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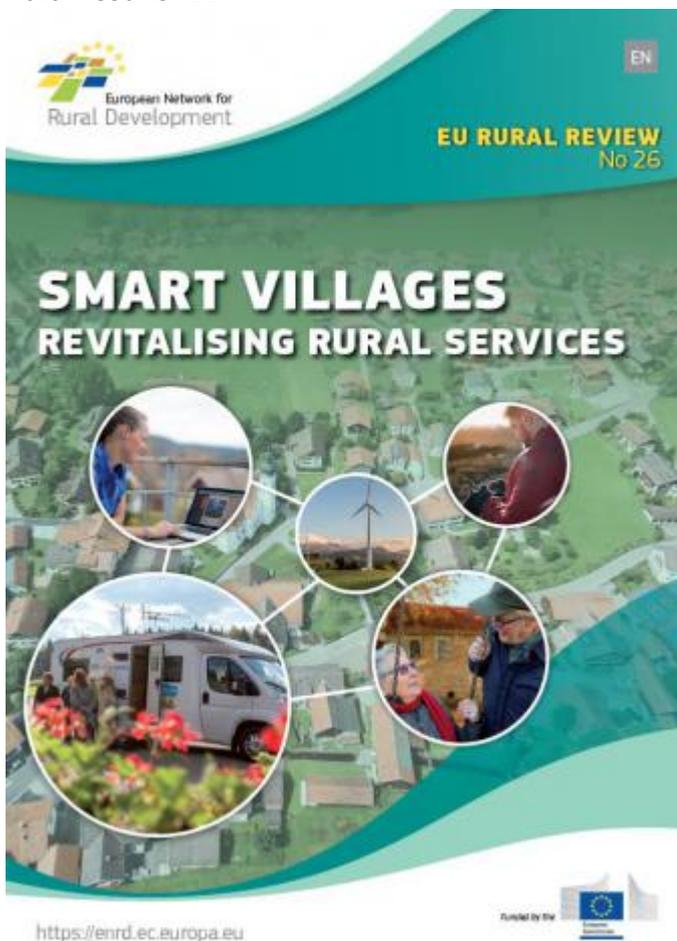
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EU Rural Review 26 'Smart Villages: Revitalising Rural Services' [1]

This issue of the EU Rural Review showcases rural communities across Europe taking the initiative to find practical solutions to challenges they face and seize new opportunities.

It explores how digital and social innovation can be used in new, creative ways to improve basic services in rural areas. It further looks at national and regional approaches to creating an enabling environment, as well as how the Rural Development Programmes can catalyse rural service innovation.

The content of this edition has been informed by the broader ENRD thematic work on 'Smart Villages [2]'.

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- Digitisation, Innovation, RDPs, Rural services, Smart Villages

Smart RDP support for smart Rural Businesses [10]

The factsheet overviews business-support tools supported under the Rural Development Programme (RDPs), including knowledge transfer, advisory services, farm and business development, basic

services, Cooperation (M16) and LEADER/CLLD.

It was prepared as background material for the ENRD Seminar [11] on 'Revitalising Rural Areas through Business Innovation' (Brussels, March 2017).

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- Advisory services, Cooperation, Knowledge transfer, LEADER Innovation, LEADER/CLLD, RDPs, Rural business, Smart Villages

Networking: the vibrant rural north [13]

This is the main report of a dedicated ENRD workshop [14], overviewing the national application of the Estonian, Finnish and Swedish Rural Development Programmes (RDPs).

It explores possible future scenarios, challenges and opportunities affecting rural areas, mainly focusing on the Nordic-Baltic context.

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Rural Businesses: 4th Thematic Group meeting [16]

This is the main report of the underlined fourth meeting [17] of the ENRD Thematic Group (TG) on 'Smart and Competitive Rural Businesses'.

It explores the Finnish approach to supporting businesses in rural areas, including inspiring businesses and the 'Smart Countryside' initiative.

Additionally, it overviews methods for turning the TG's outputs - case studies and Rural Development Programme (RDP) analysis - into useful tools, and members' perspectives on how the TG met the initial expectations.
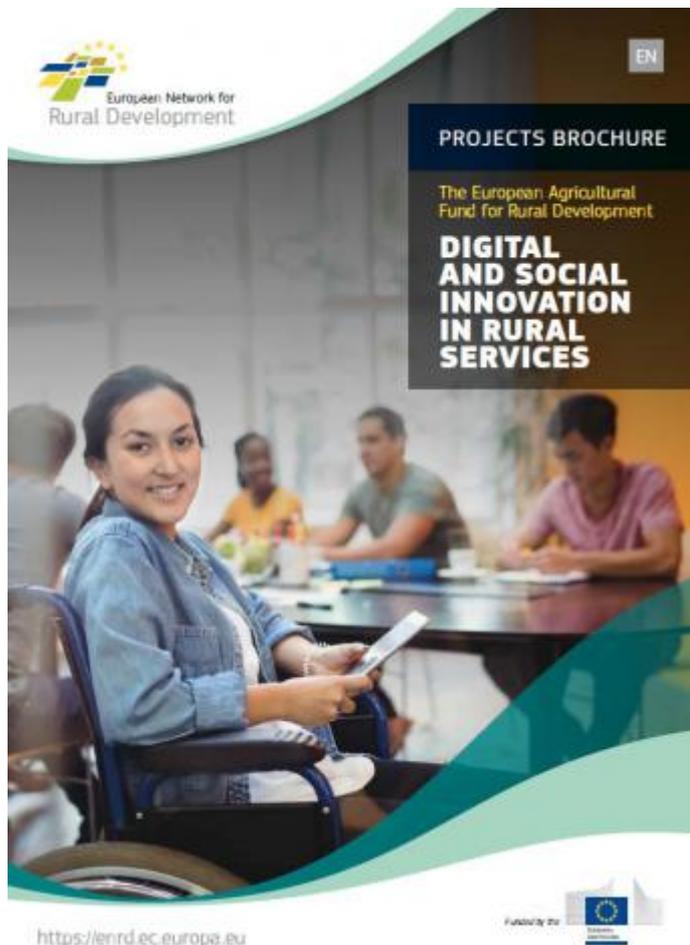
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EAFRD Projects Brochure 'Digital and Social Innovation in Rural Services' [19]

This edition of the EAFRD Projects Brochure profiles twelve participatory social and digital initiatives that are enhancing rural services in six key areas: multi-service hubs; health, education; mobility; energy; and digitisation of the village itself.

The examples showcase how rural communities can sometimes respond to the challenges they face faster than policy, using innovative funding solutions such as private sector investment and crowdfunding.

The Rural Development Programmes (RDPs) can provide complementary support to local communities at each stage of the transformation process of a rural area into a 'smart village [2]': from the initial idea to successful scale-up.

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Social proofing rural programmes and policies [26]

This briefing was prepared as background material for the ENRD Thematic Work on 'Social Inclusion [27]' (2017-2018).
It focuses on available Rural Development Programme (RDP) support for social inclusion, including LEADER/CLLD and networking.

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Rural Businesses: 1st Thematic Group meeting [29]

This is the main report of the first meeting [30] of the ENRD Thematic Group (TG) on 'Smart and Competitive Rural Businesses'.
It overviews the working themes identified by the TG (new trends and wild ideas, fit-for-business support, digitisation), perspectives of TG members, and Rural Development Programme (RDP) support tools.

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[Revitalising rural areas through business innovation](#) [32]

This is the main report of the [ENRD Seminar](#) [11] on 'Revitalising Rural Areas through Business Innovation' (Brussels, March 2017).

It examines a range of EU policies and tools for business innovation, including digitisation, smart specialisation, and social innovation. It also features examples of rural business innovation and explores how such initiatives can be supported and extended through the Rural Development Programmes (RDPs).

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[Rural Businesses: 2nd Thematic Group meeting](#) [34]

This is the main report of the [second meeting](#) [35] of the ENRD Thematic Group (TG) on 'Smart and Competitive Rural Businesses'.

It explores a vision for Rural Businesses 2030, the concepts of accelerators and rural digital hubs, and Rural Development Programme (RDP) support for rural businesses.

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[Rural Businesses: 3rd Thematic Group meeting](#) [37]

This is the main report of the [third meeting](#) [38] of the ENRD Thematic Group (TG) on 'Smart and Competitive Rural Businesses'.
It explores 'wild' business ideas from the Netherlands, the links between rural businesses and the wider rural economy, lessons from Scotland on LEADER and rural business support, as well as TG members' perspectives.

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