Working Groups Round 3: Integrating cooperation in your strategy
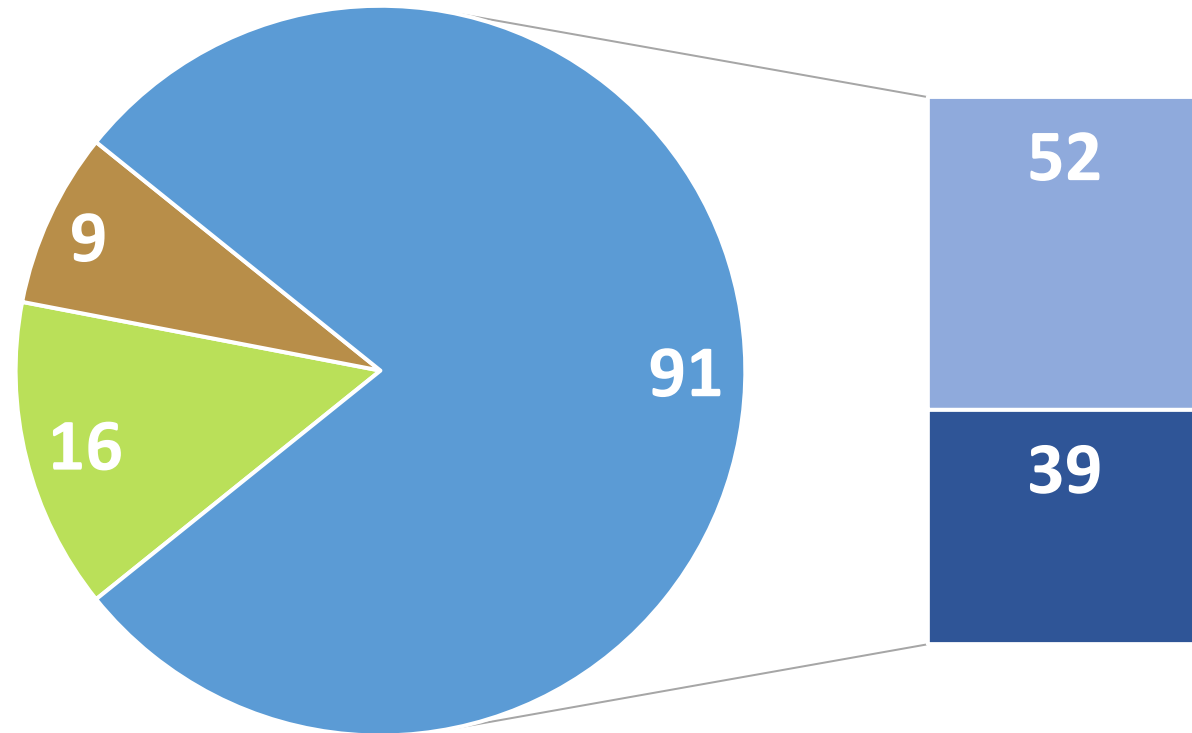
FARNET Online Seminar:

Better Local Strategies around the Baltic Sea and in Inland Areas

24-26 March 2021

From participants' responses at registration

- No cooperation activities
- Only informal cooperation
- Cooperation within the country
- Cooperation with other countries

New possibilities from 2021-2027

- The process of selection and approval of cooperation projects will be the same as for other projects (no centralised calls by MAs)

- Might enable better integration of cooperation into LDS

- Potentially less risk of mis-match in timing of cooperation calls

Remember:

- MAs **shall ensure** support is available for cooperation projects and preparatory activities! (draft CPR Art. 28)

Reasons to cooperate

Taking advantage of **similarities**

- The Baltic Seals and Cormorants project

- Cooperation between Lithuanian FLAGs on fish festivals

Taking advantage of **complementarities**

- The Northern Fisheries Trail in Poland

- Cooperation on inland fishing methods between Finland and Poland
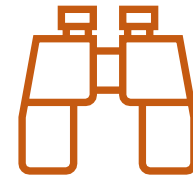
Obtaining a **critical mass**

- Joint promotion of inland fisheries products in Slovenia

Levels of cooperation

➤ Inter-territorial (with other FLAGs from the same country)

➤ Trans-national (with FLAGs from another EU Member State)

➤ With other CLLD structures (e.g. LEADER LAGs)
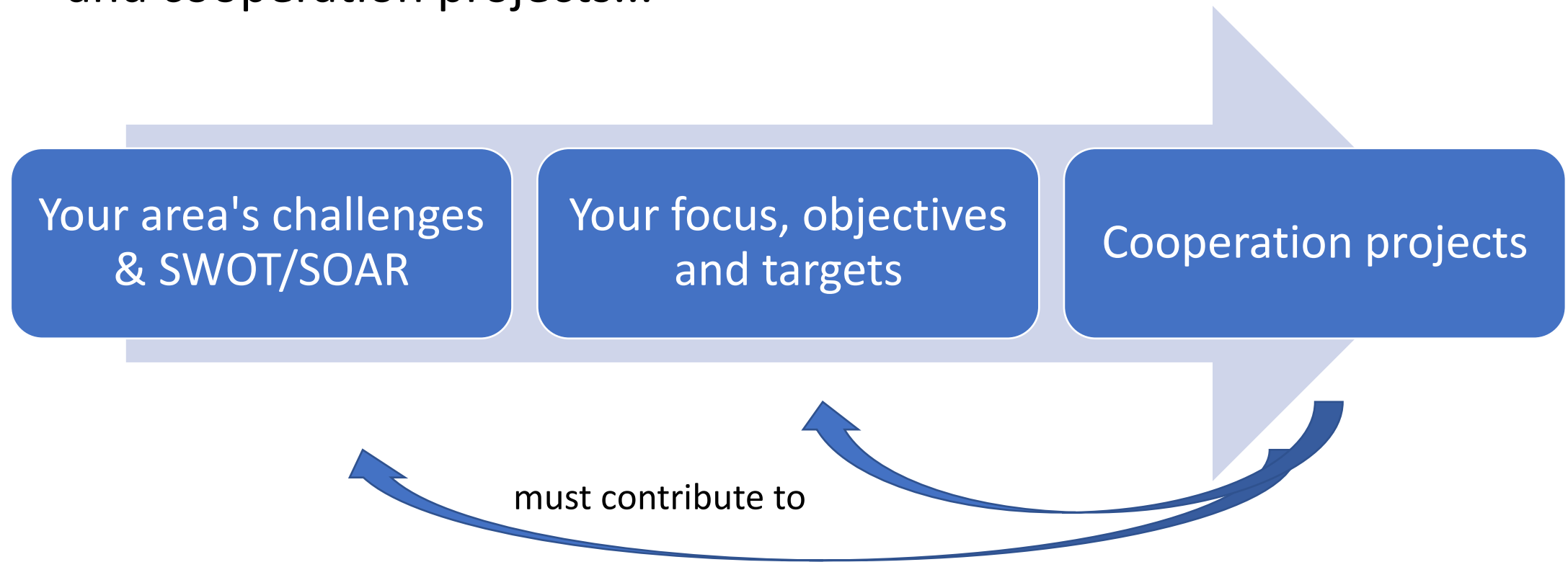
➤ With areas outside the EU

Types of cooperation

➢ Study visits (very useful for learning or to start cooperation)

➢ Mentoring

➢ Placements and traineeships

➢ Twinning

➢ Joint events, e.g. workshops, conferences

➢ Joint learning/studies

➢ Joint promotion

➢ Product development

➢ ...

In Working Groups Session 3

- We will reflect on links between our SWOT/SOAR, objectives, targets – and cooperation projects…

| Your area's challenges & SWOT/SOAR | Your focus, objectives and targets | Cooperation projects |

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In Working Groups Session 3

- We will envisage the **best cooperation project** for our area/strategy
  - ✓ level of cooperation
  - ✓ type of cooperation
  - ✓ where to look for partners...

- You'll continue working on cooperation tomorrow

- ...and will be able to get practical advice on cooperation projects from experts ("Cooperation Clinics")

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