

## Annex II: Meeting Reports

### 1<sup>st</sup> Smart Villages Taskforce Meeting – AUSTRIA

#### Purpose of the meeting

Clarifying the envisaged added value of the taskforce, confirming membership and defining cornerstones of a working programme for 2023

#### Date of the meeting

[13/12/2022 – 13/12/2022]

#### Location

Online

#### Participation

9 People participated: federal ministry of agriculture, forestry regions and watermanagement (responsible for CAP interventions that should be used for SV implementation), Austrian Research Promotion Agency (responsible for future CAP intervention “rural innovation systems”), representatives from the administration of the federal region of Styria (responsible for LEADER and Smart Villages), LEADER LAG/ AT LEADER association, AT pilot village Stanz, national expert.

#### Main outcomes & lessons learnt (including deviations from initial plan)

Participants reinforced that they are willing to participate in the taskforce;

Agreed, that the following aspects should be cooperatively realized:

- Providing an overview of SV approaches planned in the LEADER local development strategies for CAP 2023-2027
- Translating the EU definition for Smart Villages to the AT context and define quality criteria
- Clarify the roles within a governance and implementation system and sharpen support mechanisms (especially on federal state and regional level)

#### Next steps

Drafting quality standards as a translation of the EU SV-concept to the AT context; Deepen ideas for necessary regional support (communication, capacity building, etc.) together with Styrian taskforce representatives and preparing pilot capacity-building/policy-learning event in 2-3 meetings.

#### Supporting documents

[Please provide any agenda, presentations, videos/ recordings, training material as separate files – if applicable]

#### The event in pictures

Please paste some images here if possible (and send them as separate files if possible).

