

# ENRD Thematic Group on Smart Villages

## *Smart Villages Lab:*

### *The Finnish framework for supporting Smart Villages*

## Agenda of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting

19-20 November 2019

Vähikkälä and Teuro-Kuuslammi (Finland)

During its next year of operation, the ENRD Thematic Group on [Smart Villages](#) will focus certain meetings around real practical cases proposed by Member States interested in exploring with a group of peers from across the EU how to prepare and launch support for Smart Villages. These meetings will take the form of “clinics” or “laboratories” where participants will learn from the experience of a specific country and compare and contrast this to their own situation. They are especially targeted at Managing Authorities interested in exploring how to support Smart Villages in the future as well as stakeholders directly involved in implementation on the ground.

The 9th meeting will take the Thematic Group to Finland, one of the countries that is most advanced in preparing a support framework for Smart Villages for the next programming period and which includes LEADER/CLLD and other forms of cooperation. Participants will be able to explore how Finland is proposing to design the future interventions in the CAP Strategic Plan in a way that is both simple to use and provides clear added value for rural communities (for example by using a range of Simplified Cost Options). This will open the door for exchanges between participants from Member States dealing with similar issues in different parts of Europe.

In addition, a field trip is organised to a couple of villages participating in the [Finnish Smart Village competition](#).

### Aims

- To obtain an understanding of the existing policy landscape for supporting rural communities in Finland, the nature of the challenges and opportunities they face and the Finnish proposals for supporting Smart Villages in the next period through the CAP Strategic Plans.
- Based on the proposed support framework for Smart Villages in Finland, to explore what aspects are transferrable and exchange ideas about how to design interventions that support Smart Villages strategies in other Member States.



<b>Timing</b> 🕒	<b>19 November 2019</b> <b>Agenda Items</b> 📅
11.00 – 13.15	<b>Bus departure from Helsinki to Vähikkälä village (Janakkala Municipality)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 11:00 am: Departure from the Center of Helsinki (Museum of Contemporary art Kiasma. Address: Mannerheiminaukio 2) to Helsinki-Vantaa airport;</li> <li>- 12.00 pm: Departure from Helsinki-Vantaa Airport (Exit of the terminal 2, in the front of Burger King Restaurant) to Vähikkälä village.</li> </ul>
13.15 – 14.00	<b>Visit Vähikkälä village school.</b> Exchanges with the teachers and pupils <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Janne Heikkonen, Teacher of the local school</i></li> <li>- <i>Suvi Pesonen, Vähikkälä Village Association</i></li> </ul>
14.00 – 14.30	<b>Get to know the village by foot: a walk from village school to Vähikkälä village house</b>
14.30 – 15.30	<b>Lunch</b> -Enjoy local products and tastes
15.30 – 15.45	<b>Welcome, agenda and brief update on the state of play of Smart Villages in Europe</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Paul Soto, ENRD Contact Point</i></li> <li>- <i>Stefan Ostergard Jensen, DG AGRI</i></li> </ul>
15.45 – 16.30	<b>Key messages from Finnish Smart Villages and the Case Vähikkälä village:</b> How this village has developed? What is its vision and plans for the future? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Sami Tantarimäki, FI NRN Working Group on Smart Villages</i></li> <li>- <i>Elina Leppänen, Provincial Village association</i></li> <li>- <i>Minna Mäenpää, Chairwoman of Vähikkälä Village Association</i></li> </ul>
16.30 – 17.00	<b>The existing policy landscape for supporting Smart Villages in Finland</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Marianne Selkänaho, Managing Authority Finland</i></li> </ul>
17.00 – 18.00	<b>Bus departure to the Eerikkilä Resort, <a href="http://www.eerikkila.fi">www.eerikkila.fi</a></b> Booking information in the practical information document
18.00 – 20.00	<b>Sauna time.</b> Hot sauna and refresh yourself by the swimming in a cool lake
21.00	<b>Social Dinner</b>



Timing 🕒	20 November 2019 Agenda Items 📅
08.00- 08-30	<b>Bus departure from Eerikkilä Urheiluoipisto Resort to Teuro-Kuuslammi village (Tammela Municipality)</b>
08.30 – 09.15	<b>Welcome to the village of Teuro-Kuuslammi.</b> (Sightseeing, and walking tour to the village house, if weather allows)
09.15 – 09.30	<b>Welcome to TG participants and agenda for the day</b>
09.30– 10.00	<b>Case Teuro-Kuuslammi village:</b> How this village has developed? What is its vision and plans for the future? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Mikko Pietilä, Chairman of the Village Association</i></li> <li>- <i>Tuomo Tuovinen, Member of the Village Association</i></li> </ul>
10.00 – 10.30	<b>Introduction to the future framework for supporting Smart Villages in Finland</b> Key components of the new proposals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Marianne Selkäinaho, Managing Authority Finland</i></li> </ul>
10.30 – 11.00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11.00 – 12.15	<b>Implementing Smart Villages on the ground.</b> Examples of how the Finnish framework for supporting Smart Villages can be translated into practice at village level. Identification of transferrable methods and tools, outstanding needs, key questions to be discussed in the afternoon. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>LEADER. Taina Sainio, LAG Varsinais-Suomen Jokivarsikumppanit</i></li> <li>- <i>Cooperation and investments. Marianne Selkäinaho, Managing Authority Finland</i></li> <li>- <i>Simplified Cost Options (Draft Budgets). Kati Vaissalo, Finnish Food Authority</i></li> </ul>
12.15 – 13.15	<b>Lunch Break</b>
13.15 – 14.45 <i>Includes Coffee Break</i>	<b>Designing the support framework for Smart Villages.</b> Structured exchanges between participants to share ideas and experience about the key questions and proposals raised by the Finnish case.
14.45 – 15.00	<b>Concluding remarks &amp; next steps</b>
15.00 – 16.30	<b>Departure from Teuro-Kuuslammi village to Helsinki airport and city</b> (estimated time of arrival to the airport at 16.30 pm)

