

ENRD Thematic Group on Smart Villages

Villages of the future

Final Agenda of the 8th meeting

6 June 2019

Lormes, France

The Thematic Group (TG) meeting on Smart Villages takes place in Lormes, 'a village of the future' in Burgundy, France on 6th June. It is organised back to back with a [conference](#) on 'Co-creating Digital Transformation' organised by the Interreg project [ERUDITE](#) which will take place in Dijon (France) on 4th June and includes study visits on 5th June 2019.

Participants have three options: 1) attending only the TG meeting on 6 June; 2) attending also the field visits on the 5 June to a major new rural digital and redevelopment hub and to a rural focussed research and innovation centre; 3) attending also the ERUDITE Conference on 4 June which will showcase a wide range of rural digital projects and tools for co-designing rural digital services.

Aims of the TG meeting:


The specific objectives of the 8th meeting of the Thematic Group are:

- To explore 'on site' how a specific village (Lormes, Burgundy) has embarked on a participative process to co-design a 'village of the future' and the way they have used different aspects of the local 'digital ecosystem' to support their journey, in the context of the French approach to digitising rural areas.
- To provide a picture of similar initiatives and plans for developing local digital ecosystems in other Member States.
- To allow participants to learn from these initiatives and to share lessons and **methodological approaches for developing local digital ecosystems**.
- To exchange views about the **future needs** to be addressed by the ENRD Thematic Working Group on Smart Villages.



Timing 🕒	Agenda Items
07.00 – 09.00	<p>Departure from Dijon (<i>Shuttle bus from Dijon to Lormes</i>) at 07.00 am from <i>Place Darcy (Dijon)</i>.</p> <p>Meeting Point in Lormes for those coming directly to Lormes with their own means: <i>114 Route d'Avallon, 58140 Lormes, France.</i></p>
09.00 – 10.00	<p>Welcome to TG participants: <i>Fabien Bazin, Mayor of Lormes</i></p> <p>CAP digital strategies and Smart Villages: <i>Beata Adamczyk (European Commission, DG AGRI)</i></p> <p>Introduction to and visit of the Digital Hub: <i>Patrick Marmion (Digital Hub Manager) including presentation of The Maker Space 'Make ICI Morvan'</i></p>
10.00 – 11.30	<p>Lormes – The Village of the Future: Study tour</p> <p><i>Visit of social and digital innovation projects developed through a multi-stakeholder co-creation process, including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Hospital and Care Home (Wi-Fi + tele-geriatric consultations);</i> - <i>Tourism office - Digital Tours;</i> - <i>Community shops – to help citizens try out their retail ideas;</i> - <i>Service innovations and regeneration (drones, sensors fibre advisors, physical improvements);</i> - <i>Open Wi-Fi points and connected public seating.</i>
11.30 – 11.45	<i>Break</i>
11.45 – 12.45	<p>Putting together the building blocks for a rural digital transformation: <i>Panel discussion with key actors at local, regional and national levels to draw lessons from the French experience:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Fabien Bazin (Mayor of Lormes, Chair Nièvre Numérique)</i> - <i>Christian Paul (Former French Minister and Deputy, Chair of Pays Nivernais Morvan Joint Authority and Chair '27th Region')</i> - <i>Marc Laget (Expert in digital territorial development, General Commission for Territorial Equality - CGET)</i> - <i>Cédric Czabo (Director of the Association of Rural Mayors of France)</i> - <i>Patrice Joly (Senator of the Nièvre, Chair 'Nouvelles Ruralités')</i>
12.45 - 13.00	<p><i>Local Social Media 'Faire Compagnie' designed to create neighbourhood networks (during trip to lunch)</i></p>



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13.00 – 14.15	<i>Lunch break including Demonstration of Air quality Sensor project + Lormes FTTH (Lormes was FTTH village pilot for Burgundy)</i>
14.15 – 15.45	<p>Creating the rural digital and innovation ecosystems of the future. <i>Experiences from around the EU</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Germany: Melk Poschen. Federal Office of Agriculture and Food (BLE).</i> - <i>Spain: Rocio Wojski/Maria Teresa Ambros Mendioroz, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.</i> - <i>Ireland: José-Manuel San Emeterio. Digital transformation ecosystems in County Donegal, Ireland.</i>
15.45-16.00	<i>Break</i>
16.00 – 16.30	<p>Suggestions for the future direction of the ENRD Thematic Group <i>On which areas should the Thematic Group focus in the future to support the development of an enabling policy framework for Smart Villages?</i></p>
16.30 – 16.45	Concluding remarks & next steps
16.45 – 18.00	<i>Networking session</i>
18.00 – 20.00	<i>Shuttle from Lormes to Dijon</i>

