



European Network for
Rural Development



Thematic Group Meeting on Smart Villages

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Finland, 19-20 November 2019



19 November

13.15 Visit Vähikkälä village school.

14.30 Get to know the village by foot



Lunch (14.30-15.30)

15.30 State of play of Smart Villages
in Europe

15.45 Finnish Smart Villages and the
Case Vähikkälä village

16.30 The existing policy landscape for
supporting Smart Villages in Finland

17.00 Shuttle to hotel + Sauna time +
21.00 Social dinner

20 November (Part I)

08.00 Shuttle departure from hotel

08.30 Welcome to the village of Teuro-
Kuuslammi

09.30 Case Teuro-Kuuslammi village

10.00 Introduction to the future
framework for supporting Smart
Villages in Finland



Break (10.30-11.00)

20 November (Part II)

- 11.00** **Implementing Smart Villages on the ground**
- LEADER, Cooperation, Investments, SCOs



Lunch (12.30-13.15)

- 13.15** **Designing the support framework for Smart Villages**
- 14.45** **Concluding remarks**
- 16.00** **Departure from Teuro-Kuuslammi village to Helsinki airport and city**

Guiding Questions for Smart Villages

Guiding question

1. More resources for local facilitation / animation
2. Better access to knowledge
3. Faster more **flexible finance for community led innovation**
4. Better **alignment with investment** and other measures
5. Stronger and more flexible **cooperation**

Guiding Questions for Smart Villages Finland

Guiding question	Y/N	Justification
1. More resources for local facilitation / animation	Yes	Through both SV Cooperation Projects and Smart Village Activation Projects
2. Better access to knowledge	Yes	Through knowledge brokers
3. Faster more flexible finance for community led innovation	Yes	Through the use of Simplified Cost Options. Flat rates and lump sums with draft budgets
4. Better alignment with investment and other measures	Yes	Broadband Basic Services
5. Stronger and more flexible cooperation	Yes	Especially through Smart Village Cooperation Projects

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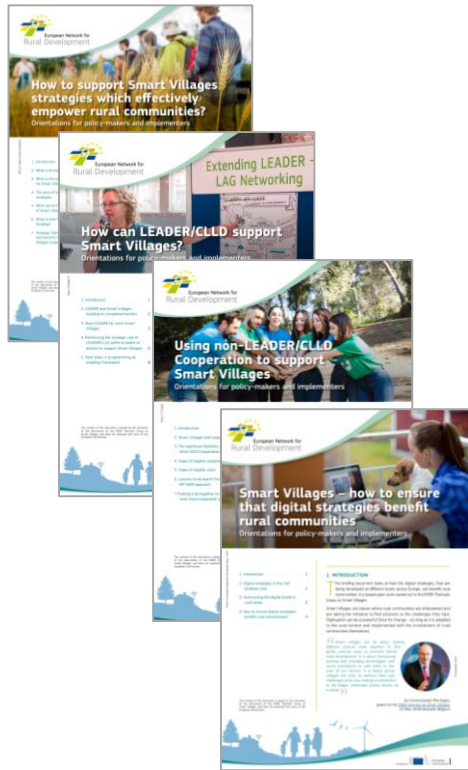
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Orientations for using all policy tools available to help Smart Villages to emerge – now and in future:

- [How to support Smart Villages strategies which effectively empower rural communities?](#)
- [How can LEADER/CLLD support Smart Villages?](#)
- [Using non-LEADER/CLLD cooperation to support Smart Villages](#)
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