

Group 1:
Supporting Smart Villages through
LEADER

Key examples presented & discussed

- Estonia: LEADER Training: 8 months preparation time; negotiations with PA – agreed a simplified procedure;
- Wallonie: smart not so present in the LAG, only 3 have „smart“ projects
- Poland: options to implement Umbrella Projects for smart village project was provided, LAGs are leading the process, also received a few hours training
- Ireland: curriculum development for 20 local development companies, six 90min modules, including WS, communities prepare a smart development plan as part of the modules and a work book, hierarchy of themes is provided to communities

What have been the most successful components of support instruments and processes?

- Estonia: networking, access to Lag funding by linking it to LAG strategy
- Wallonie: citizen data production in environmental project (Biomap), co-working (not yet mature), logistics, transformation of e-commerce
- Ireland: achieving comparability through a common format

What could (or should) be done differently to make Smart Villages support more effective?

- Estonia: To explain to people what this is about, how to proceed...
- Wallonie: to prepare lags for the next funding period to include the subject...
- Poland: smart village concept understanding needs to be increased at LAG level