

ENRD Thematic Group on Smart Villages

*Working together for Smart Villages – a practical session for
policy makers and implementers*

Agenda

6 March 2019

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

The last [meeting](#) of the Thematic Group (TG) brought together around 45 stakeholders from 18 different countries and a wide range of organisations to exchange ideas on the toolkit of policy instruments that can support the implementation of Smart Villages Strategies/Plans across Europe. The meeting discussed how some of the key types of intervention such as LEADER/CLLD, cooperation and digital strategies can be deployed to create an enabling framework for Smart Villages and create the conditions for further investments through EU Cohesion Policy, Financial Instruments and private investment. The discussions will feed into a series of briefs with practical orientations for policy makers – specifically on LEADER/CLLD, cooperation and digital strategies.

Aims

The next meeting is designed to help policy makers and implementers to take a further step in preparing the ground for effective Smart Village Strategies/Plans. Participants from different countries and positions within the policy delivery system will jointly develop practical examples of how the toolkit of available European policy instruments can work together in supporting the implementation of Smart Villages Strategies/Plans in different contexts. The focus will be on how to design effective packages of support in the future CAP Plans as well as how to build synergy with other funds and policies. The session will be organized to encourage twinning and peer support between countries at different stages of preparation.



Timing 	Preliminary Agenda Items  (exact timing and content to be confirmed)
09.30 – 10.00	Registration for TG meeting participants
10.00 – 10.15	Welcome to TG participants and agenda for the day
10.15 – 10.45	Using the CAP Strategic Plans to support Smart Villages <i>Stefan Ostergard Jensen (DG AGRI)</i>
10.45 – 11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.15 – 13.15	Smart Villages in the future CAP Strategic Plans <i>How to plan support for Smart Villages within the CAP Strategic Plans? (from the SWOT to the identification of needs and the design of interventions)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Marianne Selkainaho (Managing Authority Finland)</i> - <i>Julian Gschnell (Managing Authority Austria)</i>
13.15 -14.15	<i>Lunch break</i>
14.15 – 16.15	Creating synergies between the CAP Strategic Plans and other funds <i>How to link the CAP Strategic Plans with other funds such as ERDF, ESF and other specific tools in supporting Smart Villages?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Eleftherios Stavropoulos (DG REGIO)</i> - <i>Lyubomira Derelieva (DG EMPL)</i> - <i>Francesco Mantino (NRN Italy)</i> - <i>Jaqueline Hellsten (NRN Sweden)</i>
16.15 – 16.30	Concluding remarks & next steps

