

# Smart Rural 27

## Smart Villages Taskforces



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# Overall objective of SR27

To prepare Member States and rural communities for the **implementation of the CAP post-2020 as well as other policies** and initiatives which could potentially support the **emergence of Smart Villages across the EU.**



# Pilot Observatory

## Pilot Observatory exchanges & networking

*European level*

European  
peer-to-peer  
exchange  
platform



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*National/ regional  
level*

Multi-actor  
taskforce



Multi-actor  
taskforce



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Multi-actor  
taskforce



*Local level*



**Rural communities**



# Purpose of the Taskforces

To help advance specific & concrete Smart Villages policy actions, leading to a more effective Smart Villages support framework.

To engage stakeholders at the national (regional level) in SV exchanges.

To engage stakeholders in SV exchanges at the European level according to their roles & interests as part of the European Smart Villages Pilot Observatory.

# Examples of taskforces

- **Belgium** – Wallonia: Influence future Digital Wallonia ‘smart territories’ calls.
- **Cyprus**: Define SV, jointly discuss, Ministry of Innovation as Lead – synergies with Smart Cities concept (exchange of solutions)
- **Bulgaria**: Set up taskforce. Villages, LAGs, NRN, National Association of LAGs. Develop proposals & disseminate to main stakeholders. How to implement LEADER/CLLD (multi-fund)

# Challenges of influencing SV policy

- **CAP Strategic Plans:** relatively limited support, mostly through LEADER
- **Only few examples of exceptions:** e.g. AT (EIP, community buildings + LEADER); CZ (Regional Policy); FI (digitalisation, cooperation)
- **Other policies/ministries know little** about SV
- Bringing together **various ministries** is challenging
- Starting **from the bottom up**, where there is no openness (e.g. SR21-like capacity building?)