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## [Smart Villages: 1st Thematic Group meeting](#) <sup>[1]</sup>

This is the main report of the [first meeting](#) <sup>[2]</sup> of the ENRD Thematic Group on 'Smart Villages'. It outlines four integrated and strategic approaches to supporting social and digital innovations in rural services responding to fundamental rural challenges such as depopulation, the digital divide, centralisation of public services. Additionally, the report provides tips on how to build integrated strategies for revitalising rural services.

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**[Rural Businesses: 4th Thematic Group meeting](#)** [4]

This is the main report of the [fourth meeting](#) [5] 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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## [Rural Businesses: Community broadband](#) [7]

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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## [Revitalising rural areas through business innovation](#) <sup>[9]</sup>

This is the main report of the [ENRD Seminar](#) <sup>[10]</sup> 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: 3rd Thematic Group meeting** <sup>[12]</sup>

This is the main report of the [third meeting](#) <sup>[13]</sup> 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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## **[Social inclusion: attractive and inclusive rural areas](#)** [15]

This is the main report of a dedicated [NRN workshop](#) [16], which overviews key social inclusion challenges in rural areas and ways of overcoming them by identifying innovative practices.

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## **Rural Businesses: Rural digital hubs** [18]

This comparative case study on 'Revitalising rural areas through digitisation' is based on three rural digital hub examples: Cocotte Numérique (France), #hellodigital (Scotland) and the Ludgate Hub (Ireland).

The study explores how to most effectively set up and run rural digital hubs, promoting the use of digital technology in rural areas. It has 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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- Broadband, Digitisation, Diversification, Innovation, Rural business

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## **Rural Businesses: Accelerators** [20]

This comparative case study on 'Mobilising the innovative potential of rural businesses' is based on three innovative business accelerator examples: Academy on Tour (Belgium), Short Food Supply Chain Masterclass (the Netherlands) and AgriEnt Business Accelerator (Greece). It explores how to most effectively set up and run business accelerator programmes in order to support businesses in rural areas, 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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