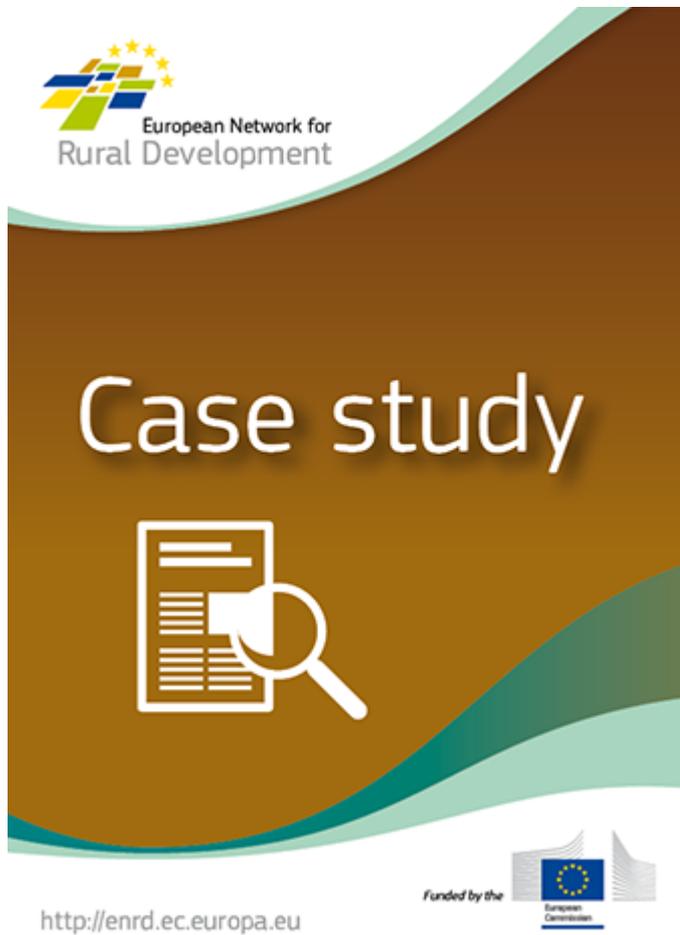


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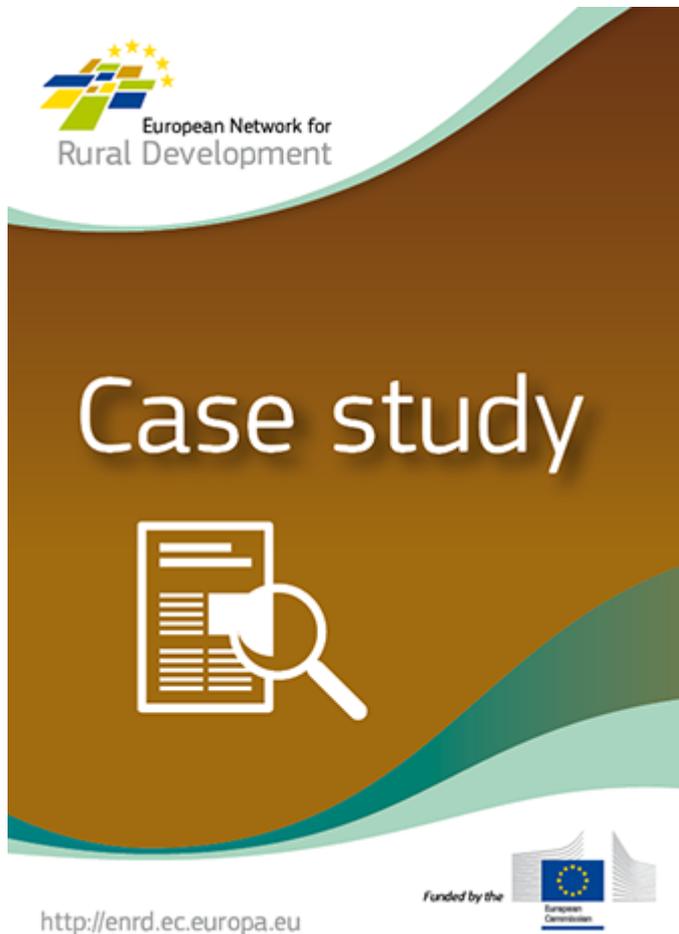
This case study explores a holistic approach to the digitisation of rural services, implemented by the the Fraunhofer Institute in several pilot villages in Germany. The creation of a common digital platform has enabled the development of new solutions for the supply of local goods, communication, mobility and e-government through shared services and common rules.

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[Smart Villages: 'Smart countryside study'](#) [3]

This case study explores the Finnish 'Smart Countryside' analysis of the challenges facing the country's rural areas and the opportunities offered by digitisation. It overviews a range of recommendations for improving digital innovations in rural services that have been used to inform both existing and new programmes in Finland.

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[Smart Villages: 'Strategy for inner areas'](#) [5]

This case study explores one of the most comprehensive and integrated strategies for tackling the problems of depopulation and low access to services in Europe: the 'Strategy for inner areas' in Italy. All four European Structural and Investment Funds are combined with national finance to support strategies for both local development and service innovation in 72 pilot areas across the country.

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[Smart Villages: 'Reciprocity contracts'](#) [7]

This case study explores 'reciprocity contracts' between cities and their surrounding countryside in four pilot areas in France.

It overviews how local government officials and residents from both types of area come together to negotiate win-win partnerships and joint activities in areas of common concern such as employment, the environment and local services. The study considers the governance and funding implications of such partnerships.

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[Spanish strategies for digitising rural areas](#) [9]

This case study overviews the steps Spain has taken towards developing and implementing strategic plans and initiatives to close the digital divide between urban and rural areas. These initiatives take place at all administrative levels and aim to tackle the acute problem of depopulation of rural areas.

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[German strategies for digitising rural areas](#) [11]

This case study focuses on the state of play in Germany with regards to the digitisation of rural areas. It presents the current policy framework on national level and key initiatives developed through an intensive resident participation process on regional and local level.

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[French strategies for digitising rural areas](#) [13]

This case study focuses on enhancing broadband infrastructure at the national level, including examples of collaborative actions leading towards the emergence of an innovative and inclusive digital society in rural France.

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[Cornwall-UK, Steps towards a digital rural region](#) [15]

This case study presents key initiatives across Cornwall and rural UK, focusing on digital inclusion training, enabling digital hubs within communities and e-health innovation.

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[LEADER example: 'CLLD and multi-funds', Austria](#) ^[17]

This summary overviews the approach to multi-funded Community-led Local Development of an Austrian Local Action Group (LAG).

The example was presented at an [ENRD Seminar](#) ^[18] on LEADER/CLLD.

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Rural Businesses: Community broadband [20]

This comparative case study on 'Community broadband: new digital opportunities for rural areas' is based on two innovative examples: the North-Western Kuhmo Village Optical Fibre Cooperative (Finland) and the Molenwaard Civil Society Broadband (the Netherlands).

The study explores how to most effectively set up and operate broadband networks in rural areas through community engagement, with a strong focus on practical implementation aspects (including first steps, main triggers, initiators, financial and human resources, challenges and lessons learnt).

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