



# **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Policy Group Discussion**

## **Next steps & concluding remarks**

*Policy Group Meeting*

*18 January 2021*

# Concluding remarks & next steps

- LEADER will be a key tool - LAG and LAG strategies linked to local strategies & smart solutions – Starting point
- Smart Villages definition operationalised – training & capacity-building sessions to explain in national contexts (EE, IE, PL...)
- Successful approaches to share (LEADER & other, innovation camp – innovation from elsewhere)
- Funding is still often not available – linking to other authorities – making sure that funding is available (application clinic)



## Task 4.2: Case studies

# Purpose and approach

- **Purpose:**
  - Demonstrate successful interventions to support Smart Villages
    - ...under the **CAP and other policies** (e.g. Cohesion Policy)
    - ...covering a range of **Member States** and **thematic foci**.
- **Target groups:**
  - Policy-makers at all levels
- **Methodological approach:**
  - Mainly **desk research** (statistical data bases, strategic documents, reports, websites, journal/news articles etc.)
  - Additionally: **expert interviews** (representatives of the interventions studied)

# Structure of case study reports

- **Common reporting template** allowing flexibility (different types of cases: e.g. project funding, capacity building)
- **Outline of reports:**
  - Summary
  - Background (policy context, objectives, SV definition)
  - Implementation (spatial context, target groups, activities)
  - Impact (in terms of SV principles – technological/social)
  - Lessons learned (success factors/bottlenecks, spatial/thematic transferrability)
  - Conclusions (contribution to SV approach/concept)

# Timeline

- **Jan 2022:** Confirm case studies & availability of national experts
- **18 February 2022:** Completing case studies
- **24 or 28 February 2022:** Discussing case studies & emerging lessons at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Policy Group meeting
- **From early March 2022:** layout, dissemination and promotion of case studies