



National Taskforces

- multi-actor platforms that bring together wide range of relevant stakeholders in a given national and/or regional context in selected Member States
- focusing on the national/ regional needs and the specific policy context of each country
- aim to improve policy implementation - especially that of the CAP Strategic Plan interventions but also other programmes and interventions promoting and supporting Smart Village strategies and projects



- Taskforces are set up, coordinated and supported by SR27 National Experts
- Concrete goals, timeline and activities are defined in a Taskforce Action Plan
- Taskforces are run through a series of meetings & discussions (typically 2-3 meetings per year) to assess the situation and plan specific actions together
- The work of the taskforces is often supported through analytical work of the national experts (or other experts), including the development of guidance and training material



Taskforces are currently running in **7 Member States:**

Austria
Belgium-Wallonia
Cyprus
Finland
Latvia
Poland
Portugal

Austria | Exploring synergies between **LEADER, village-and city-center development** and **regional innovation systems** and their managements for Smart Villages amongst the broader (rural) development system in Austria.

Belgium-Wallonia | Analysing and disseminating the experience of Smart Villages actors to prepare other stakeholders to the **call for “smart territories” projects to be launched by Digital Wallonia.**

Cyprus | The Taskforce is expected to suggest specific CAP policy interventions to create complementarities with **“Smart Cyprus Platform”** supervised by Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy.

Portugal | The Taskforce targets a specific Integrated Territorial-based Intervention and aims to enable the **introduction of the Smart Villages concept in the design and implementation of the Transforming project P09. Villages.**