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**DEVELOPING A VISION ON THE FUTURE OF
AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE EU**

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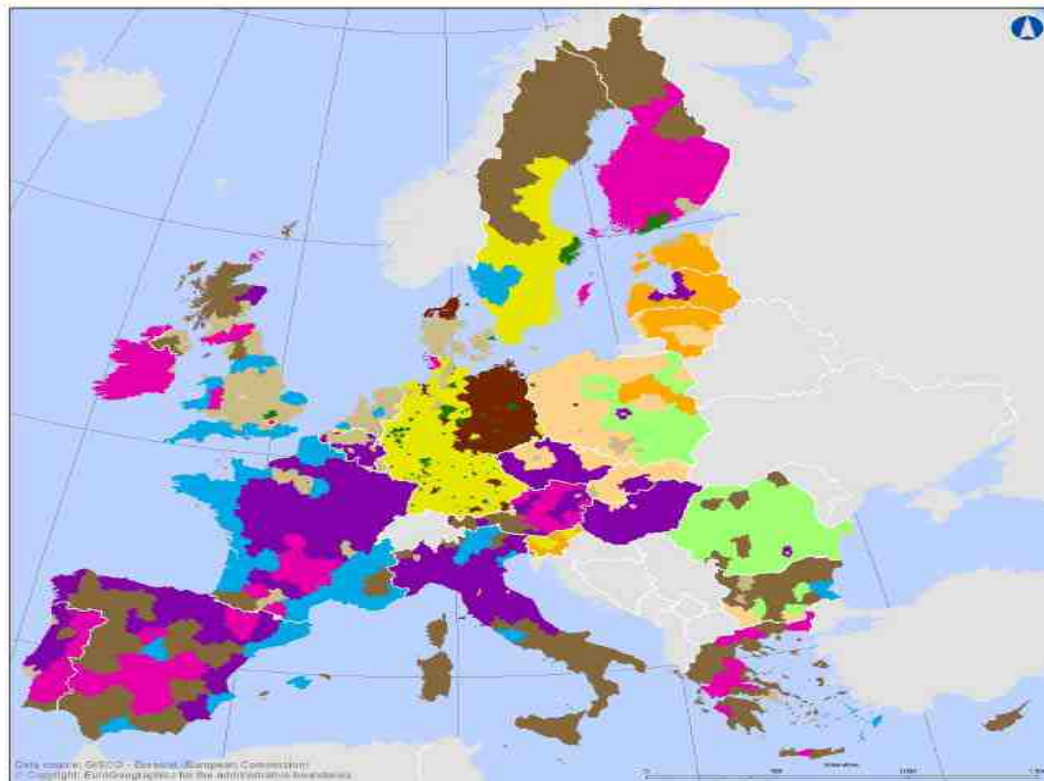
1. RURAL AREAS AND THE RURAL-URBAN DIVIDE: What is the situation today? A LOOK FROM A DIFFERENT ANGLE



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RESULTS OF CLUSTERING AND CASE STUDY ANALYSIS

- Most rural areas are multi-functional with the mix of economic activities mostly determined by the regional context → **territorial regional finger print**
- Economic activities are spatially more and more equally distributed → **higher diversity of rural areas**
- In terms of growth and employment, there is no “typical rural region” but different types of “rurality” determined by the regional “mix of functions” rather than a single economic activity
- Since 2001 higher growth rate of GDP/capita in rural than in urban areas
- Many “accessible” rural regions experience counter urbanization
- Structurally, many rural regions perform better than urban ones (e.g. for change in economically active population, %♀ in workforce; share of commuters etc.)



Enlargements



- Greater London CLUSTER
- Île-de-France
- Malta
- I - Large European Cities
- II - Metropolitan areas with high population density
- III - Cities not aggregated with their surroundings
- IV - Urban conurbation areas with declining manufacturing factor
- V - Southern and Northern peripheral and mountain regions
- VI - Coastal and mountain areas
- VII - Eastern periphery - agriculturally dominated
- IX - “Strong” metropolitan in new MS
- X - Central and Northern European industrial regions
- XI - Rural regions with significant industry
- XII - Eastern periphery
- XIII - Rural areas with agricultural development

Overseas



- Departments of regions (Guadeloupe, Martinique, Guiana, Réunion)
- Illes Canaries
- Madiera & Ilhas dos Açores
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and innovation in rural areas
(2010) managed by DG AGRI



2. RURAL AREAS AND THE RURAL-URBAN DIVIDE: What is the situation today?



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DRIVERS OF GROWTH

- Natural resources and environmental quality
- Infrastructure and accessibility
- Quality of life and cultural capital
- “Wide” sectoral structure

BARRIERS TO GROWTH

- Negative demography (loss of young people and ageing)
- Remoteness: Poor accessibility, infrastructure and communications
- Narrow sectoral structure



3. FUND COORDINATION UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE EU2020 STRATEGY



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EU STRATEGY 2020
(SMART SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH)

Proposed:

COMMON EU STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR ALL FUNDS

Corollary:

COMMON NATIONAL STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR ALL FUNDS

STRATEGICALLY COORDINATED AND COHERENT EU FUND INTERVENTIONS

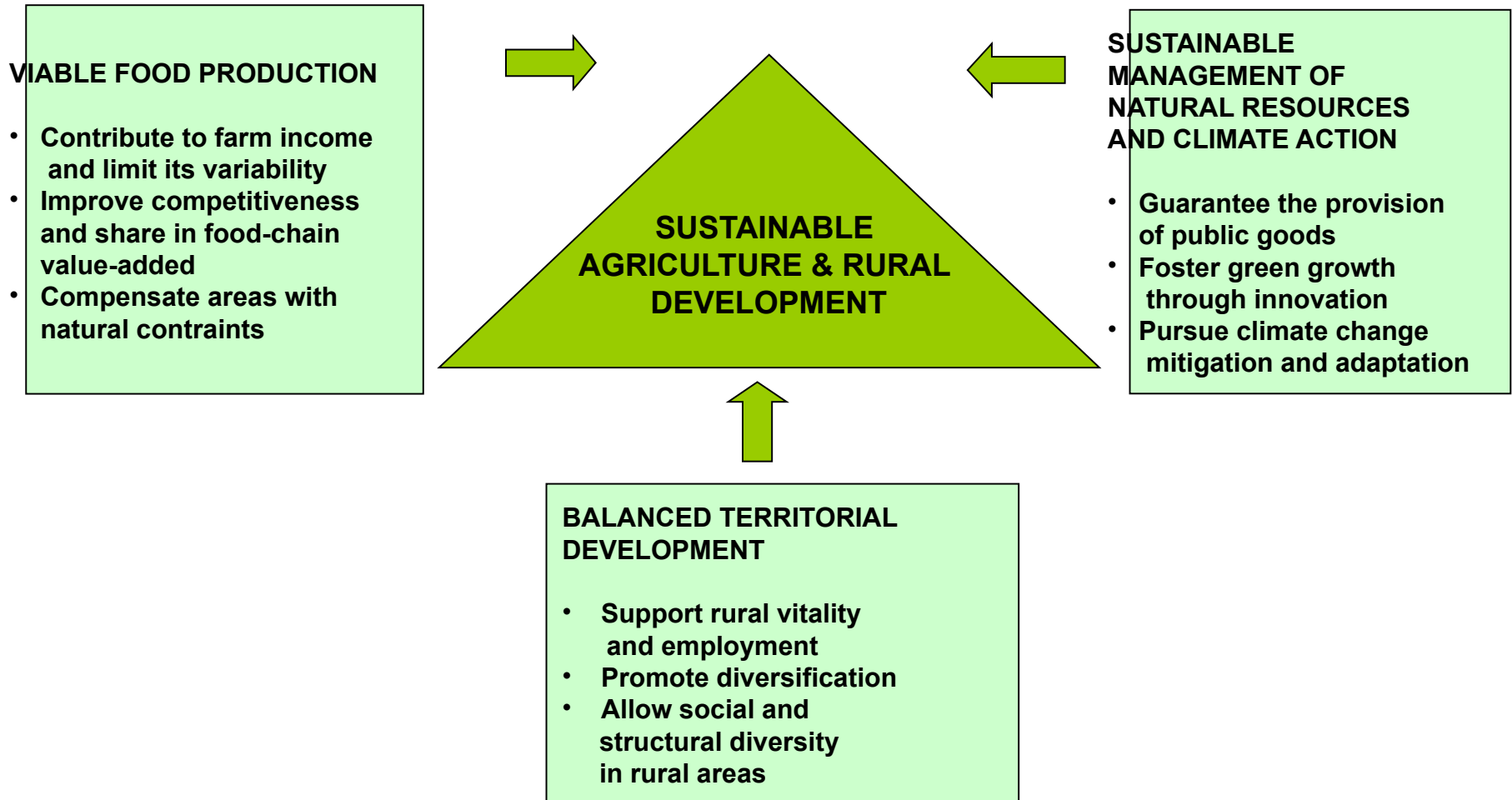
LAGS: IMPLEMENTATION OF INTEGRATED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES ("LEADING" FUND? CROSS-FINANCING?)



4. OBJECTIVES OF THE CAP REFORM



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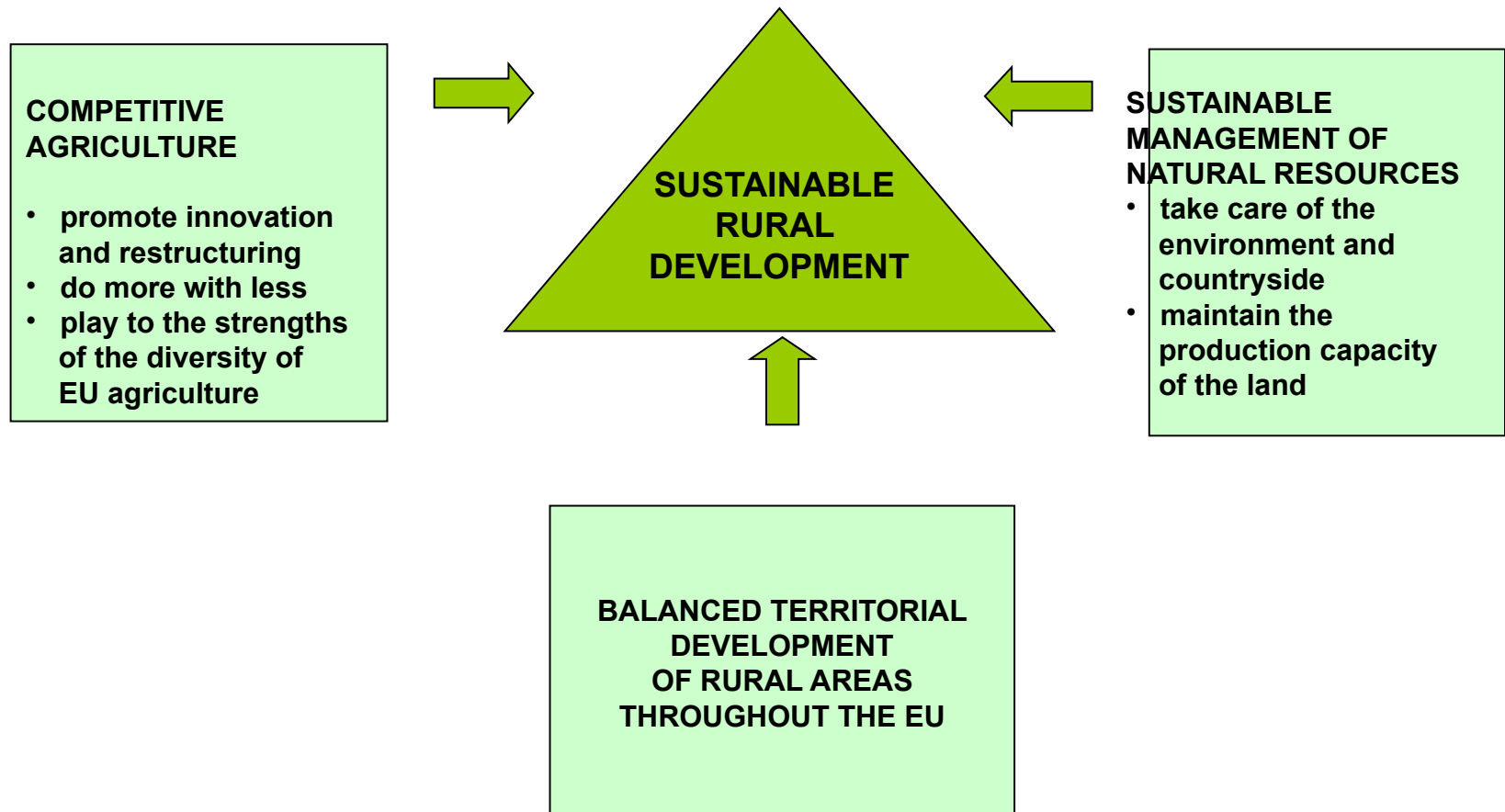




5. RURAL DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES: OLD AND NEW



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6. RURAL DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES FOR THE PERIOD AFTER 2013



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EU STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Foster competitive agricultural sector

Preserve natural resources, countryside

Develop rural areas

INTEGRATED GUIDING CONSIDERATIONS:
INNOVATION, CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENT

EU PRIORITIES

- promoting farm viability and competitiveness in agriculture
(restructuring; food chain integration; generational renewal; farm risk management)
- resource efficiency in the agri-food sector
(water & energy; farm-level adaptation to climate change)
- Promoting the transition to a low carbon economy
(feedstocks for renewable energy in agriculture and forestry; reducing N₂O and CH₄ emissions from agriculture)

- protecting and enhancing ecosystems dependent on agriculture and forestry
(biodiversity & landscapes; water & soil; carbon storage; adaptation and resilience to climate change)
- realizing the growth potential of rural areas
(diversification & job creation; social inclusion & poverty reduction)



**Thank you
for your attention!**