

# ENRD Thematic Group on Smart Villages

*Designing Smart Village Strategies  
which empower local communities*

## Agenda

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Since the launch of the Thematic Group one year ago, the momentum and interest in Smart Villages have been growing at all levels. The ENRD [video](#) and the information gathered on the ENRD Smart Villages [Portal](#) provide some clarification of the concept of Smart Villages and of the range of initiatives that can form part of it.

During its second year of operation the ENRD Thematic Group on Smart Villages will continue to provide a platform for linking the initiatives taking place, while at the same time acting as a sounding board for developing practical orientations for using all the policy tools available to help Smart Villages emerge and develop – now and in the future.

## Objectives

The main objective of the fifth meeting of the thematic group is to:

- Exchange ideas about how to design Smart Village Strategies which effectively empower rural communities in different contexts. The discussions will be used as a basis for preparing practical orientations for policy makers looking to enable such approaches.

<b>Timing</b> 	<b>Preliminary Agenda Items</b>  (exact timing and content to be confirmed)
09.30 – 10.00	<b>Registration for TG meeting participants</b>
10.00 – 10.15	<b>Welcome to TG participants and agenda for the day</b>
10.15 – 11.15	<b>State of play of Smart Villages in the EU</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>European Commission</i></li> <li>- <i>Panorama of national approaches and initiatives</i></li> </ul>
11.15 – 11.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.45 – 13.00	<b>The potential scope and spatial scale of Smart Village strategies in different countries</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Contributions from around Europe</i></li> <li>- <i>Discussion</i></li> </ul>
13.00 -14.00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14.00 – 15.15	<b>What is needed for delivering Smart Village Strategies at local level?</b>  <i>How to create agile systems which allow Smart Village communities to access the tools they need when they need them?</i>
15.15 – 15.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.30 – 16.45	<b>What policy instruments are/will be available for supporting SV? What needs to happen to ensure they do this?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Contributions from around Europe</i></li> <li>- <i>Discussion</i></li> </ul>
16.45 – 17.00	<b>Concluding remarks &amp; next steps</b>