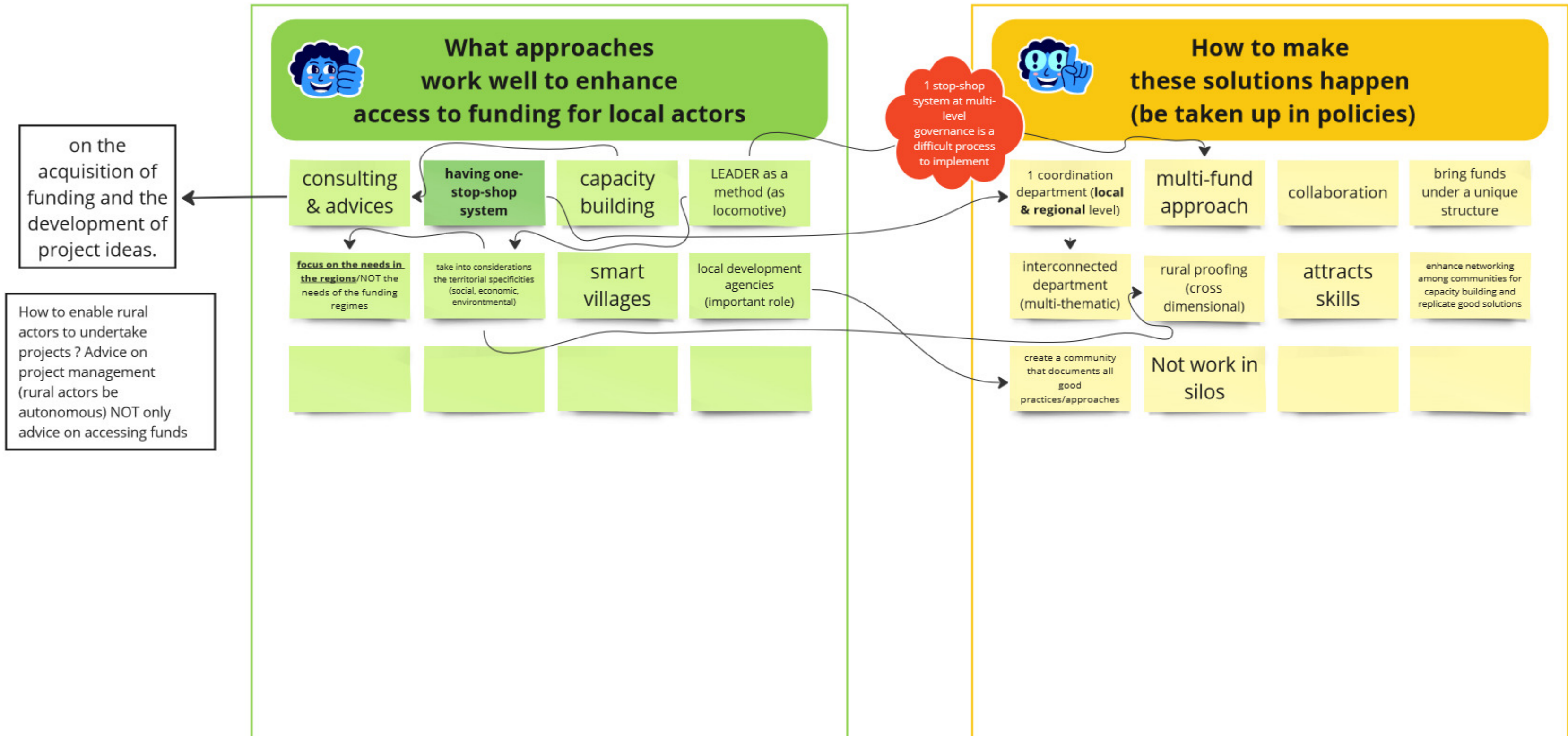




Group 1

Enhancing local capacities





Group 2

Simplifying rules



What approaches work well to enhance access to funding for local actors

Simplified cost option

Controls, checklist applied every year. control of the business plan

umbrella projects

difficulties with auditors

Lump sums and flat rates in cooperation projects

Running costs with flat rates in LEADER (40%)

reasonableness assessment of costs

Flat rates - Good experience in Finland - not in every project

Proportionality

Lump sums
There cannot be changes in the project (risky)

New delivery (performance based model), simplified delivery?

MS has pointed to SCO in the CAP SP - CAP Network promoted it



How to make these solutions happen (be taken up in policies)

Capacities at MA (reduce the perception of Risk)

Auditors

MA need to be convinced.

Capacity building at local level

rural proofing - to be used for simplifying rules

External studies about the SCO - not the projects (check calculations are ok)

Risk base controls. In the EMMF controls are based on risk. Different with CAP.

Proportionality - Auditing could not cost than investments

not the same rules of small or large projects for auditing



Group 3

Facilitating access to complementary funding (pre-financing and co-financing)



What approaches work well to enhance access to funding for local actors

Villages d'avenir programme: a person identifying/making the link engineering the existing funds!	Extremadura (ES) LAG: agreement with regional banks	Fishing animateur team helps fishermen with funding and management	NGO RO training for crowdfunding for the Third sector
Mix instrument in BG: loan and grant that allows to receive credit up to 10 years from the Ministry of Labour of Bulgaria, 25K - very low rate interest. Trust creation key to being an intermediary	Guarantee funds/public sector lenders	Working with charities/philanthropy to provide extra funding	LAG regional office facilitating access to funding/intermediary
Crowdsourcing platform called START-Cro to support local rural start-ups.	Tools to mitigate risk/build trusts/avoid exclusion	New understanding of risk	CSR private sector



How to make these solutions happen (be taken up in policies)

Villages d'avenir programme: the rural municipalities benefit from the project manager engineering the plan and mobilising all existing funds which fits the purpose of that rural area	Interministerial data platform to identify all available funds (FR)	Extremadura (ES) LAG: payment in advance for entrepreneurs. Grants are for 12 months and takes 1 month to be paid	Gathering data about intermediary to have trust to receive the loans
Fishing animateurs work with credit unions for smaller and challenged applicants to borrow money at reasonable interest rates. 8 weeks max. to be paid after claiming	Tools at the regional level, specific programmes that can be suitable for people from vulnerable groups which may be seen as a risk for banks	To create a network of intermediary actors and to do matchmaking	New models of funding flows which does not work in silos
Demonstrate community involvement in projects	Managing Authorities need to create instruments reducing risk	Facilitate rules for small-scale beneficiaries	Demonstrate the very low rate failure of return
Discuss with financial institutions at regional/national level	Advocate for policy change at the different level	Positive externalities, like green benefits	



Building recommendations together (1)



What approaches work well to enhance access to funding for local actors

LEADER approach	understand territorial needs	simplified rules	advice, training, consulting
role of intermediaries	focus on the needs of the regions not the funds	cooperation btw financial institutions & beneficiaries	understand the priority of the actors (tailored to the needs)
evidence based (data)	involve everyone (go out of the bubble)		



How to make these solutions happen (be taken up in policies)

capacity building	one stop shop (different levels of governance / multi thematic)	proportionality rule (+ simplified access)	rural proofing
invest on human resources in the regions & rely on intermediaries (make connections)	recognition of needs and adapt the system to the needs	build trust & story telling	enhanced peer to peer approach between PA
find new creative & collaborative methods: design thinking	be more open to risks (for small scaled innovative projects)	build dialogue (multi stakeholder & across levels) -> beneficiaries & financial authorities	make good practices list and replicate
engage with the community	be active and change our minds/ paradigm		