

Challenges of local coastal communities: community perspective

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Coastal communities are undergoing massive changes

Changes in communities can be characterized according to the following indicator groups:

- 1) Economic factors – the decline of traditional employment in coastal communities continues (especially coastal fisheries)
- 2) Social factors – changes introduced by newcomers.
- 3) Environmental factors – climate change (including erosion) and ecology.
- 4) Cultural and historical factors – integration of culture and history into tourism offers.
- 5) Municipal service provision – municipal service centers are located increasingly farther from coastal communities.
- 6) Specific marine resources – threats such as the construction of offshore wind farms.

Case study- Preconditions for development in Carnikava village (1)

Access and Infrastructure: Improving infrastructure to ensure safe and convenient access to water areas is important. Attention should be given to creating conditions that support various forms of water-based and coastal activities.

Cleaning and Maintenance: Regular maintenance and environmental care are essential to keep water routes and surrounding areas safe, attractive, and suitable for recreation and tourism.

Collaboration and Coordination: Cooperation among local stakeholders, including municipalities, entrepreneurs, and community organizations, is key to creating cohesive and high-quality living standards

Regulatory and Administrative Hurdles: Simplifying administrative processes and improving coordination between institutions can help remove barriers to tourism and recreational development.



Case study- Preconditions for development in Carnikava village (2)

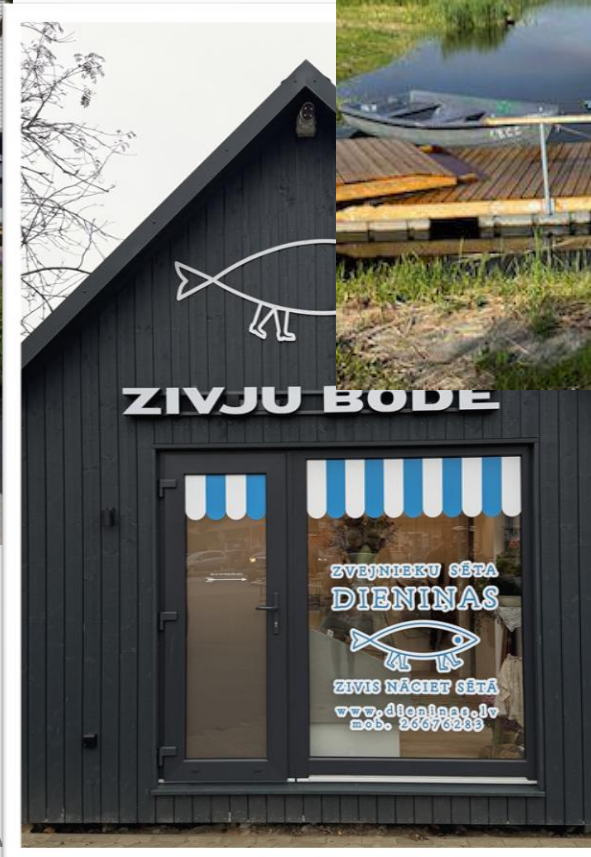
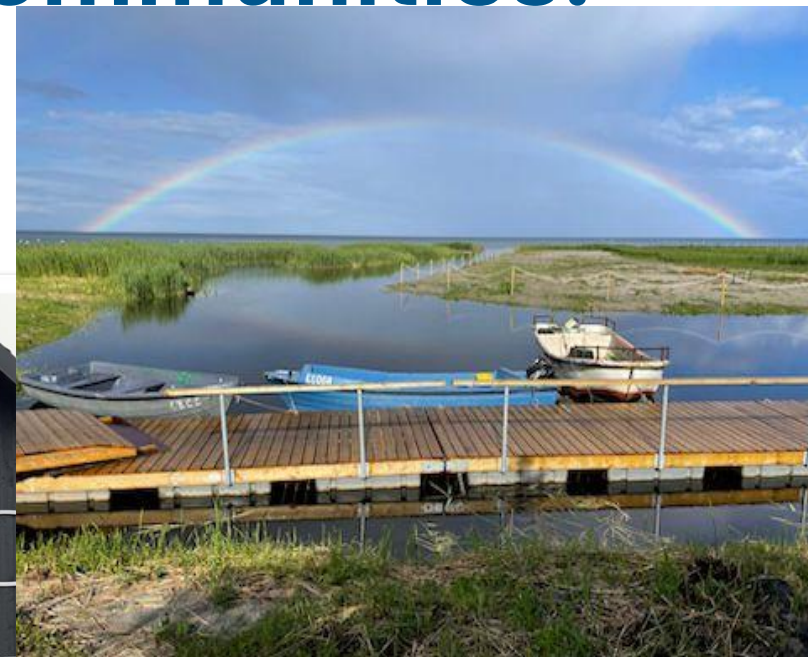
Nature Conservation: Development must go hand in hand with environmental protection, ensuring that activities are sustainable and minimize ecological impact.

Cultural and Historical Preservation: Any initiatives should highlight and preserve local cultural and historical values

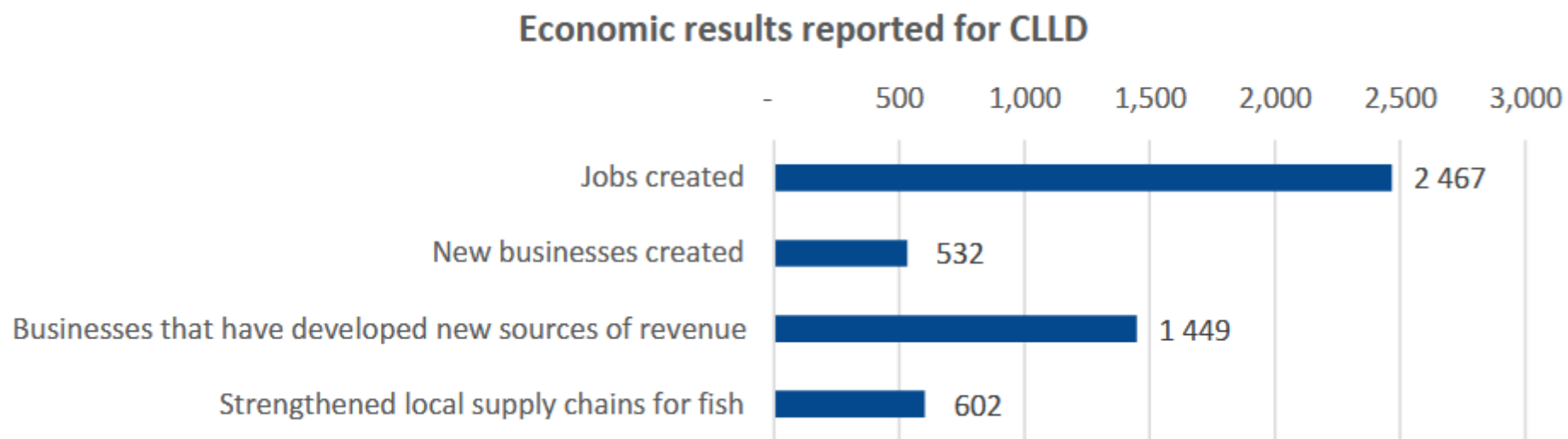
Public Support and Regional Collaboration: Active involvement of local communities and alignment with regional development strategies are vital for long-term success and sustainability.



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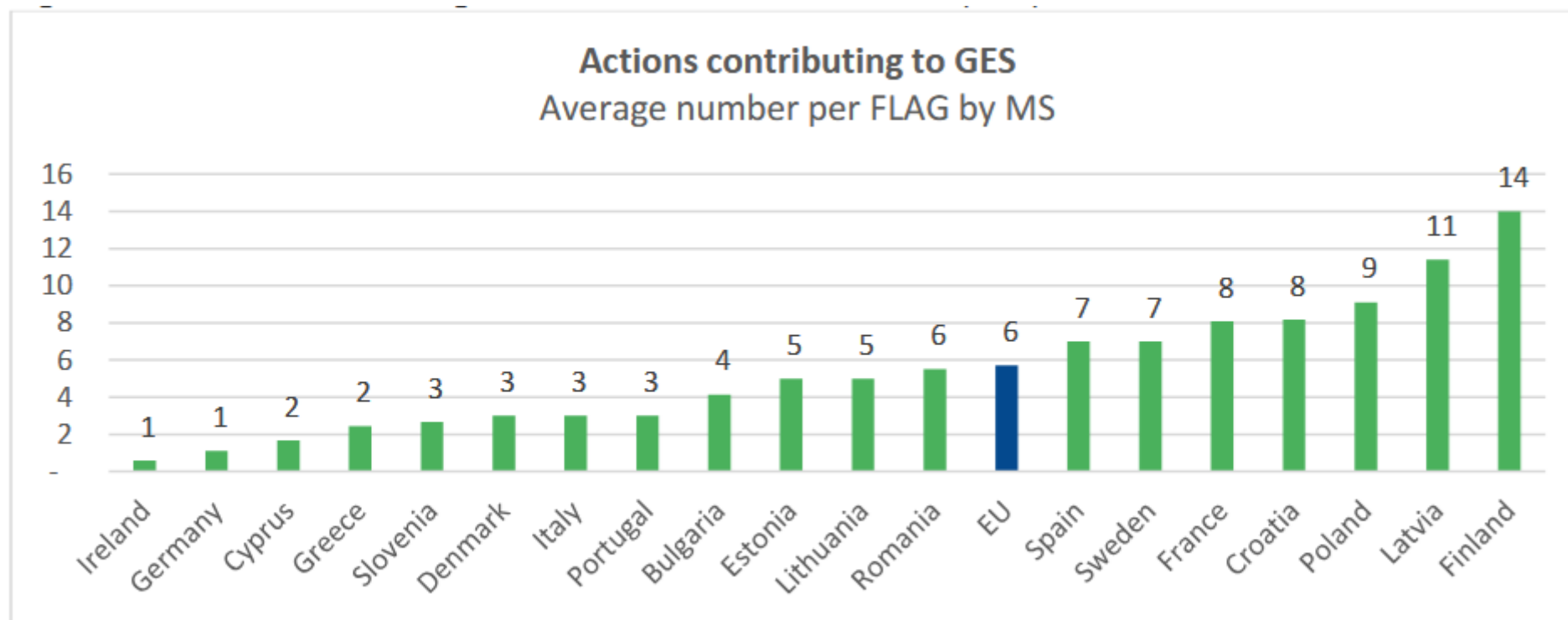


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FLAGS contributing to Good Environmental Status (GES)



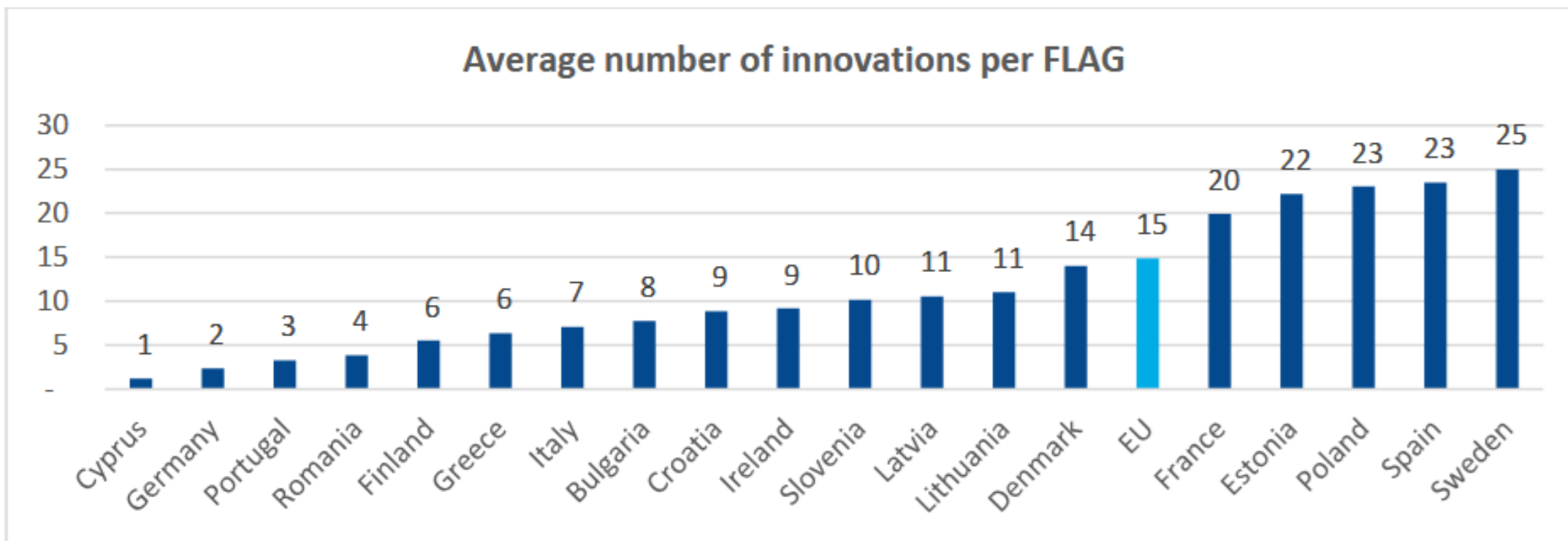
Source: FAMENET survey of EMFF FLAGS, 2024



CLLD helping to strengthen social relationship, skills and governance

- The FAMENET survey of FLAGs revealed that 187 new networks had been created around Europe
- Strengthening connections and collaborative working is through supporting projects that bring together different local stakeholders to work on common challenges or opportunities
- 86% of FLAGs felt they had noticeably increased connections among local stakeholders, 54% to a high or very high extent.
- Many FLAGs have also funded specific projects aimed at improving local governance.

Innovation in the local context: FLAGs bringing change to coastal communities



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