4th Interim Meeting of the Regional Expert Advisory Working Group (REAWG) on LEADER

"Standing up for LEADER"

National Road Map
Kosovo*

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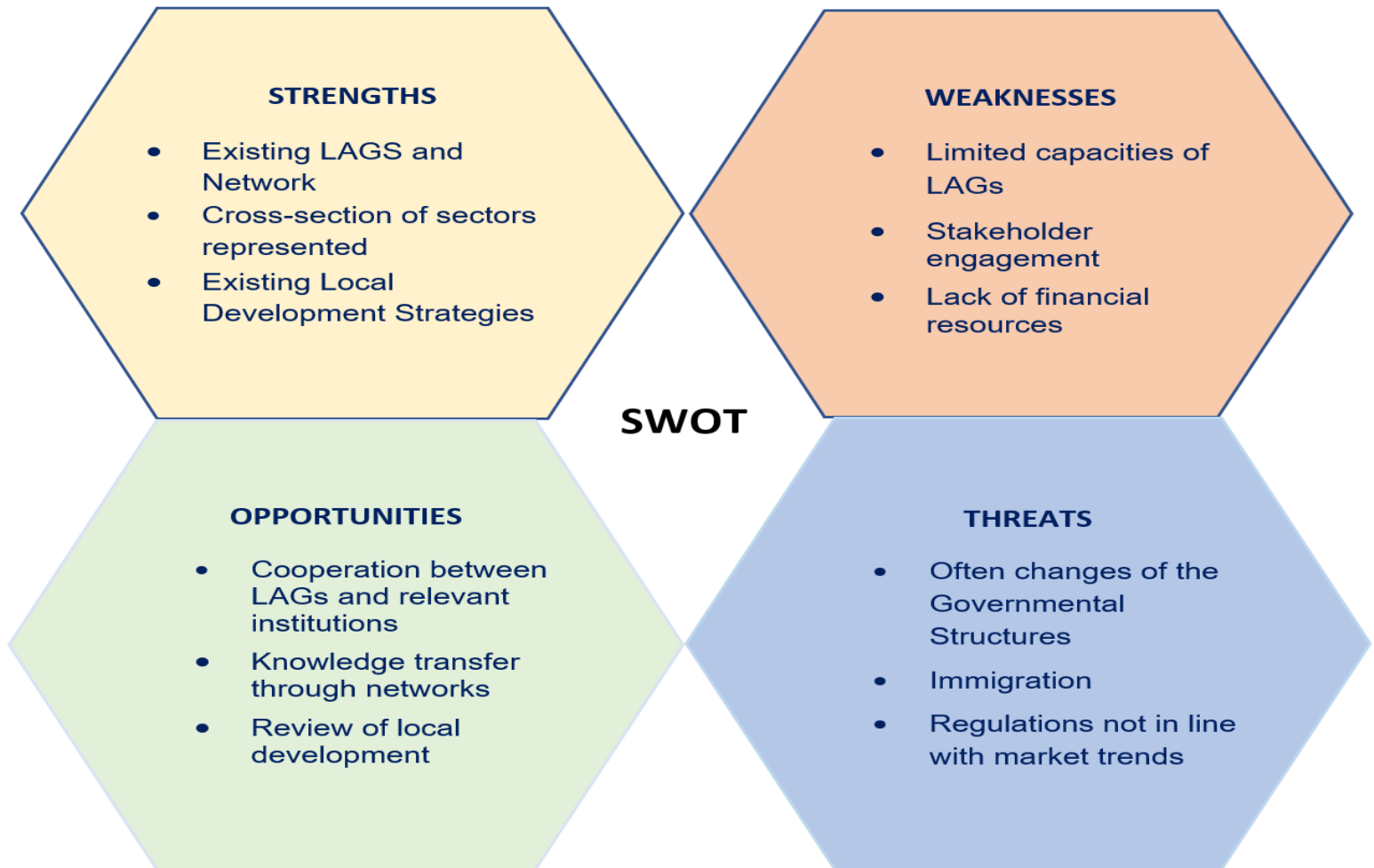
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Introduction

- The rural development strategy promotes sustainable development in Kosovo's rural areas addressing economic, social and environmental concerns.

- Over 62 % of Kosovo´s population lives in rural areas and the application of Leader in line with EU rural development policy represents an important and innovative approach.

- The implementation of the LEADER programme in Kosovo is addressed through the following strategic policy documents: 1) strategies for agriculture and rural development, 2) mid-term programmes, 3) IPARD II programmes and 4) strategic and other documents on local development strategy.
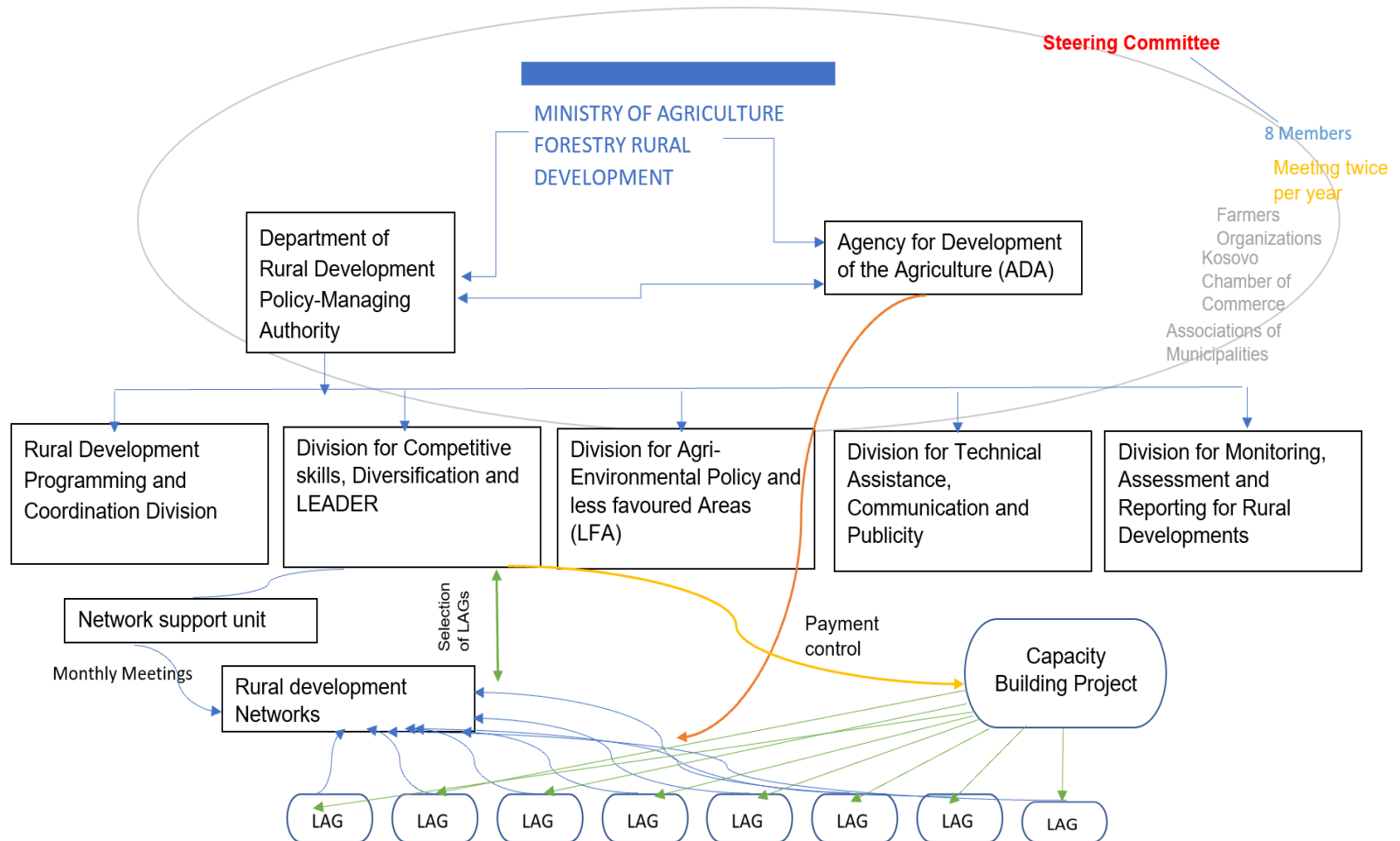
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SWOT Analysis of LEADER

STRENGTHS

- Existing LAGS and Network
- Cross-section of sectors represented
- Existing Local Development Strategies

WEAKNESSES

- Limited capacities of LAGs
- Stakeholder engagement
- Lack of financial resources

SWOT

OPPORTUNITIES

- Cooperation between LAGs and relevant institutions
- Knowledge transfer through networks
- Review of local development

THREATS

- Often changes of the Governmental Structures
- Immigration
- Regulations not in line with market trends

Steering Structure

Core Processes: Managing Authorities

- IPARD preparation, certification and implementation
- Call for proposals, check the eligibility and select the LAGs
- Commissioning and supervising the Network Support Unit
- Funding (budgeting, disbursement, control)
- Monitoring and evaluation
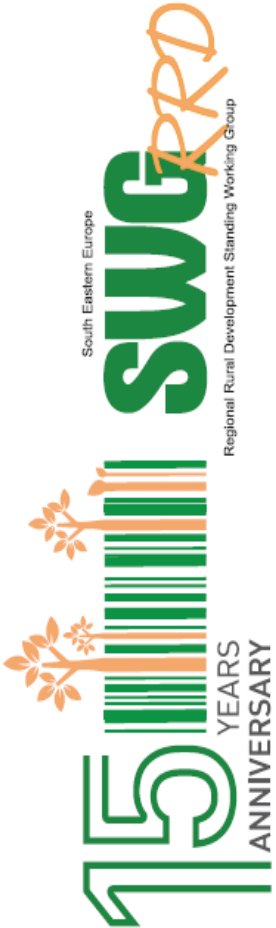- Reporting
- Information and Publicity

Core Processes: Rural Development Network

- Capacity building of rural stakeholders and LAGs

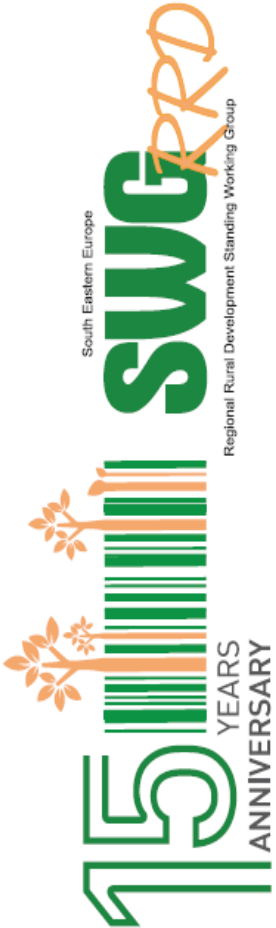- National, regional, international networking

- Evaluation and Learning

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Core Processes: LAGs

- Creating and managing the local partnership

- Local animation and capacity building
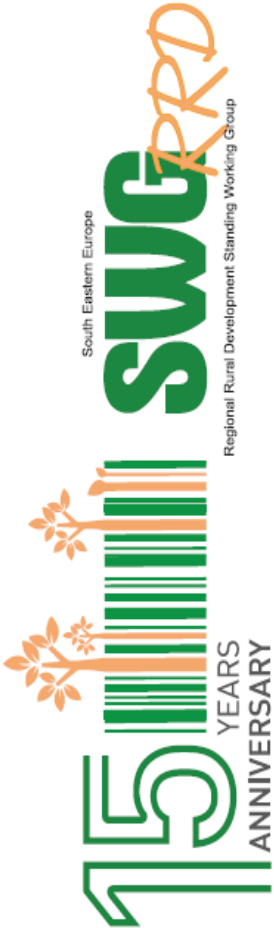
- Project support and project management

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Priorities: Managing Authorities

- Implementation of Local Development Strategies - Leader Approach (ARDP, donor support schemes);

- To stimulate knowledge transfer and help promote social and economic inclusion by supporting LAGs and farmers in rural areas;

- Informing and training local people to prepare and implement local development strategies including the management of their LAGs.

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Priorities: Rural Development Network

- Promoting cooperation among LAGs in Kosovo and international cooperation;
- Activating the involvement of various groups of rural stakeholders and building/strengthening sustainable partnerships through the existing Local Action Groups (LAGs);
- To develop civil society and social dialogue within the rural population, facilitate good governance through local partnerships and foster employment and develop human capital.
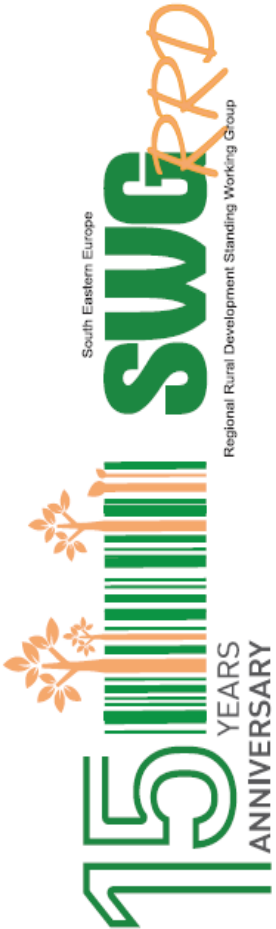
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Priorities: Priorities: LAGs

- Participate in the decision-making and contribute to the develop human capital to increase the ability to cope with competitive pressure and market forces as well as to improve the life in rural areas;
- Participate in the national rural development network;
- Ensure adequate levels of technical and economic knowledge and skills in LAG management, product quality and safety and market skills.

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Road Map

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- LDS are further supported through the funding of viable, community-led projects

- RD Strategies are further promoted through local initiatives and private public partnership

- The capacity among rural inhabitants and LAG members is enhanced through training and education

RDN

- New partnerships established

- The effectiveness and sustainability of LAGs in the target municipalities are enhanced through capacity development and

- The participation of rural inhabitants, LAGs, other stakeholders are improved in the decision-making process of rural development

LAGs

- The capacity among rural inhabitants and LAG members is enhanced through training and education

- Secured effective project management

- Encourage other inhabitants to be activated in the process of cooperation through meetings and other forums

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