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Main findings of the ENRD Thematic Group on Smart Villages

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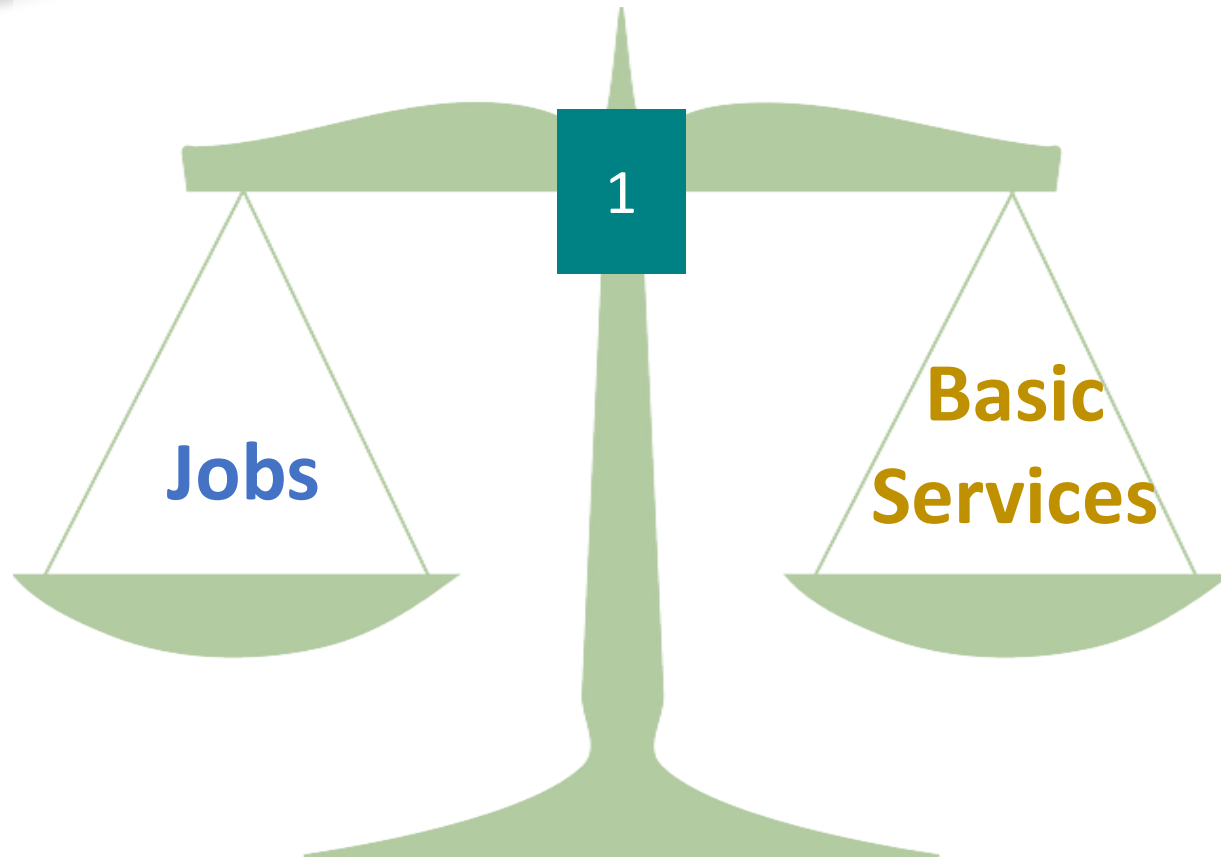


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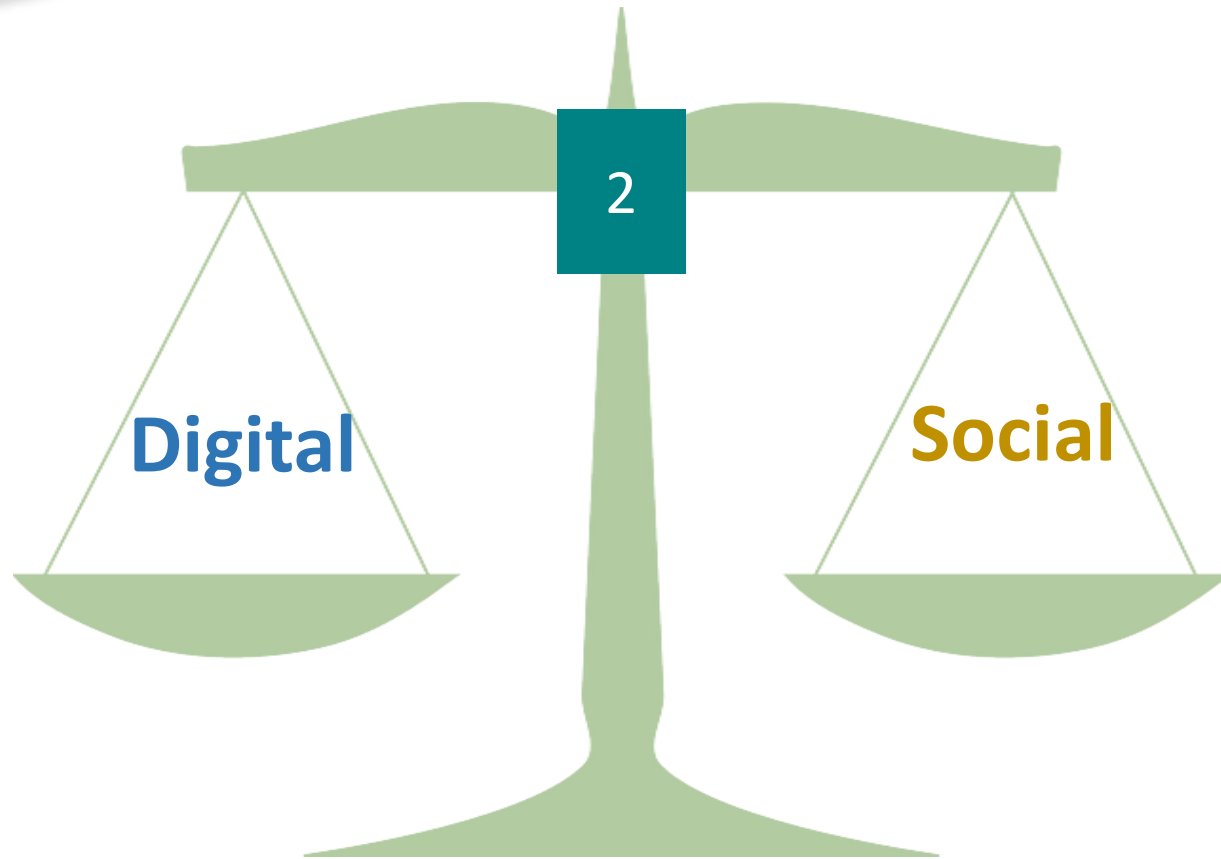
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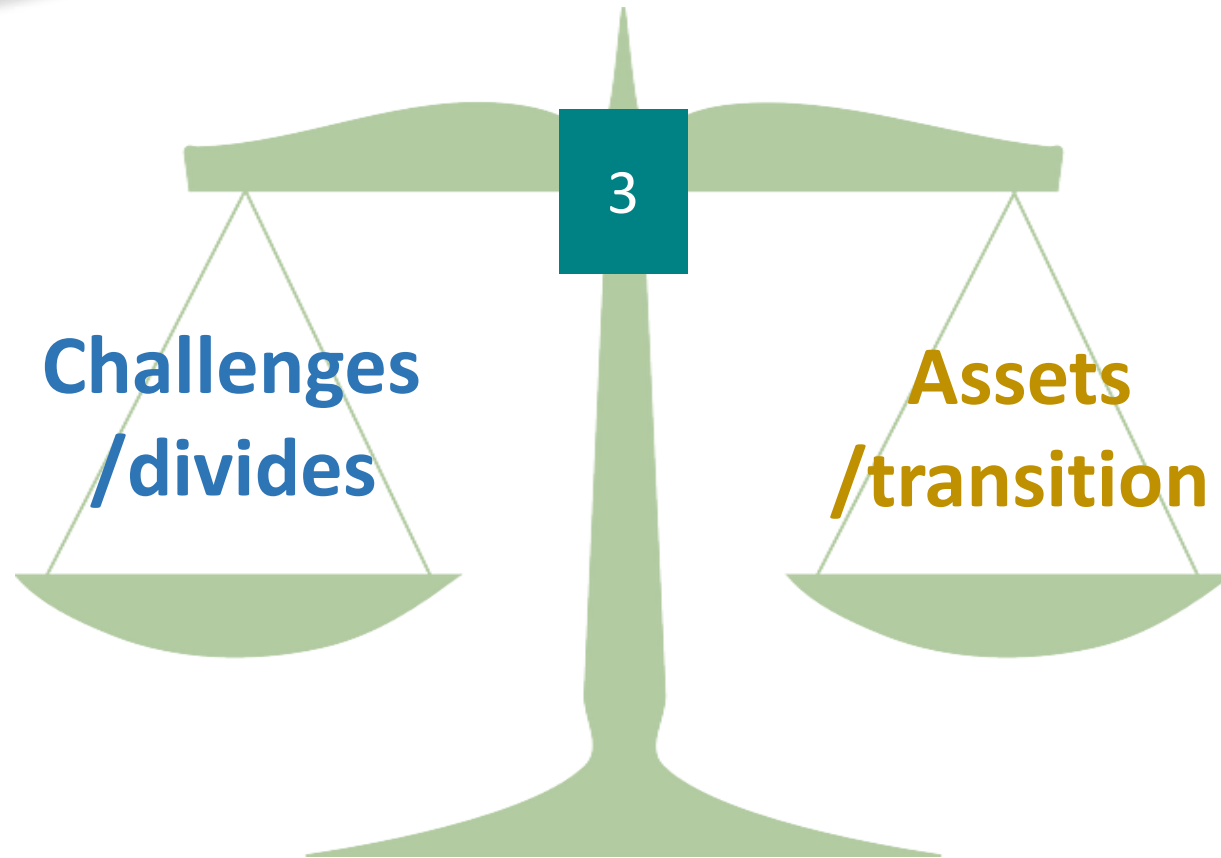
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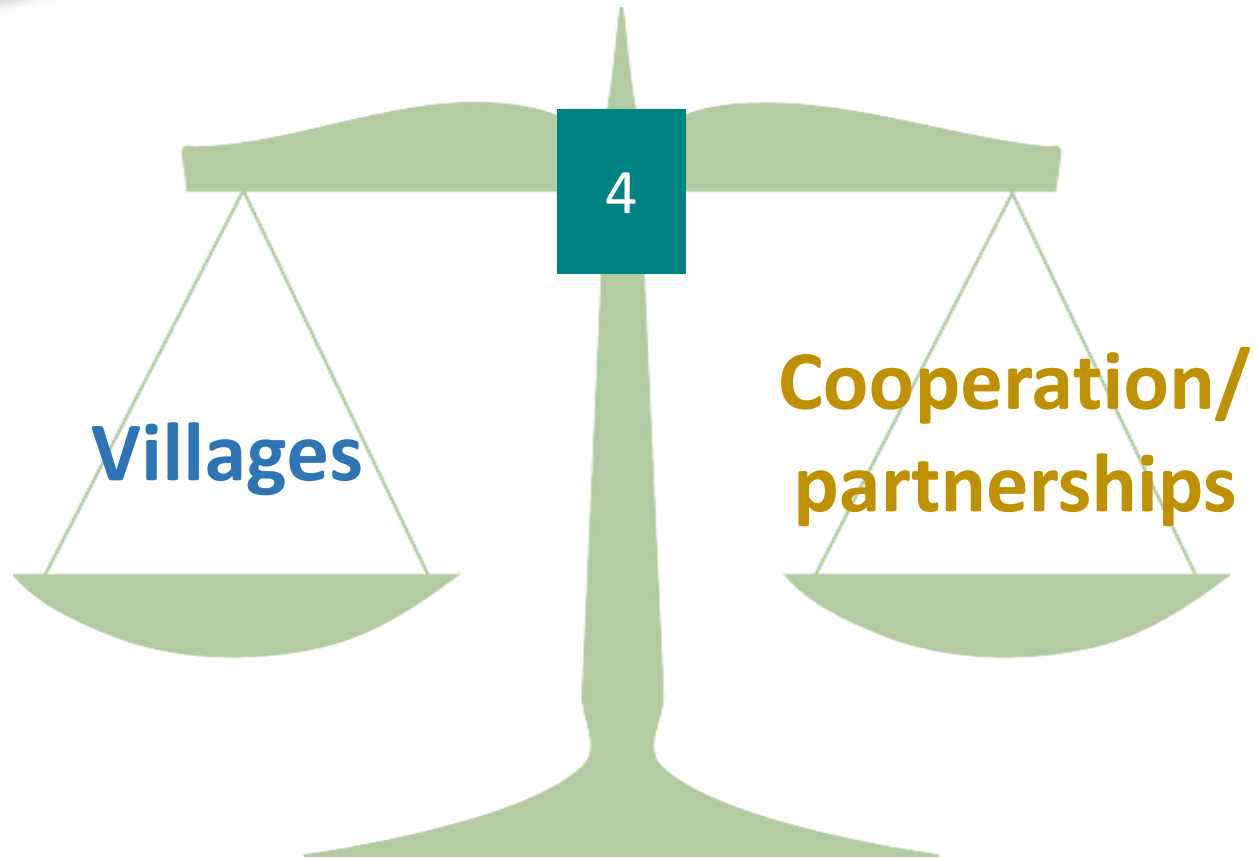
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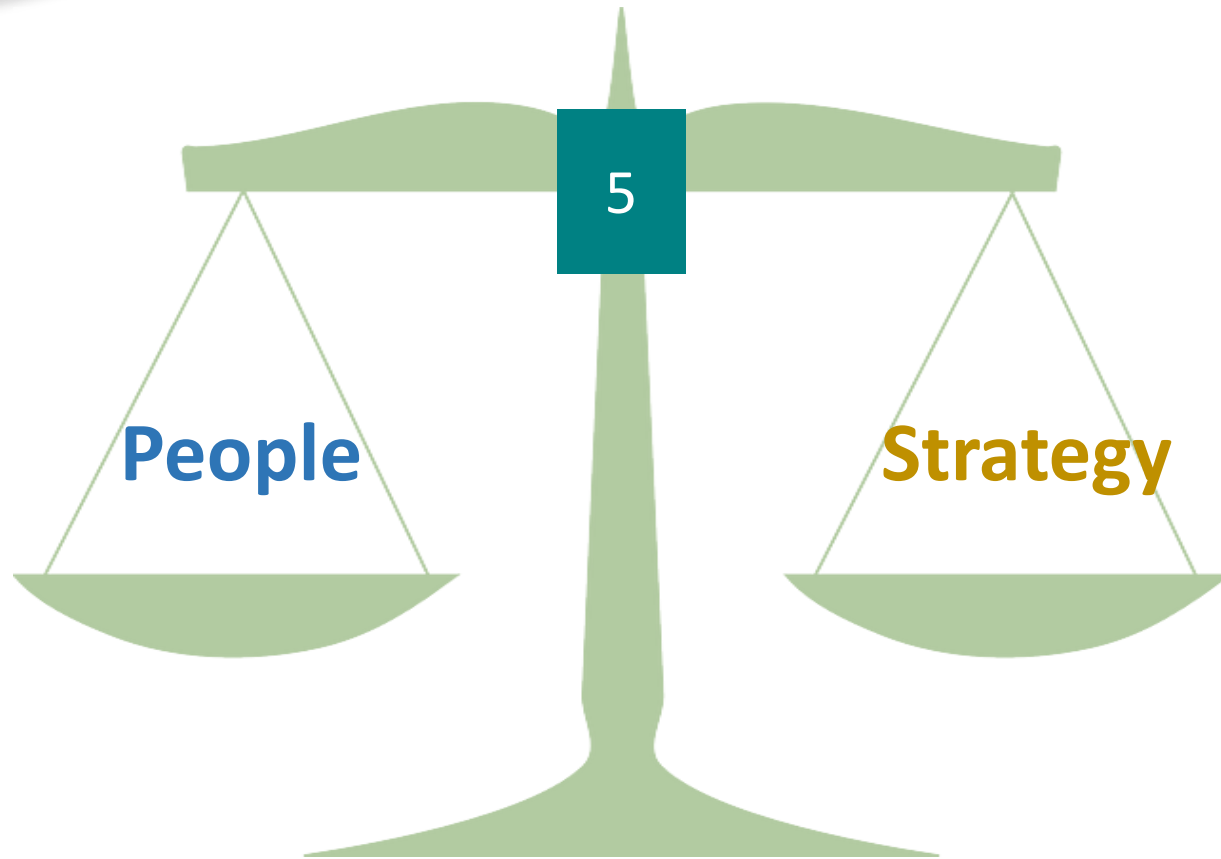
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**There is no one model - its a process -
any village can be smart**

Main drivers of Smart Villages

Challenges

1. **Depopulation** and low population density
2. Cuts and centralisation **of public services**

Opportunities

3. Transition to a **low carbon**, circular economy
4. **Digital transformation** of the rural economy
5. Win-win **links with towns and cities**



**Social
Innovation**

Growing momentum across the EU

EU Commission,
Parliament,
COR, EESC

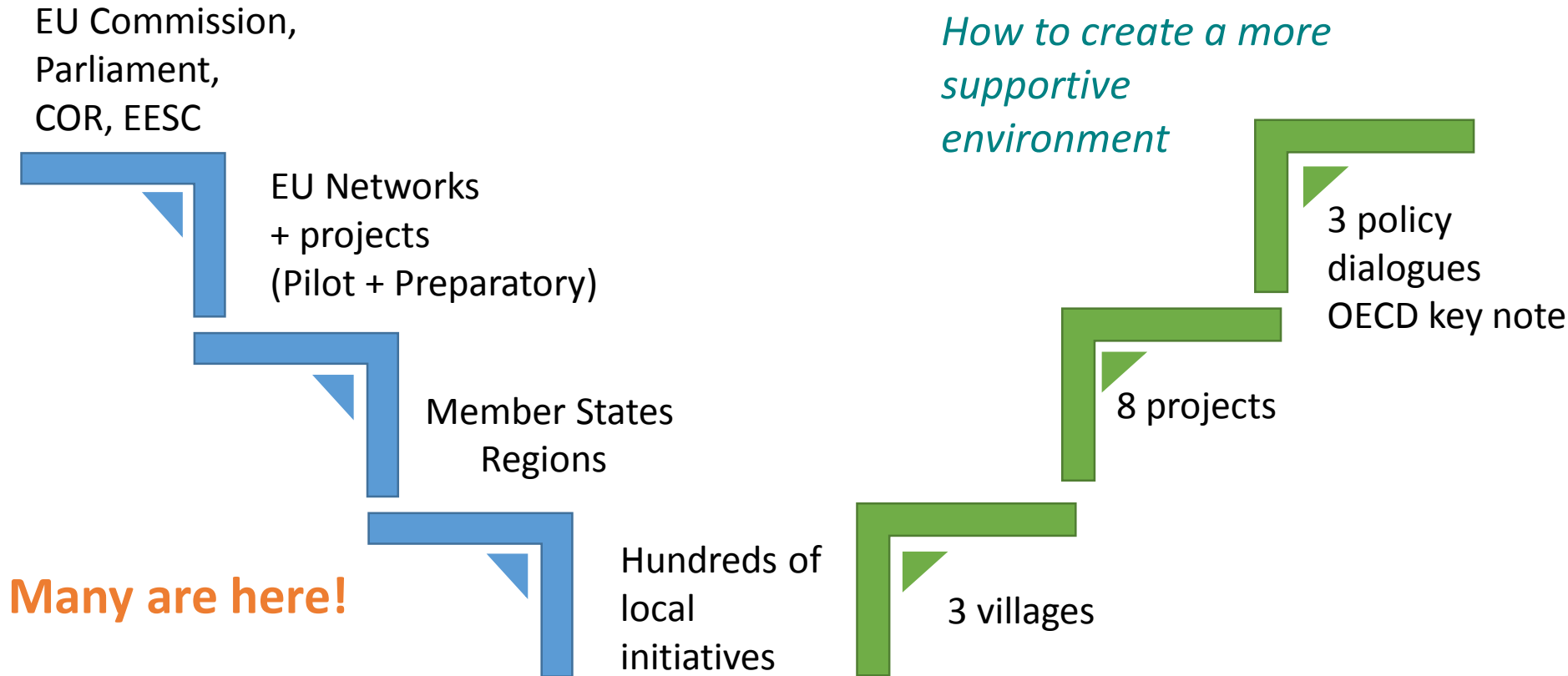
EU Networks
+ projects
(Pilot + Preparatory)

Member States
Regions

Hundreds of
local
initiatives

Many are here!

Growing momentum across the EU





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TOOLS

- myENRD
- Project Database
- LAG Database
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- NRN Toolkit

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Smart Villages Portal

This portal contains all the information collected by the ENRD Thematic Group (TG) on Smart Villages. It provides links to the many inspiring networks and initiatives across Europe that are exploring new ways of **revitalising rural services through social and digital innovation** in areas such as health, social services, education, energy, mobility, and others.

Smart Villages are "rural areas and communities which build on their existing strengths and assets as well as on developing new opportunities", where "traditional and new networks and services are enhanced by means of digital, telecommunication technologies, innovations and the better use of knowledge".

EU Action for Smart Villages, European Commission

Click on the buttons below to explore relevant resources



Thematic Group documents and meetings

The ENRD TG on Smart Villages involves over 100 stakeholders from a wide range of local projects, networks, research organisations and EU institutions directly concerned with different aspects of Smart Villages. It explores how rural services can be improved and made more sustainable through community-based actions and projects and/or the deployment of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) tools.

- > Leaflet
- > Scoping Paper and Work Plan (*working draft*)
- > 1st TG meeting (26 October 2017) - see meeting highlights
- > 2nd TG meeting (7 December 2017)
- > 3rd TG meeting (22 February 2018)



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