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# What I Plan To Do

- (a) Give a brief national overview
- (b) Explain how things operate in my region
- (c) Draw some conclusion from experience so far

# National overview – the full RDPE budget

- The RDAs' portion
- The budgetted LEADER allocation
- The regulatory minimum

# The East Midlands Experience

- Establishing LAGs
- Supporting LAGs
- LAGs in wider policy context

# Conclusions so Far

- Think creatively, think realistically!
- Make wide policy connections
- Look for solutions, not barriers

# Conclusions (continued)

- Process streamlining is welcomed
- Process isn't difficult
- Spend wisely
- Don't hold back, 'Go for it!'