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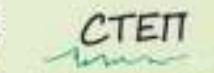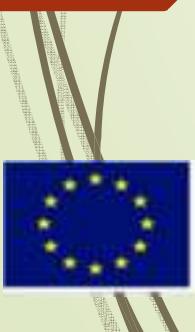**Learning, Innovation, Knowledge**

Locally-led results-based innovations: setting the scene
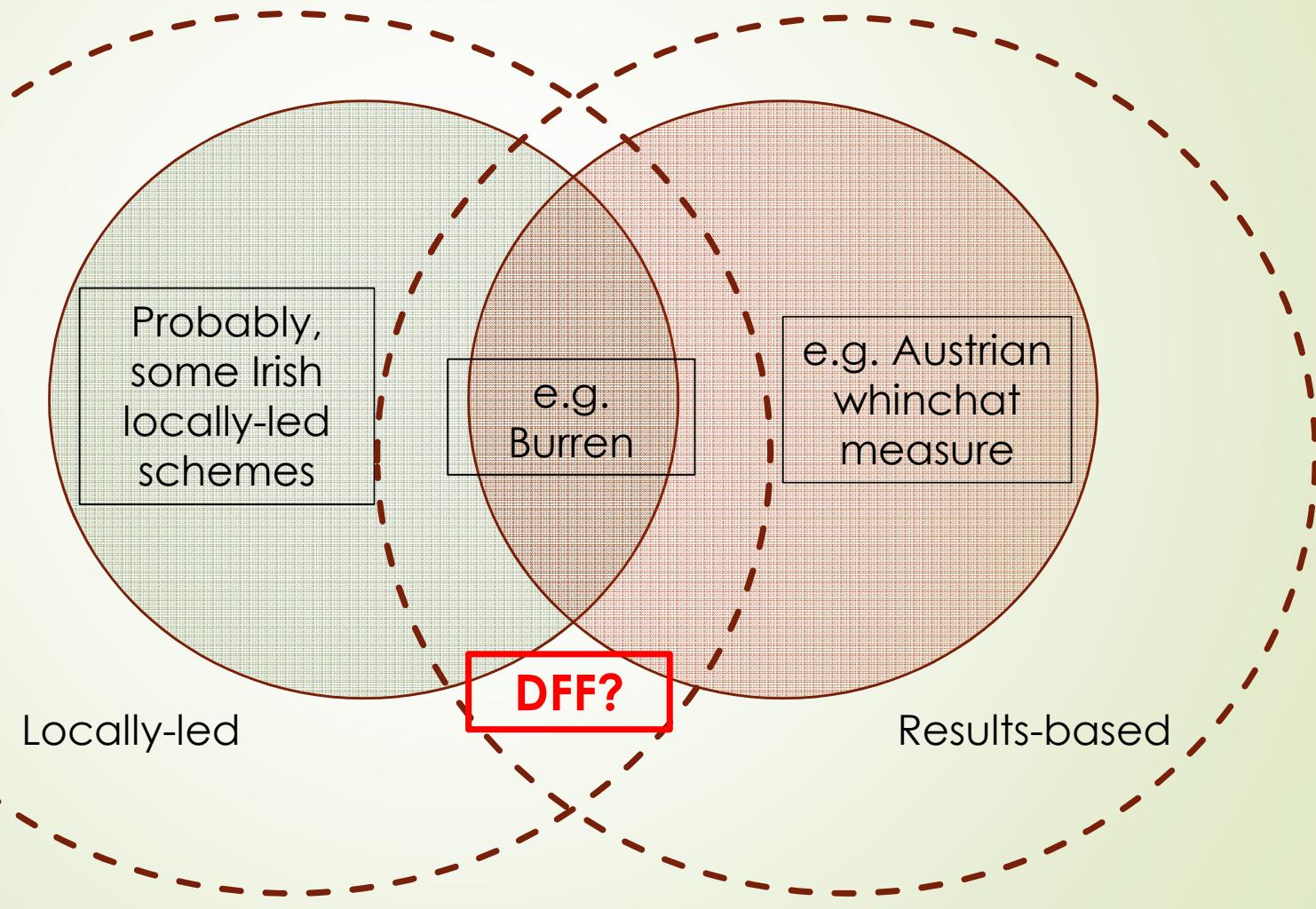
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Separate but potentially overlapping concepts

Probably, some Irish locally-led schemes

e.g. Burren

e.g. Austrian whinchat measure

DFF?

Locally-led

Results-based

Locally-led vs. Centrally-directed

Centrally-directed

- Responds to national priorities
- Easily ensures level playing field
- Less development cost
- Less complex monitoring, evaluation, reporting

Locally-led

- Responds to local needs, locally perceived. Ownership...
- Responds where possible to differences in pressures, economics..
- Potentially more effective delivery
- Locally-tailored monitoring, evaluation

- The national *could* be framed around the local
- False economies if results are poor

The chicken and egg problem

- How can it be locally-led and programmed along with everything else?

- How can it be allowed, if not programmed for?

- Previous innovative locally-led schemes have been developed outwith or 'on top of' the normal RDP framework

  - Life (Burren, AranLife) – allows full scheme development

  - Post-RDP adjustments (DFF) – limits room for manoeuvre

- Very innovative experiment in Ireland – developing schemes under the EIP measures

  - How to keep it *locally*-led, given demands of process

  - All 'local' initiatives are led by someone, it's an issue of buy-in and when

What is results-based?

- 'Success' not only defined in biodiversity terms for Govt., but for the participating farmer, and is the focus throughout

- Indicators of success chosen to be meaningful but generally-applicable and, where possible, amenable to change by the farmer

- Rules kept to a minimum, as unprescriptive as possible

- Use of farmer initiative in how to achieve 'success'

- Level of 'success' linked somehow to amount of payment

- Penalties play a much smaller role

Results-based vs. Prescription-based

Prescription-based	Results-based
➤ Simple to explain and easy to understand – 'tick box'	➤ Requires clear explanation and real engagement
➤ Clear payment rationale and calculation (even if BS!)	➤ Responds where possible to differences in pressures, economics..
➤ Sure of getting paid (or penalised)	➤ Depends on farmer's skill and experience
➤ Doesn't risk damaging practice	➤ Trusts farmer
➤ Could be easier to integrate into other measures/regs.	

➤ Both *should* be results-based from the perspective of Govt.

➤ And *then* integrated (dynamically – not 'fire and forget'!)

➤ Both should need engagement from all relevant actors

Examples

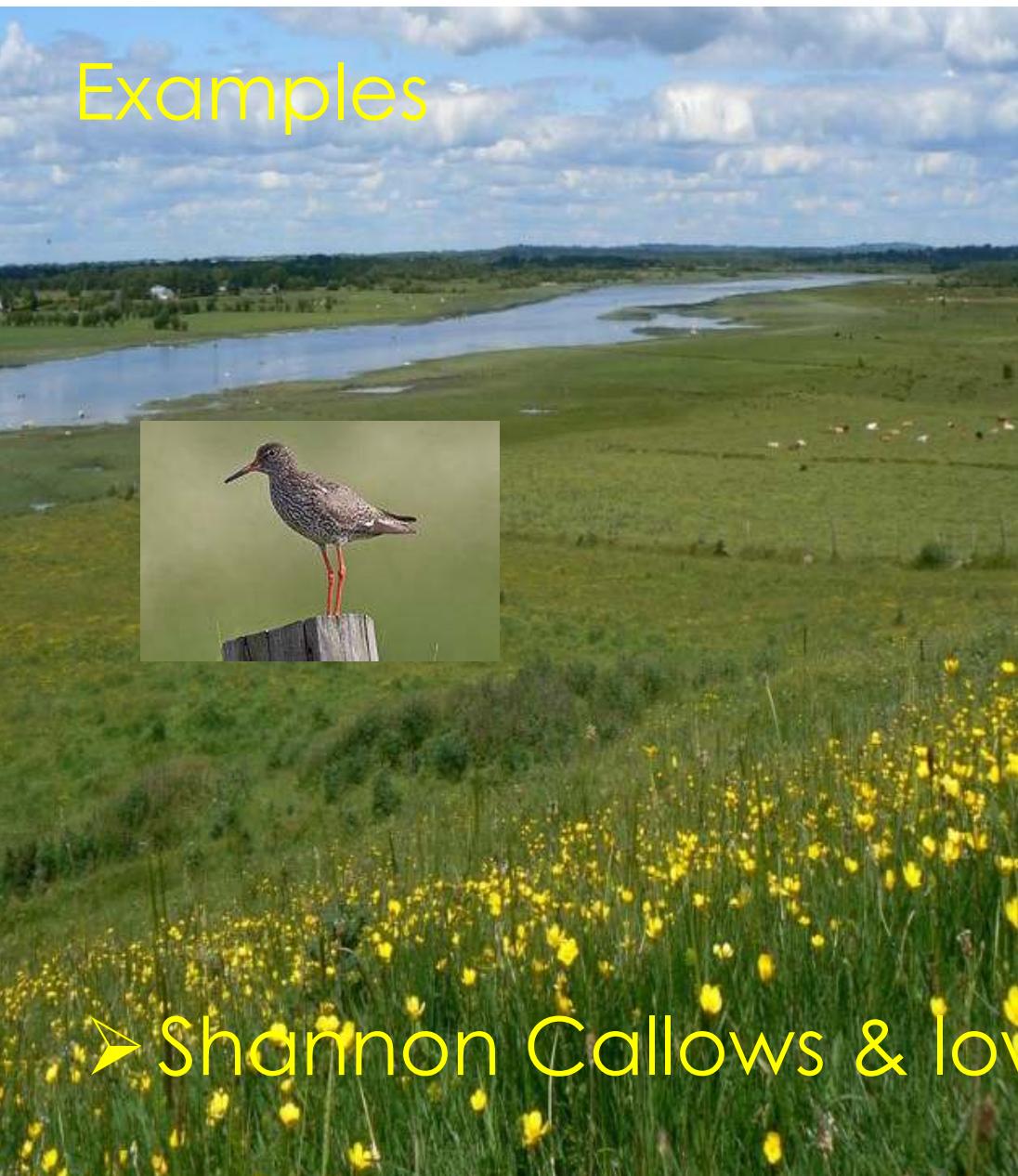➢ National results-based package in Austria, including one measure targeting whinchat

Examples

➢Innovative schemes for meadow birds in the Netherlands, including some with farmers bidding for contracts

Examples

➢Shannon Callows & lowland Leitrim, Ireland

Examples

➢Hay meadow measures in numerous countries

Examples

➤The Burren

Examples

➢ AranLife

Examples

➢Yorkshire Dales National Park

Dartmoor

➢ Only one on common land
➢ Farmer engagement is striking
➢ Time to boast!
➢ Time to move to the next step?