



3rd Smart Rural 21 Policy Group Discussion

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History

Smaller group of selected (“more advanced”) MS representatives

1st Meeting: 13 December 2021:

- *Present the outcomes of the Smart Rural 21 project*
- *Contribute to the identification and selection of future policy case studies.*

2nd Meeting: 18 January 2022:

- *Present Smart Villages policy instruments from across Europe.*
- *Discuss specific funding mechanisms and schemes*

Purpose of 3rd meeting

- Share outcomes with a wider policy audience
- ***The main objective*** of the policy workshop is to present and discuss the five policy case studies developed by the Smart Rural 21 project in Wallonia, France, Finland, Estonia and Czechia, as well as inform participants about the next steps in the policy work (including the work of the Smart Rural 27 project).

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Agenda

28 February 2022, 14.00 – 17.00

Timing	Agenda item
14.00 – 14.10	Welcome by Edina Ocsko (E40) & ice-breaker
14.10 – 14.15	Short introduction to the case study process, Sarah Peter (IfLS)
14.15-15.15	Presentation of the 5 case studies from Wallonia, France, Czechia, Estonia & Finland
15.15-16.15	Working groups: Lessons from supporting Smart Villages <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capacity-building for Smart Villages (LEADER & networking)• Smart Villages programmes & calls (CAP and Cohesion Policy)
16.15-16.25	Short break
16.25-16.35	Short feedback from the working groups
16.35-17.00	Future Smart Villages policy work – The Smart Rural 27 project Discussion about next steps – needs - activities