

LAGs – a vision for the future

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What might the future hold for LAGs?



- Secure funding base
- More consistent spatial coverage
- Better defined role
- More recognition and engagement

But only if you can have secure funding

So, where's the money coming from?

- Environment Land Management Scheme
 - Landscape Recovery – INNS plans, 20+year duration
 - Countryside Stewardship INNS management options (capital and revenue)
- Biodiversity Net Gain
 - Benefits maintained for at least 30 years
- Water Industry
 - *'We expect that Water Companies seek to support volunteer action and partnership working in delivering the WINEP'* (Water Industry National Environment Programme, 2024)
 - Water Restoration Fund

In conclusion

- LAGs have proved themselves very resilient over the last 30 years
- There are multiple potential future funding sources
- LAGs will need to decide to what extent they wish to adapt their remit to fit the requirement of those funding streams
- Whilst the challenge of INNS management increases, and the capacity of government bodies to address these demands diminishes, the role of LAGs will become increasingly more relevant.

