

Smart Villages in Finland



The [ninth meeting](#) [1] of the dedicated ENRD Thematic Group (TG) - 19-20 November 2019 in Finland - offered the opportunity to explore how Finland is preparing the support framework for Smart Villages in the next programming period.

Participants visited two of the villages participating in the [Finnish Smart Villages competition](#) [2], Vähikkälä and Teuro-Kuuslammi villages, and heard about their vision for the future. The Finnish Managing Authority presented their proposal for supporting these and other villages in fulfilling their vision by designing a dedicated framework for Smart Villages in the future CAP Strategic Plan. LEADER/CLLD, various complementary forms of village level cooperation, the networking of rural innovation brokers and Simplified Cost Options are at the core of the proposal.

There are many Member States exploring how to programme Smart Villages in the future CAP Strategic Plans and further exchanges and networking are needed to learn from each other.



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[1] https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/news-events/events/9th-thematic-group-meeting-smart-villages_en

[2]

<https://www.maaseutu.fi/en/topical-greetings-from-countryside-and-around-the-world/32-villages-want-to-be-the-smart-est-in-finland/>