

Group 2:

Animation support for the emergence of
Smart Villages

Key examples presented & discussed

- Finland: Innovation camp
- Finland: National Thematic WG on SV
- Finland: village competition
- Finland: Application clinics for LAGs (in preparation their LDS) – one topic might be SV
- Poland: Online training for LAGs on SV to support them in the writing of SV concept papers in 2022
- Poland: application for LAGs for writing SV concept papers
- Estonia: organisation of events with international examples (from FI and LV), to better understand SV concepts
- Austria: from 2022 innovation camps type of activity starts

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

- Innovation camp

- serves also as **project planning**
- **voluntary work** is a very important part of the organisation
- **budget is under the level of need for public procurement procedure** (choosing the consultant company)
- **thematical innovation camp** was also organised

- Example from Poland:

- already putting together different actors (villages and LAGs) was a success (better understand each other)

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

- **Better access to other funds** (not only CAP)
- How the small actors can use structural funds?
- **Public procurement** procedure is usually a burden
- Difficulty if SV is through LAGs – to make them **understand the difference**
- **Strengthen communication** between villages and municipalities