



1st Smart Village Network (SVN) Meeting 5-7 February 2019, Ellivuori, Finland

Draft Agenda

Purpose of the meeting:

- Supporting cooperation between villages and village groups/associations on the concept of smart villages
- Providing an update on the state-of-play of 'smart villages' in the various Member States, planned activities and ideas for cooperation;
- Gaining feedback from members on the existing structure, scope, objectives and activities of the Smart Village Network (SVN);
- Jointly developing a Smart Village Network Declaration on what 'smart villages' means to the members of the network (reflecting on the draft definition of the European Commission);
- Planning future cooperation activities of the network and next steps.

Participation:

The cooperation sessions in the afternoon of 5 February and the field visit on 6 February are open to representatives of all villages, village groups/associations and supporters of smart villages.

The afternoon session on 6 February and the morning session of 7 February are dedicated to registered Smart Village Network members. The Smart Village Network is an open bottom-up network of villages. If you are interested in becoming a member please contact us at info@smart-village-network.eu and we will inform you about our activities and ways of joining the network.

The event is free of charge (including field visit), however, participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation costs, and costs of some of the meals.

Venue:

Ellivuori Resort in Finland (www.ellivuoriresort.fi)

Supporters/organisers:

The meeting is organised by the Animation Team of the Smart Village Network and supported by the Finnish Village Movement and the Finnish National Rural Network.



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Tuesday, 5 February 2019

Cooperation of villages and village groups on the 'smart village' theme

13.00 – 14.30	<p>Transnational cooperation on the 'smart village' concept</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Short presentation on how 'smart villages' are planned in Finland (including the Smart Village Competition of Finnish Villages) ✓ Short presentation from SVN members on what is planned in their countries ✓ Transnational cooperation of LEADER LAGs & 'smart villages' – How can the two complement each other? ✓ Transnational cooperation opportunities on 'smart villages' / thematic interests <p><i>Discussion: How to support the cooperation of smart villages?</i></p>
14.30 – 15.00	<i>Coffee break & networking</i>
15.00 – 16.00	<p>Smart Village Network cooperation support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Presentation of the Smart Village Network & its core activities ✓ Village Platform (SVN database) <p><i>Discussion: Smart Village Network as cooperation support</i></p>
<i>Evening</i>	<i>Dinner</i>

Wednesday, 6 February (morning)

Visiting local village(s) and initiatives

09.00	Start of meeting
09.00 – 12.30	Field visit: visiting local village(s) and initiative(s)
12.30 – 14.00	<i>Lunch break (end of meeting for non-SVN members)</i>



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Wednesday, 6 February (afternoon)

Making the work of the Smart Village Network useful and practical

SVN Members & Experts only

14.00 - 15.30	<p>Session 1: SVN members and their expectations from SVN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Introduction of SVN members and their expectations from the SVN ✓ Expressions of interest: presentation from selected members on potential SVN initiatives (e.g. thematic interests) that they would like to cooperate on with other members ✓ New opportunities for funding - joint activities of SVN members (including upcoming tenders on networks & communication) <p>Exchange & discussion</p>
15.30 – 16.00	<i>Coffee break and networking</i>
16.00 - 17.30	<p>Session 2: SVN Declaration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Presentation of EU-level developments on the ‘smart villages’ concept ✓ Reflection on EU-level developments and discussion on ‘what smart villages’ mean to members <p>Discussion: Ideas for a joint SVN Declaration</p>

Thursday, 7 February (morning)

SVN Declaration & the future activities of the SVN

08.30	Leaving from Hotel
9.00 – 11.30	<p>Session 3: Future activities & next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Finalising draft SVN Declaration ✓ Summary of outcomes of previous day’s discussion on SVN member initiatives and ideas for cooperation with other members ✓ Future SVN meetings & their scope ✓ Next steps concerning the Village Platform (SVN database) and other SVN activities ✓ Next steps on developing further joint new SVN opportunities <p>Discussion on interest and involvement of members</p>
12.00	End of meeting



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