



## Meeting Report

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

#### Purpose of the meeting

The CAP National Strategic Plan created opportunities to support the preparation and implementation of the concept of Smart villages. Smart village has been gaining more and more popularity in the European Union, but also in Poland, for several years now. This is confirmed by the number of applications for subsequent competitions "My smart village".

The dissemination of this concept is an opportunity to strengthen positive development trends in the countryside, and to maintain the vitality of rural areas. We are convinced that it is worth taking advantage of this opportunity. The framework outlined by the CAP Strategic Plan for Poland should be filled with content as much as possible, but smart villages can and should be supported and financed by other programs and funds, not only in regions implementing community-led local development, but throughout the country.

As part of the Smart Rural 27 project, we are creating a task force to support the concept of Smart villages in Poland. One of the first tasks that we have already launched is the development of a guide that will support employees of regional governments, LAGs and people who prepare concepts of smart villages and want to implement them.

When proposing the composition of the Taskforce, we tried to gather people with rich and diverse competences, looking at the rural development processes from different places and perspectives.

Meeting Agenda:

9:00 - 9:10 Welcome. Show. Introduction - Andrzej Hałasiewicz;

9:10 – 9:25 Projects SR21 and SR27 – Andrzej Hałasiewicz;

9:25 - 9:35 Smart village in PS CAP 2023-2027 LEADER - Beata Rodak;

9:35 – 9:45 Smart village in PS CAP 2023-2027 Investments - Przemysław Saltarski;

9:45 – 10:15 Discussion;

10:15 – 10:30 Smart village PL - Joanna Gierulska;

10:30 – 10:50 Possibilities of supporting the implementation of the smart village concept in other programs and funds - Discussion;

10:50 – 11:00 Summary. Further steps. Next meeting.

#### Date of the meeting

09 03 2023

#### Location

Online

#### Participation

See enclose list - 18 participants

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

1. Team members agree that the concept of Smart villages may have a positive impact on the development of rural areas. It is necessary to further promote this idea, to encourage support for Smart villages from various national and regional programs.

2. Participation of people who influence the implementation of the ERDF and ESF in Poland is very important for the work of the Taskforce.



### Next steps

1. Representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the voivodeship self-government were asked to present the concept of Smart villages at one of the nearest Voivodship Marshal Conventions.
2. LAG representatives will collect questions regarding the inclusion of the Smart village concept in local LDS development strategies and its support during the implementation of the strategy. The team of Smart Rural 27 PL experts will develop them in terms of content and, in cooperation with the CAP Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, will prepare a working workshop discussing the proposed solutions. The NRN will provide the opportunity to participate online to all interested LAGs and voivodeship self-governments.
3. The Smart Rural 27 team of experts will prepare a guide on the implementation of the Smart Village concept in Poland.
4. In 2023, two meetings of the Task Force for Smart Villages are planned. Any additional online meetings will be convened as needed.

### Supporting documents

1. Doświadczania projektów Smart Rural finansowanych przez UE
2. INTELIGENTNA WIEŚ wsparcie dla innowacji lokalnych na wsi
3. Infrastruktura na obszarach wiejskich oraz wdrożenie koncepcji inteligentnych wsi
4. Poradnik „JAK PRZYGOTOWAĆ KONCEPCJĘ SMART VILLAGE”