

ENRD Thematic Group on 'Smart Villages'

*Revitalising rural services through social and digital
innovation*

Agenda of the 3rd meeting

21 February 2018

Rue de la Loi, 38, 2nd Floor, Brussels, Belgium



Objectives

The specific objectives of the third meeting of the thematic group are:

- To provide a **panorama of existing initiatives and projects** for digital, innovative solutions supporting the provision of services in rural areas.
- To allow participants to learn from these initiatives and to **share lessons and methodological approaches dealing with both the challenges and the opportunities digital innovation can bring in the life of rural communities.**
- To explore **the role of the RDPs and other policies in creating an enabling environment** for social/digital innovation in the provision of rural services.

Timing 🕒	Agenda item 📅
09.30 – 10.00	Registration for TG members
10.00 – 10.15	Welcome to TG participants and introduction to the day (ENRD CP)
10.15 – 10.30	Introduction to designing ICT services at village level - Steffen Hess (Fraunhofer IESE), ENRD CP
10.30 – 11.00	<p>Basic conditions for digitalising rural services: State of play of EU broadband coverage and need for demand stimulation- European Broadband Competence Offices Support Facility: <i>Jan Dröge (BCO SF)</i></p> <p>Lessons from Smart Cities - for Smart Villages - Staff member of the Association of Flemish Cities and Municipalities (Belgium/Flanders): <i>Nathalie Dumarey</i></p> <p><i>Questions & Answers</i></p>
11.00 – 11.30	Networking Coffee break
11.30 – 11.45	<p>Digital innovation in the provision of rural services</p> <p>Key steps and issues to consider when designing rural digital services and valuing their socio-economic and environmental impact - <i>ERUDITE, INTERREG EUROPE: Clive Peckham, Emilija Stojmenova Duh</i></p>
11.45 – 13.00	<p>Examples of digital innovation in the provision of rural services</p> <p><i>Market place with 6 examples submitted by TG Members.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Senior Healthcare: IMPROVE – <i>Madeleine Blusi (SE)</i> - Digital Hubs: ERNACT, Digital Innovation Hubs within the Donegal Digital Action Plan – <i>Colm Mc Colgan (IE)</i> - Energy Efficiency: Smart Mountain Village, Aldeia do Sabugueiro – <i>Célia Gonçalves / Ana Mesquita Santos (PT)</i> - Digital infrastructure: Digital Neighbourhoods, the role of superfast broadband access on rural neighbourhoods – <i>Katharine Willis (UK)</i> - Mobility: SOPOTNIKI, Free transport for elders living in remote areas – <i>Marko Zevnik (SI)</i> - Training/Digital Exclusion: Digital Skills for the Elderly – <i>Jackie Lewis (UK)</i>
13.00 -14.00	Networking Lunch break¹

¹ A buffet lunch will be available to all participants.

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14.00 – 15.15	Drivers for digitising rural services. Group Discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group 1: Finding the right digital solutions - development or purchase of existing solutions - Group 2: Co-working centres, Digital Hubs and networks as catalysts for digitising rural services - Group 3: Identifying and developing skillsets
15.15 – 15.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.45 – 16.00	Reporting back from the group discussion – Walk around group conclusions
16.00 – 16.30	Future actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European Parliament - DG AGRI Pilot Project: Smart eco-social villages (Evelien Cronin, ECORYS)
16.30 – 16.45	Concluding remarks & next steps for the TG