



## Thematic Group Meeting on Smart Villages

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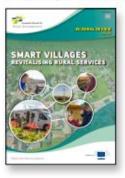
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Orientations for using all policy tools available to help Smart Villages to emerge – now and in future:

- How to support Smart Villages strategies which effectively empower rural communities?
- How can LEADER/CLLD support Smart Villages?
- <u>Using non-LEADER/CLLD cooperation to support Smart Villages</u>
- How to ensure that digital strategies benefit rural communities?
- Thematic Briefing: Smart Villages and Rural Mobility



## **Guiding Questions for Smart Villages**

Guiding question	Y/N	Justification
1. More resources for local facilitation / animation		
2. Better access to knowledge		
3. Faster more flexible finance for community led innovation		
4. Better alignment with investment and other measures		
5. Stronger and more flexible cooperation		



## Agenda

#### **MORNING**

09.30 Introduction to the day

09.45

09.45 Setting the scene. New

10.30 opportunities for rural areas in the energy transition



Coffee (10.30-11.00)

11.00 Key steps for building

13.00 Renewable Energy Communities on the ground in rural areas.



Lunch (13.00-14.00)

#### **AFTERNOON**

14.00 How to use Smart Village

15.30 Strategies to contribute to an energy transition in rural areas.



Coffee (15.30-16.00)

**16.00** Concluding remarks & Next steps

16.30





## **Group Discussion (Morning)**

Rural Communities can increase the use of renewable energy to the benefit of all local residents and the environment







### **Group Discussion 2 (Afternoon)**

Policies and solutions that can help local communities to overcome the obstacles and progress in the development of RES



**Policy: ENRD premises (4th Floor)** 



**Local: Meeting room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)** 



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