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## Empowering smart rural communities



**A ‘Smart Village’ is something to aspire to, rather than a measure or a method, highlighted the [latest meeting](#) [1] of the dedicated ENRD Thematic Group (TG) held on 4 October 2018 in Brussels, Belgium.**

In its second year, the TG will explore ways of designing strategies to empower rural communities in different contexts. Participants concluded that policies should be inclusive and flexible to account for varying national and regional circumstances while avoiding additional layers and structures.

For more information, explore the main ENRD outputs on the topic of ‘[Smart Villages](#) [2]’.



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