

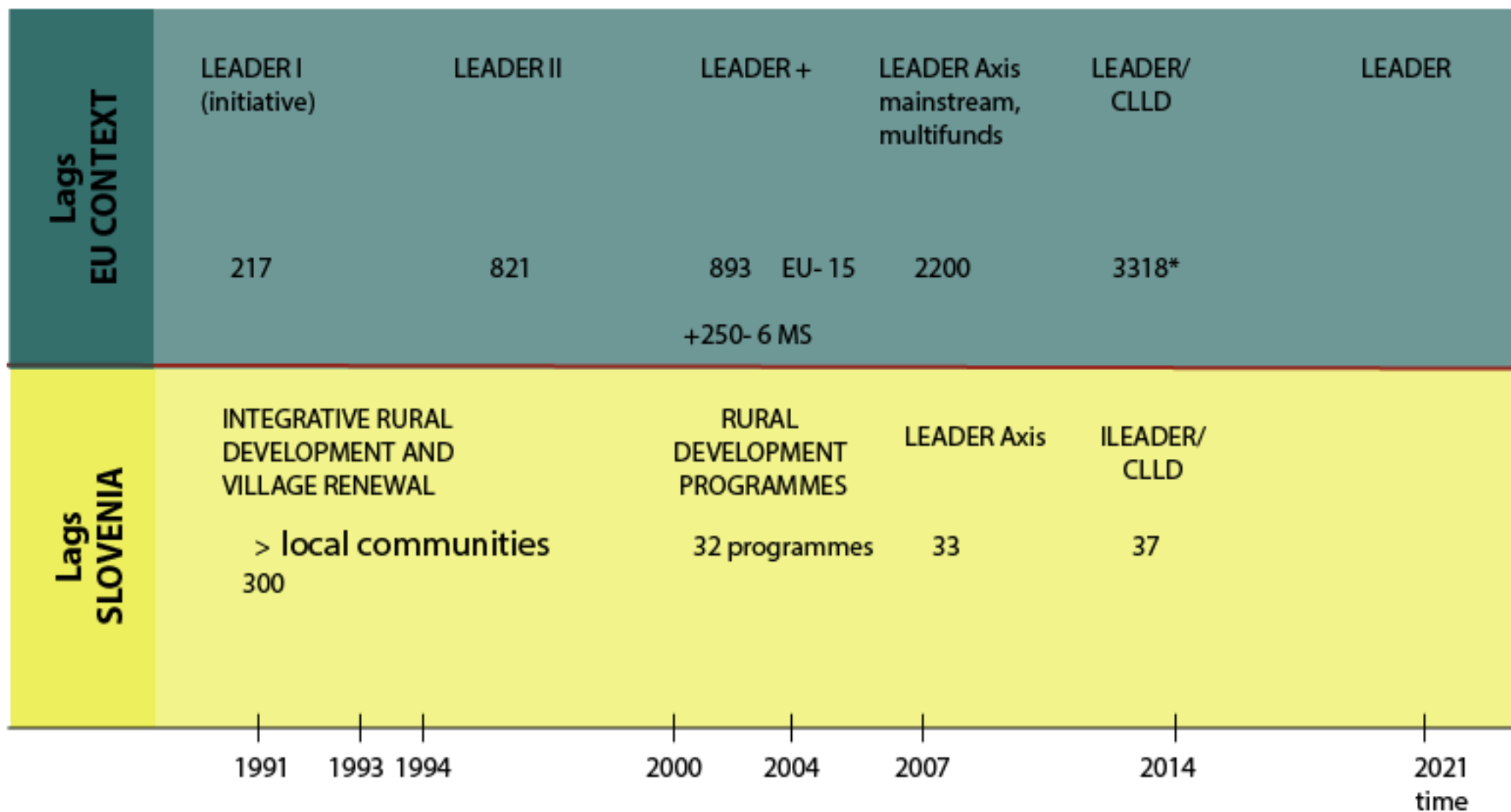
Hidden impacts of LEADER in Slovenian rural areas

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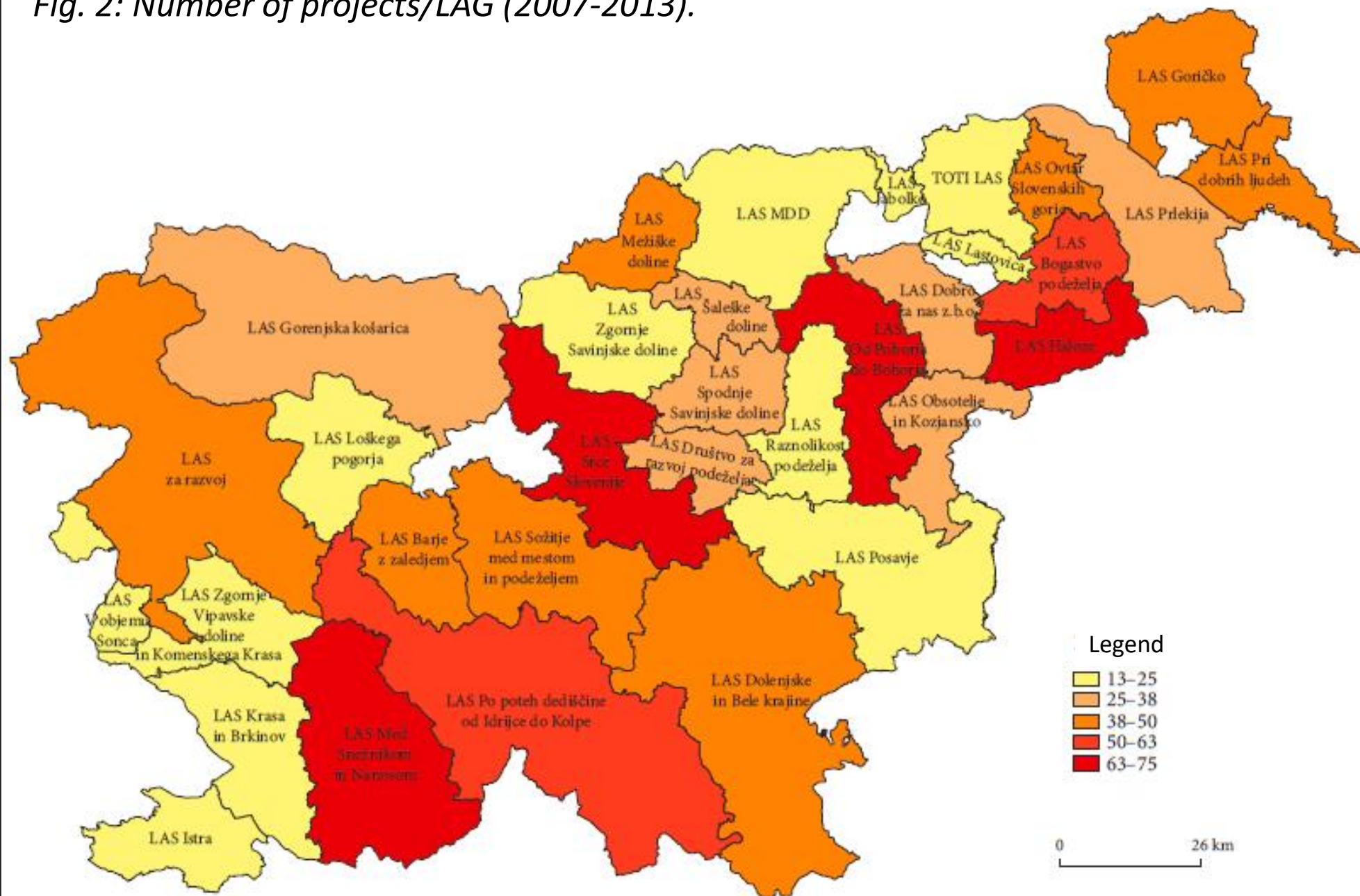


Fig. 1: THE PLACEMENT OF LEADER IN THE WIDER RURAL DEVELOPMENT CONTEXT



Sources: Servillo, 2019; MAFF, various years, Potočnik Slavič, 2018.

Fig. 2: Number of projects/LAG (2007-2013).



LEADER – „ ... what is this?”



HIDDEN IMPACT OF LEADER

1st year Geography students (5 years ago):
negative response.

1st year Geography students (responses 2017, 2018):
2 positive responses.

»...because my mother is working in the local action group«, and

»... I saw a short notice on the project in local newspaper«.

PROPOSED ACTION: include LEADER topics more actively in curriculum.

VISIBLE IMPACT: young people have been appointed to LEADER tasks in various parts of Slovenia.



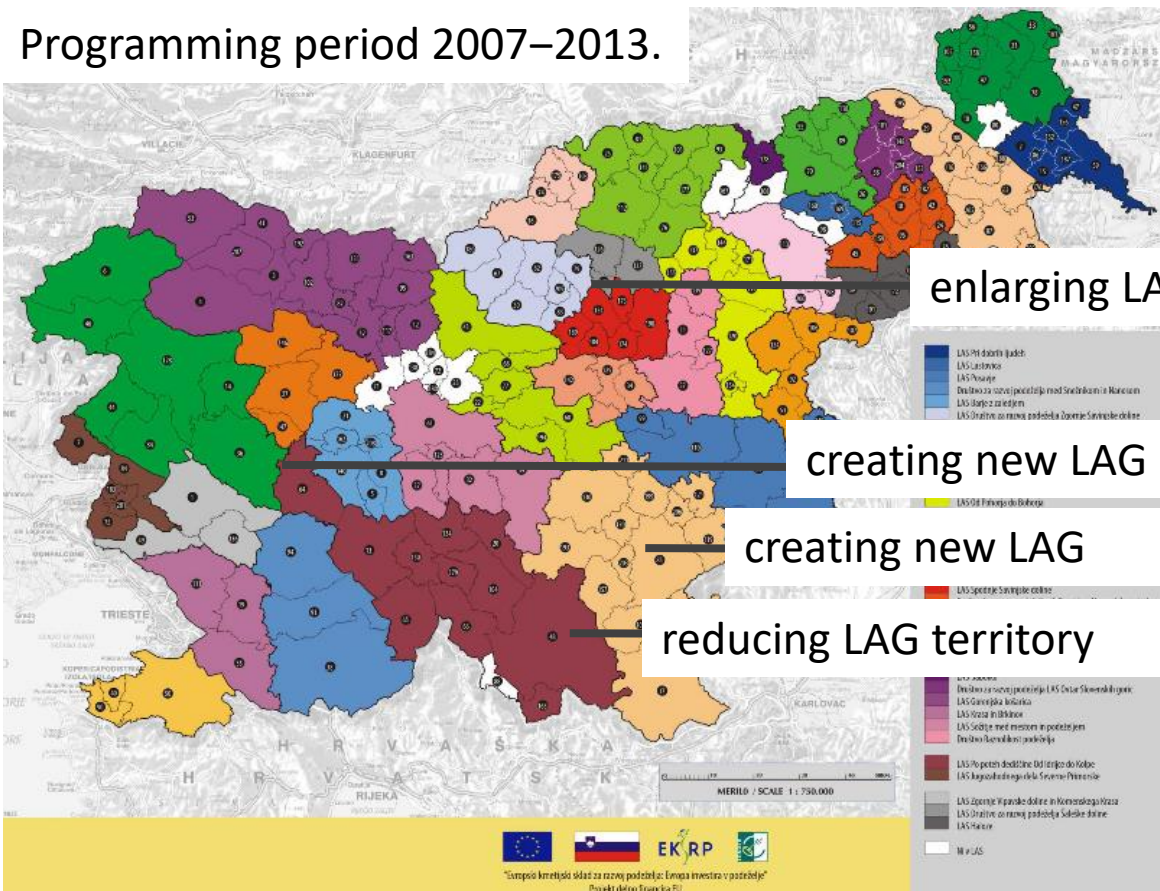
Photo: IPS, 2019.



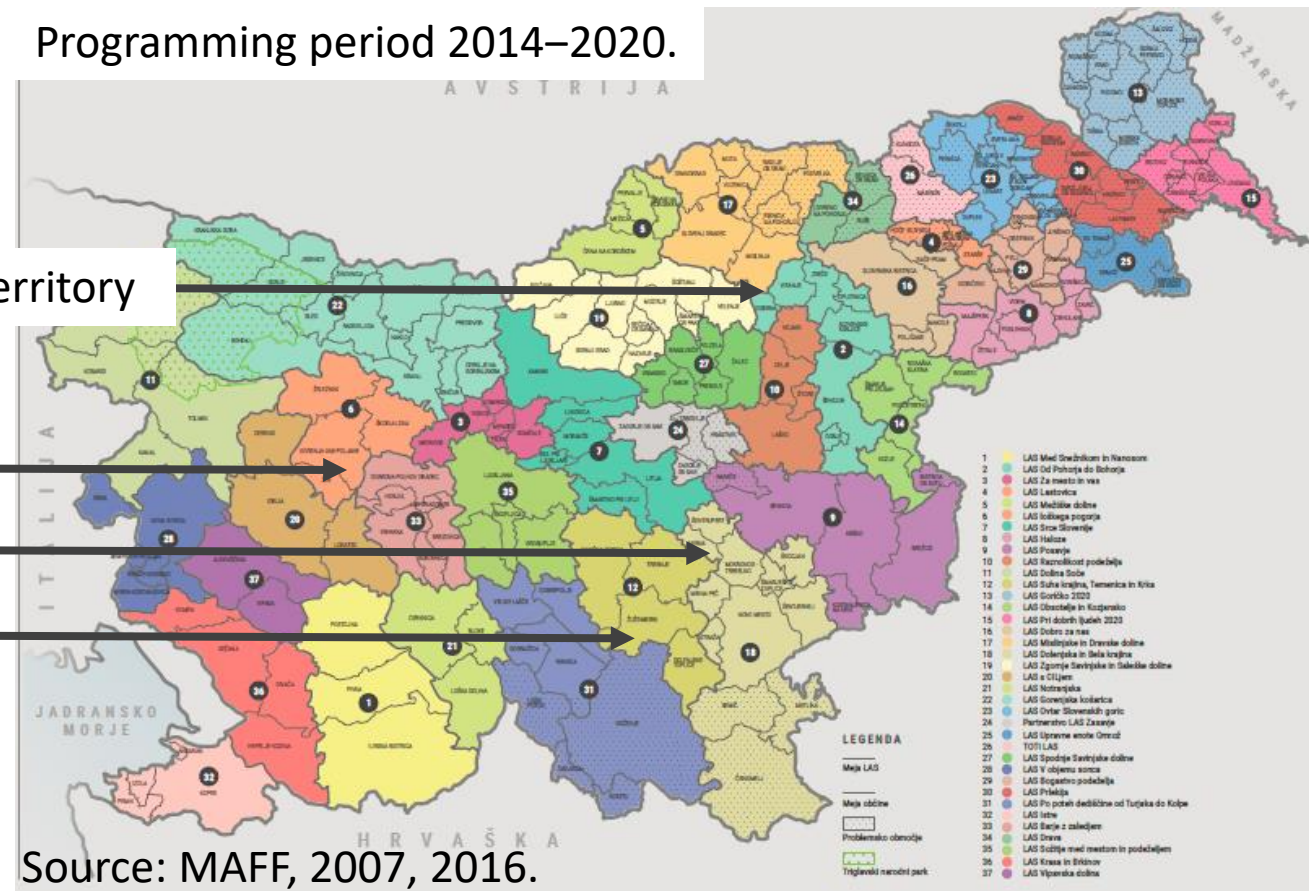
LEADER – „where is it on the map”?

Fig. 3: LAGs territories - evidences from maps in Slovenia.

Programming period 2007–2013.



Programming period 2014–2020.



Source: MAFF, 2007, 2016.

Fig. 4: Constructing and tailoring LAGs territories.

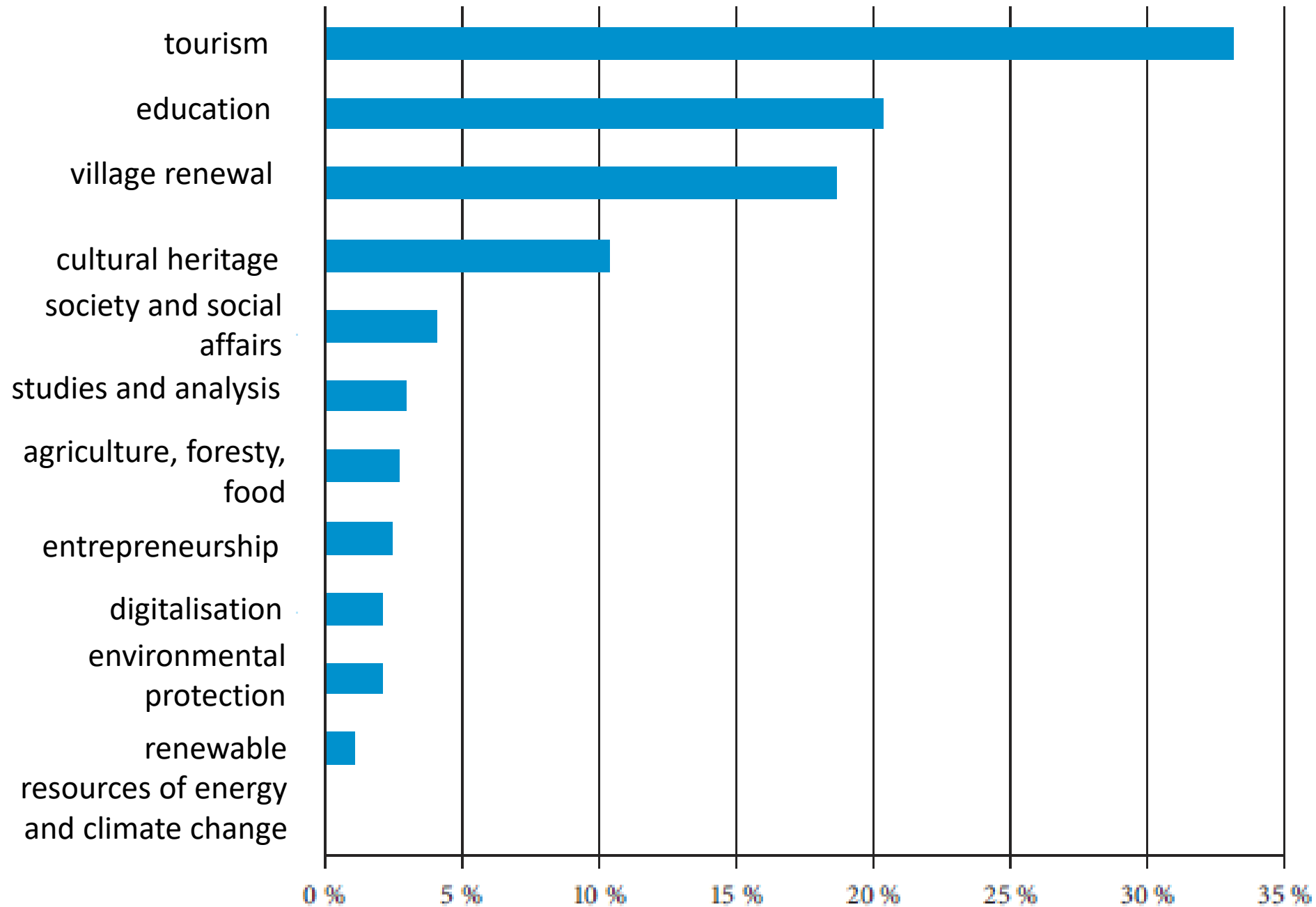


HIDDEN IMPACT OF LEADER

LEADER territories not present in the daily lives and minds of the people.

PROPOSED ACTION: visualisation and communication of LEADER (territory, structures, results, method).

VISIBLE IMPACT: 2014–2020 – inclusion of schools, using contemporary media, etc.



*Fig. 5:
Thematic
focus of
LEADER
projects
(2007-2013) –
number of
implemented
projects.*

Source: Medved-Cviki
et al., 2015, p. 116.

LEADER – „where is it in daily lives of rural”?



Photo: IPS, 2018, TELI2 project (<http://teli2.eu/>).

HIDDEN IMPACT OF LEADER

Relationships among these three variables – territorial synergies or territorial battlefields?

PROPOSED ACTION: collaborative learning.

VISIBLE IMPACT: the structure and sustainability of partnerships, adherence, cooperation.



Source: MAFF, 2016.

LAG Dolenjska and Bela Krajina region (DBK):

- est. 2015,
- 68 members,
- territory: 1,252 km²,
- (108,847 →) 92,000 inhabitants,
- (14 →) 12 municipalities,
- problem region (2014–2020).



Fig. 6: Where did you hear of LAG DBK?

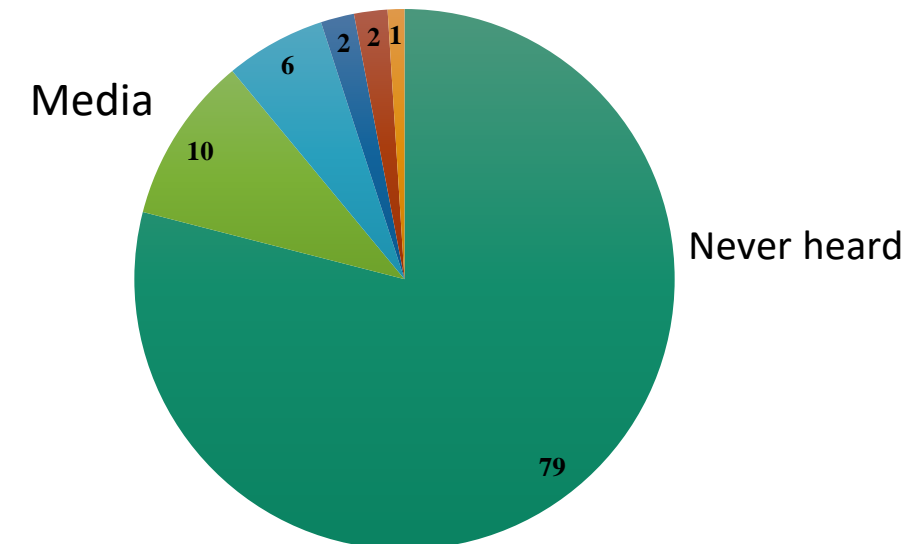
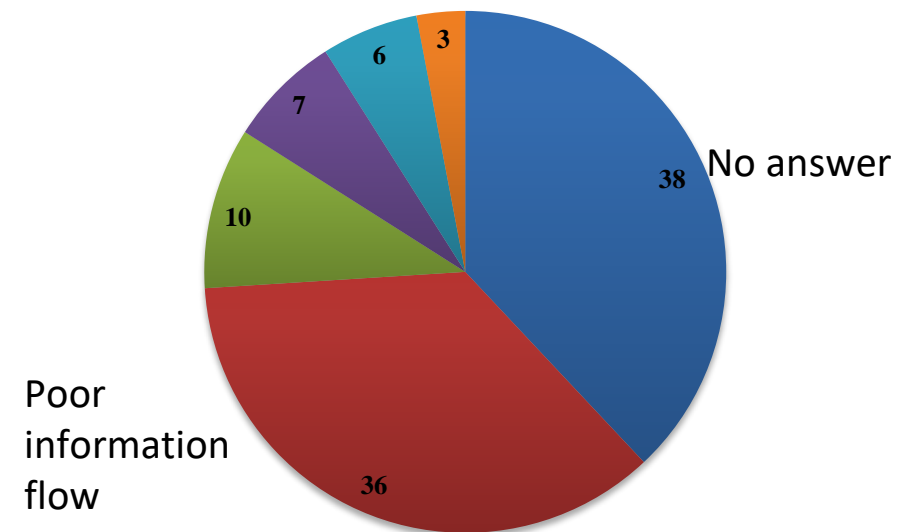


Fig. 7: Why are you unfamiliar with LAG DBK?



Source: Fortun, 2017-2018 (N=100).

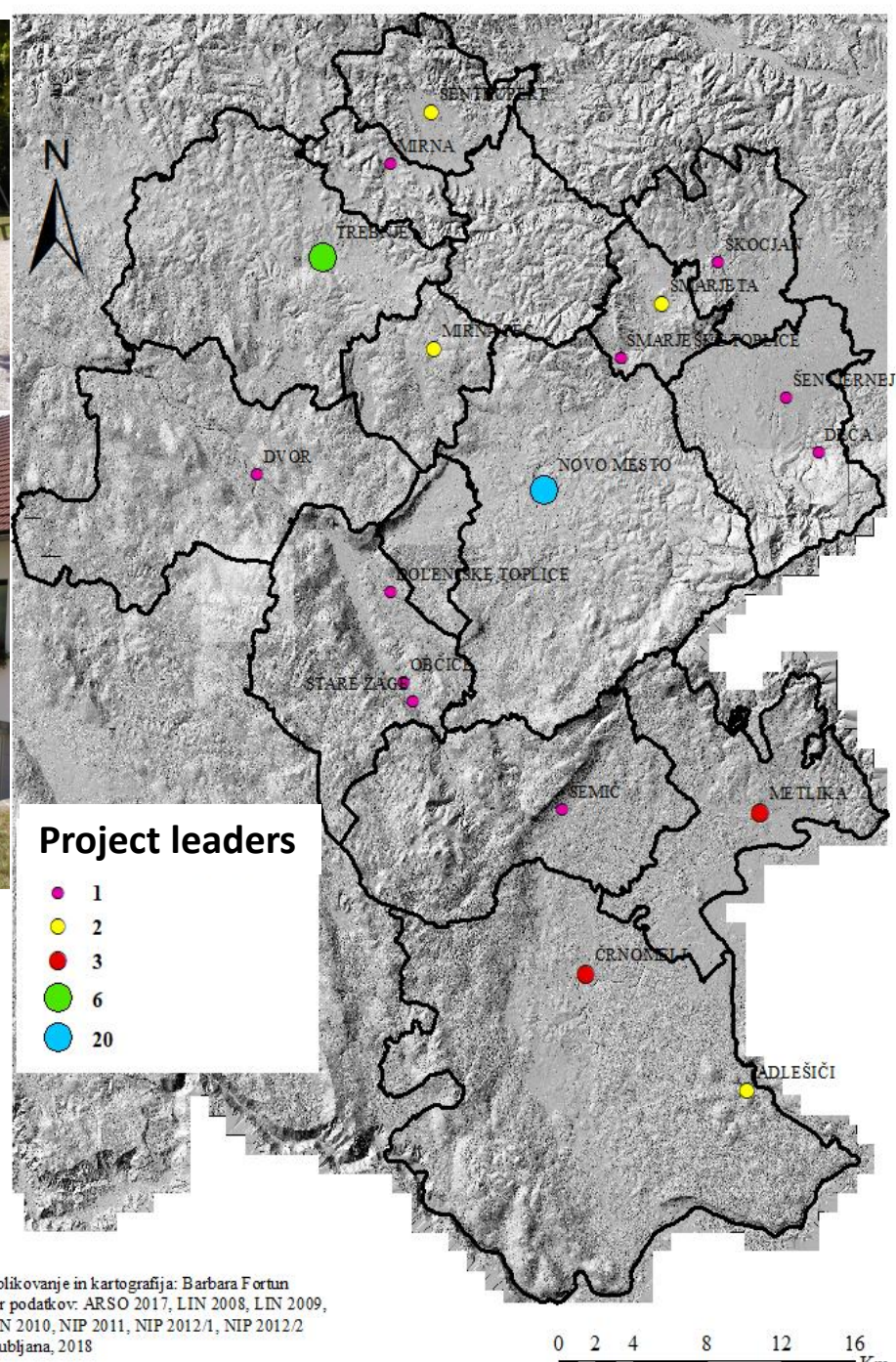
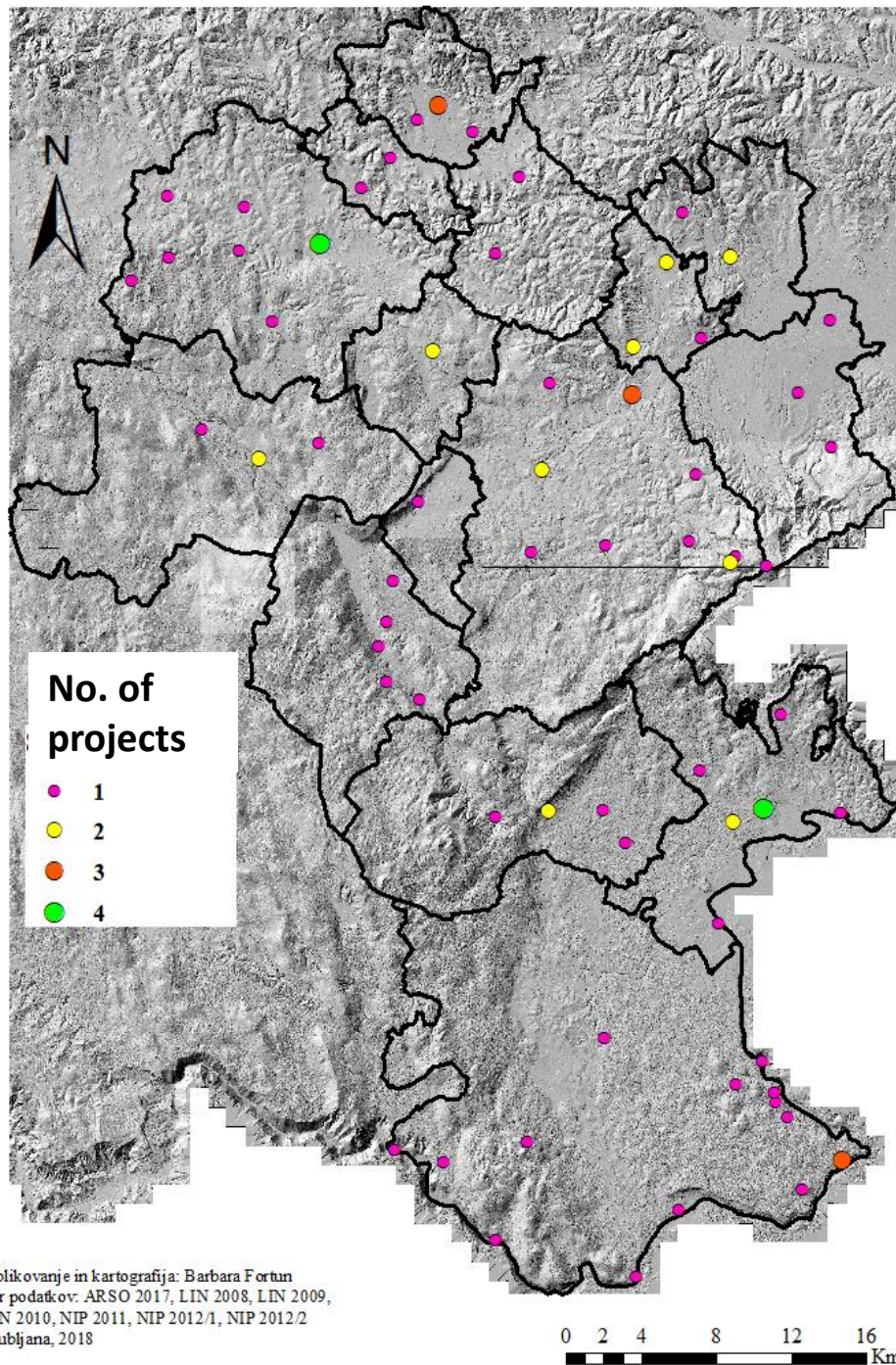


Fig. 8–9: Projects in LAG DBK (2007-2013).

Source: Fortun, 2018.



Source: MAFF, 2016.

Source: Šabec, 2018.

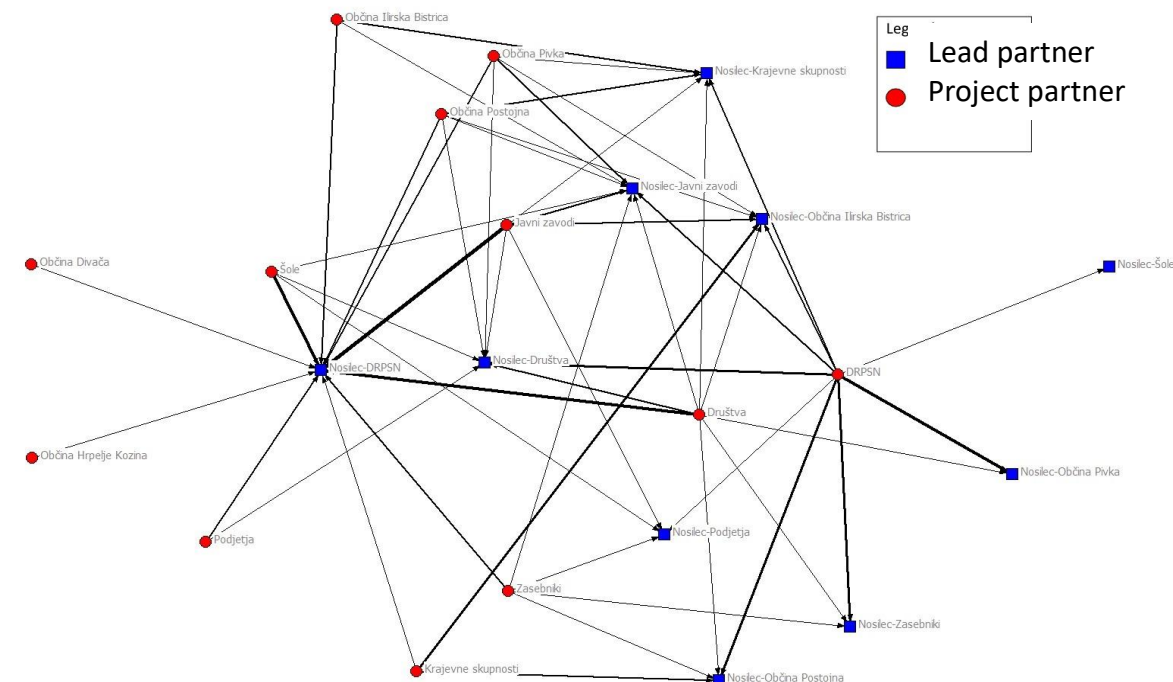


Fig. 10: Mapping the LEADER partnership (2007-2013): the *number of linkages*.

LAG between Snežnik and Nanos.
Est. 2006.
Territory: 972 km².
Inhabitants: 35.092.

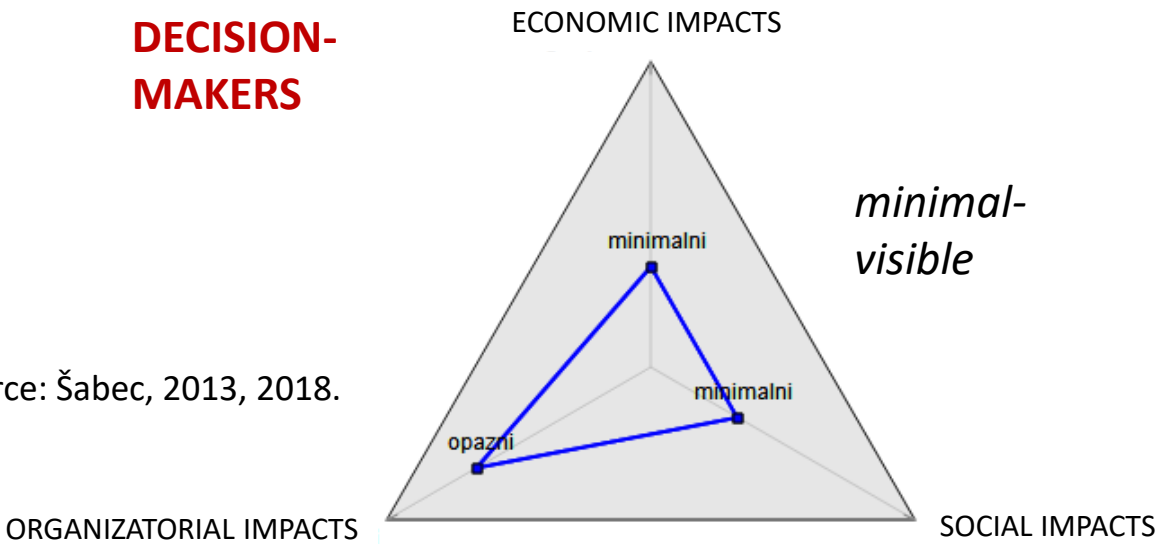


Društvo
za razvoj podeželja
med Snežnikom
in Nanosom

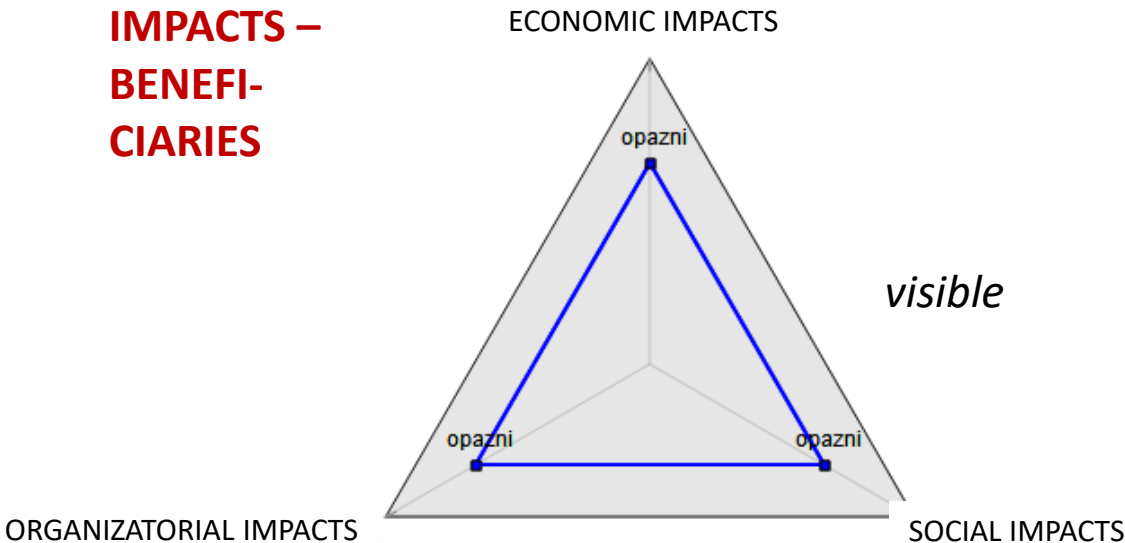
Fig. 11–12: Evaluating the LEADER impacts.

**IMPACTS –
DECISION-
MAKERS**

Source: Šabec, 2013, 2018.



**IMPACTS –
BENEFI-
CIARIES**



HOW TO MAKE HIDDEN LEADER IMPACTS MORE VISIBLE?

P: PEOPLE

P: PLACE

P: PERMANENT

**P: PHYSICAL
EVIDENCE**

P: PERCEPTION

P: PARTNERSHIP

PROCESS