

Rural Potentials for Regional Development

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What is the contribution of local capacity to rural development?

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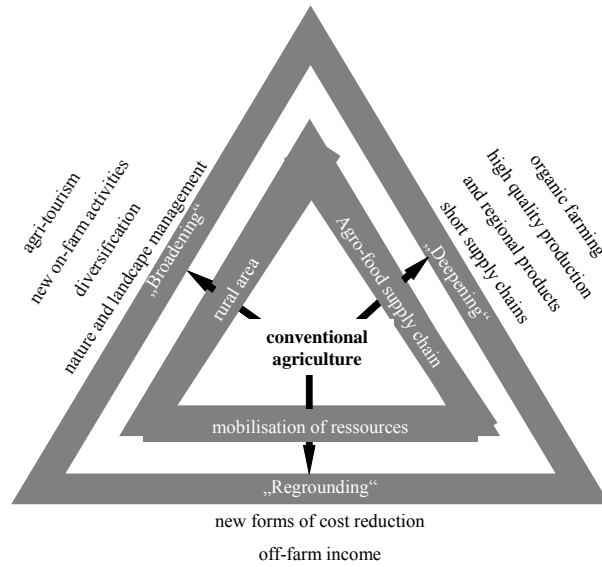


Local action in rural development

- Bottom-up approaches (since 1970s),
pilot action towards mainstreaming (Leader etc.,
community capacity building, cooperation – governance)
- Two aspects of local capacity building:
 - ▶ „diversification“ of farm households
 - ▶ general spatial relevance of rural action
(types of rural regions)
- Best-practice and success dimensions



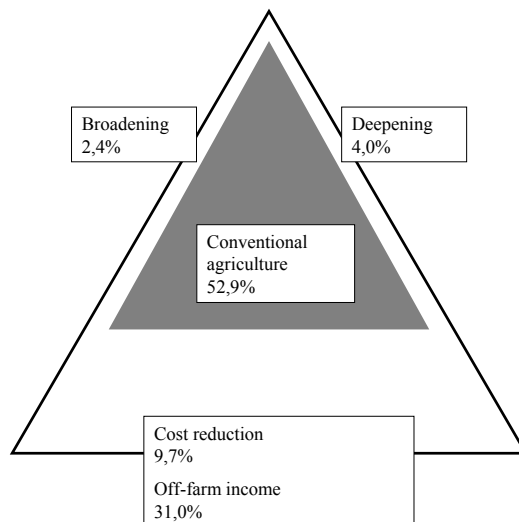
Structure of rural development at farm enterprise level



Quelle: van der Ploeg et al. 2002

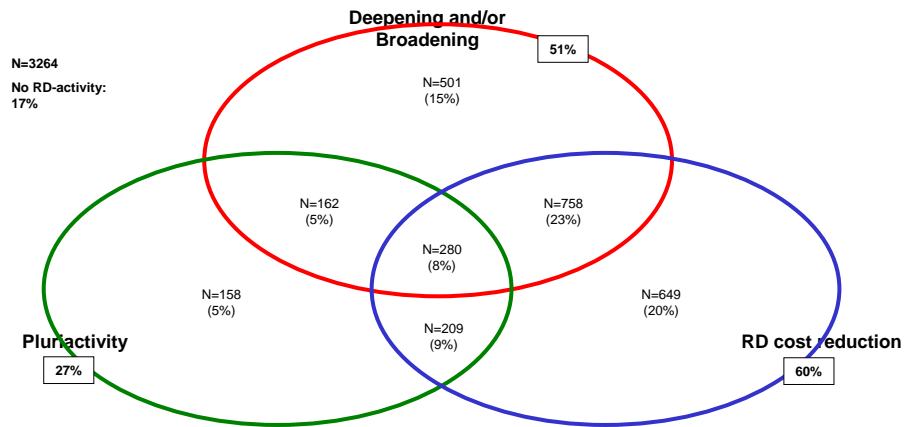
Farm household strategies

(as % of total household income)

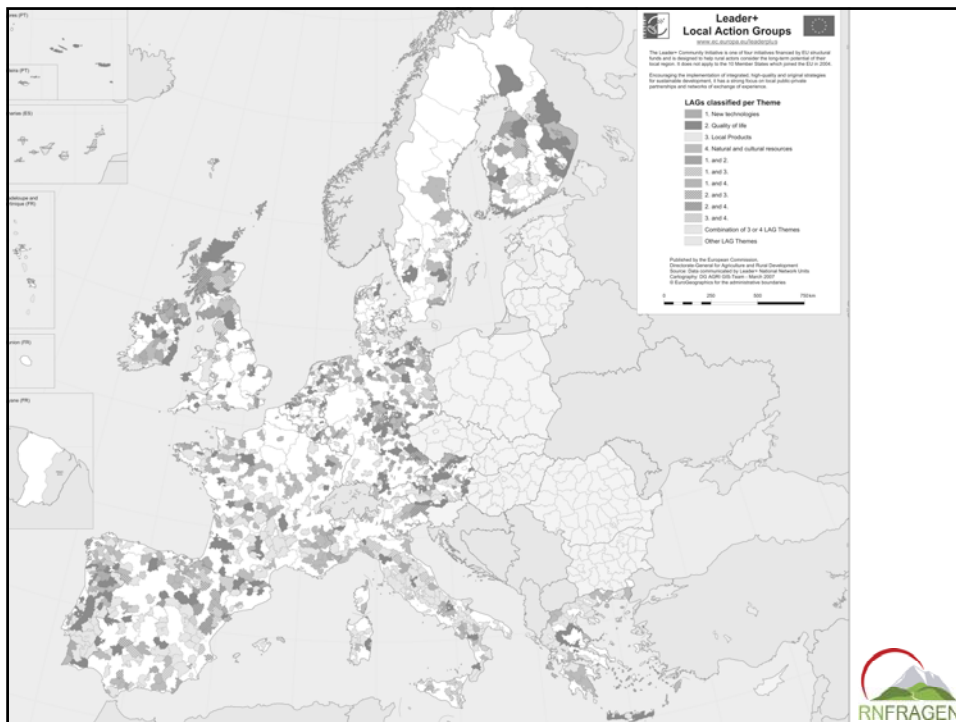


Source: Kinsella et al. 2006, p. 248

Combination of activities of farm households



Quelle: van der Ploeg et al. 2002



Success factors

- Acknowledge *diversity* as potential
- Network of local actors and interest groups
- Extend people/groups involved in *participation*
- Cooperative action
- To realise *changes* as input to regional development
- Regional development agencies – to promote regional development processes
- *Institutional* changes/development
- Professionalising local action
- Develop and review local strategies
- Install *evaluation processes* (including self-evaluation schemes)