

Recent developments for Smart Villages



Smart Rural 21 – 4th Regional Workshop

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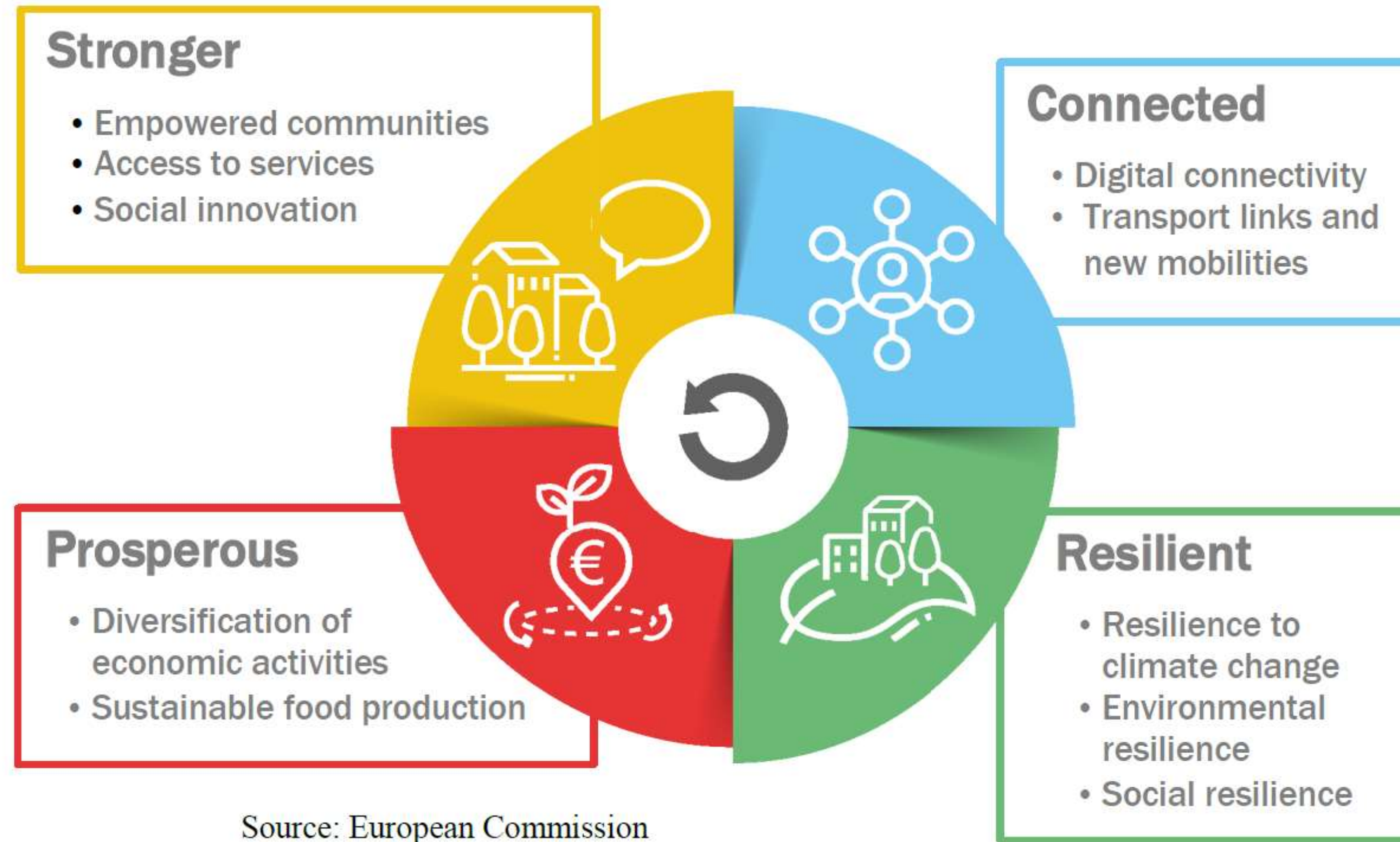
SMART RURAL 27

Smart Rural 27 – 2nd preparatory action on smart rural areas of the 21st century

- *Complement pilot project and Smart Rural 21*
- *Focus on possibilities for MS support for smart villages – through CAP and other EU policies (e.g. cohesion policy) and further sharing good practice*

LONG-TERM VISION FOR RURAL AREAS

- Commission Communication – June 2021
- Commissioner Wojciechowski (agriculture) together with Commissioner Ferreira (regional policy) under coordination of Vice-President Suica (Democracy and Demography).
- https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/new-push-european-democracy/long-term-vision-rural-areas_en



THE RURAL VISION AND SMART VILLAGES

Build on experience and stakeholder engagement from LEADER and Smart Villages

- *The importance of the participatory approach (bottom-up) – to ensure uptake of solutions, local ownership: sustainable impact of solutions*
- *Smart Rural 21 participant villages showcase good practice!*
- *The importance of networking – exchange good practice and experience! Within SR21 and much wider!*

LONG-TERM VISION: ACTIONS

Stronger rural areas

- Flagship: Rural Revitalisation Platform – a one stop shop
- Flagship: Research and innovation for rural communities
- Enhanced networking for LEADER/CLLD and Smart Villages

And many others

- A Rural Pact (launched December 2021): Stakeholders invited to engage in the Rural Pact via a commitment to the shared goals expressed in the vision
- Connectivity, Mobility, energy, environment and climate action, education, youth, gender equality, entrepreneurship, social inclusion....
- Toolkit on combination of EU funds for the revitalisation of rural areas



FUNDING FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND SMART VILLAGES

- EU recovery plan for Europe – post COVID-19
- Preparation of CAP Strategic Plans 2023-2027
 - *Participate in future CAP networks (following current rural networks)*
- Preparation of Cohesion Policy programmes
- Horizon Europe research and development projects also relevant for innovation and community action in rural areas

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ENGAGEMENT

Keep sharing and exchanging!

- For the inspiration and future action of your villages and other rural communities across Europe!

Thank you!