

ENRD Thematic Group on Smart Villages

Villages of the future

Draft Agenda of the 8th meeting

6 June 2019

Lormes, France

A Thematic Group (TG) meeting on Smart Villages will take place outside Brussels for the first time, in Lormes, 'a village of the future' in Burgundy, France on 6th June. It is organised back to back with a [conference](#) on 'Co-creating Digital Transformation' organised by the Interreg project [ERUDITE](#) which will take place in Dijon (France) on 4th June and includes study visits on 5th June 2019.

Participants have three options: 1) just attending the TG meeting on the 6th 2) also attending the field visits on the 5th to a major new rural digital and redevelopment hub and to a rural focused research and innovation centre 3) also attending the Erudite Conference which will showcase a range a wide range of rural digital projects and tools for codesigning rural digital services.

Aims of the TG meeting:

The specific objectives of the 8th meeting of the Thematic Group are:

- To explore 'on site' how a specific village (Lormes, Burgundy) has embarked on a participative process to codesign a 'village of the future' and the way they have used different aspects of the local "digital ecosystem" to support their journey, in the context of the French approach to digitising rural areas.
- To provide a picture of similar initiatives and plans for developing local digital ecosystems in other Member States.
- To allow participants to learn from these initiatives and to share lessons and **methodological approaches for developing local digital ecosystems**.
- To exchange views about the **future needs** to be addressed by the Thematic Working Group on Smart Villages.



Timing 🕒	Preliminary Agenda Items 📅 (exact timing and content to be confirmed)
07.15 – 09.15	Departure from Dijon (Shuttle bus from Dijon to Lormes)
09.15 – 09.30	Welcome to TG participants and agenda for the day
09.30 – 12.00	Lormes – The Village of the Future: Study tour <i>Visit social and digital innovation projects developed through a multi-stakeholder co-creation process.</i>
12.00 – 12.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
12.15 – 13.15	Putting together the building blocks for a rural digital transformation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Panel discussion with key actors at local, regional and national levels to draw lessons from the French experience.</i>
13.15 – 14.15	<i>Lunch break</i>
14.15 – 15.45	Creating the rural digital and innovation ecosystems of the future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Spaces for showcasing experiences from around the EU.</i>
15.45 – 16.15	Suggestions for the future direction of the ENRD Thematic Group <i>On which areas should the Thematic Group focus in the future to support the development of an enabling policy framework for Smart Villages?.</i>
16.15 – 16.30	Concluding remarks & next steps
16.30 – 17.30	<i>Networking session</i>
After 17.30	<i>Shuttle from Lormes to Dijon</i>

