

ENRD Thematic Group on Smart Villages

Smart Villages Webinar:

Overview of ideas for supporting Smart Villages in the future CAP Strategic Plans and Operational Programmes

Agenda

2 June 2020

In this webinar, participants will have another chance to learn from Member States that are exploring different ways of supporting Smart Villages in the next programming period. There will be an opportunity to analyse the role of Cohesion Policy as well as the CAP Strategic Plans. There will also be an overview of other initiatives that will drive the work on Smart Villages in the future.

This is the last of a cycle of meetings organised by ENRD Thematic Group (TG) on [Smart Villages](#) in the form of 'laboratories' where stakeholders from different Member States can exchange experiences and ask questions about the practical challenges they face in programming. In the past, the Thematic Group has focussed on the ideas from [Finland](#) and [Poland](#).

Aims

- To learn from and exchange ideas from various Member States for supporting Smart Villages in the future CAP Strategic Plans and other EU Funds.
- To provide an overview of existing European initiatives that will drive the work on Smart Villages in the future.



Timing 	2 June 2020 Preliminary Agenda Items
10.00 - 10.15	Welcome participants and agenda of the day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Neda Skakelja, DG AGRI.</i> - <i>Paul Soto, ENRD Contact Point.</i>
10.15 – 11.30	Overview of ideas from different parts of the EU for supporting Smart Villages in the future CAP Strategic Plans. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ideas for supporting Smart Villages in Austria. <i>Julian Gschnell, Ministry of Agriculture, Regions and Tourism.</i> - Ideas for supporting Smart Villages in Ireland. <i>Dympna Harney, Department of Rural and Community Development.</i> - Ideas for supporting Smart Villages in Slovenia. <i>Andreja Komel, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food.</i> <p>Q&A and plenary discussion</p>
11.30-11.45	Break
11.45 – 12.15	Supporting Smart Villages through other EU Funds. State of play and the ideas for supporting Smart Villages through Cohesion Policy and other funds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cohesion Policy and Smart Villages, <i>Eleftherios Stavropoulos, DG REGIO.</i> - Digital Europe Programme, <i>Doris Marquardt, DG AGRI.</i> - Research and innovation, <i>Alexia Rouby, DG AGRI.</i>
12.15 – 12.30	Ongoing European initiatives for supporting Smart Villages. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparatory Action Smart Rural 21, <i>Edina Ocsko, Project coordinator.</i>
12.30 – 12.45	Concluding remarks and Next Steps. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Benoit Esmanne, DG AGRI.</i> - <i>Paul Soto, ENRD Contact Point.</i>

