



1<sup>st</sup> Smart Rural Academy



**Institut für Ländliche Strukturforschung**  
an der Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main

## Our institute

Institute for Rural Development Research  
at the Goethe University Frankfurt

- More than 60 years of research and consulting
- 12 permanent scientific staff members
- <http://www.ifls.de/>



## Our Smart Rural 21 team


- *Simone Sterly*
- *Christoph Mathias*
- *Sarah Peter*
- *Ulrich Gehrlein*



## Our principles



Committed research and  
active consulting for a  
sustainable development



Think sustainably,  
work sustainably  
- live sustainability

# Our topics



# Agricultural policy



# Rural areas





# Sustainable land use





# Climate change and renewable energies



# Regional development



# Large-scale protected areas and cultural landscape





# Socio-economics of farm business



# Governance and cooperation





# Sustainability and resilience





# International cooperation



# Knowledge and innovation



# Our services



Research



Evaluation



Consulting



Project development



Coordination



Pilot project



Information and knowledge dissemination



Events and participatory processes





## Our role in the Smart Rural 21 Project

- National Expert for Germany (Christoph Mathias) supporting Sollstedt
- Policy support analysis
- Technical experts on
  - sustainable agriculture,
  - local development strategies,
  - innovation (EIP),
  - bioeconomy,
  - sharing economy (citizen financing)

Thank you for your attention!



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