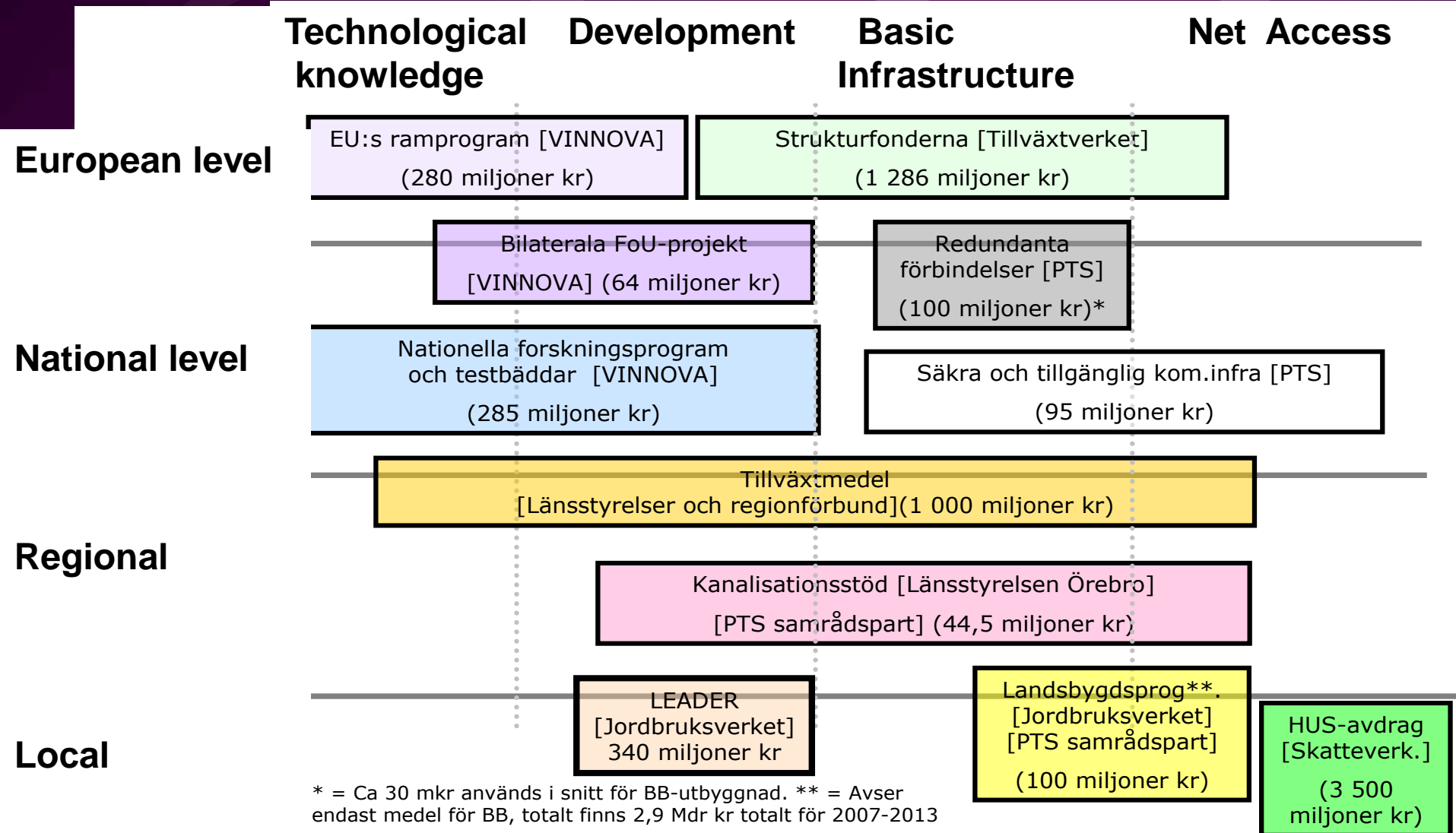


# EU support for Local Development

- Local Development new concept
- LEADER, URBAN initiatives mainstreamed in 2007
- Many sources ERDF, ESF, EAFRD, EFF ...IEE,
- Many Instruments – sub-regional zoning, Local Partnerships , LEADER LAGs, EFF FLAGs,
- 2007-2013 Monofund Approach
- 2007 EU Rules provide only general demarcation among funds



# Integrated Local Development vertical and horizontal fragmentation



# Policy Development of Local Development concept

- URBAN evaluation show mainstream did not work
- LEADER axis, EFF good reputation
- Lack of holistic local development concept in CP
- Kiruna Paper launches idea LD Approaches
- Local Development Labs report March 2011 – COSLA/CEMR input
- 5<sup>th</sup> Cohesion Report endorses Local Development concept
- DG EMPL, DG REGIO studies, EU Court Justice report
- Community Led Local Development Proposal in Common Provisions Regulation
- CoR Scottish Rapporteur CLLD Graham Garvie – voted 26 Sept

# Definition

- Endogenous development
- Community led
- Area-based
- Integrated approach with Rural, Fisheries
- Bottom-up
- Commission proposal to foster *active inclusion, fostering social innovation, developing innovation strategies or designing schemes for regeneration of deprived areas.*
- 10% co-financing premium
- Only part of EU Regulation and of CSF that structurally binds the 4 funds together.



# Advantages

- **More visibility of EU interventions**
- **Closer to the demands on the ground**
- **Easier translation of Europe2020 priorities**
- **Avoid CP policy to be “blind” to sub-regional differences**
- **Enhances & Develops Local Capacity Building**
- **Allows for better integration of local Policies**
- **Promotes new forms of governance – fills domestic gap**





# Challenges

- **CLLD development an option among others: Urban Agenda, ITI, macro-regions, etc – no clear demarcation.**
- **CLLD excessive focus in capacity-building and CSF Social Inclusion thematic objective**
- **Possible lack of strategic vision (short term aims, local silos, varying degrees of performance)**
- **Not enough critical mass to provide (or demonstrate) results**
- **Insufficient ownership by regional and national Managing Authorities (only 1 sub delegation in the current period!)**

# Ongoing negotiations

- . Limited appetite across national ministries in most MS for real integration of EU funds
- . Key Commission DGs agreed Common Strategic Framework – CLLD guidance to be tabled
- . BUT many implementing, audit differences remain
- . Each DG/EU Policy/Ministry its own *Policy Community*
- . Rent seeking/elite capture vs. Integrated outcomes
- . Political traction – Garvie CoR opinion
- . EP, Council latest negotiations blur differences between CLLD and ITI - but CLLD centered Rural Dev.

# Questions

- **Can CLLD provide more added value to EU funds vis-à-vis existing national delivery and priorities?**
- **Can eligibility at sub-regional level be consensually achieved?**
- **Can LD establish itself as holistic over urban, rural, rurban, functional, and macro concepts**
- **Can, for instance, Scottish CPPs, LEADER, SOAs be adapted to new EU Local Development vision?**



# Thank you.

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