

Group 3:

Supporting Smart Villages strategies and  
innovation solutions

# Key examples presented & discussed

- Czechia: Regional policy support to SV
  - More examples presented:
    - Electricity
    - Water
    - Social services
    - Health
    - Education

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

- Younger/well-educated people returning to villages
- Synergies with Agenda 21
- Important role of LAGs and small villages' mayors (→ connecting actors, motivation)
- Use of social media: part of smart solutions / used for disseminating solutions
- EU/national-/regional-level funding most important

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

- Cooperation to be improved by inspirational examples
- Involving companies: needed for developing solutions; other agendas/(commercial) interests?