



MAP: Circular Bioeconomy - Lithuania

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About the MAP

- Lithuanian MAP covers whole territory of Lithuania.
- “Circular Bio-economy – Lithuania” (CBioLit) is a newly established platform.
- Lithuanian Institute of Agrarian Economics (LAEI) coordinates the MAP.
- Three broad topics were defined: agro-innovation and food-technologies, inclusive and creative society, energy and sustainable environment.





Composition of the MAP

- Civil society
- NGOs
- Business organizations
- Farmer organizations
- Innovation agencies
- Research institutes and university
- Central government
- Chamber of Agriculture

In total 15 experts.





Challenges & Opportunities

Lithuania-specific rural development perspectives are focused on most sensitive changes, undergone by Lithuanian rural areas, namely:

- demographic shift,
- climate change and environmental services,
- change in production and ***diversification of rural economy***,
- infrastructure and basic services,
- digitalization and smart ruralities,
- inequalities and well-being in rural areas.



Challenges & Opportunities for 'Diversification and rural economy'

The agricultural production sector in Lithuania is dominated by small producers; the sector is fragmented, the food processing industry and retail trade are highly concentrated.

The level of cooperation between farmers remain low.

Involvement of farmers in market oriented production models start changing.



Challenges & Opportunities for 'Diversification and rural economy'

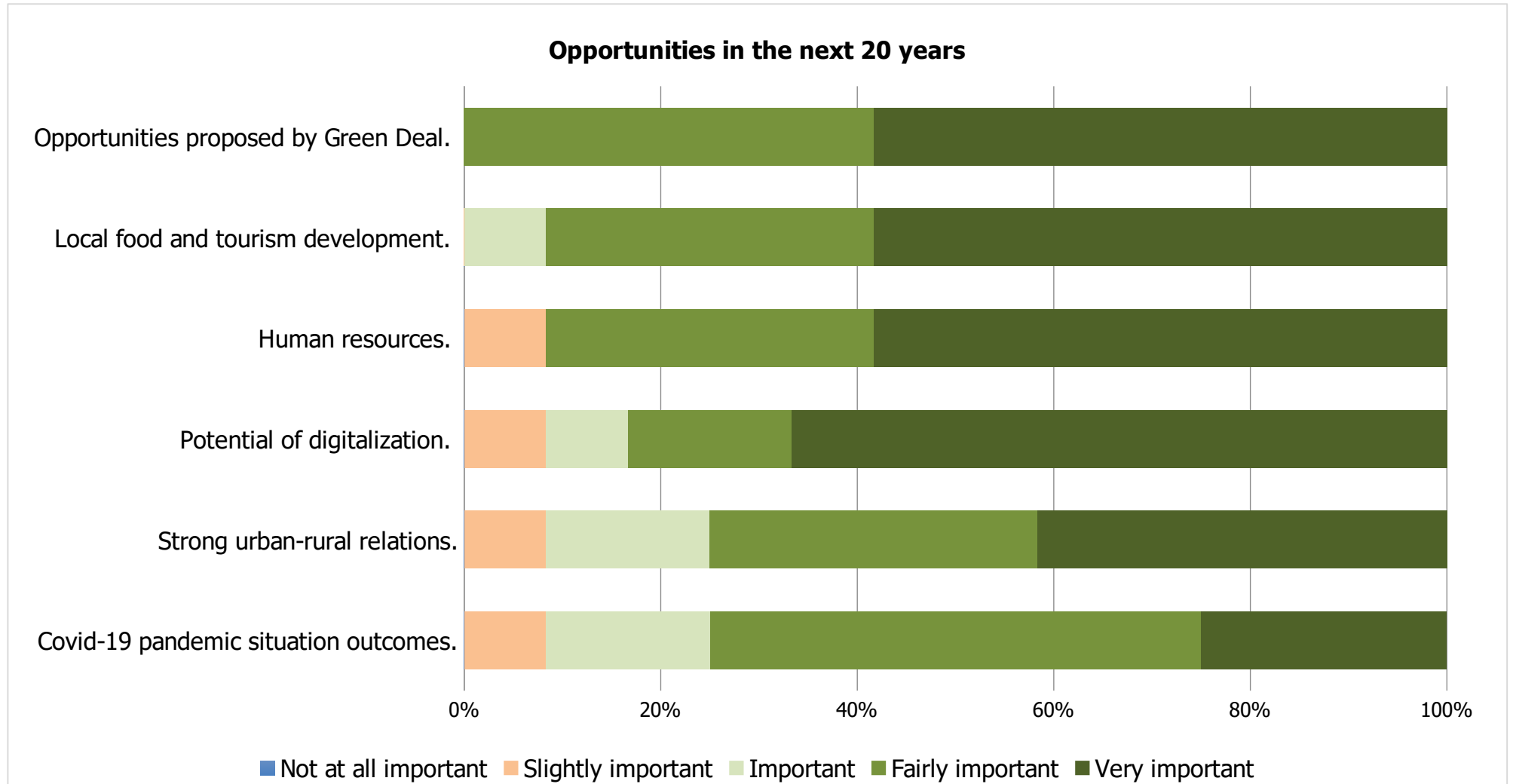
In Lithuania, there have been significant increase in initiatives to develop the local food system and short food supply chains.

Community-initiated local development is gaining increasingly important role in agriculture.

Volunteering, community initiatives and partnerships still hold unused potential to diversify rural economy and alongside solve the problems of employment and social inclusion of the rural population in Lithuania.



Challenges & Opportunities





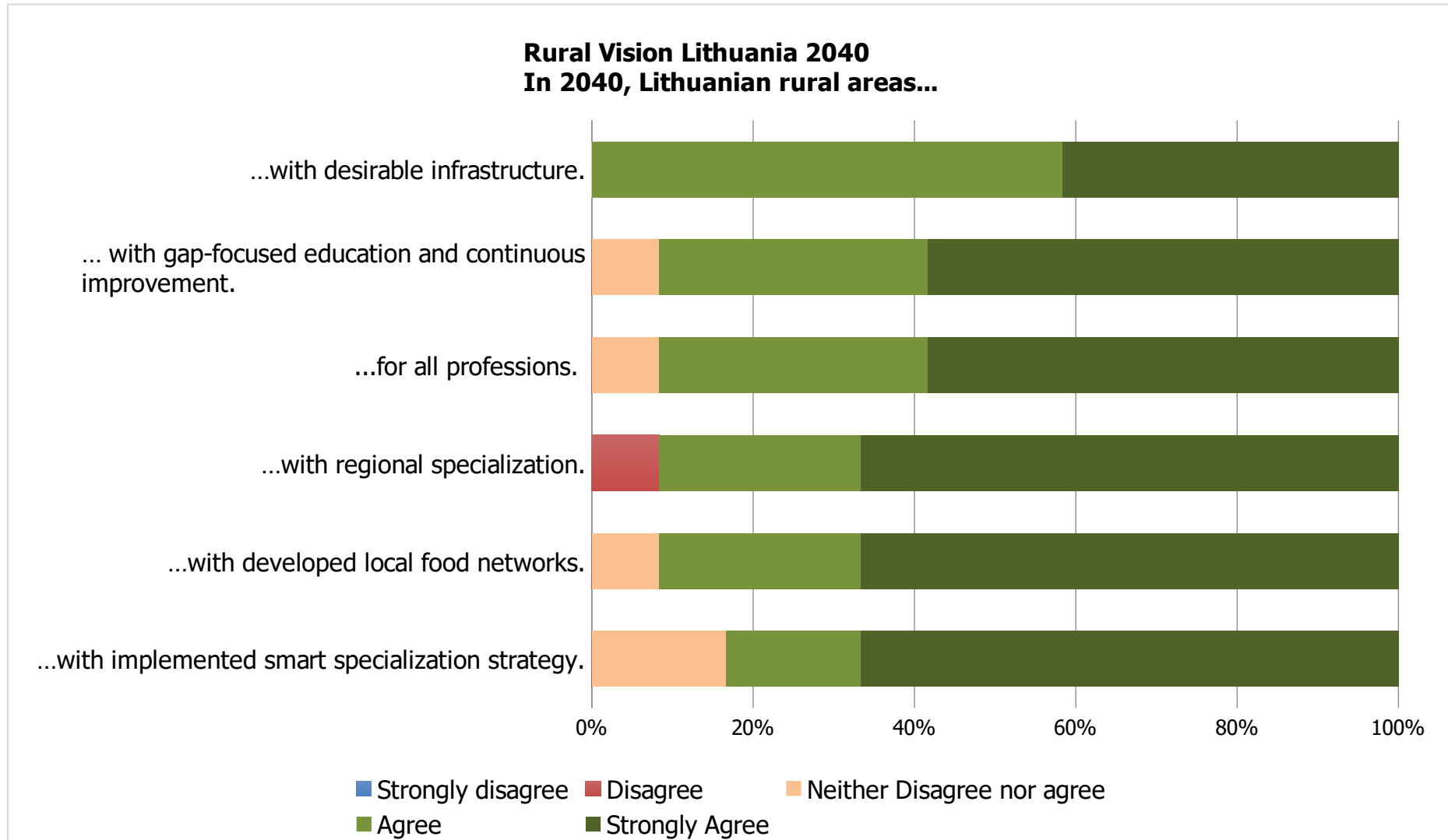
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A vision for rural areas of Lithuania up to 2040 – rural regions with modern villages in a partnership as an attractive place to live and work.

91,3 % of survey respondents supported this statement. Smart villages with selected strategy for development where live, work and invest communities of farmers, craftsmen's', other businesses applying principles of cooperation using renewable resources to produce local products and sell it to consumers.

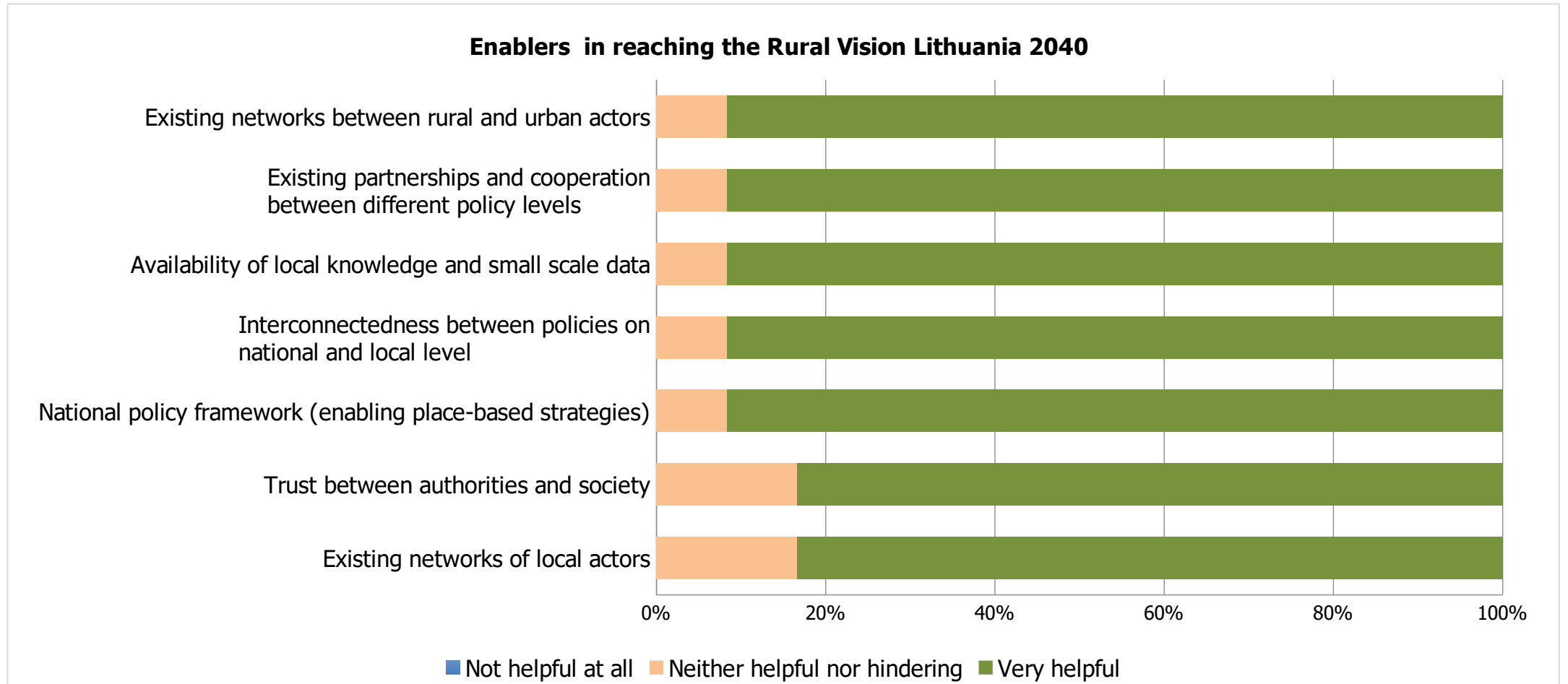


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