

# Participation and LEADER: Examples from LAG Regionalentwicklung Oberallgäu

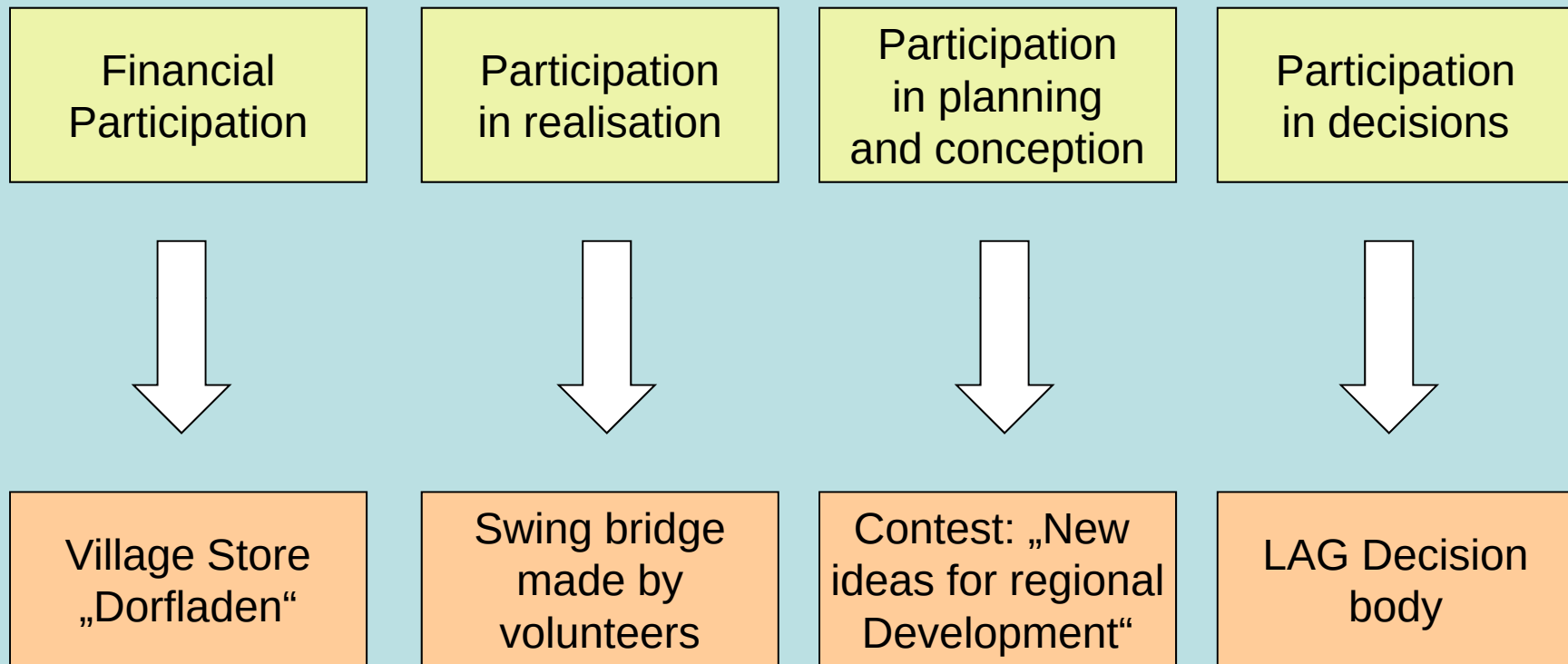
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## Allgäu

- Administrative units (rural districts) and landscape
- Border region
- Foothills of the alps and alps
- Agriculture: pasture farming, dairy products (mountain cheese!)
- Tourist destination

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WG 2:

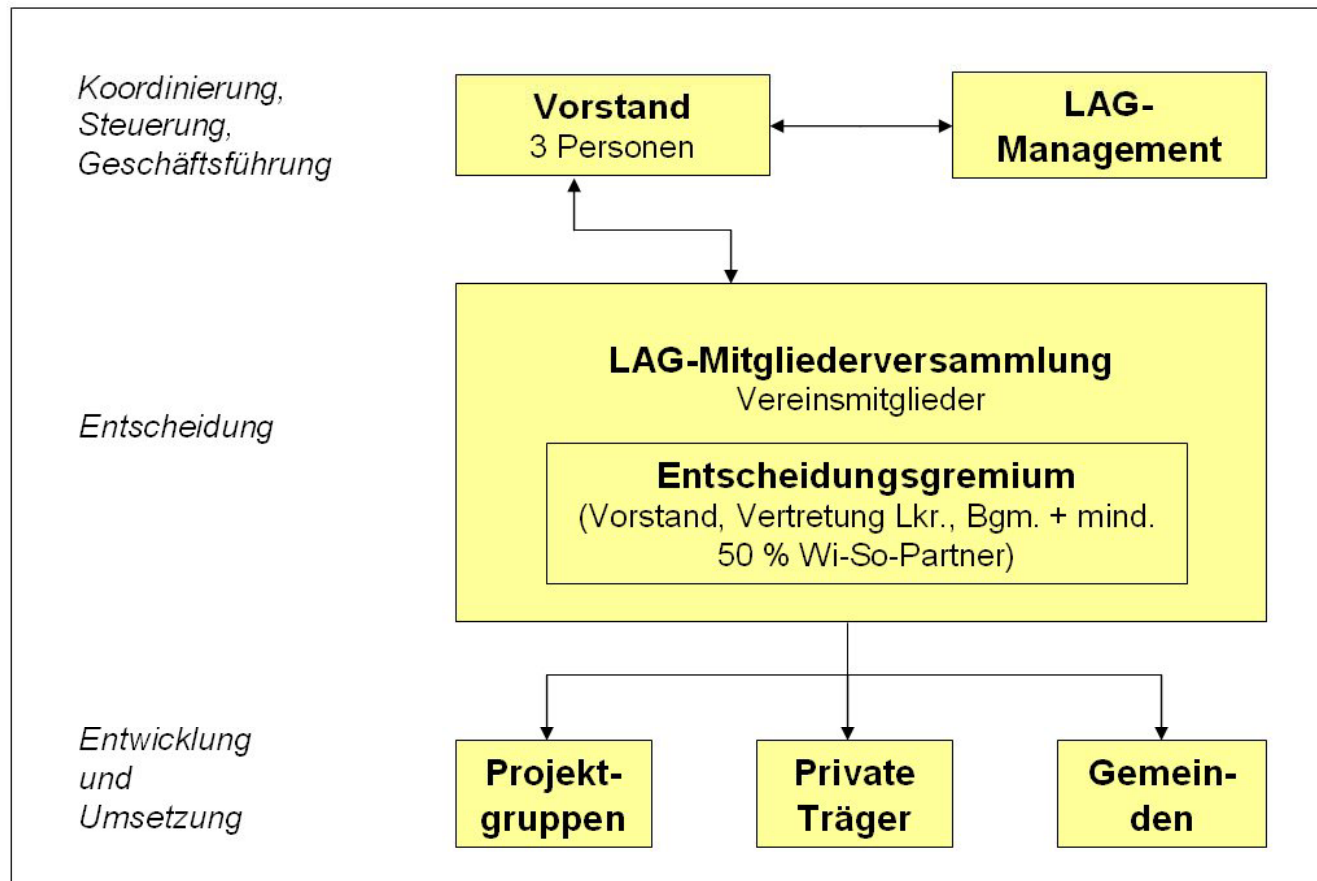
Added value  
in  
rural economy

WG 3:

Organisation-  
structure  
and monitoring

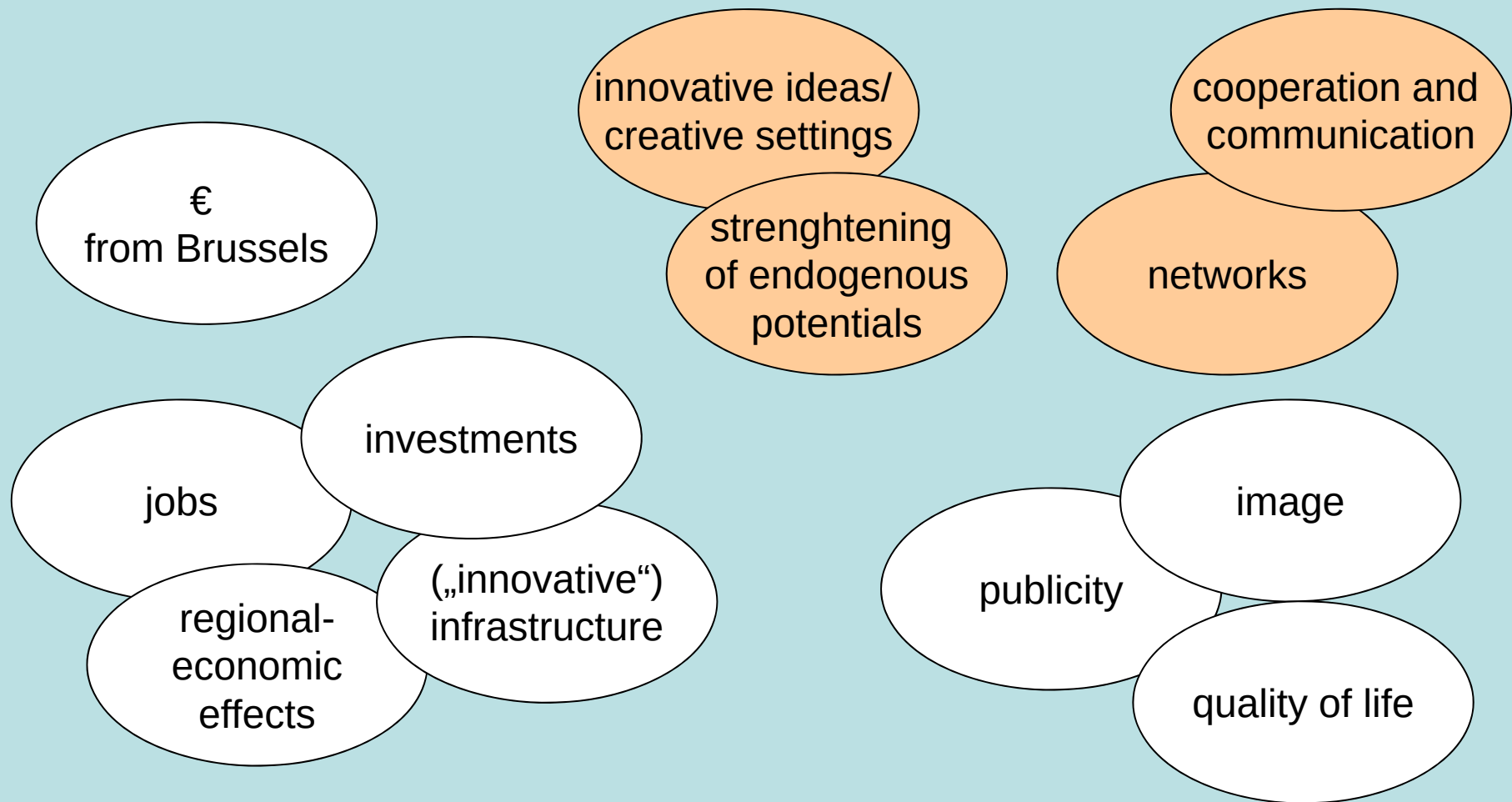
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# Effects of LEADER for the Region



# Some lessons learnt about bottom-up and top-down...

- Bottom-up-approaches work fine within smaller projects, but projects with many partners and cooperation projects often need an impulse and/or coordination from superordinate institutions!
  - Such coordination can be provided by LAG-Management, but also from programme administration (example: LEADER-Manager in Bavaria)
- To make a suggestion or to coordinate does not necessarily mean, that it is a „top-down“ project!
  - The discussion of bottom-up and top-down is a question of scale and a question on intensity of participation.

# Thank you for your attention!

## Questions?

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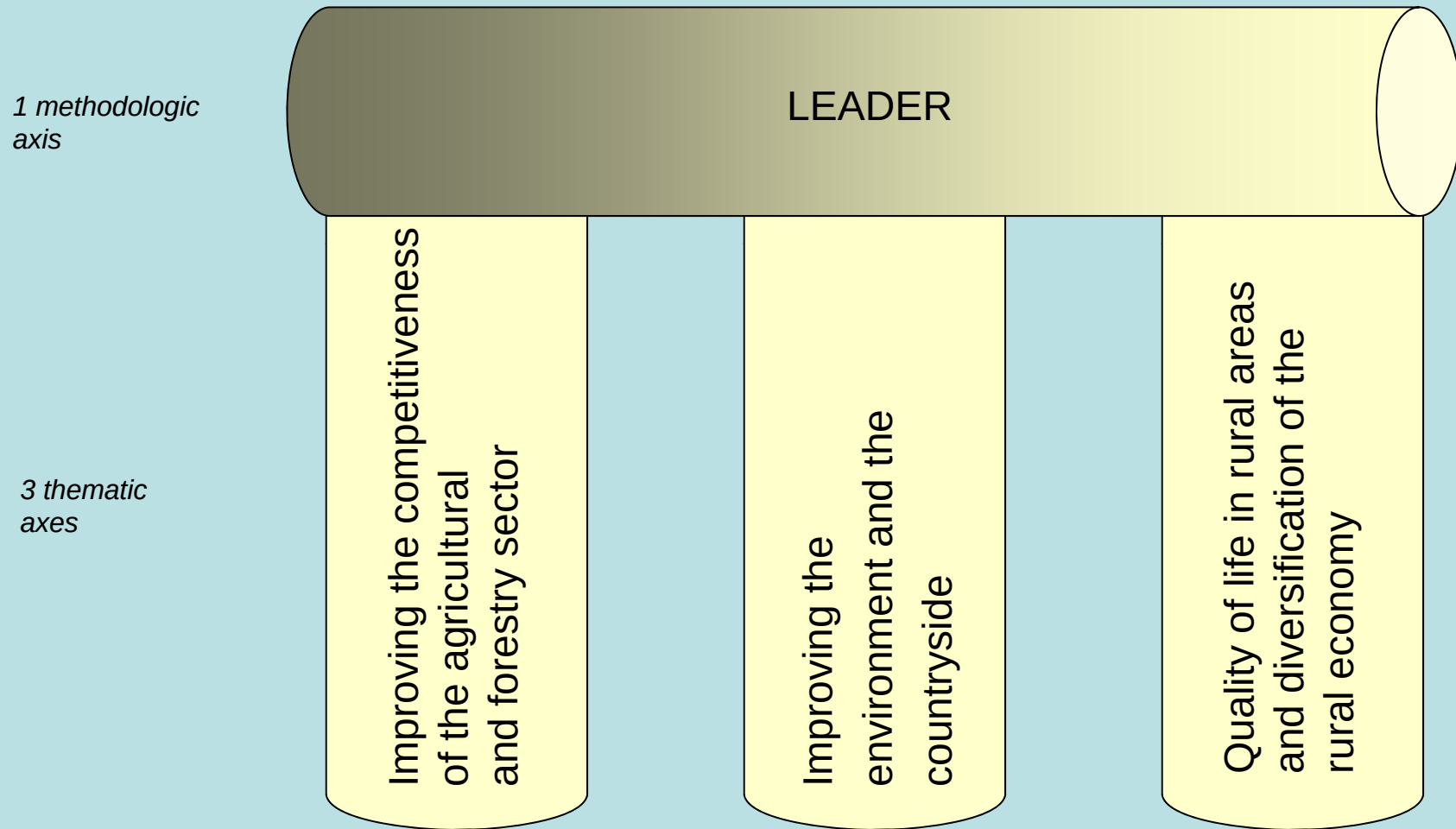
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# Some basic principles of LEADER

- **Territorial approach of areas eligible for funding**
  - Regions as geographic, economic and social homogeneous units
- **Regional Development Strategy**
  - Concept and strategy for a sustainable development of the region
- **Network** of actors in rural areas
- **Local/LEADER Action Groups (LAGs)** as interface
- **Participation of population** (bottom-up-approach)
  - Minimum of 50% economic and social partners

# European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)



# Kriterien für die Projektauswahl

*Das Projekt muss sich am Leitbild der nachhaltigen Entwicklung orientieren und die ökologische, der ökonomische und die soziale Dimension berücksichtigen.*

| Nr. | Kriterium                                                                       |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | <b><i>Übereinstimmung mit der Strategie im REK</i></b>                          |
| 2   | <b><i>Innovationsgehalt der durch das Projekt angestrebten Leistung</i></b>     |
| 3   | <b><i>Trägerschaft</i></b>                                                      |
| 4   | <b><i>Know-how der Akteure</i></b>                                              |
| 5   | <b><i>Finanzierung der nötigen Eigenmittel</i></b>                              |
| 6   | <b><i>Nachvollziehbarer Nutzen für heimische Bevölkerung/Zielgruppe</i></b>     |
| 7   | <b><i>Wertschöpfung für regionale Wirtschaftsbetriebe</i></b>                   |
| 8   | <b><i>Umwelt-Wirkungen (inkl. Klimaeffekte)</i></b>                             |
| 9   | <b><i>Laufender Betrieb</i></b>                                                 |
| 10  | <b><i>Beteiligung der Bürger bzw. relevanter Gruppen (Netzwerk-Gedanke)</i></b> |

