

State of play of SMART VILLAGES



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Where we are



WHERE WE ARE

A lot has happened

- *ENRD thematic work (work in progress)*
- *Pilot project Smart Eco-Social Villages (work in progress)*
- *High interest at European level – Commission and Parliament*

A lot still to happen

- *EP: Preparatory Action – call for tender expected early 2019:*
 - *Model villages for design and implementation of Smart Village strategies*
- *Future support opportunities*





WHERE WE ARE

A bit more on the Pilot Project on Smart Eco-Social Villages

- *Input from stakeholders feed in to the process of finalizing the definition*
- *Analysis of 10 good practices examples*
- *First results of 2 out of 6 pilot case studies*
- *Planning of workshop to present results (February 2019)*



What we have learned so far – a few reminders



WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED SO FAR – A FEW REMINDERS

SMART VILLAGES is not a method or a measure

- *Inspiration – not just about funding*
- *Not “just LEADER”*

SMART VILLAGES are not necessarily digital

- *Also villages without high-speed broadband can innovate and find solutions*
- *But broadband and digitisation will most probably offer solutions*

SMART VILLAGE strategies to complement existing initiatives

- *Not create a new administrative layer!*





WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED SO FAR – A FEW REMINDERS

SMART VILLAGES and funding – Rural Development 2014-2020

- *Already good opportunities – cooperation, LEADER, knowledge transfer, investments...*

SMART VILLAGES and funding – CAP post 2020 proposal

- *Recital (45)*
- *Result indicator: Rural population covered by a supported Smart Village strategy*
- *Focus on innovation and digitisation of agriculture and rural areas*
- *No specific intervention for Smart Villages – to be defined in CAP Strategic Plans by Member States according to SWOT and needs analysis*
- *Flexibility for MS to design according to local context*



Where we want to go



WHERE WE WANT TO GO

Continue what we already do

- *Increasing stakeholder knowledge and awareness*
- *Stakeholder experience and feedback – input to policy-makers*

Funding for SMART VILLAGES post 2020

- *How to make EU funding policies work smoothly together*
- *How to support Smart Villages in CAP Strategic Plans and other policies*



Thank you!