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**PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP
A DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT**



Project Area

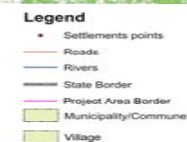
The project area consists of the following administrative units:

Albania, Shkodra Qark: The Communes of Kelmendi, Shkrel, Shale, Pult, Shosh,
Kukes Qark: Margegaj, Tropoja e Vjeter, Bujan, Lekbibaj;

Montenegro: The Municipalities of: Andrijevica, Rozaje and Plav, and 3 villages in Podgorica Municipality (Gornje Stravče, Orahovo, Gornji Zatrijebač).



Prokletije/Bjeshket e Namuna project area



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The Project Aim: To improve **trans boundary governance** for ecologically sound development and use of natural resources in the area of **Prokletije/ Bjeshkët e Namuna** (Albania – Montenegro).

Focus area: Prokletije / Bjeshkët e Namuna on the Albania and Montenegro border. Rural abandonment and degradation of the natural environment threatens people's well-being and perspectives.





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Assessment

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Local Action Group



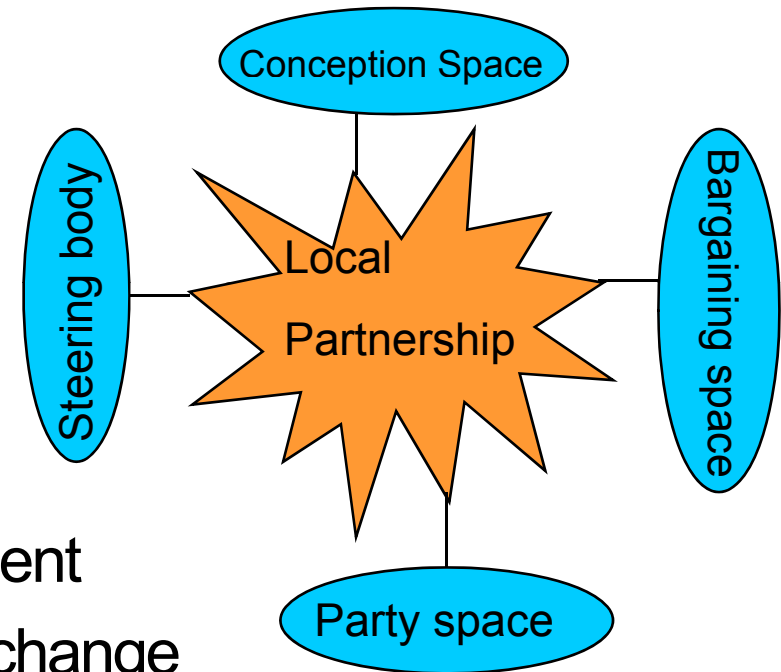
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Develop Plans, Strategies & Projects
for sustainable socio-economic development



Why Local Action Group?

- Public private partnership
- Local governance instruments
- Steering body for the local development
- Integrated approach is a chance for change
- Countries perspective towards EU accession
- Ensure appropriate local priority setting, planning and control over development





Instrument **ensure** stakeholders and interested people?

- Concentrate on the people!
- Critical mass of good institutions and people
- Process of identification potential LAG members
- Presenting and promoting LAG



How uniform or how diverse are the members of our local partnership?

Good coverage of key stakeholders, geographically, expertise

- Public 50 %
- NGO 25%
- Private actors 25%

- Montenegro LAG 22 members
- Albania LAG 29 members





Presenting and promoting Local Action Group

LAG a territorial cohesion instrument that,
Act as a connecting force between government and people,

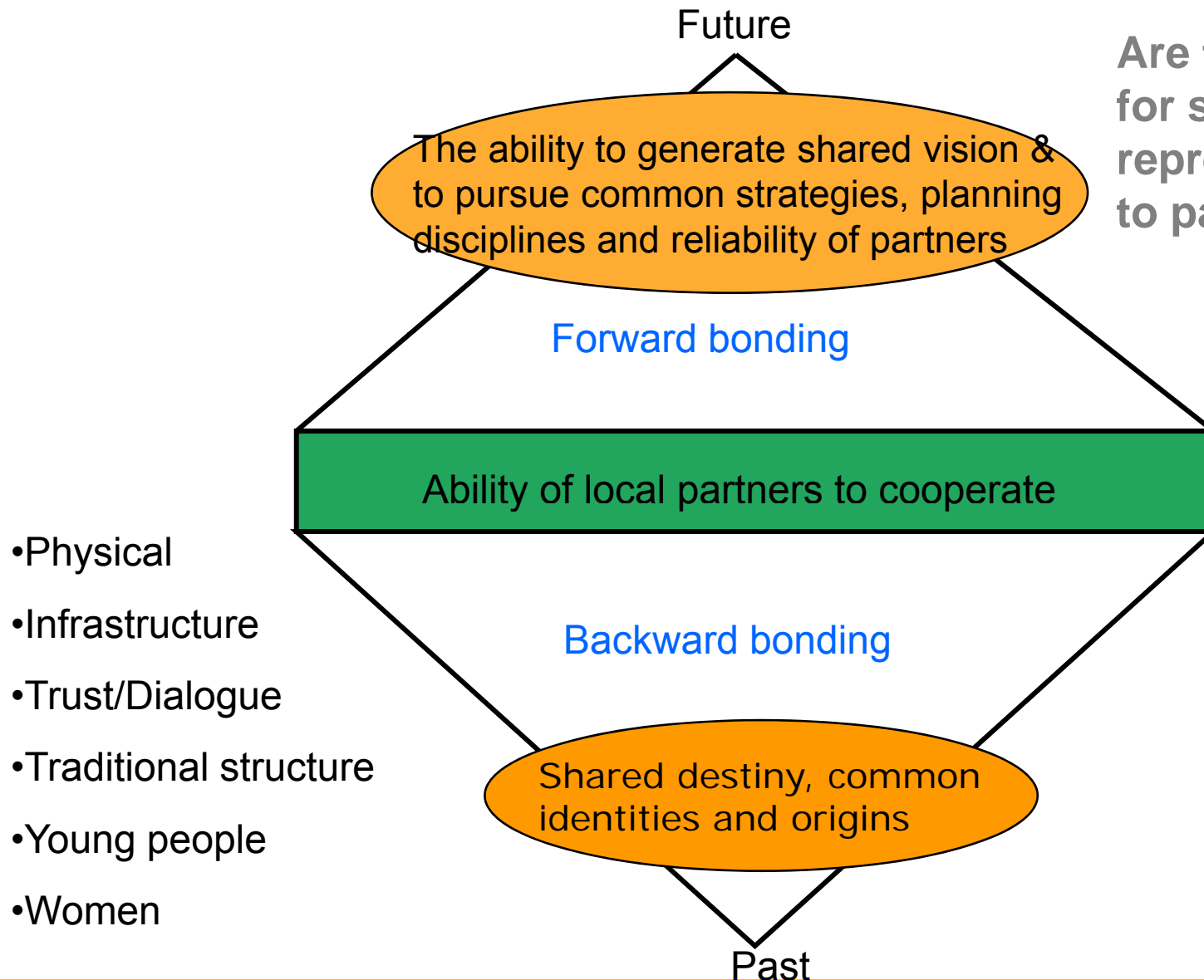
LAG may:

- Initiate collective action
- Articulate community needs
- Negotiate on their behalf
- Champion of the area
- Innovate
- Pursue activity over time
- Great opportunity





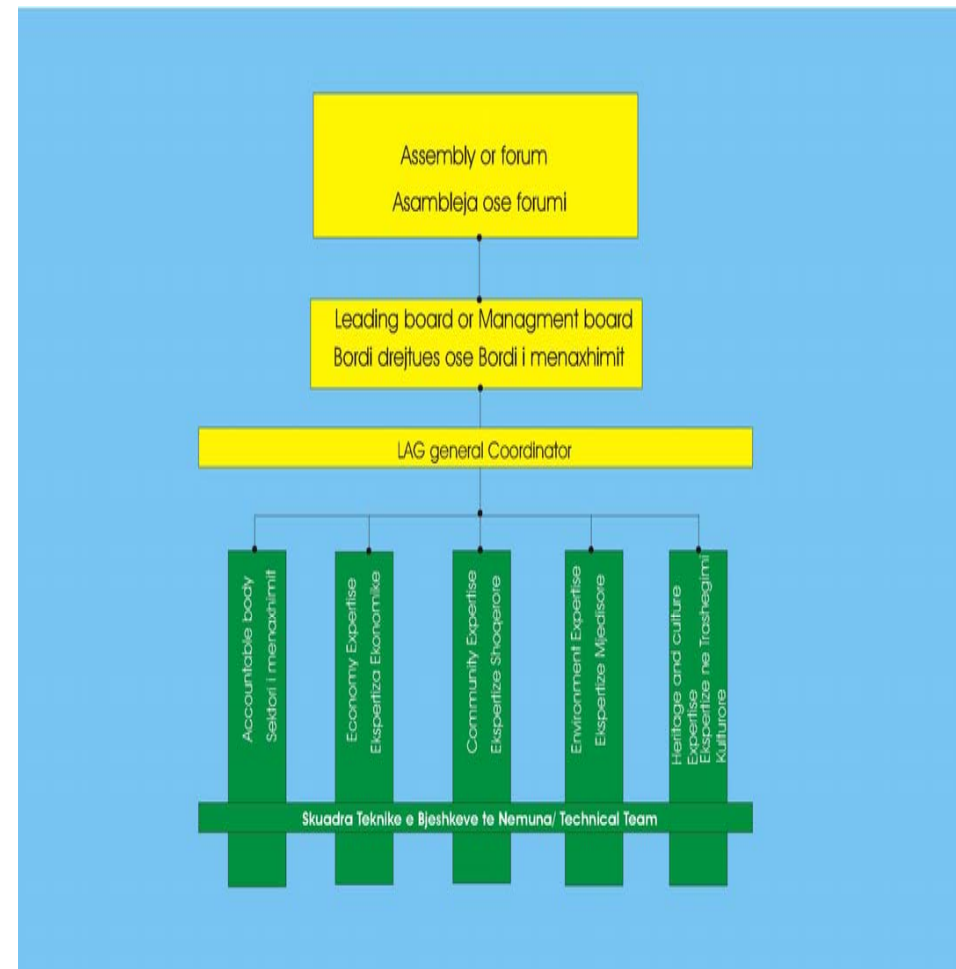
Are there barriers
for specific
representative
to participate?





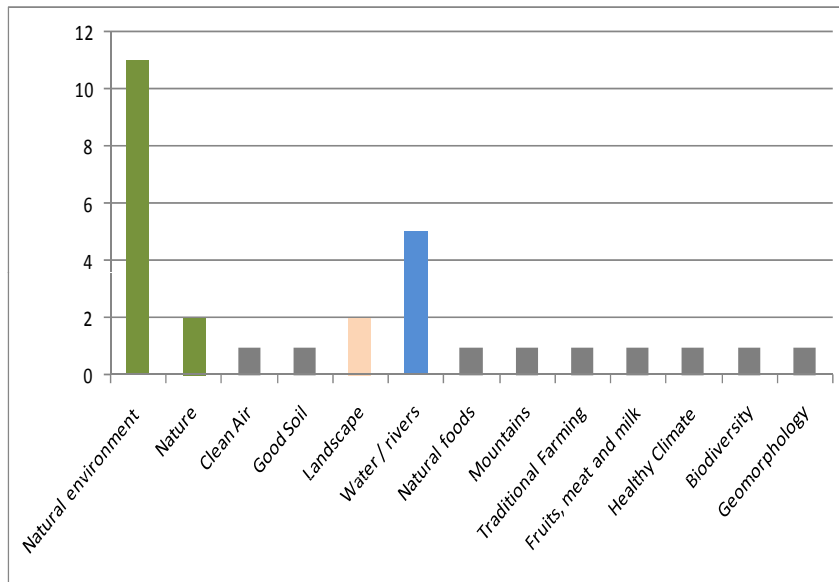
How does the LAG assure that it respond to the needs of people?

- Participatory process of Development Strategy
- Biodiversity, Cultural and Natural Heritage assessment
- Geographical coverage and cross-sectors knowledge
- Forums, round tables, public hearing

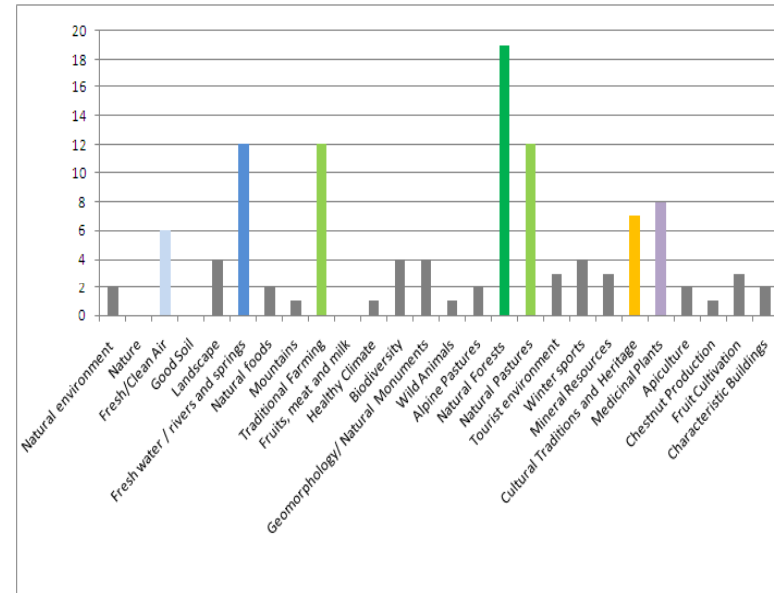




Montenegro



Albania

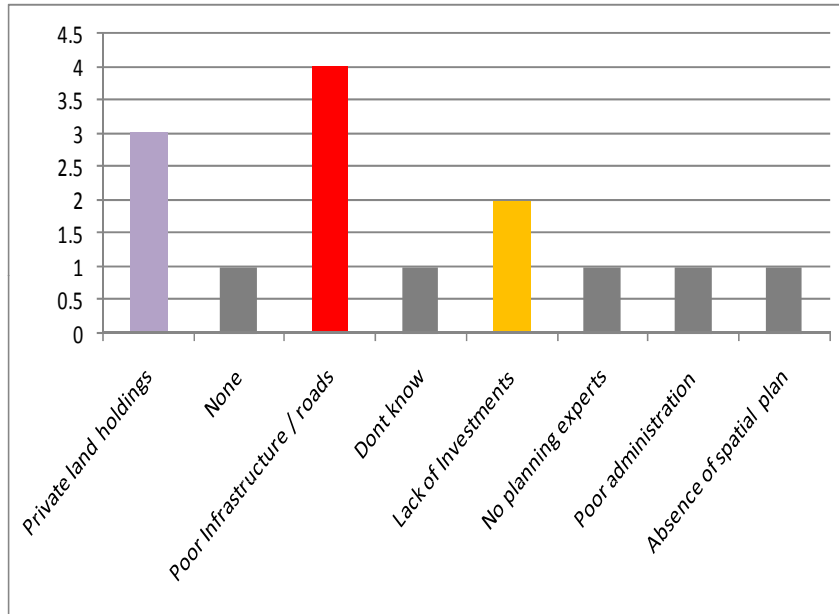


Best Assets of the Prokletija/Bjeshket e Namuna

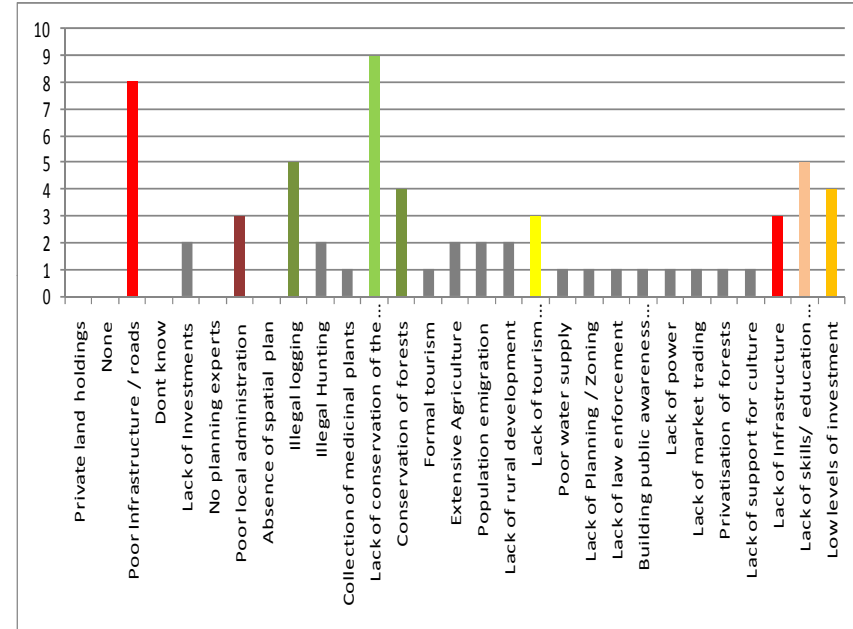
- Environment-Forest, pasture (MNG, ALB)
- Water/rivers/springs (MNG, ALB)
- Landscape/nature (MNG, ALB)
- Traditional farming (Albania)
- Culture, traditions, medical plants (Albania)



Montenegro



Albania

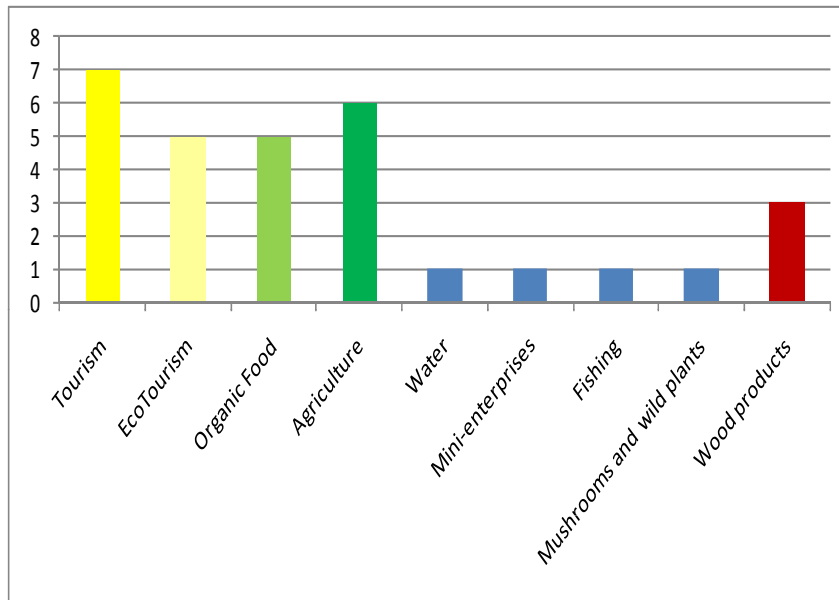


Factors impacting adversely on assets and quality of life:

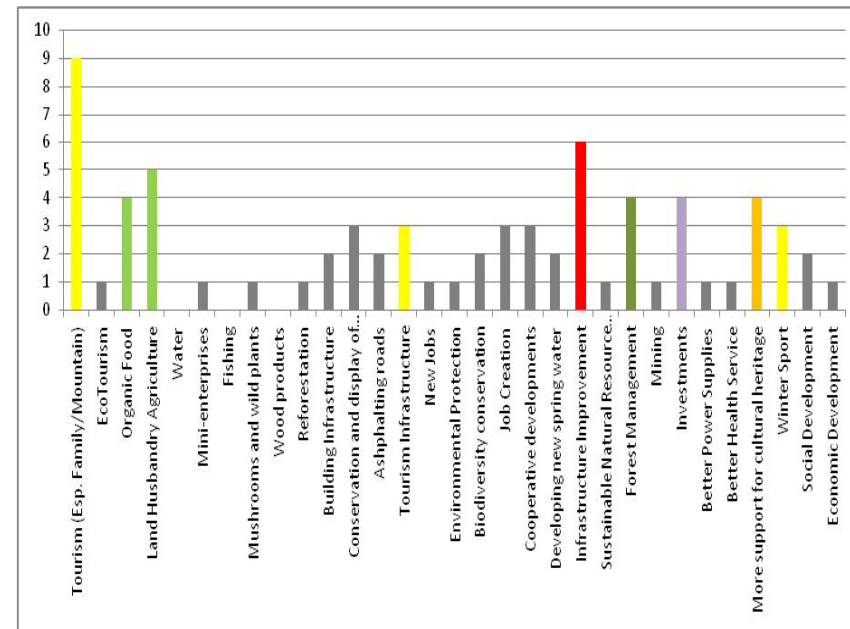
- Lack of job
- Decline in agriculture
- Population loss
- Poor economy/Roads transportation



Montenegro



Albania



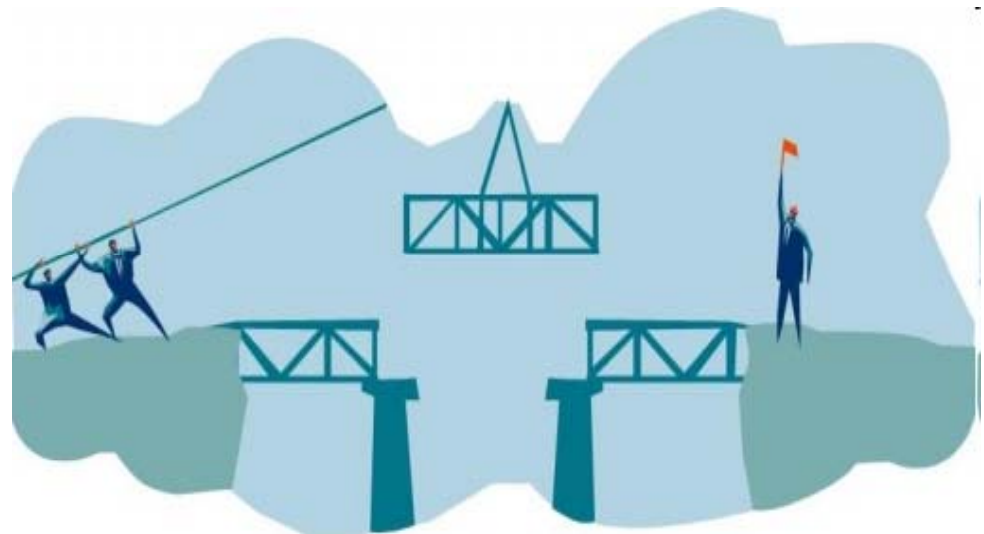
Main opportunities for the project area:

- Tourism
- Eco –tourism
- Organic food – traditional agriculture
- Wood products



Cross Border thinking

- Joint actions of Montenegro and Albania LAGs
- Economy of scale and
- Single Tourism Destination
- EU funding mechanism
 - IPA Cross border
 - Rural development





Bridge National and Local Initiatives

- Legal framework
- Institutional infrastructure
- Accreditations & funding mechanisms



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1. What instruments and means do we apply in order to ensure broad participation of stakeholders and interested people?
2. How uniform or how diverse are the members of our local partnership?
3. Are there barriers for specific representative to participate? How we remove these barriers?
4. How is the balance of influence between public and private partners?
5. How does the LAG assure that it respond to the needs and aspirations of people?
6. How significant are “genuinely” voluntary contributions and how are they appreciated?
7. How is the LAG represented towards the local public?
8. What are the incentives stimulating cross border thinking/cooperation?
9. What are the instruments to ensure the bridging national and local initiatives?