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Instruments to support sustainable bioeconomy in rural areas

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Bioeconomy as a pathway of rural development

Sustainable and inclusive bioeconomy value chains can promote rural employment and economic growth, while preserving eco-systems

Rural opportunities

- Environmentally sustainable production practises, jobs in new business models and services, farm diversification for income and resilience, new value chain connections, savings through resource efficiency, value addition to wastes and byproducts, revitalizing local economies....

CAP Rural Development priorities 2014 – 20:

P1: Knowledge transfer and information

P4: Restoring, Preserving and Enhancing Ecosystems

P5: Resource-efficient, Climate-resilient Economy

P6: Social Inclusion and Economic Development

P2: Farm Viability and Competitiveness

P3: Food Chain Organisation and Risk Management

Identifying the opportunity

Challenges

- Will the opportunities for rural areas be seized, and by whom?
- Awareness needed at all levels – bioeconomy is a new concept
- Policies and regulations: need to reach across sectors – food, waste, energy, research, rural development, forest, marine, etc
- Top-down approaches will not work – local vision needs to feed in strategies

Bioeconomy is not (yet) understood to be a relevant concept for rural development, and vice versa

Instruments for rural areas are available

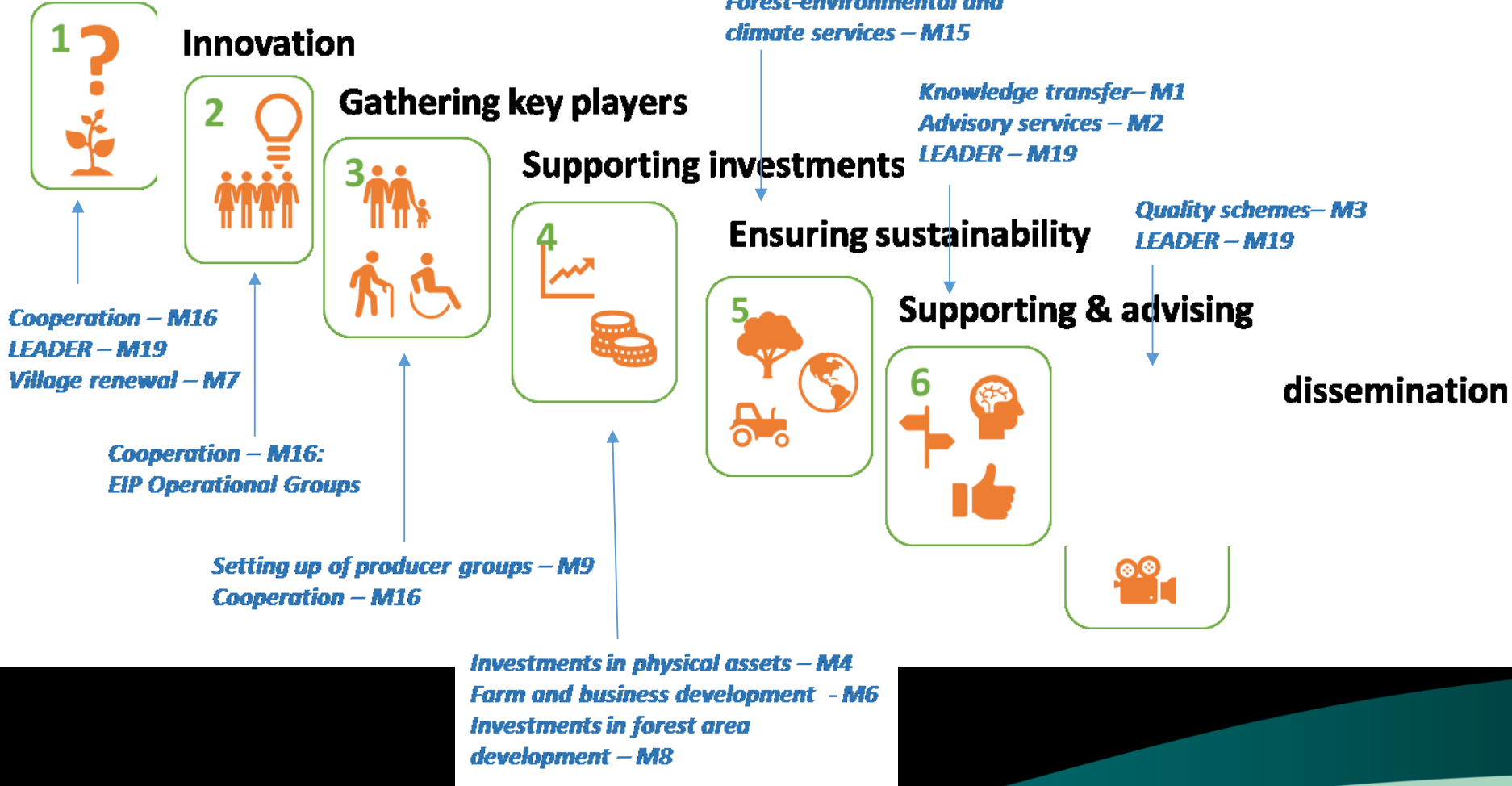
Rural Development Programmes (CAP/EAFRD)

- Identifying opportunities → *Cooperation, LEADER, Village renewal*
- Research and innovation → *Cooperation, EIP-Agri Operational Groups*
- Knowledge transfer – distributing innovation to rural actors, new skills
→ *Knowledge transfer, Advisory services, LEADER*
- Financing → *Investments, Farm and business development*
- Intra-chain and multi-sector collaboration → *Producer groups, Cooperation*
- Market pull – awareness → *Quality schemes, Organic production*

RDPs offer possibilities for comprehensive support to rural bioeconomy

Matching measures to needs

ID opportunities



Synergy with other instruments

- Scaling up good practices, results from LIFE, H2020 projects
- RDP not always applicable, or not enough
- Other ESIFs: European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund, European Maritime and Fisheries Fund
- Complementary use of national funds – in particular for energy
- Again, need to reach across sectors to support the bioeconomy!

Complementary use of funding instruments would give more effective results, if national administrations can streamline their use

Programming future support for rural bioeconomy

The time to think about the future is now

- National CAP Strategic Plans for post – 2020
- National and regional bioeconomy strategies
- ENRD Thematic Group on Bioeconomy: identifying and sharing recommendations and good practises – join us!

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1. Bioeconomy creates opportunities for rural actors and to rural areas
2. Rural Development Programmes offer tools to support rural bioeconomy
3. These tools will also be available post 2020 and can be programmed in the CAP Strategic Plans

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