

European Rural Networks'
Assembly

Taking Cork Forward: Managing Authority perspective

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- Welcome the Cork statement – goes wider than Rural Development Programmes and CAP
- Need to **improve the importance, awareness & image of rural areas** in Europe [Point 1]
- Need to look at the **state of play** and **emerging evaluation** of RDPs: where are we now in delivering outcomes? [Points 2-7; 10]
- Need continued focus on **advancing policy delivery** and **simplification** [Points 8-9]
- Can be used to kick-start **discussion about CAP (& ESIF) 2020** [Points 2-7]

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Improve the importance, awareness & image of rural areas in Europe [Point 1]

- **Image** and **profile** rural areas needs improving. How would you describe it? How can we show it is important for jobs and growth and wider environmental and societal aims?
- **Importance:** Can we ensure other funds or domestic policies are “rural proofed”? Is complementarity working or do we still have demarcation? How do we match national priorities with community and local priorities?



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State of play and emerging evaluation of RDPs:
where are we now? [Points 2-7; 10]

- **State of play** important. What is working from the “new” CAP – have environmental ambitions materialised; have jobs and growth been created. What are the stumbling blocks? What is the 360° feedback from beneficiaries?
- **Evaluation** also important. What do “old” CAP ex-post evaluations tell us? What simple systems can help us to show the right types of things are being supported and demonstrate VFM?



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Need continued focus on **advancing policy delivery** and **simplification** [Points 8-9]

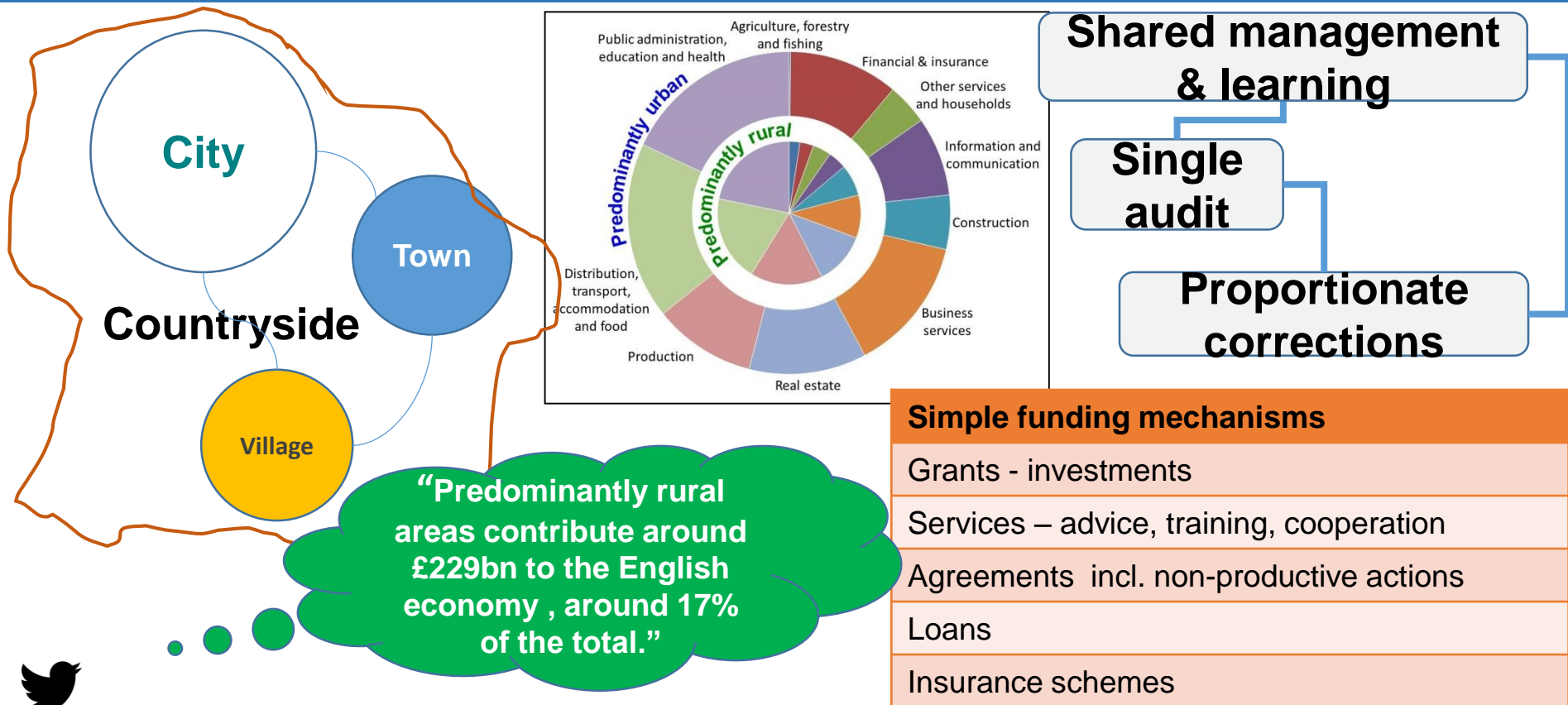
- **Outcomes vs controls** important. How can we ensure priority remains on delivery of outcomes?
- Can we look at **current controls** plus complicated **measures** and **priorities**?
 - 11 Thematic objectives; 6 Rural development priorities; 18 Focus Areas; 20 measures; 67 sub-measures
 - 22 key controls; 7 ancillary controls; 3 audit bodies (ECA, EC, Certification body); tougher sanctions on Member States



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Kick-start discussions about CAP (& ESIF) 2020 [Points 2-7]



“Predominantly rural areas contribute around £229bn to the English economy, around 17% of the total.”



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Rural Networks Assembly priorities for Taking Cork Forward

- Improving the **image** and **profile** of rural areas
- **Rural proofing** and how **funds** or **initiatives** fit **together**
- Looking at the **current state of play** of rural development programmes
- Looking at **ex-post evaluation** and **emerging findings** from new monitoring and evaluation
- Continuing to look at **where to simplify** to help **deliver against outcomes**

