PILOT PROJECT
SMART ECO-SOCIAL VILLAGES
Objectives of the pilot project

1. To map the **current challenges** of EU rural areas and how to boost development in rural areas

2. To develop a **definition** of Smart Villages and explore their **characteristics**, **drivers** and **factors of success**

3. To focus on **practical solutions** to overcome challenges and to improve the situation in villages

4. To present **practical, successful best practices** that could provide workable solutions for rural villages, using new and existing tools for promoting development
Next steps

**Inception**
- Stakeholder list
- Desk-based research Maps
  - Jan-Mar ‘18

**Grand challenges**
- 1st consultation
- Expert consultation
  - Apr - Jul ‘18

**Definition**
- Proposals of examples
- Interviews and analysis
  - Jul – Nov ‘18

**Best practices**
- 2nd consultation
- Case studies
  - Nov ‘18 – Mar ‘19

**Case studies**
- Call for candidates
- Field work

**Final workshop**
- Final results:
  - Report
  - Roadmap

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