

Stakeholdersurvey on LTVRA, funding in rural areas and implementation of CLLD

Compilation of results

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Frames

- 10th October – 11th of November
- Targetgroup: representatives of the ELARD-members
- 24 countries answered, 3 neighbouring
- 21 countries EU for the results in the slides on LTVRA and CLLD
- Missing data: Czech Republic, France, Kosovo, Luxembourg, Serbia



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Questions on the LTVRA

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Background to the questions

- Are there any good examples on how the LTVRA has been taken up on in different member states?
 - Did your government take an active role in giving input to the LTVRA?
 - Did your government communicate the process of developing the LTVRA?
 - Did your government communicate the finalized LTVRA to different rural stakeholders or to their institutions?
 - Is your government now taking responsibility to realize the LTVRA in your member state?



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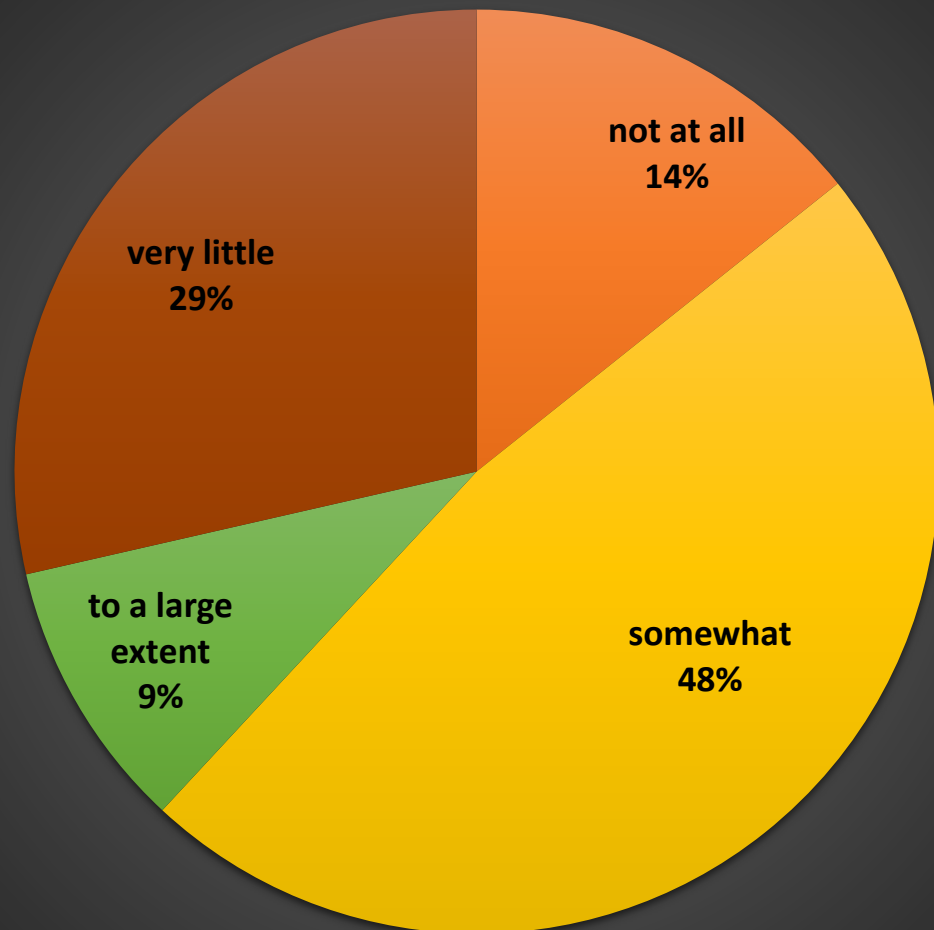


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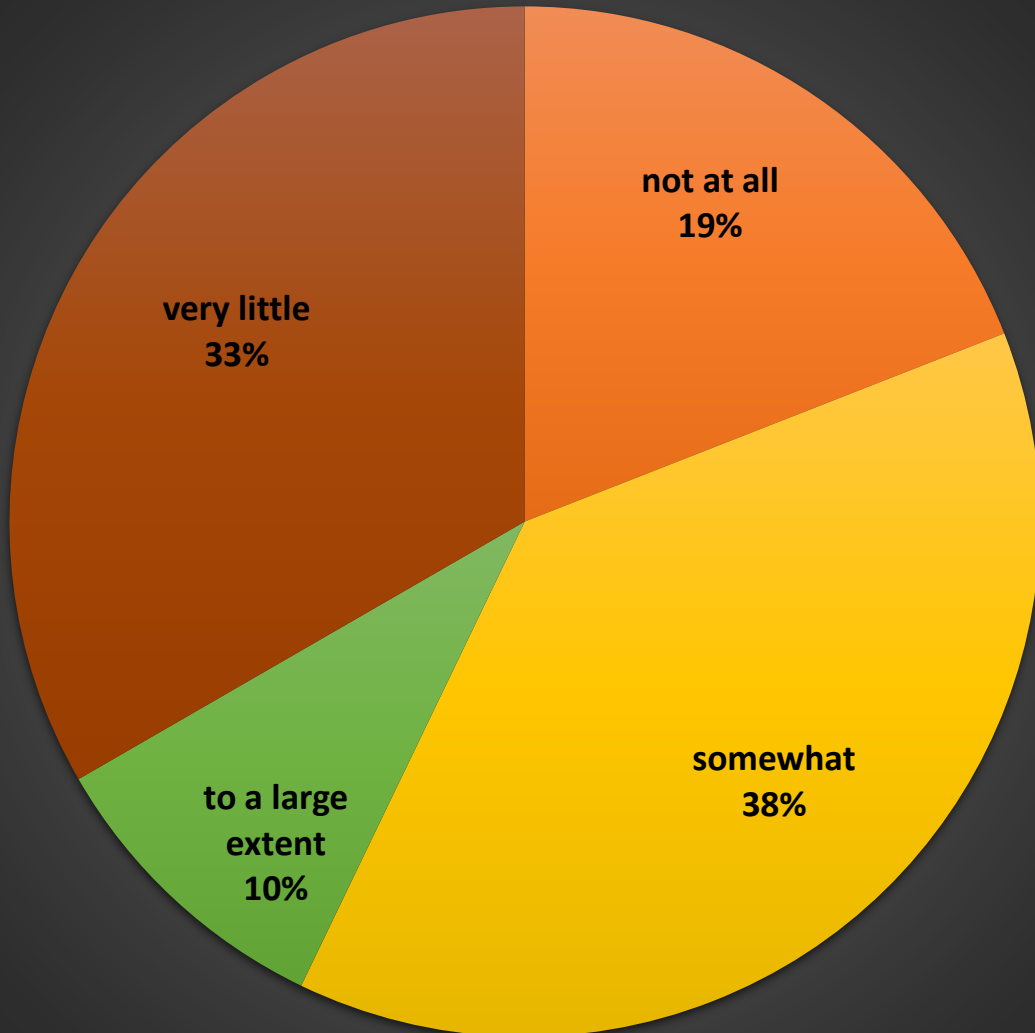
Did your government take an active role in giving input to the LTVRA?



Austria, Greece – to a large extent
(No answer "to a very large extent")

- **AU:** Informing and encouraging stakeholders, LAGs and the general public to take part in the public consultation on the long-term rural vision
- **AU:** Hosting a fringe workshop during the rural vision week (cooperation between ministry & NRN)
- **AU:** Hosting a webinar for LAGs on explaining the EC toolbox and how to use it (method) – implemented by NRN
- **G:** Participating in a thematic working group on European level – participation by representative of the NRN

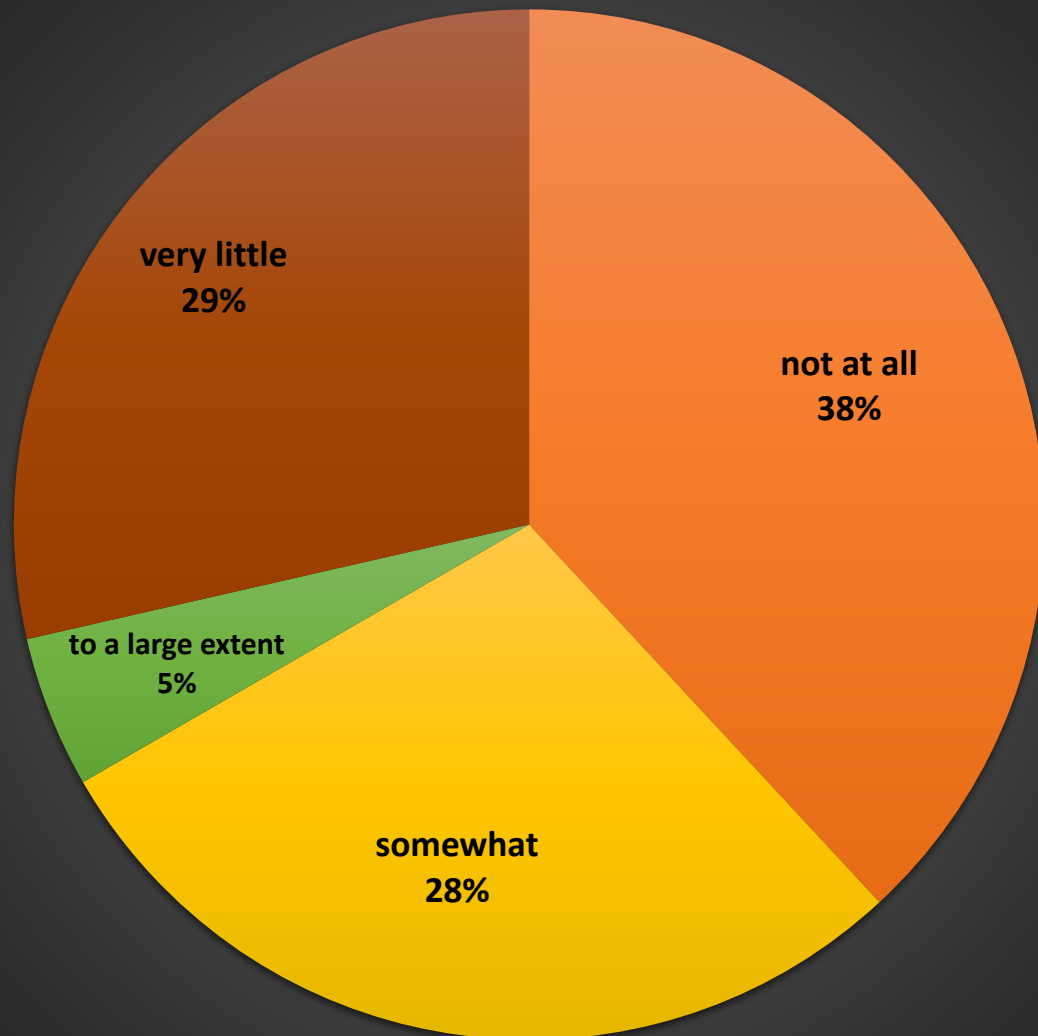
Did your government communicate the process of developing the LTVRA?



**Austria, Finland – to a large extent
(No answer "to a very large extent")**

- **AU: Communicated to members of national Monitoring Committee and to the public. Especially on the public consultation via internet, direct mailings, social media, newsletter**
- **AU: Involved NRN in communicating the LTVRA to stakeholders via website, newsletter, magazine, especially encouraging LAGs to actively participate**
- **F: There were workgroups enabling active participation and feedback was asked from stakeholders**

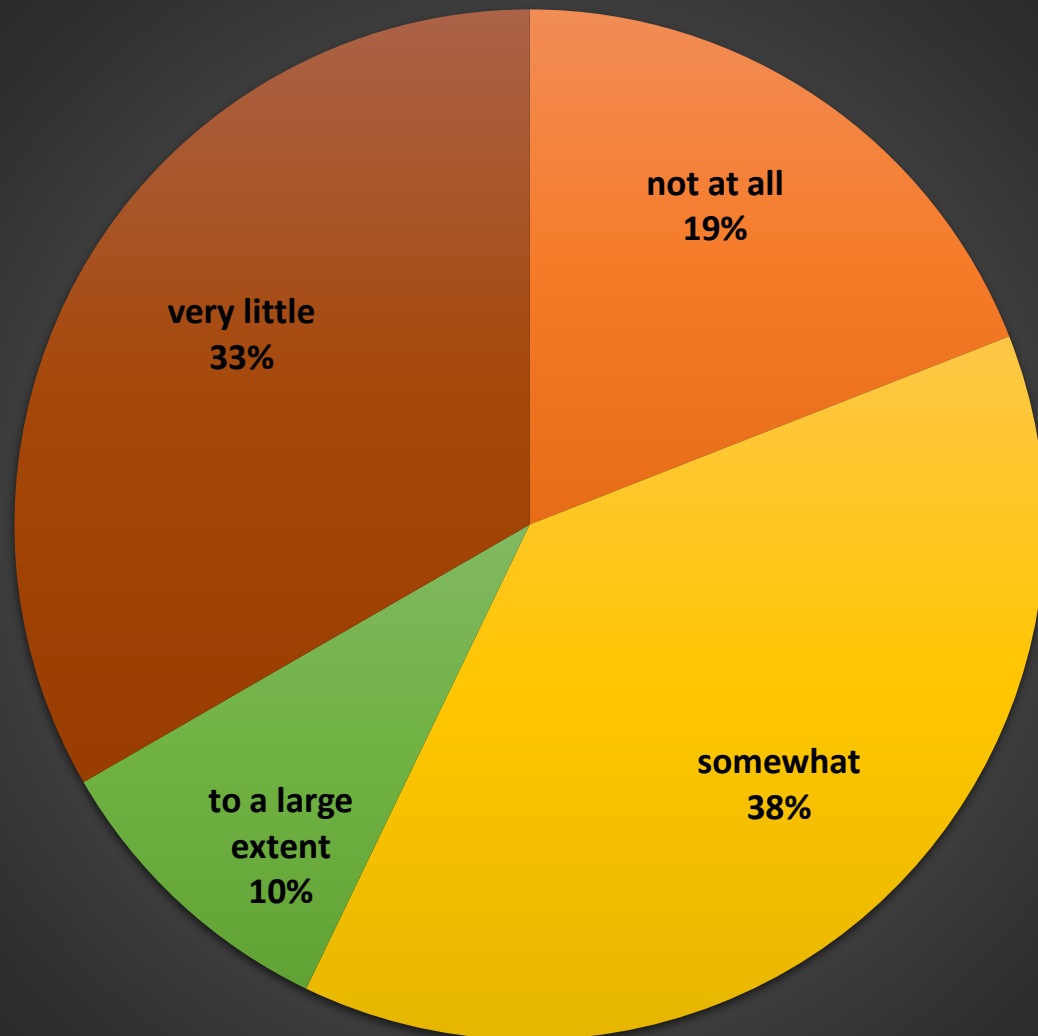
Did your government communicate the finalized LTVRA to different rural stakeholders or to their institutions?



Italy – to a large extent
(No answer "to a very large extent")

- **Communication activities was coordinated by the relevant ministry. Regions participated in the negotiations and information activities.**

Is your government now taking responsibility to realize the LTVRA in your member state?



Austria, Italy – to a large extent (No answer "to a very large extent")

- AU: Special processes have been set up at national level in order to discuss relevant topics, which are also addressed by the LTVRA (such as rural digitization, urban-rural relationships or regions with declining population). The findings from these processes are taken into account in the programming of the national CAP strategic plan (CSP), where appropriate.
- AU: there is an awareness that not only the CAP Policy need to contribute, other areas include EU cohesion policy and other national policies, e.g. focusing on topics such as education, infrastructure and social affairs.
- AU: The ministry has recently launched an initiative (www.meine-regionen.at) in order to best support the sustainable development of regions in Austria. The aim is to highlight innovative ideas and concepts, to connect people and projects and to ensure overall equal living conditions and opportunities.
- the current rural development programme 2014–2020(22) already offers a wide range of funding opportunities for rural regions, addressing their challenges and problems directly. Many of the measures that proved to be successful in the past (e.g. LEADER) will also be pursued in the future via the CSP (based on a needs assessment)
- IT: Engagement of all the interested parties in the development process, by starting public consultations, surveys and workshops

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Background to the questions

- Are there generally good examples on how funding concretely are reaching rural areas? How is the takeup on concrete possibilities to reach rural areas with different funding?
 - Are the recoveryfund, JTF and ESI-funds being used in rural areas?
 - Is it being implemented through CLLD?
 - Are LAGS starting up the new programming period on time?



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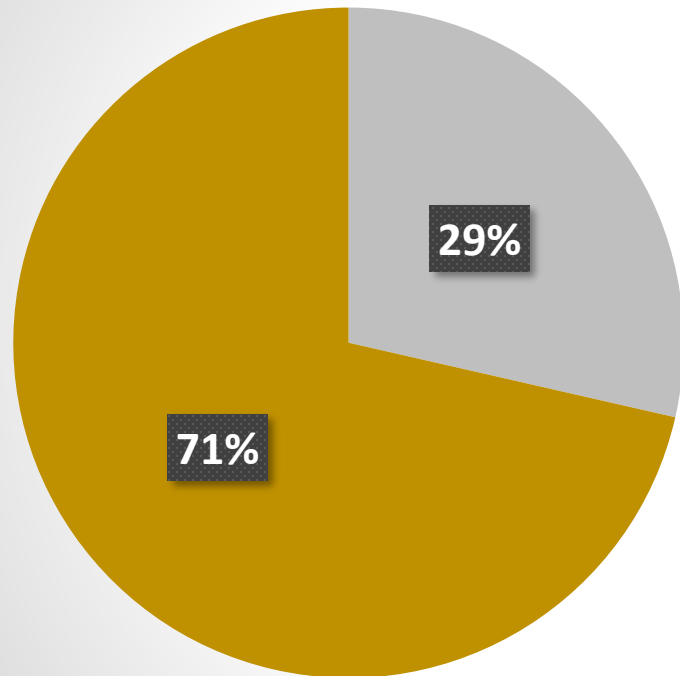


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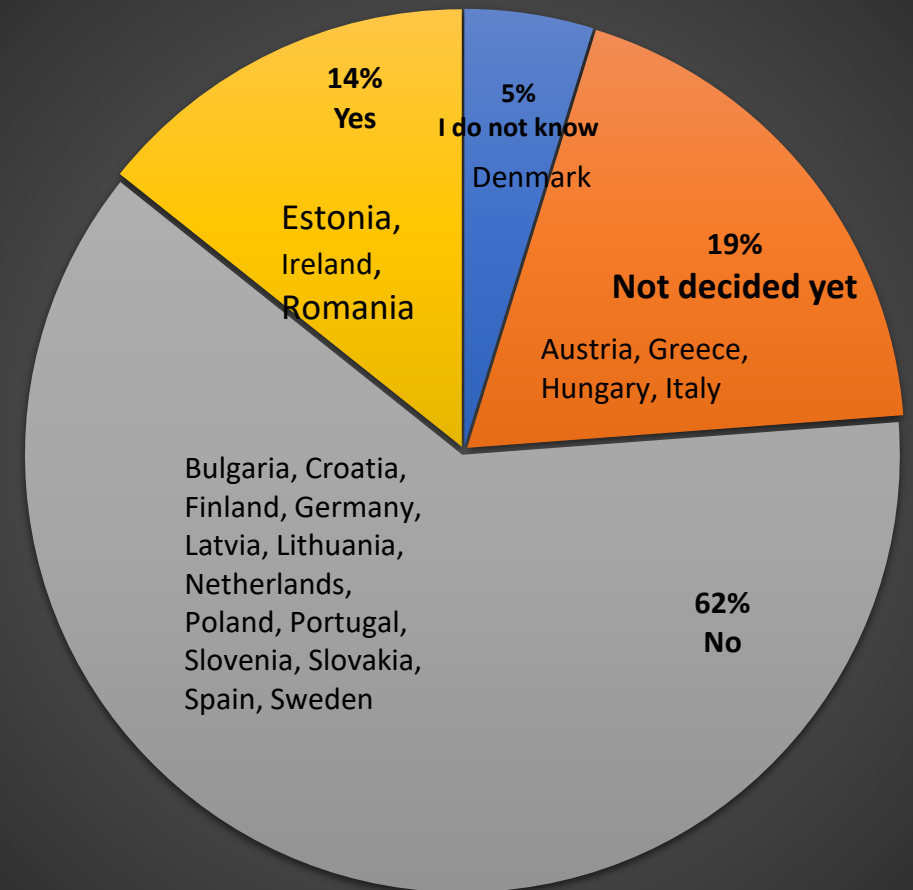
Did your government put efforts in putting the recovery funds to the rural areas?
(Rural per definition in your country)



No:
Denmark,
Hungary
Netherlands
Poland
Slovakia
Sweden

■ No ■ Yes

Did your government choose to distribute recovery funds via CLLD?



Bulgaria, Croatia,
Finland, Germany,
Latvia, Lithuania,
Netherlands,
Poland, Portugal,
Slovenia, Slovakia,
Spain, Sweden

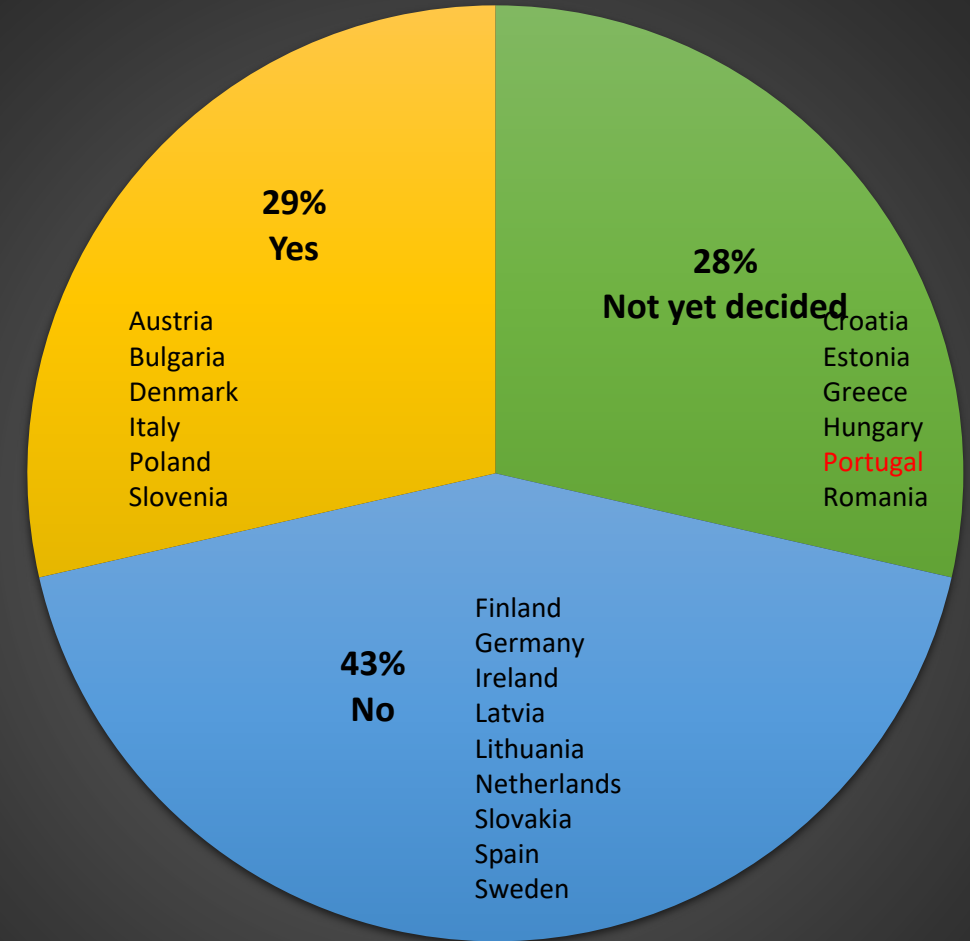
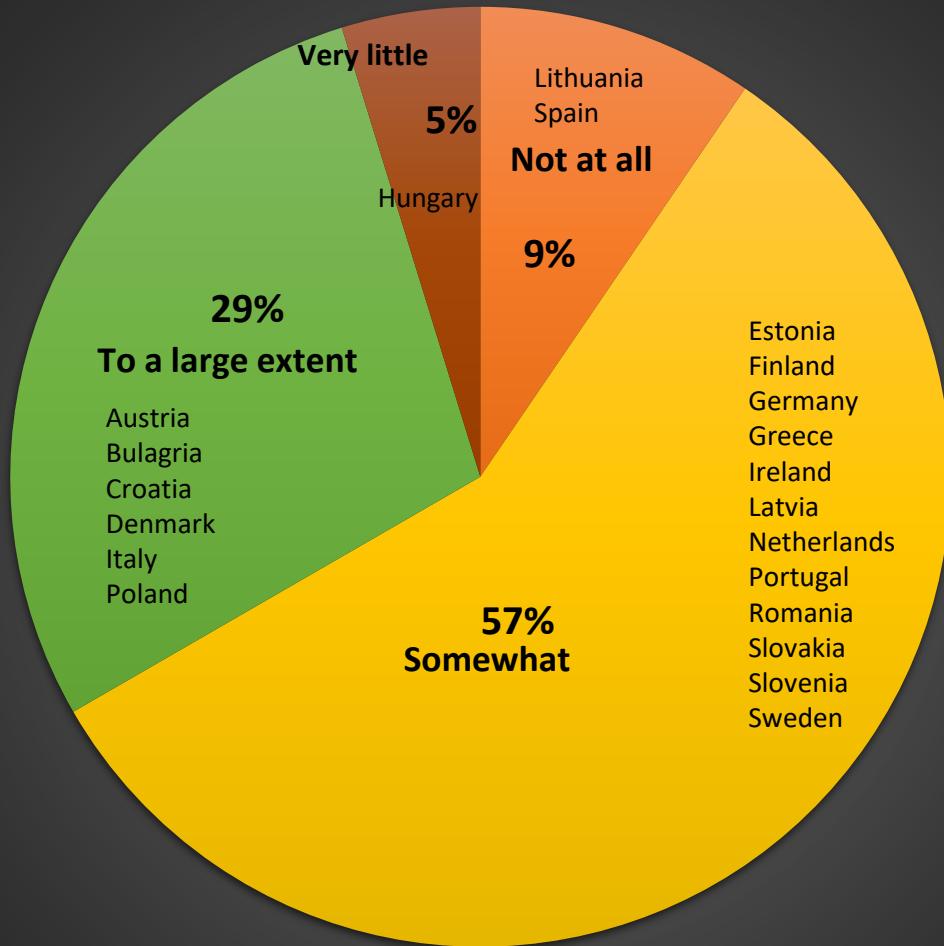
Estonia,
Ireland,
Romania

I do not know
Denmark

Austria, Greece,
Hungary, Italy

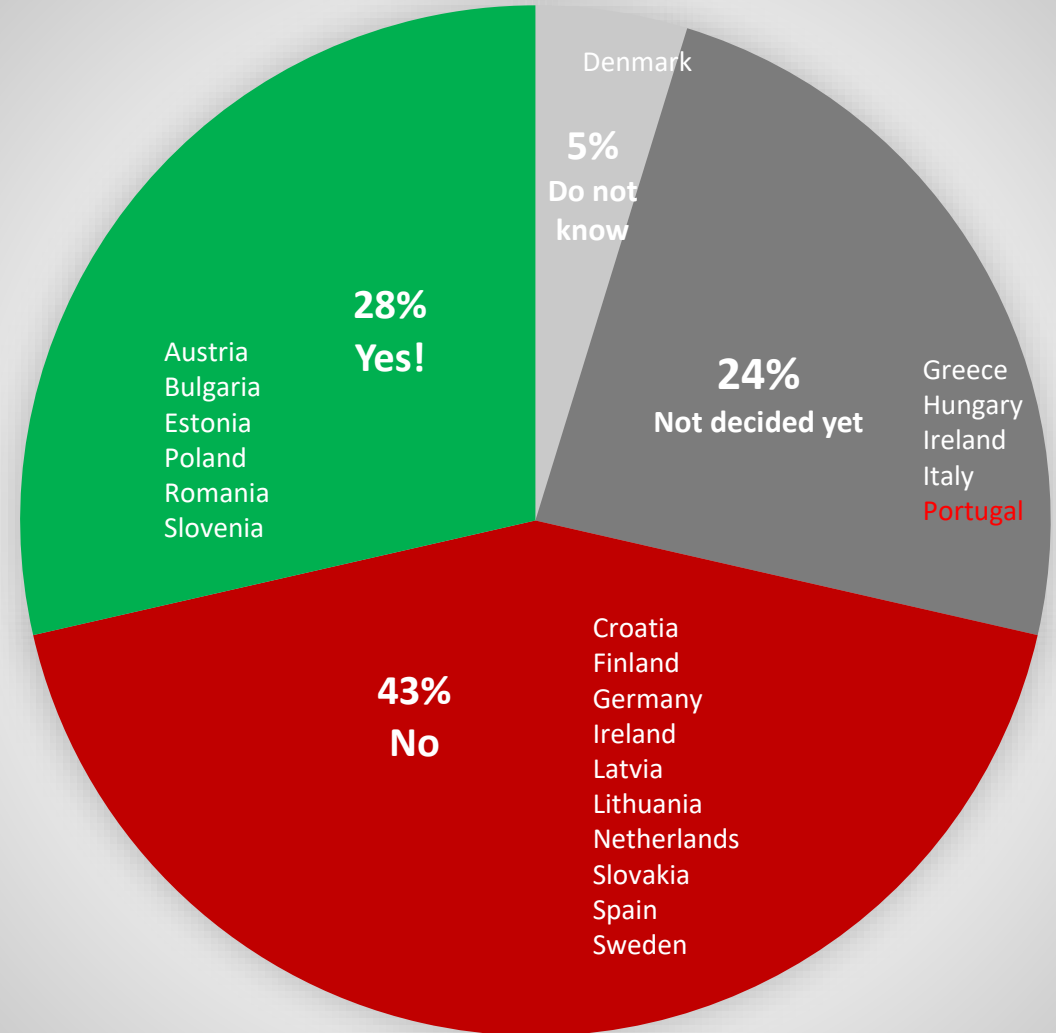
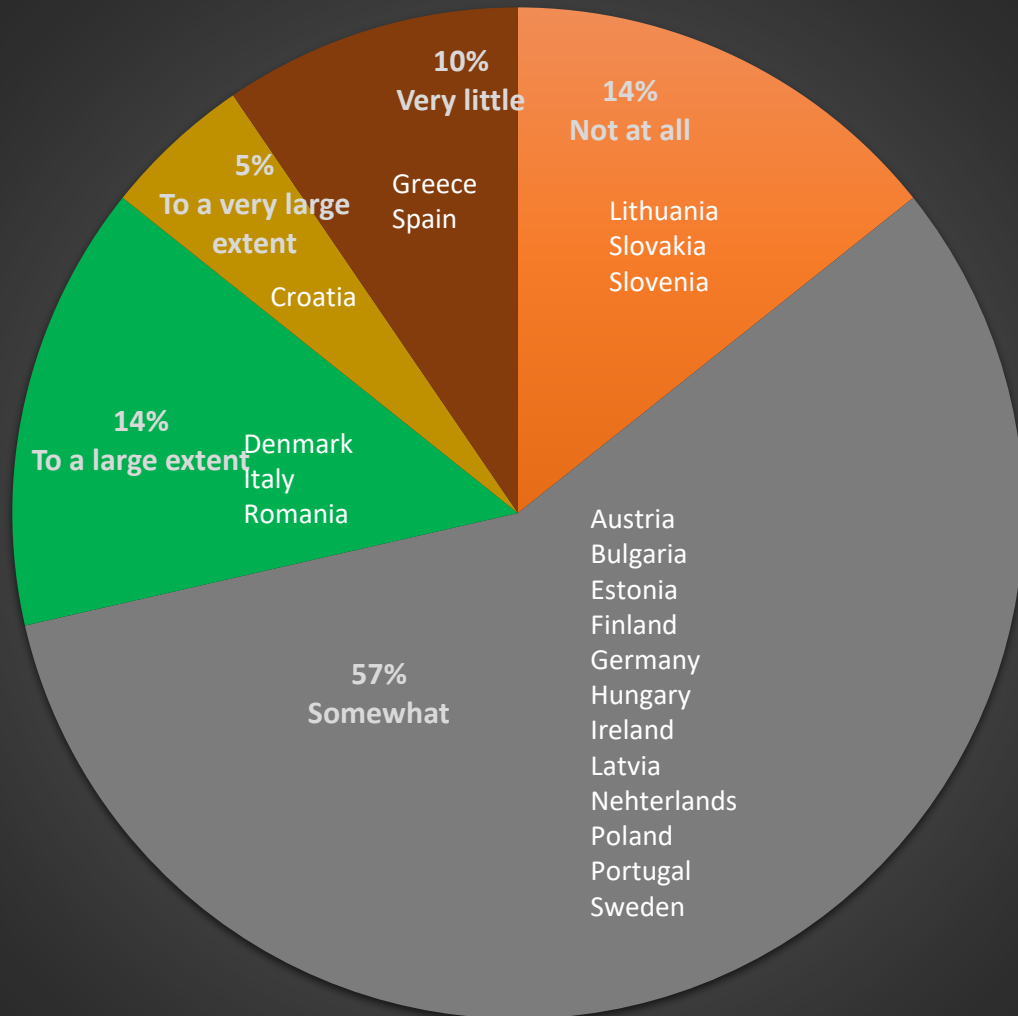
Is ERDF (Regional Fund) being distributed in rural areas?
(Rural per definition in your country)

Is ERDF (Regional Fund) being distributed via CLLD 2023-27?



Is ESF (Social Fund) being distributed in rural areas? (Rural per definition in your country)

Is ESF (Social Fund) being distributed via CLLD 2023-27?



EMFF and CLLD

Yes – which amount?

- **Bulgaria: 23% of EMFF**
- **Croatia: About 11,5%**
- **Germany: 11,8%**
- **Latvia 22,1%**
- **Romania: approximately 7 %**
- **Denmark, Estonia, Greece, Ireland, Portugal, Spain – amount not clear yet**

No – but why not?

- **Austria: smallest EMFF budget in EU**
- **Finland: FLAGs will exist like before**
- **Slovenia: Fishermen insisted on separation from CLLD**
- **Lithuania: administrative reasons**
- **Poland: Political decision**
- **Netherlands, Slovakia: do not know**
- **Sweden: reason might be the heavily reduced EMFF budget but we do not know for sure**

Just Transition Fund

In rural areas

- **To a very large extent: None**
- **To a large extent: Slovakia and Spain**
- **Somewhat: Austria, Bulgaria, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia**
- **Very little: Croatia, Italy, Latvia**
- **Not at all: Greece, Sweden**

Via CLLD

- **Only in Lithuania, Slovakia, Spain**

Local Development Strategies

Have you submitted first drafts?

- **Yes: Finland, Sweden**

(Czech Republic did not parttake in the survey, but they did submit their first drafts, maybe as first)

When will you start?

- **1-3 Months: Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Poland**
- **4-6 months: Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Lithuania, Romania**
- **7-9 Months: Bulgaria**
- **10-12 months: Ireland, Latvia, Slovenia**
- **Later: Greece, Hungary, Italy**
- **I do not know: Portugal, Slovakia, Spain**

General conclusions

LTVRA

- Austria has been doing very well
- Generally, national and regional governments did not take active part in communicating the process of the LTVRA, in giving input to it or communicating the results.
- Generally, governments have not yet taken responsibility to realize the LTVRA in their respective member states
- Seems there is no ownership on national government level of this

We need to work together in order to get the member states on board!



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Concrete funding to rural areas

- Austria is an example to copy!
- 57% countries end in "somewhat" distributing ERDF and ESF in rural areas – good enough?
- Good practice countries in supporting ERDF distribution in rural areas also support CLLD more strongly in ERDF. No such pattern in ESF.
- Take-up on new funding ideas generally low – Reasons not to use ERDF and ESF: No interest, lack of communication, lack of knowledge, too heavy administration (for the ministries), no willingness to give up power, no political will
- 57% countries distribute EMFF to a large or a very large extent in rural areas
- High percentage of the EMFF goes to CLLD/for FLAGs, or none
- The start of developing the Local Development Strategies is already too late for a participatory, bottom-up approach in most member states



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