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Rural Development



#SmartVillages



# 6<sup>th</sup> Thematic Group Meeting on Smart Villages

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# TG Objectives

- a) To act 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;
- b) To continue to provide a **platform for linking the initiatives** taking place across Europe.



- **Scoping** (Summer 2018)
- **Orientations: How to develop Smart Villages strategies** – 5th TG meeting (4 October 2018)
- **Orientations: How to use certain key policy instruments** – 6th TG meeting (5 December 2018).
  1. LEADER/CLLD
  2. Cooperation
  3. Digital Strategies ( EIP seminar, Dec 12/13)
- **Orientations: How to combine policy instruments more effectively** – 7<sup>th</sup> TG Meeting (March 6<sup>th</sup> 2019) (TBC)
- Building the **Smart Villages network**, encouraging **exchange** and **communicating results**. 8<sup>th</sup> TG meeting (May 2019 - TBC)

## Policy orientations

*How to support Smart Village Strategies/Plans which effectively empower rural communities*

- ✓ Something to aspire to not a funding stream or measure
- ✓ Digital is a key tool but not the only one
- ✓ Fast flexible support for strategic citizen based initiatives
- ✓ Simple and build on existing structures. No new layers
- ✓ Wide scope – transition to a more sustainable future – depends on context
- ✓ Higher level frameworks – local smart village strategies or plans
- ✓ People centred – active group of local citizens.

# AGENDA OF TODAY

## MORNING

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09.30  
09.45 **Introduction to the day**

09.45  
10.15 **Overview of policy instruments  
supporting Smart Villages**



*Coffee (10.15-10.45)*

10.45  
12.00 **LEADER CLLD and Smart Villages**



*Lunch (12.00-13.00)*

## AFTERNOON

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13.00  
14.15 **Cooperation and Smart Villages**



*Coffee (14.15-14.30)*

14.30  
15.45 **Digital strategies to support  
Smart Villages**

15.45  
16.00 **Concluding remarks**

## QUESTIONS

- **Are the ideas appropriate in your context?**
- **Is anything missing? Do you want to add or change any points?**





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# Thank you very much!



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