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Local Action Groups (LAGs) -

legal basis for registration,
organization structure, roles,
responsibilities financing, criteria
for approval of LAGs

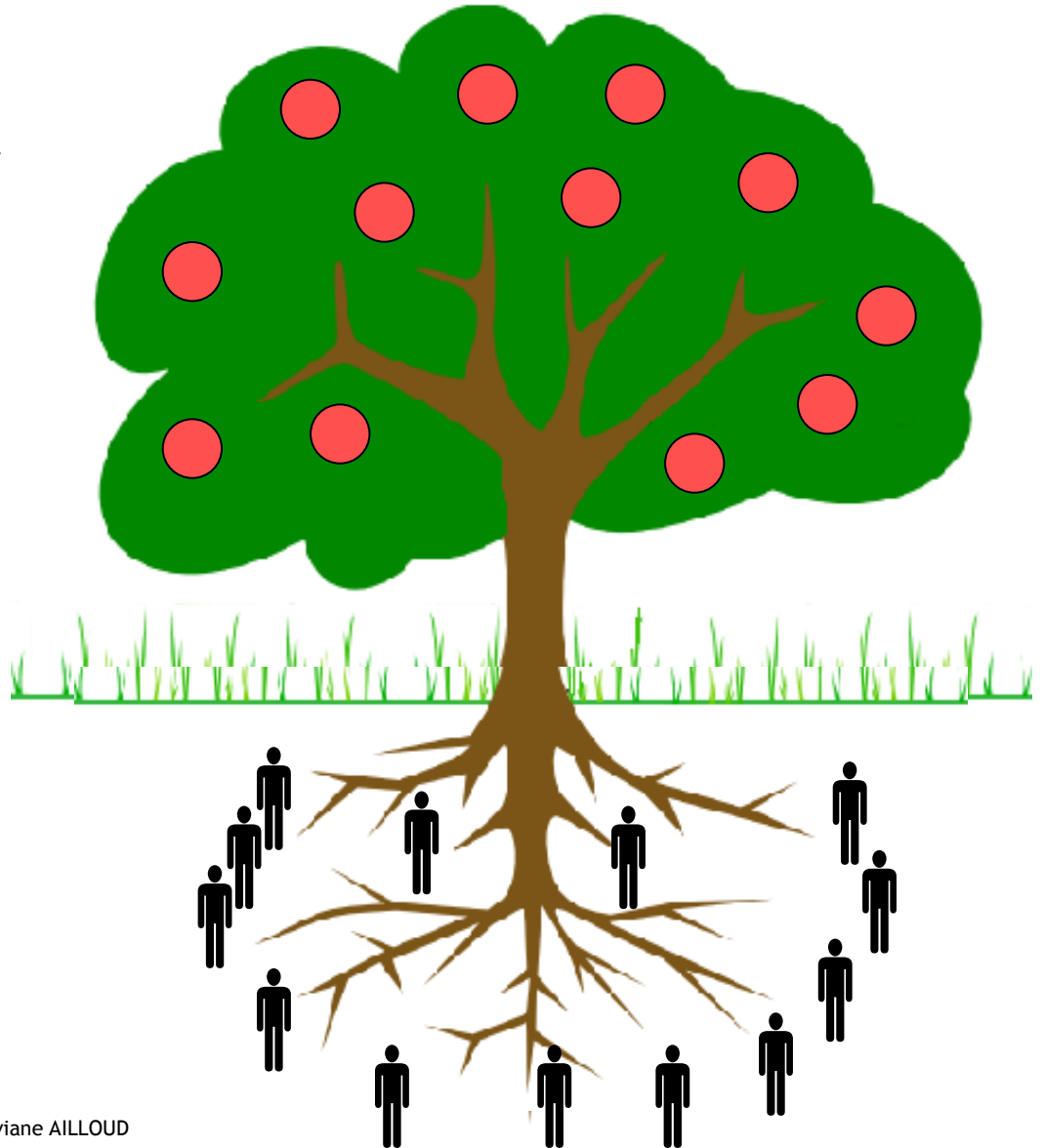
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The projects

**The local strategy
of development**

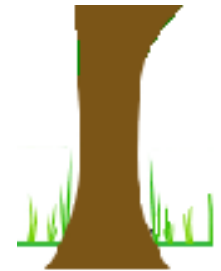
The LAG
Local action group

**A territory and
local actors**



The tree trunk (1)

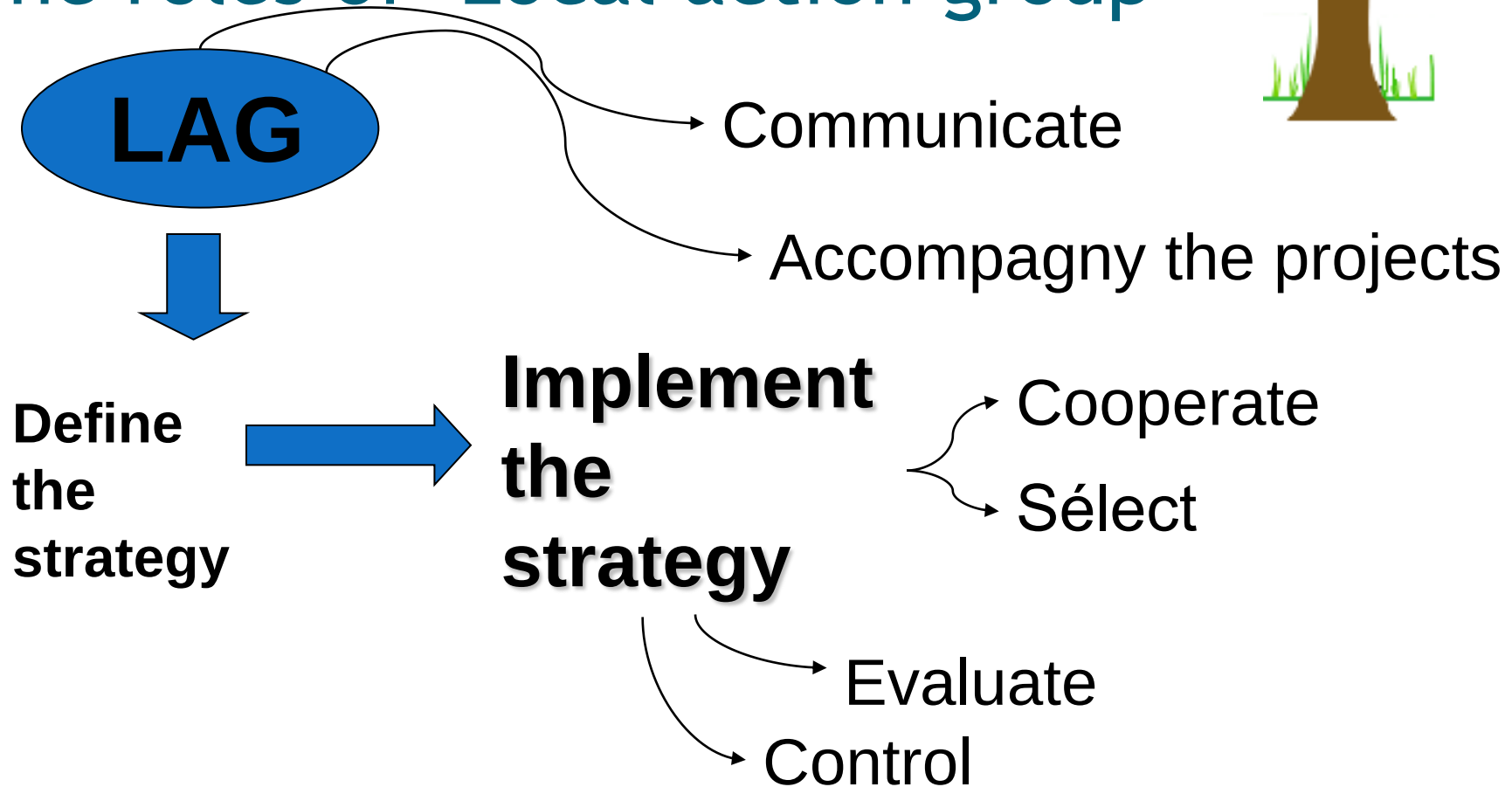
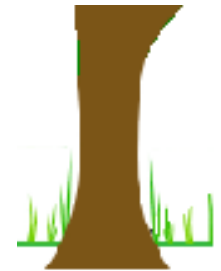
The local action group



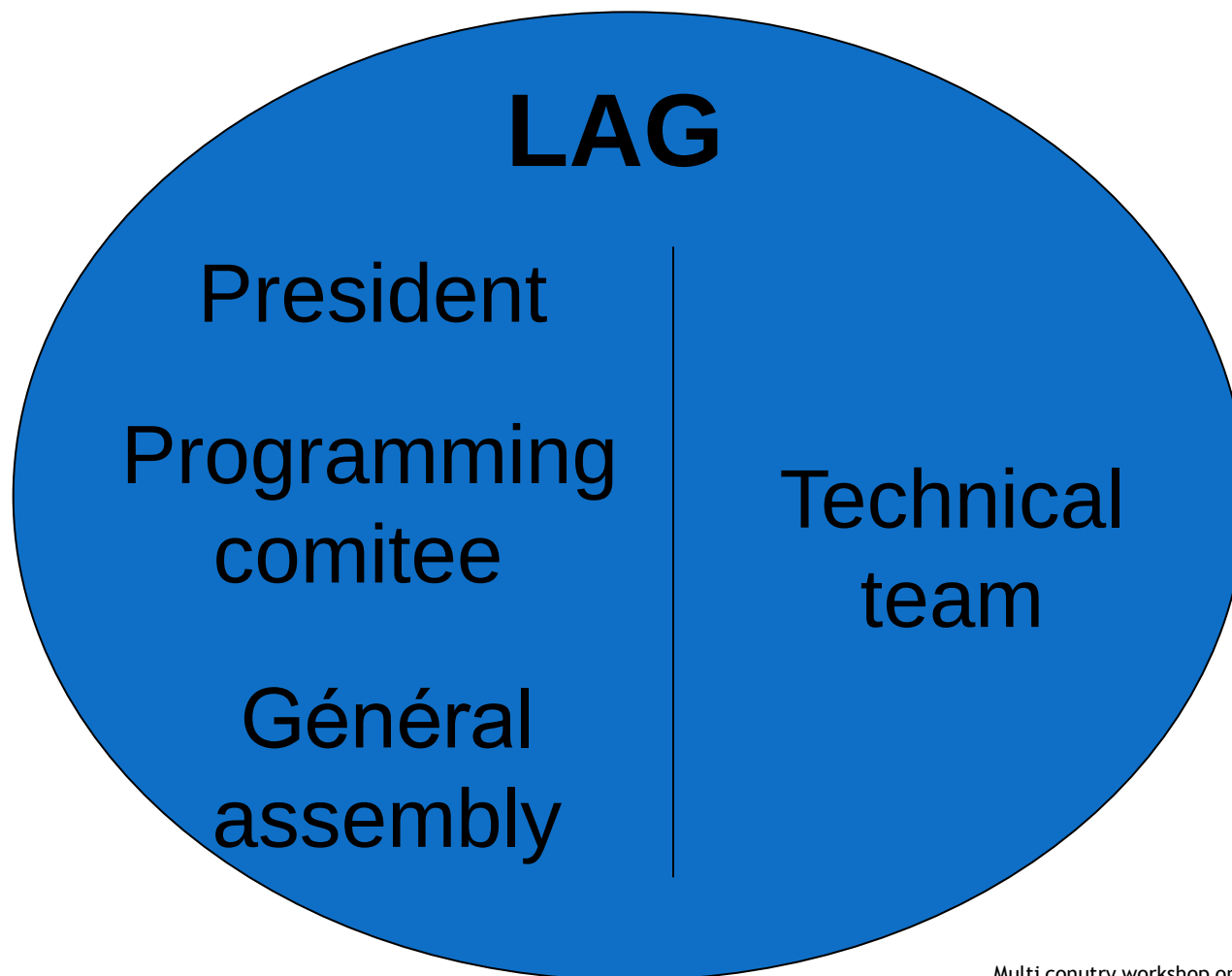
- The LAG: Legal existence
 - An association, NGO (Status), a public structure
- Composed by
 - A General Assembly 
 - A Programming committee 
 - A Président 
- A technical team
 - One or several technicians (project manager, administrators ...)

The tree trunk (2)

The roles of Local action group

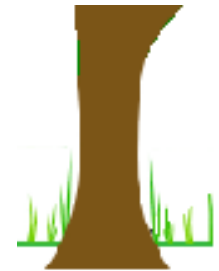


Le trunk (3) roles of the Local action group (1



The trunk (4)

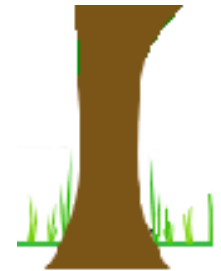
Distribution of the tasks



- The PROGRAMING comitee:
 - Make the décisions
 - Select the projects
 - Develop the strategy
 - Follow the state of progress of the program
 - Watch the respect for the implementation
 - Evaluate
 - Functionment
 - Internal regulation
 - To be defined by the members: approx. 4 meetings per year

The trunk (4bis)

The distribution of the tasks



- The technical team
 - Assure the communication of the program
 - Support the local actors and carry the projects
 - Educate the Leader projects
 - Lead the Programing Committee under the authority of the President of the LAG
 - Estimate the running of the program
 - Writing of the annual reports of execution
 - Register files

Comité du Pays Dignois : a LAG



- General assembly : **104** members
- Programation comitee : **18** holders members (18 substitutes)
 - 9 municipalities representatives (public sector)
 - 9 Representatives of the civil society (private sector)
- Technical Team :
 - 1 project manager, 1 administrator

LAG creation

- LAG will be an association with Legal status
- Composed by :
 - A President
 - Decision making board
 - General assembly
- Composition should respect some criteria
 - 50% private sector (minimum 10% business sector)
 - 50% public sector (minimum 10% local authority)
 - Minimum 30% of women and 1 member under 25 years old (in some cases)
- Level of advance
 - List of local actors (around 100)
 - List of members of the LAG (between 15 and 25 members)
 - Local and national authorities' teams (gestion and payment)

A global subsidy

Every LAG is responsible for the selection of the operations which he wishes to implement and benefits from a **global financial subsidy** in frame of the agreements(conventions) spent with the authority of national management.

The average budget of a GAL amounts to 3,4 million euro of which a community help (FEADER) about 1,5 million euro.

.... de-centralised management and financing

“The relative autonomy and responsible role of local partnerships in program implementation, leaving strategic choices and the selection of projects to the LAG:

- be it in the formal framework of a global grant or not
- constitutes an invaluable incentive for individual and organisational learning.

It brings forth new relationships between the local and regional/national level of governance, and it enables LAGs to become active players in bringing in additional resources of public and private origin into the area and to articulate themselves with global networks. (Lukesch & Schuh 2007)

Criteria for approval of the Lags

The LAG is chosen on base of a **call for projects** by a regional or national selection committee. This committee will surround itself of one group of experts which will put back an appreciation on applications.

Calls for projects are conceived and thrown on the basis of a national methodological frame.

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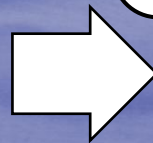
Diagnosis of the area

Photograph the area

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SWOT analysis

Understand the weakness and strengths of the area and share a common vision of the area



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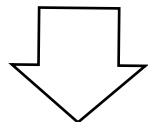
Action plan for 6 years

Check for possible actions and define an action plan to reach the goals

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Definition of strategic goals

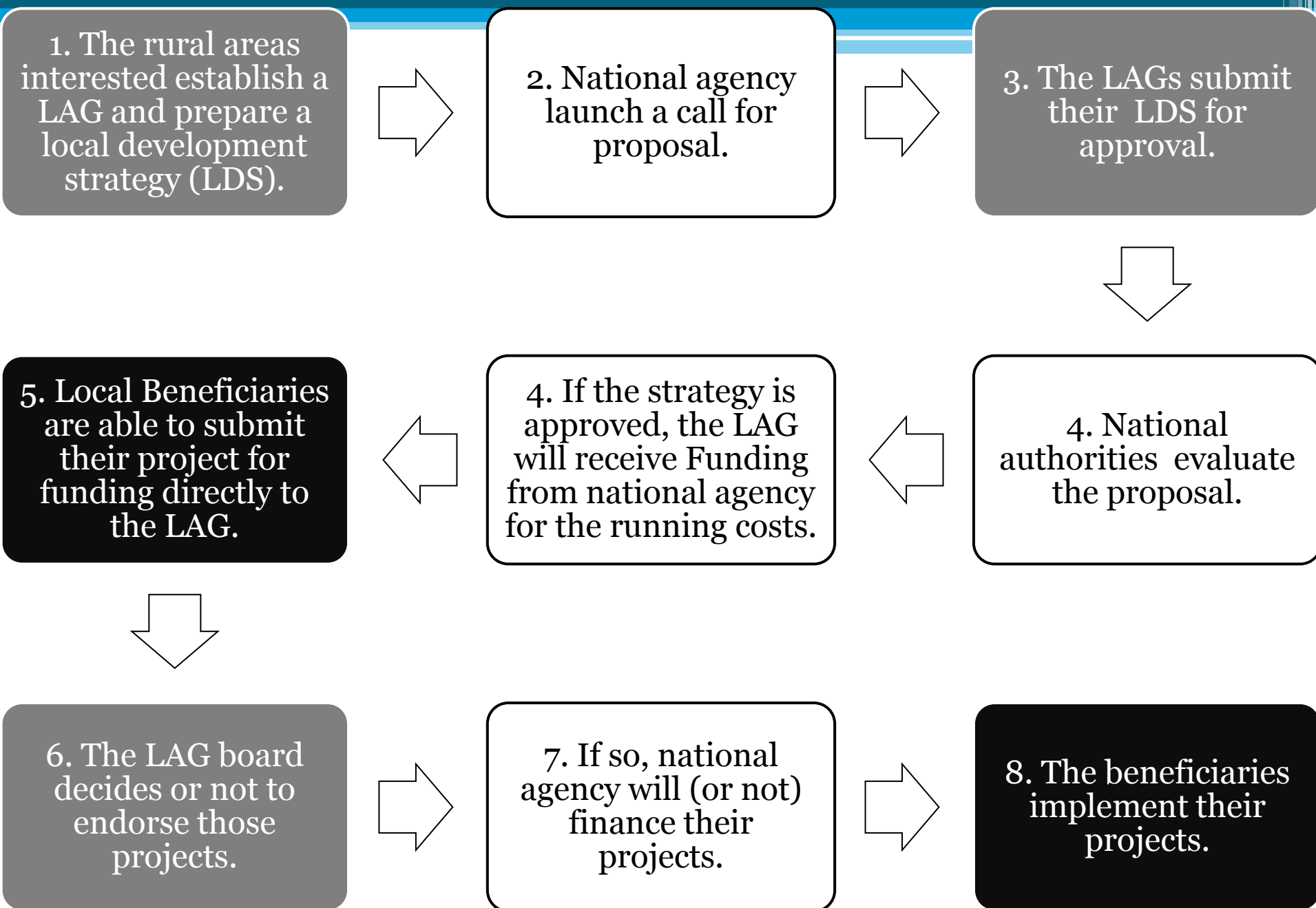
Identify the issues to tackle and set-up the development goals for the area



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Individual projects endorsed locally, before approval of the national or local authorities

Beneficiaries (farmers, companies, local governments, NGOs) are eligible to receive funding (if their projects are selected).





Thanks for your attention