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LEADER Sub-group

LEADER 'Landscape'

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The RDP Screening

- Based on the screening of 110 RDPs approved in 2014-2015
- Results for 10 screening questions analysed
- RDP modifications since 2015 not part of the analysis
- Categorisation of answers for purposes of comparability

Questions and topics

- LEADER/CLLD priorities, needs
- LDS themes and contribution to Focus Areas
- Approach to overall strategy
- ESI funds and LEADER//CLLD
- The use of the lead-fund option
- Areas covered by LDSs/LAGs
- Population thresholds, derogations
- Coordination between EAFRD and other funds
- Coherence between the LDS, M16, M7, and other ESIF
- MA, PA, LAG tasks

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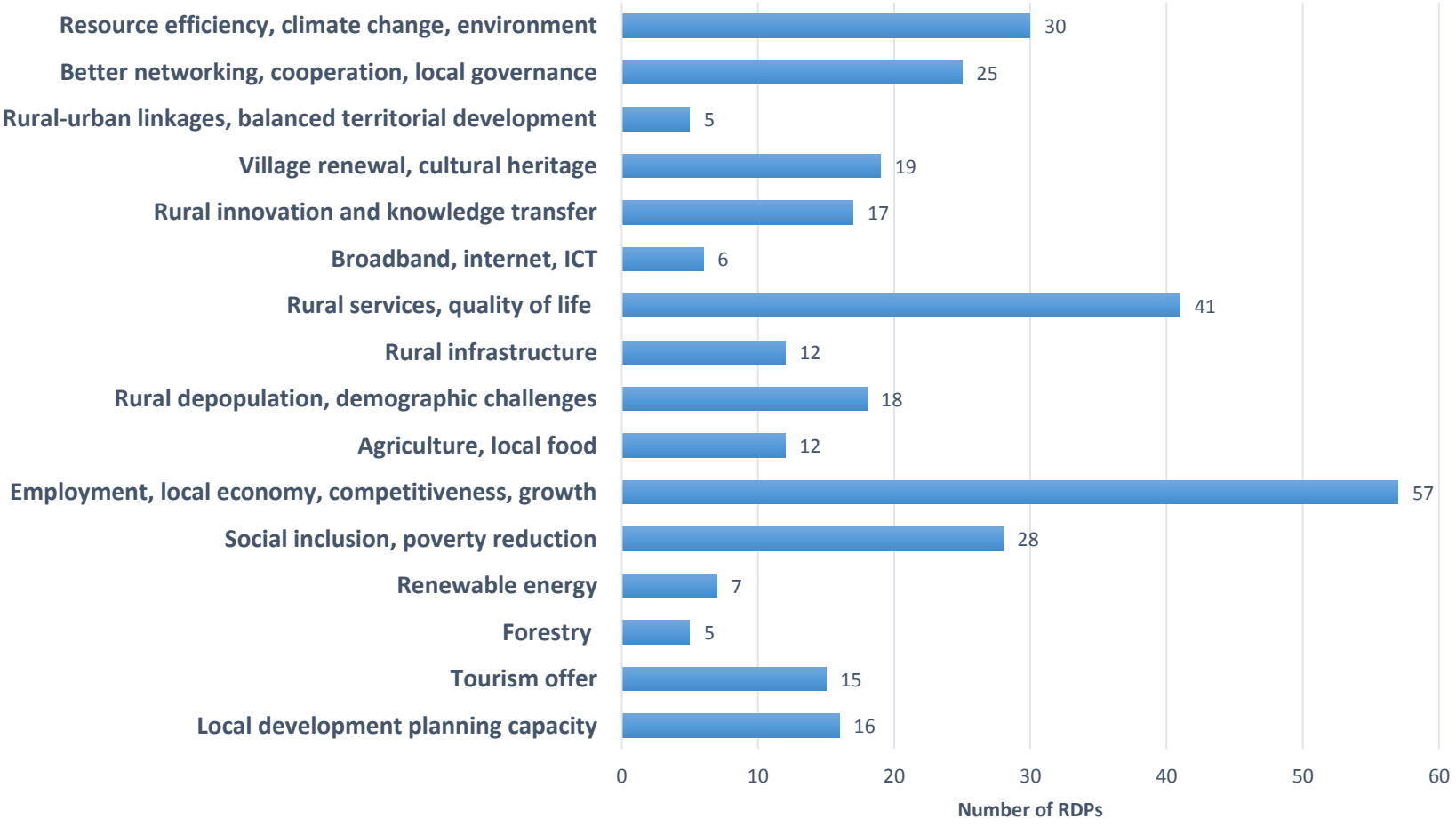
Priorities and needs



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Defining priorities and needs

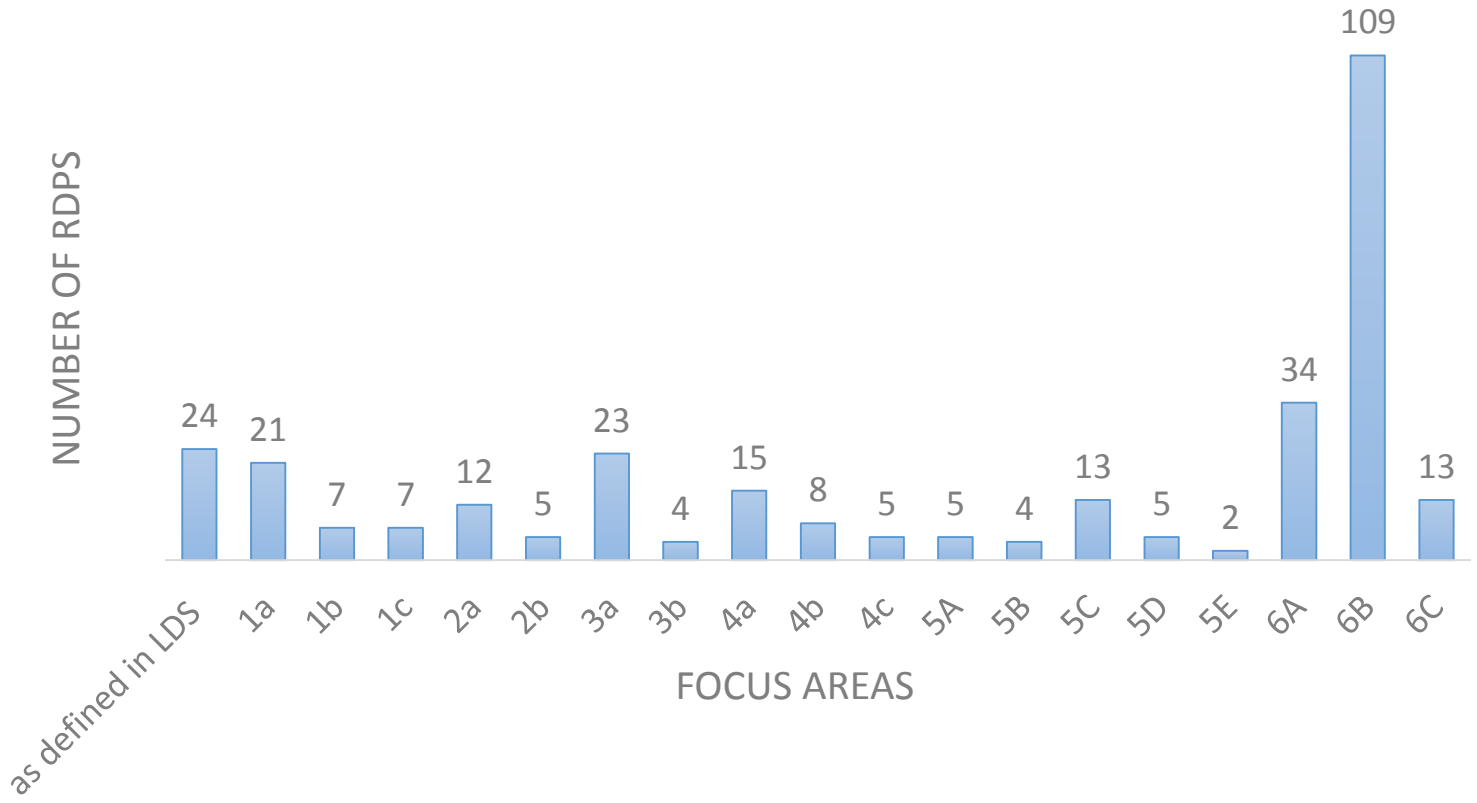
Higher LAG autonomy

- **France (Auvergne)** – the LAG is “a living lab”, focus on rural-urban linkages
- **Germany (Sachsen)** – LEADER is “wide in scope and financially upgraded”Rheinland-Pfalz) – no measures prescribed from top-down
- **Italy (Sicilia)** – LEADER contributes to innovation and virtually all EU Priorities
- **France (Lorraine)** - LDSs can contribute in principle to all RD priorities

More specific description in RDP

- **France (Picardie)** – developing local economy and strengthening neighbourhood services
- **Belgium (Flanders)** - innovation, economic performance of entrepreneurs, rural poverty and the quality of human habitats
- **Spain (La Rioja)** - quality of life of inhabitants of rural areas, fostering self-employment and employment for women,, reducing the risk of poverty, access to ICT, tourism development in rural areas

LDS contribution to Focus Areas



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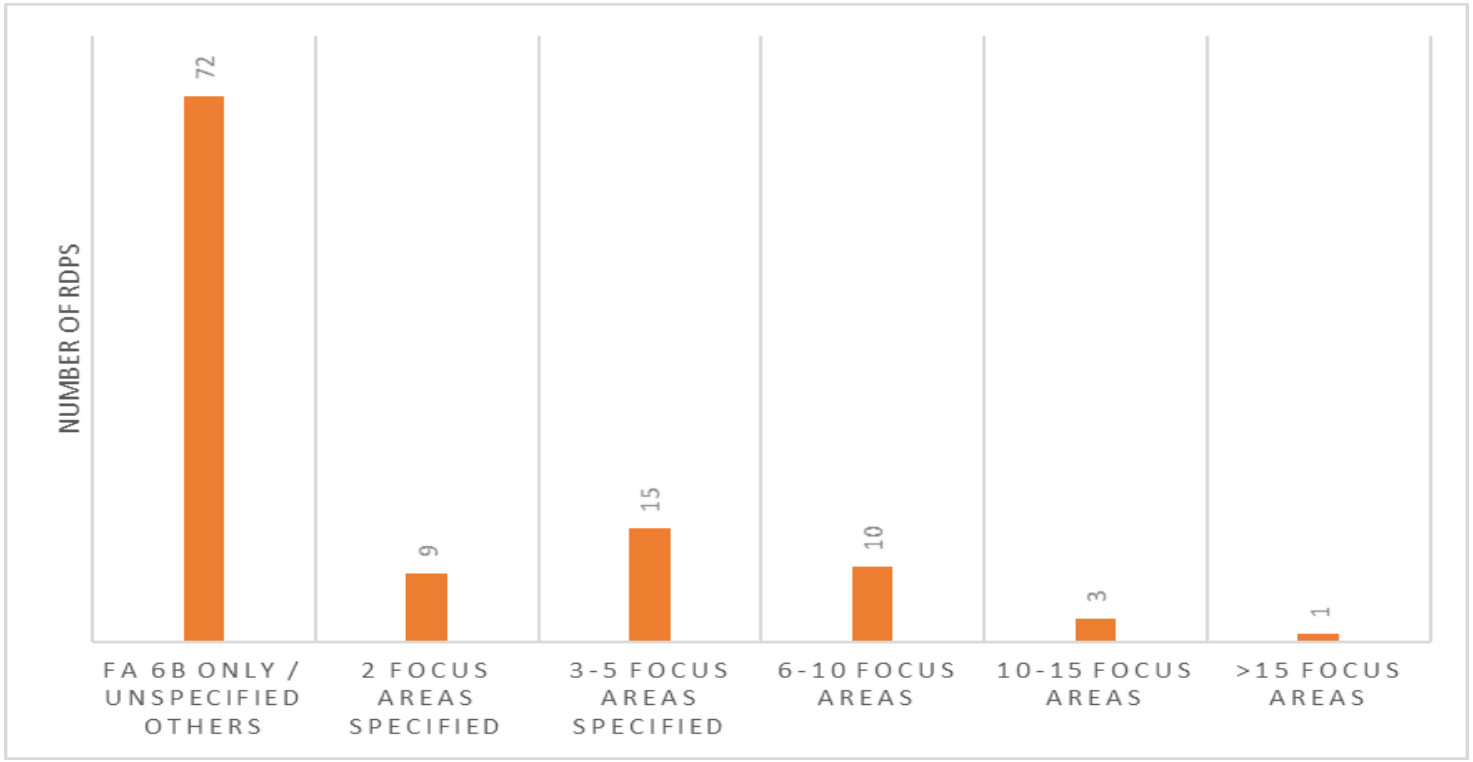

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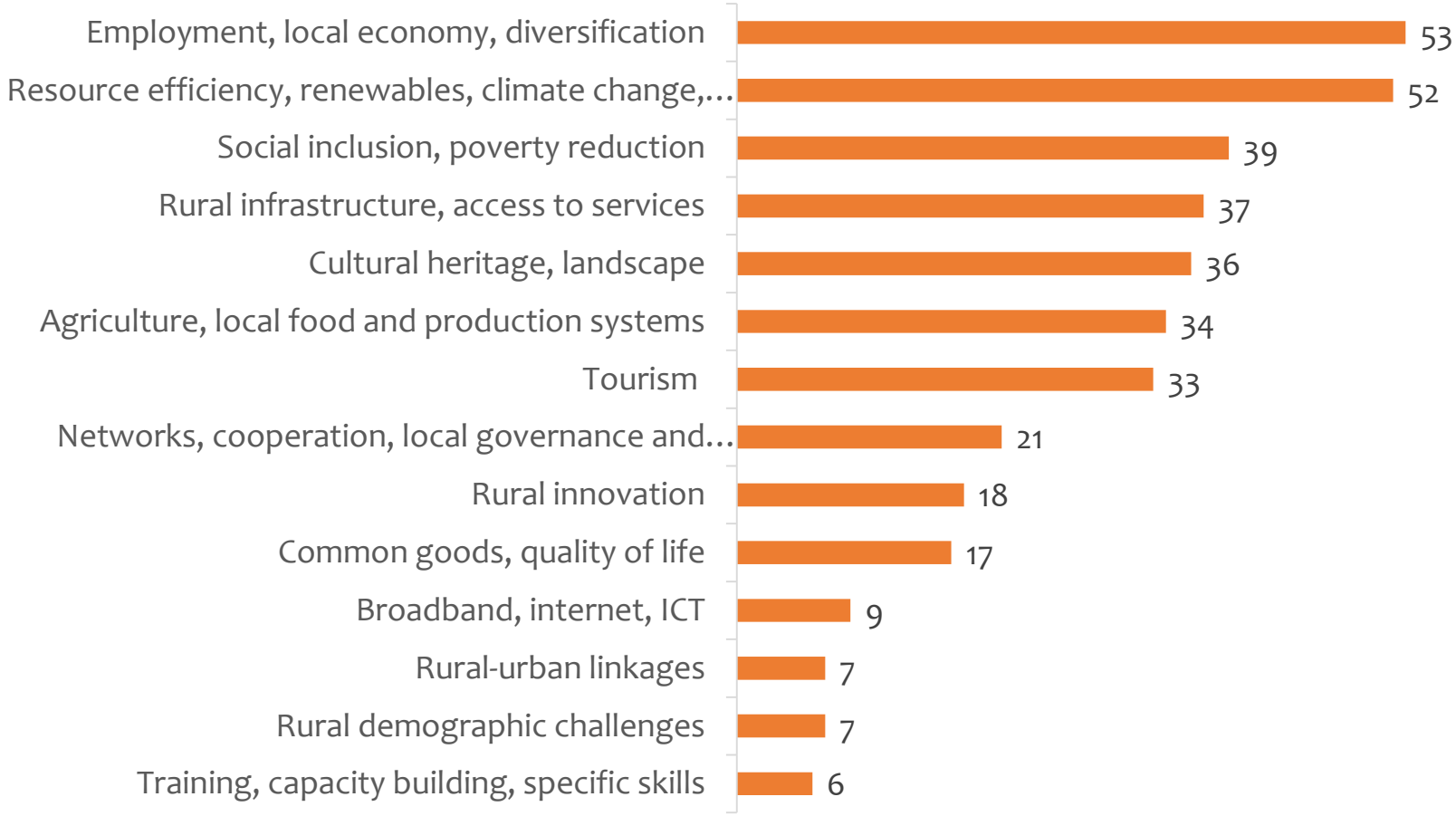
LDS themes – main themes



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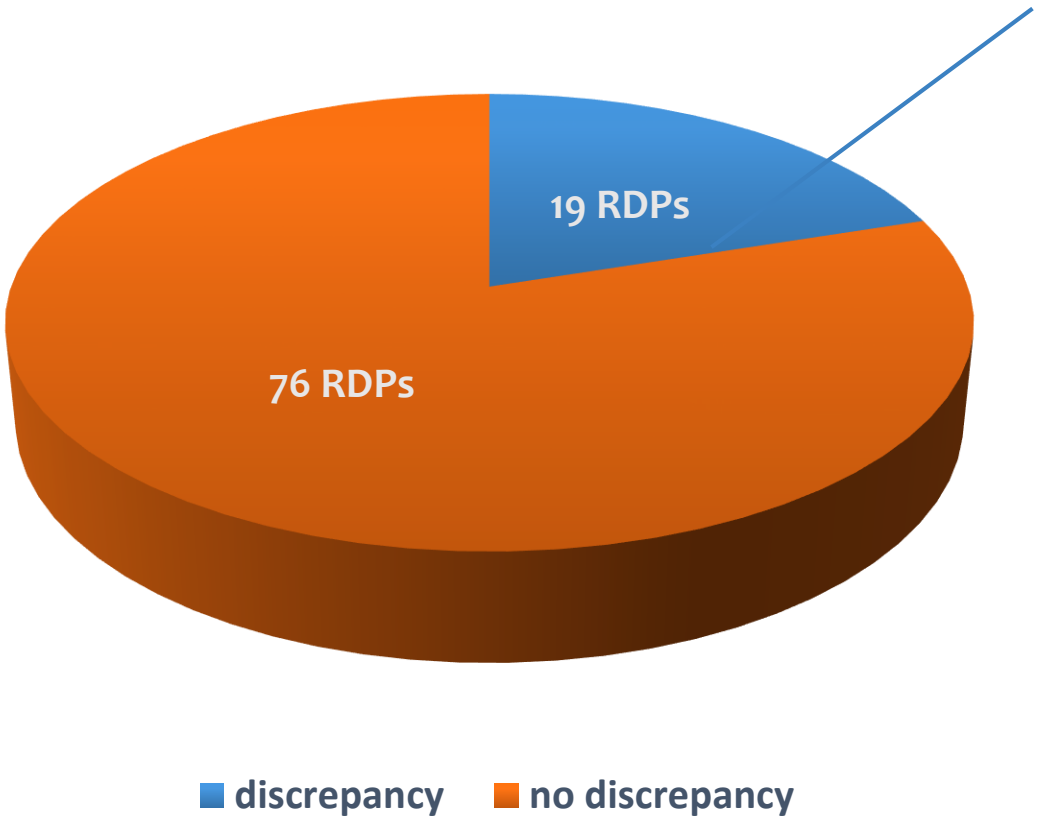
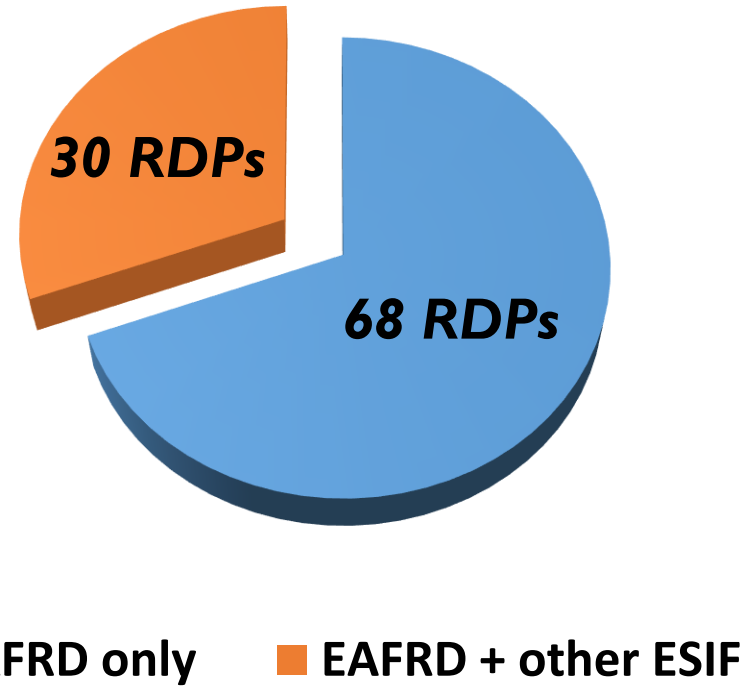
Approach to overall strategy



Due to:

- Imbalance in allocation of funds
- Exclusion of certain types of areas from LEADER
- Inadequate consideration of LAG capacity needs
- top-down elements in the LEADER delivery system
- Lack of emphasis on rural depopulation
- Specification of LEADER outputs

ESI funds and LEADER/CLLD



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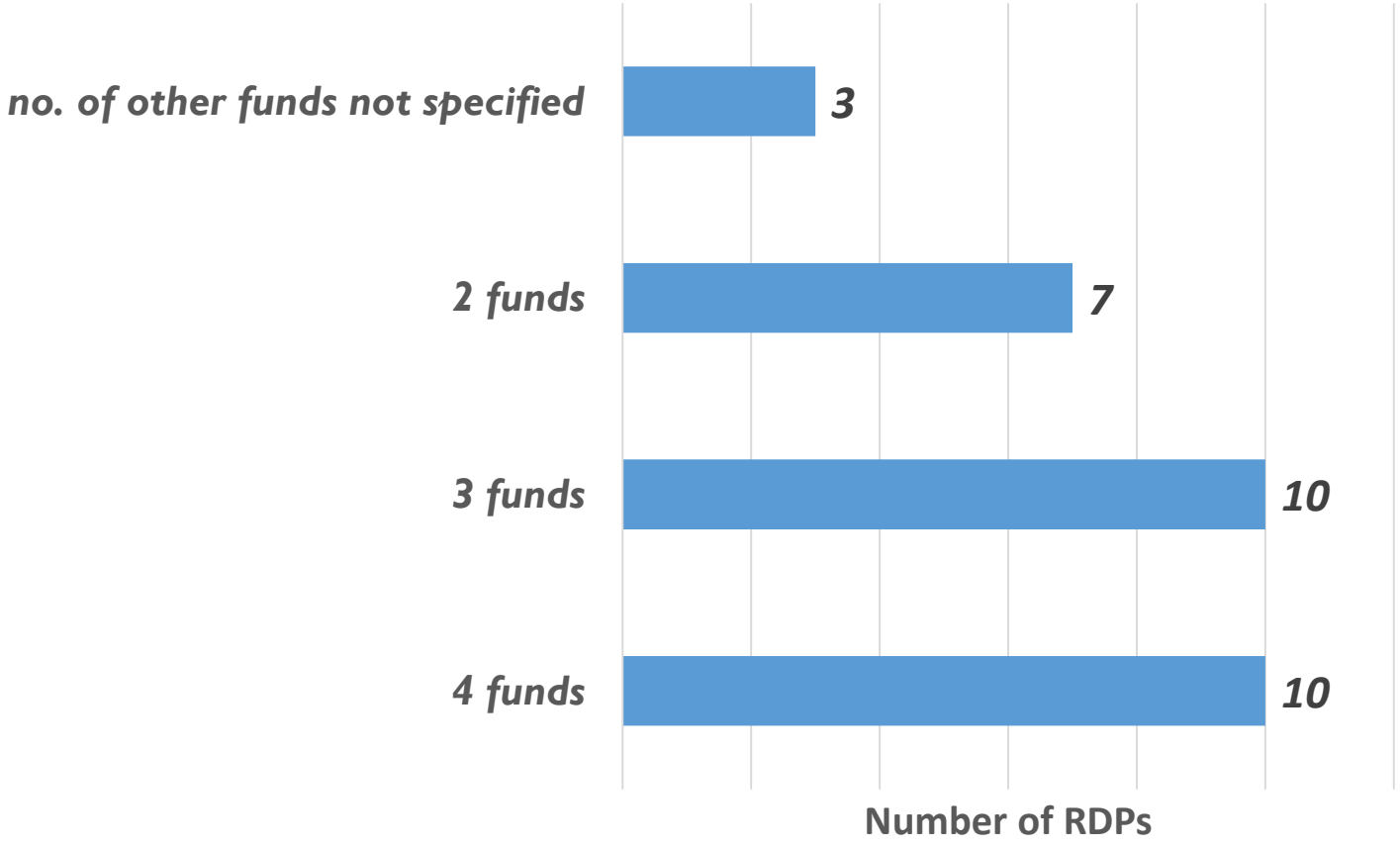

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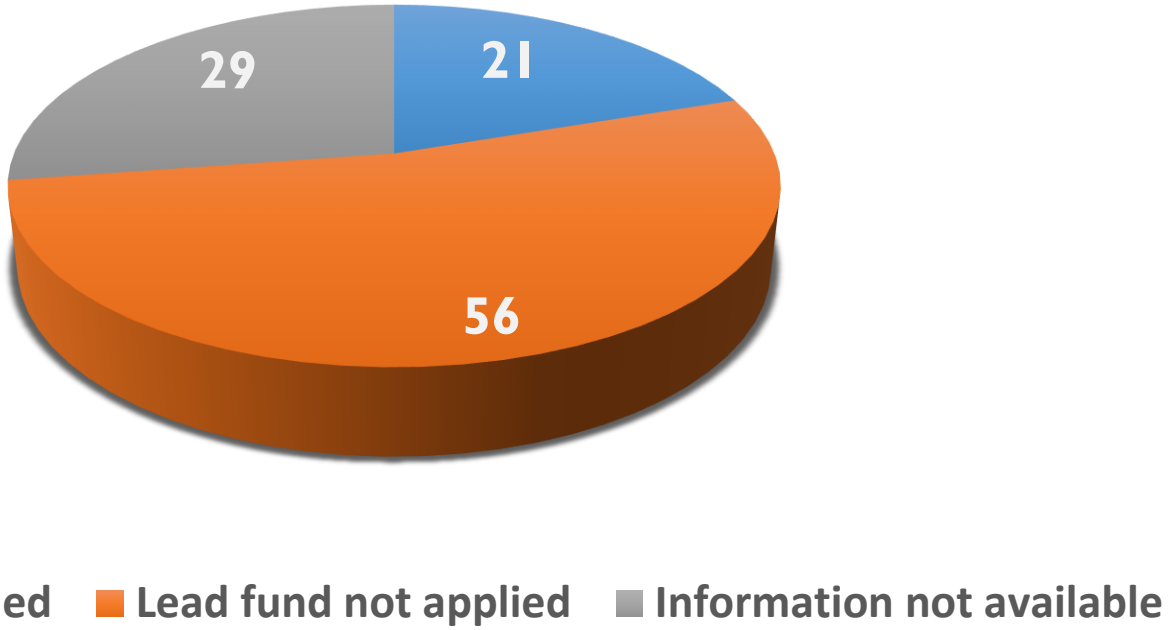
The use of the lead-fund option (no of RDPs)



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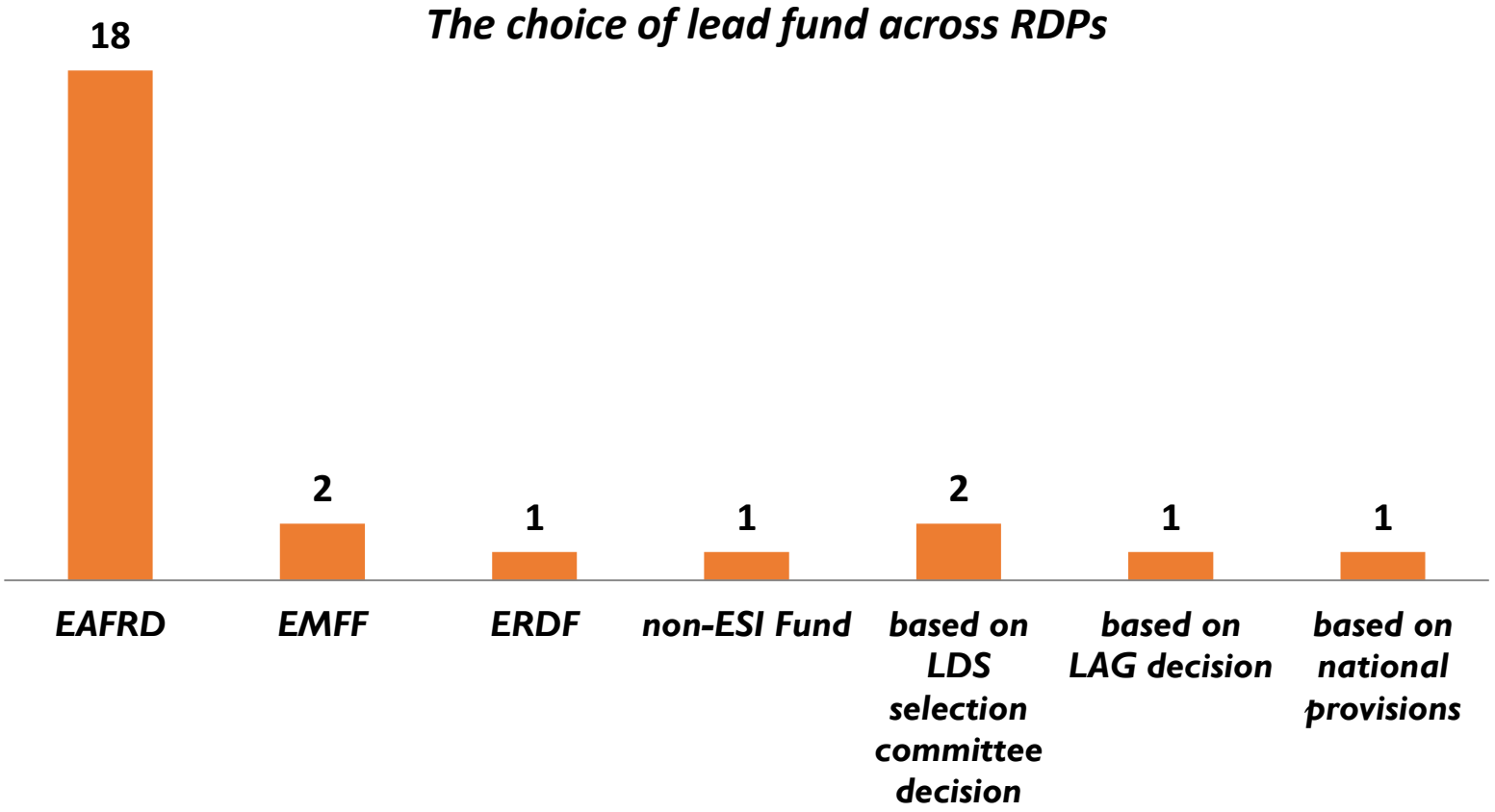

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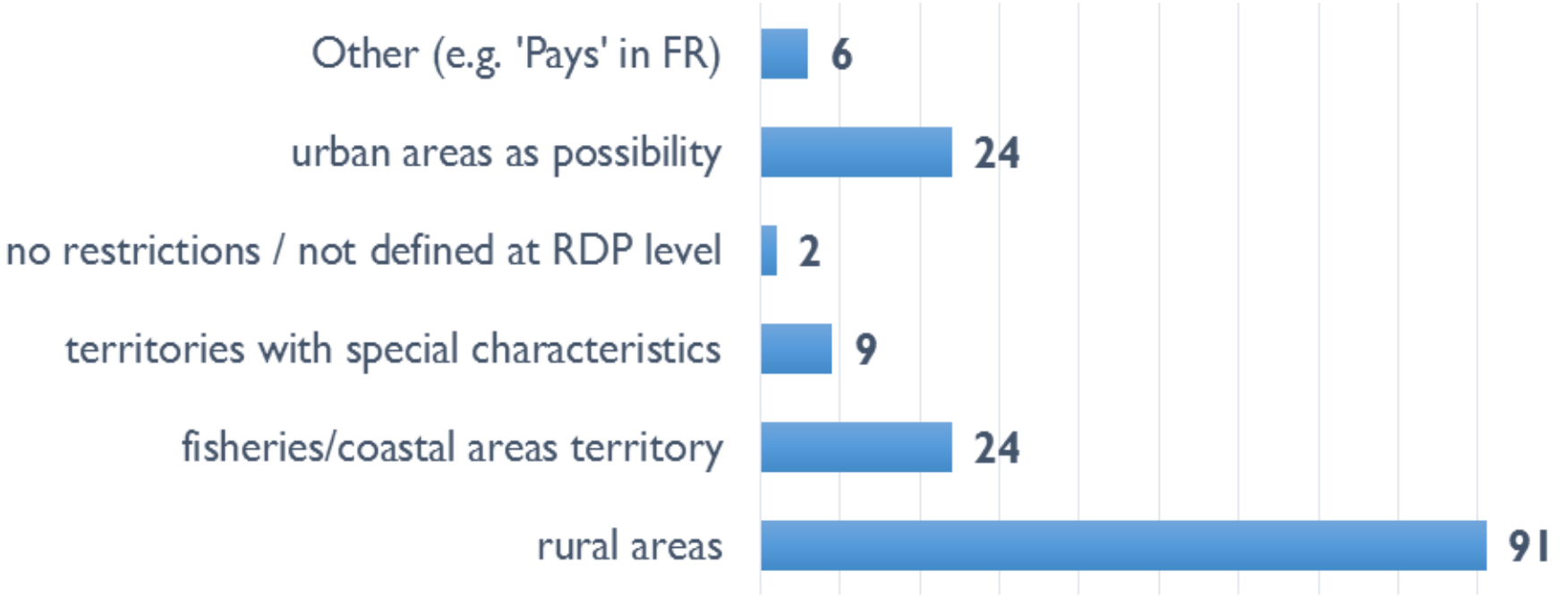
Areas covered by LDSs/LAGs



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Population thresholds, derogations

RDPs analysed

90 RDPs

Population thresholds within 10,000-150,000 (EU criteria)

73 RDPs

Population thresholds different from EU criteria

17 RDPs

Full compliance with EU criteria on population thresholds

45 RDPs

Modified within the EU population thresholds

28 RDPs

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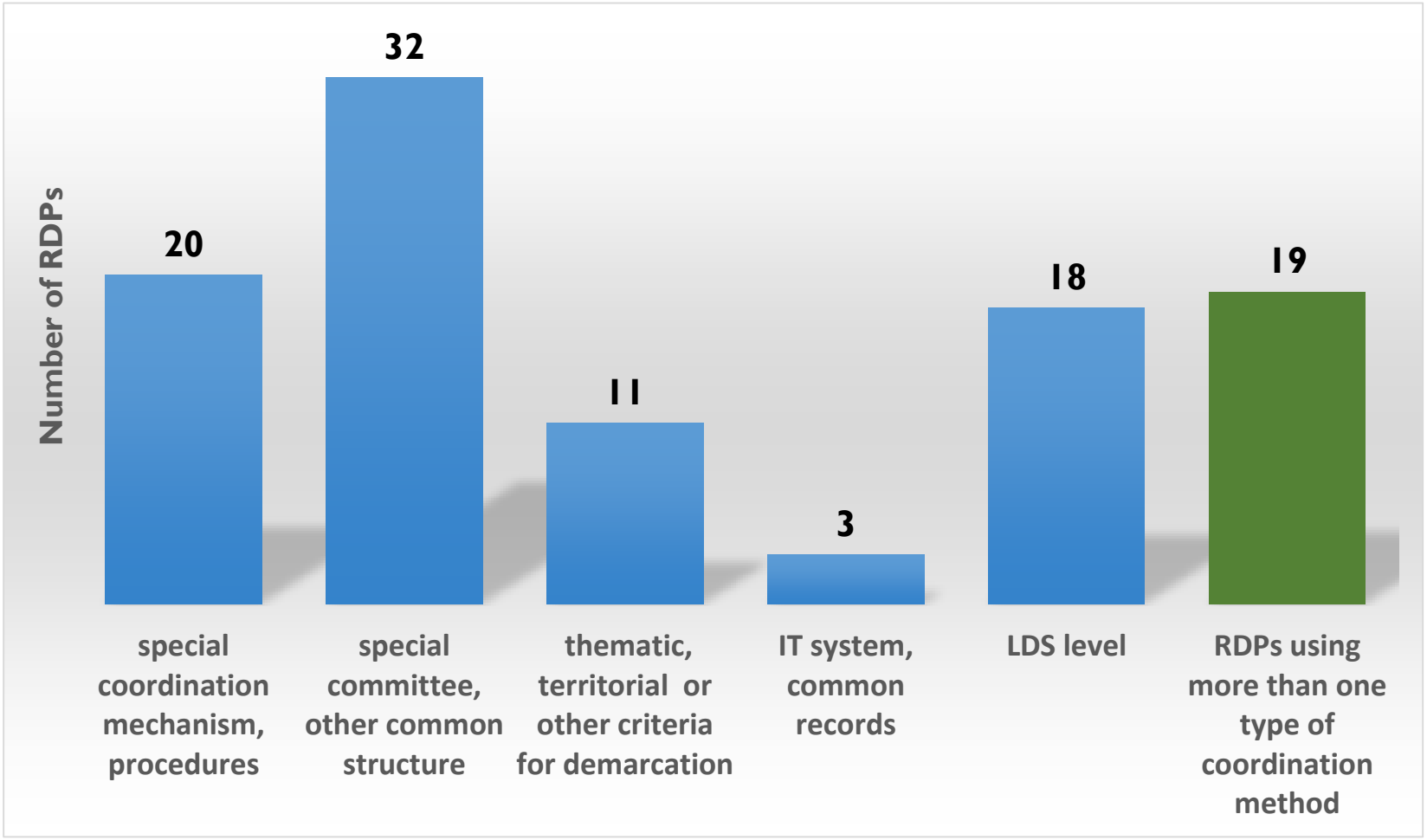
Coordination between EAFRD and other funds



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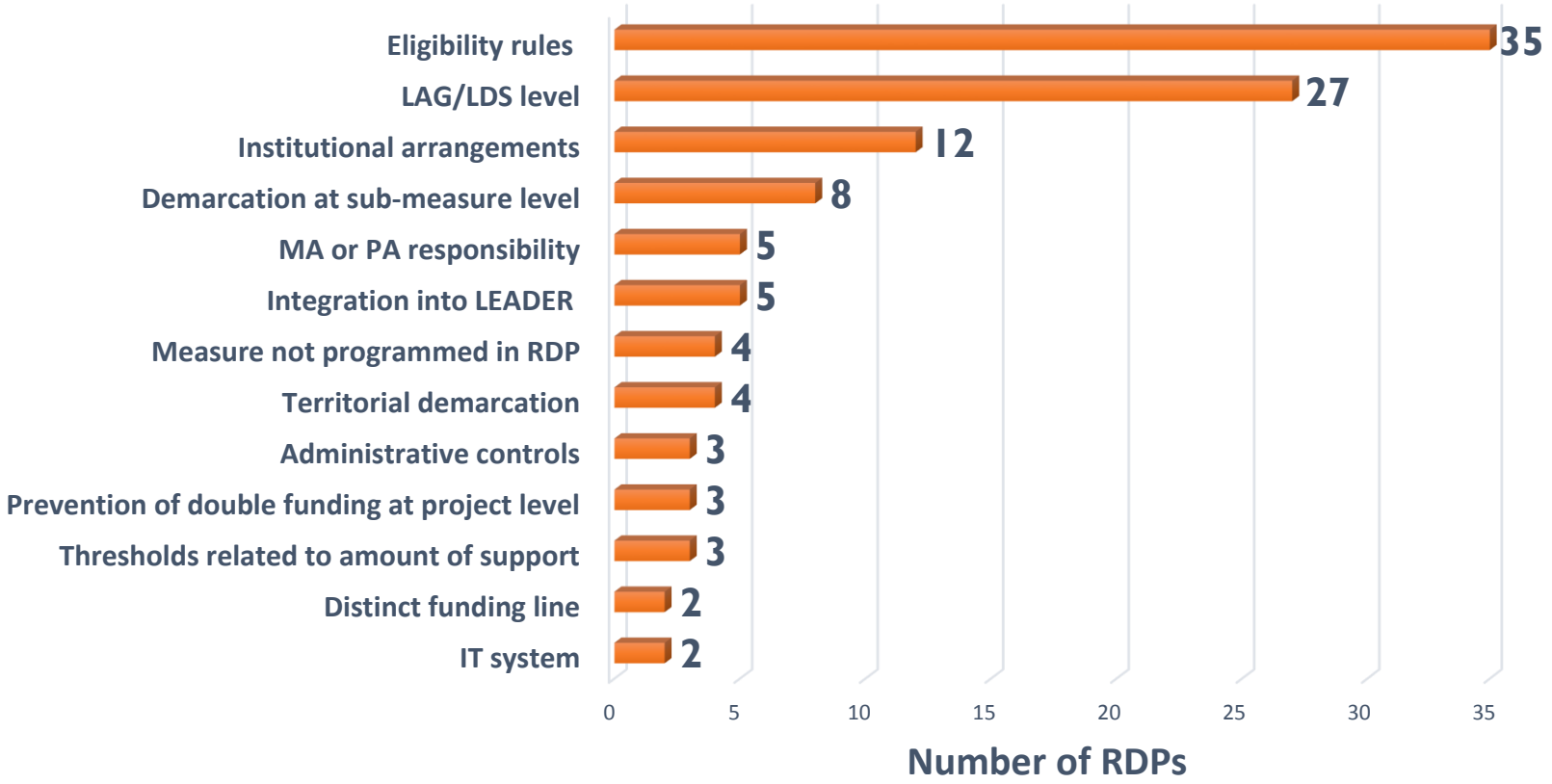

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