

1st Smart Village Network Meeting

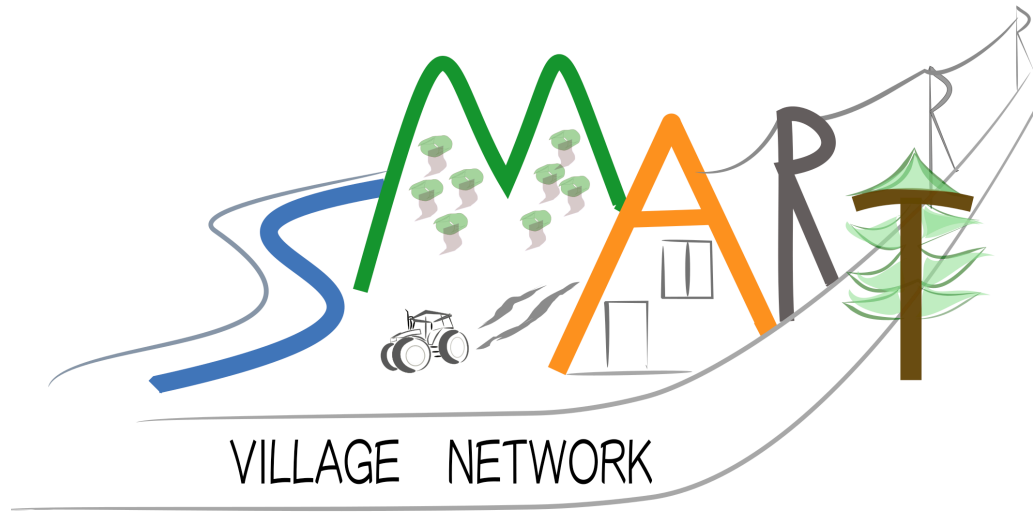
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#SVNmeeting

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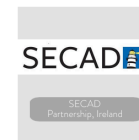
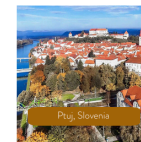
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The network shapes





The nature of SVN



An open, bottom-up, independent network

- ❖ **Open:** Any interested village, village group/ LAG or village association can become a member, you don't have to be 'smart'
- ❖ **Bottom-up:** It's the members who will drive the process – and define what can meaningfully be done through exchange & cooperation
- ❖ **Independent:** Having the freedom in defining the scope and actions – not limited by any institutional structure





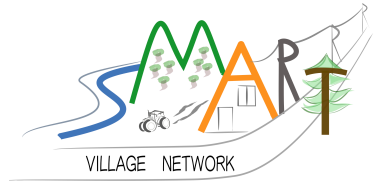
SVN mission



- ❖ Make the **voices of villages heard** at regional, national and European levels on what 'smart villages'
- ❖ Enable **exchange and cooperation** among members about rural challenges and 'smart' solutions



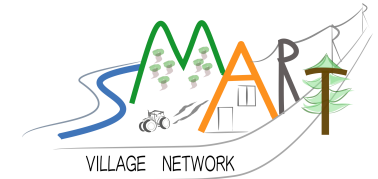
Today's mission



- ❖ **Debate what 'smart villages' mean to you**
Integrated, bottom-up, complementary with other initiatives (esp. LEADER)
 - **What new opportunities/ added value?**
- ❖ **Exchange and cooperation around specific 'smart' ideas**
Many examples out there, learning and exchanging is important, focus on specific themes
 - **What concrete cooperations could emerge?**



We need enthusiastic members



- ❖ We do it because we see potential and new opportunities in it...
- ❖ Thank you for the Finnish Village Movement and the Finnish Rural Network...





SVN support for cooperation



- Events with specific thematic focus and opportunities to exchange & develop cooperation opportunities
- Learning about smart village approaches in specific countries
- Planning concrete joint actions
- Practical/ searchable database: Village Platform



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