



LEADER & Smart Villages: How LEADER/CLLD Local Action Groups can support the emergence of smart village strategies and projects

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Smart Villages – future of LAG The Diversity of the Countryside?

LEADER in Slovenia started in 2008 (2007-2013).

37 LAG's.

100 % coverage.

MERILO/SCALE: 1 : 700 000

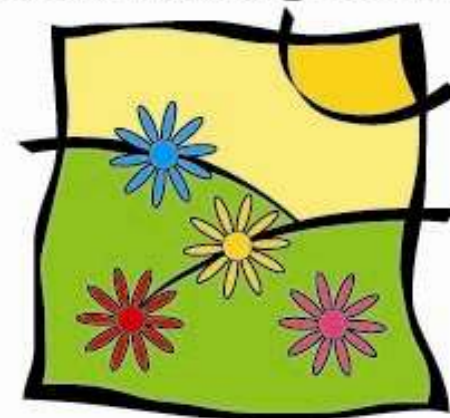


LAG

The Diversity of the Countryside



Raznolikost podeželja



Celje • Laško • Štore • Vojnik

LAG The Diversity of the Countryside

Municipalities Celje, Laško, Štore, Vojnik.

75.000 inhabitants, half of them living in the rural areas.

51 LAG members.

2014-2020: 1,6 mio EUR for projects and running costs; 30 projects EFARD and EFRD; 300.000 EUR for 4 projects of cooperation (tourism, herbs, ecological farming) with Slovenian and Bulgarian LAG's.

LAG from now to 2027

Preparing Local development strategies for LAG's (July).

LDS and LAG confirmation until December 2023.


Regulation about LAGs operation and projects implementation is expected this year.

Managing authority

One of the expected result indicators in our LDS in
Number of Smart Villages strategies.


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1 Smart Village in SMART RURAL 21: Šentviška Gora Plateau



EXPERIENCES OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LEADER are stories about people, not about investments and money.
The importance of networking among the interested public and the international sharing of experiences between people.

Telling the stories of local residents.

Jobs-economic development-entrepreneurship.

Smart communities-tourism-sustainability.

Environment-active life-inclusion-strengthening of the capacity of the area and its inhabitants.

What is the current situation (state-of-play) in relation to creating a Smart Villages support environment?

Do we know what is the meaning of Smart Village?

Rural communities that encourage local initiatives for finding practical solutions about economics, social and / or environmental challenges with exploitation of new chances and using new technologies if needed.

What is the current situation (state-of-play) in relation to creating a Smart Villages support environment?

In Slovenia (also in our LAG) we had no national or local presentation or discussion about SV.

Who should establish support environment for SV?

Should it be established by bottom-up approach or as a national / MA project?

Or should we do it by ourselves just for a LAG? Do we have the capacity?

What is the current situation (state-of-play) in relation to creating a Smart Villages support environment?

What is the role of LAGs or LAG's Network in process?

Should we initiate it / help MA to create it / wait that someone will do it?

Basically we just know that there are SV and that we can implement them into our LDS.

LAGs can be great support for SV on local level because we know what are the needs in our areas.

What have been the main challenges/ lessons to date in creating a supportive Smart Villages environment?

Is supportive environment static or dynamic framework?

Who is main target group? LAGs, local people, villages, municipalities, all the stakeholders in local environment?

Who should we activate to move things further?

What are the main dilemma and questions?

How should we start creating supportive environment (from the beginning)?

Who can help us?

What can we expect doing this?

What kind of support/ guidance is needed?
Key topics of interest?

Learning by doing.

Networking and field visits – good practices exchanges.

Projects of cooperation – providing different mindsets on providing solutions for similar challenges.

How can we build capacity of rural people?

How to include young people in active involvement and decision making on local level?

How the process could be better supported from the European or national levels?

Helping initiatives for SV to develop.

Advocacy of rural development.

Debureaucracy.

Special fundings.



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