

Appendix 1: Glossary

Accountable Body	A LEADER+ Accountable Body is an organisation which is able to enter into a legal funding agreement with the Government in order to take responsibility for the receipt and use of European Union Structural Funds. Accountable Bodies must be able to demonstrate their experience and competence in administration and financial management. The Accountable Body does not determine the allocation of funding at the local level but must ensure that all funding decisions are made in line with the aims and objectives of both the LEADER+ Programme and also the local LEADER+ Plan
Actions and Measures (for LEADER+)	<p>The LEADER+ budget is allocated by Action and by Measure. There are three Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Action 1 Delivery of the integrated strategy• Action 2 Co-operation projects between LAGs• Action 3 Networking <p>There are nine measures that LAG budgets cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Measure 1 Administration costs• Measure 2 LAG capacity building• Measure 3 Retrospective costs on acquisition of skills for new LAGs• Measures 4-7 Project costs (one measure per theme)• Measure 8 Co-operation projects in the UK• Measure 9 Transnational co-operation projects
Administrative boundaries	These are boundaries that follow existing Government and Local Government borders. At the local level administrative boundaries are set for different levels of governance, including county, district and parish and town councils
AONB – Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	This is a designation under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 for the purposes of preserving and enhancing their natural beauty. Areas designated as an AONB are of high landscape value of national importance, within which the conservation and enhancement of its natural beauty is the priority
Appraisal Process (for LEADER+)	All funding applications to LEADER+ programmes are assessed against a list of questions that will help to decide if it meets the aims and objectives of the programme. This assessment also provides information about the viability of the project in terms of what it is trying to do and whether the organisation(s) involved are able to deliver. There is no set appraisal process for LEADER+ as each one is developed locally to support the local programme. However there will be common questions and criteria
Baseline Information	The collation of information, facts and figures, about a geographical area that record its social, economic and environmental status at a given point in time. This can be used measure the impact of future changes, for example funding programmes such as LEADER+
Bottom Up Approach	This term is commonly used for programmes and projects that are centred around decision making and activities which are determined at the local level by local people. Programmes and projects are therefore locally relevant and locally initiated

Co-operation Projects	Co-operation is an important principle in LEADER+ and there is a specific requirement (supported by funding) in the programme for LEADER+ areas to become involved in co-operation projects with other LEADER+ projects either in their Member State or elsewhere in the EU
Council for Voluntary Service (CVS)	A CVS is a voluntary organisation which is set up, owned and run by local groups to support, promote and develop local voluntary and community action. They support voluntary and community groups through a range of services and also act as a voice for the local voluntary and community sector
DEFRA (Managing Authority LEADER+)	The England Programme was developed by the Department for Food for and Rural Affairs which is the Managing Authority for the Programme in England. It is administered within the South West region by the Government Office for the South West (GOSW). A regional Government Office Secretariat provides support for and monitors the progress of the local action groups in the South West region
Delegated Grant Scheme (with delegated authority)	These are generally small grant schemes that have been approved in advance by the local LEADER+ LAG and GOSW. They enable the local LEADER+ Programme to provide small grants at the local level based upon the criteria agreed with GOSW (delegated authority)
Economic and Social Partners	LEADER+ programmes must be made up of at least 50% 'local economic and social' partners. This helps to maintain the LEADER principles of local management and implementation and a bottom up approach. Economic and Social partners are individuals or people who represent, for example, voluntary and community groups or businesses
EU LEADER+ Observatory	The EU LEADER+ Observatory accessible via a website (http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rur/leaderplus/index_en.htm) aims to support LEADER+ Programmes across Europe through the provision of information, for example, contacts and project information
Government Office South West (GOSW)	Each Government Office for a region in England is responsible for implementing the LEADER+ Programme in its area
Innovation	Innovation has no standard definition in LEADER+ and is therefore open to interpretation at the local level. Broadly it is interpreted as the introduction of new ideas and new ways of working in the area that had not been there before – which could mean the introduction of an activity from elsewhere that is new to the area, or the development of a completely new approach. Innovation is part of the project application and appraisal process and projects have to demonstrate how this criterion is being met
LEADER+	LEADER is a French acronym for 'Liaison Entre Actions de Developpement de L'Economie Rurale.' It is a European Community Funding Programme which seeks to promote economic and community development in rural areas. It encourages and supports projects for local rural development with a strong emphasis on co-operation and networking between rural areas
LEADER+ England Programme	Countries within Europe developed their own specific LEADER+ Programmes in response to the European Community Initiative. There are four Programmes for the United Kingdom: England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland

LEADER+ Strategic Projects	In the South West all LEADER+ LAGs operate as ‘strategic projects’. This means LAGs have the decision making role but Government Office for the South West has the ultimate ratification of all decisions and holds the funding. In practice GOSW has rarely made comment on decisions, only where issues such as State Aid have arisen. The alternative to a Strategic Project is the Action Plan approach where decision making and funding is fully delegated to the LEADER group (for example LEADER+ projects in South East England take this approach). This raises a different set of issues for LEADER projects to consider, most notably administration, cash flow and financial liability issues
LEADER+ Themes	Four themes were defined in the England LEADER Plus Programming Document 2000-2006 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The use of know-how and new technologies to make the products and services of rural areas more competitive 2. Improving the quality of life in rural areas 3. Adding value to local products 4. Making the best use of natural and cultural resources
Local Action Group (LAG)	These are partnerships of local organisations and people, who seek to deliver the LEADER+ Development Plan to meet local needs. Local Action Groups take the lead developing and promoting the local strategy and for the selection of projects. See also ‘Economic and Social Partners’
Local Development Plans	LEADER+ groups had to submit a Development Plan as part of the bidding process to secure LEADER+ status. The Development Plan (which was required in a prescribed format) set out the proposed innovative strategy for integrated sustainable rural development which achieved a balance between social, economic and environmental considerations. The Development Plan identified the key themes that the LAG would pursue and the priority groups it would target. It also set out the proposed administrative and financial arrangements
Market and Coastal Towns Association (MCTA / MCTI)	This organisation supports the development of market and coastal towns and delivers the Market and Coastal Towns Initiative throughout the region; a community based regeneration programme for market and coastal towns and their surrounding areas. Each town signed up to the Initiative develops a local community based partnership to prepare a long term strategic plan covering social, economic, environmental and cultural issues
Multi Sectoral Strategic Approach	A multi sectoral approach is about integrating activities at a sector and project level. It is also about integrating organisations and individuals involved in the LAG and its activities. The multi sectoral approach links the themes and priorities that LAGs choose to pursue through to the way in which the local partnership is organised and operates to support an integrated approach to rural development
Priority Groups LEADER+)	Each LEADER+ Programme sets out which priority groups it seeks to support. For example, young people, unemployed people, women, older people, rural businesses
Programme Manager	A person employed to administer and support the development of the LAG and the implementation of the aims and objectives of the LEADER+ Programme

Rural Development Programme for England

The Rural Development Programme for England provides a framework for the operation of separate but integrated schemes which provide new opportunities to protect and improve the countryside, to develop sustainable enterprises and to help rural communities to thrive. The new programme will cover the period 2007 - 2013

South West LEADER+

In the South West Region there are six LEADER+ Programmes. These are: North West Devon LEADER+, Somerset Levels and Moors, Blackdown Hills, Chalk and Cheese, Sustain the Plain and Teignbridge. The Programme Managers have established a South West LEADER+ network

South West Regional Development Agency (SWRDA)

The South West of England Regional Development Agency is the body established to ensure the long-term economic success of the region

Appendix 2: List of References and Further Information on LEADER

References

1. *An Evidence Base for Mainstreaming LEADER in England*, (June 2005). Report to DEFRA by the Rural Development Company in association with Fraser Associates and the University of Gloucestershire Countryside and Community Research Unit. It can be sourced from the DEFRA website at www.defra.gov.uk/rural/leader/
2. *LEADER+ Programme 2000 – 2006* (2001). Published by DEFRA; Appendix F sets out specific objectives and priorities for LEADER+ in the South West region. It can be sourced from the DEFRA website at www.defra.gov.uk/rural/leader/

Sources of Information

1. Department of Environment and Rural Affairs (DEFRA): www.defra.gov.uk/rural/leader/
2. EU LEADER+ Observatory: <http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rur/leaderplus>
3. The UK LEADER+ Network: www.ukleader.org.uk
4. The six South West of England LEADER+ Programmes:
 - a. North West Devon: www.leaderplus.co.uk
 - b. Somerset Levels and Moors: www.levelsleaderplus.org.uk
 - c. Blackdown Hills: www.blackdown-hills.net
 - d. Sustain the Plain: www.sustaintheplain.org
 - e. Teignbridge: www.teignbridgeleader.org.uk
 - f. Chalk and Cheese: www.chalkandcheese.org

