



**European Committee
of the Regions**

NAT Commission

Smart villages : Integrated strategic approaches to innovation in rural areas

**29 January 2019 – 14:30-16:30
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14:30-14:40 – Opening

Ossi Martikainen (FI/ALDE), Chair of the NAT Commission of the CoR

14:40-15:30 - How to promote the smart villages initiative in all structural policies after 2020?

Moderator: Tom Jones, EESC rapporteur on Villages and small towns as catalysts for rural development, challenges and opportunities

Roxana Gradinariu, Romanian Presidency: How to promote the Smart Villages initiative in all structural policies after 2020?

György Mudri, advisor to MEP Tibor Szanyi: How to implement the Bled Declaration for a Smarter Future of the Rural Areas in EU?

Beata Adamczyk, European Commission, DG AGRI: How the proposed new delivery model for the CAP will provide the ground for the further development of Smart Villages' approaches?

Merja Haapakka, European Commission, DG REGIO: How the new cohesion policy could promote the Smart Villages initiative?

Discussion

15:30-16:20 - Inspiring projects and initiatives illustrating different aspects of smart villages

Moderator: Paul Soto, Senior Policy Expert in charge of the ENRD (European Network for Rural Development) working group "Smart Villages"

José Enrique Garcilazo, OECD Head of Regional and Rural Policy Unit: Ten technological and social megatrends which can unleash the growth potential of rural areas

Marie Clotteau, Director of Euromontana: Presentation of the SIMRA (Social innovations in marginalised rural areas) project

Marie Noël Neven, Director of Rurality – Environment – Development: Presentation of the Pilot Project on Smart Eco-Social Villages

Clive Peckham, Representative of ERUDITE (Enhancing Rural and Urban Digital Innovation Territories) project : Presentation of Digital innovation initiatives

Discussion

16:20-16:30 – Conclusions

Enda Stenson (EI/EA), CoR rapporteur on Revitalisation of rural areas through Smart Villages