

Supporting Smart villages

With your EU toolkit!

A few reflections...

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Before dipping into/designing your EU toolkit...

What is going on in your region/MS?

- Community Empowerment/Democratic renewal – e.g. Community organisations funded by central government – Development Trusts Association of Scotland, Community Woodlands, Community Land,
- Place – e.g. Regional Development (community account management under Highlands & Islands Enterprise, Land Use Planning (Planning Charettes, revision of National Planning Framework/Scottish Planning Policy)
- Government support for Community Led Actions – stimulate social innovation – Grants directly to local organisations to support animation, purchase assets, undertake specific actions

How can the EU add value to what is already happening?

- Role of LEADER approach – population/area/focus
- Role of National Rural Networks – brokerage, SV cluster support,
- Role of co-operation mechanisms – EIP/Landscape scale actions
- Role of specific sectoral/thematic interventions – Food & Drink Supply Chain collaboration

Overall –SV needs to be at a scale that suits the specific characteristics of the locale AND meet the collective ambitions for people and place.