Smart Villages in the COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY post-2020

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THE MAIN PRIORITIES OF THE FUTURE CAP

1. The **modernisation** and **simplification** of the policy framework

2. **Innovation and knowledge** for tomorrow’s agriculture and rural areas

3. The **resilience** of European agriculture, with a more equitable & more efficient support through a better targeting of aids

4. The strengthening of **environmental and climate action**

5. Growth and jobs in **rural areas** and encouraging **generational renewal**

6. The response to **citizens’ concerns** on sustainable agricultural production
THE 9 COMMON OBJECTIVES

- INCREASE COMPETITIVENESS
- ENSURE VIABLE INCOME
- KNOWLEDGE & INNOVATION
- RESPOND TO CITIZENS' CONCERNS in terms of FOOD & HEALTH QUALITY
- VIBRANT RURAL AREAS
- REBALANCE POWER IN FOOD CHAIN
- CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION
- ENVIRONMENTAL CARE
- PRESERVE LANDSCAPES & BIODIVERSITY
- SUPPORT GENERATIONAL RENEWAL
8 broad EU interventions to be tailored and defined by Member States (replacing around 70 measures and sub-measures)

- area-specific disadvantages resulting from certain mandatory requirements
- natural or other area-specific constraints
- environmental, climate and other management commitments
- investments
- cooperation
- risk management tools
- knowledge exchange and information
- installation of young farmers and rural business start-up

**RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**KEY FEATURES**

- Mandatory risk management tools and Risk Management Strategy
  - Minimum budget ring-fencing of total EAFRD contribution:
    - 30% for interventions addressing the three environmental/climate objectives
    - 5% for LEADER
  - Higher support rates for investment
  - Possibility of using financial instruments (incl. working capital), also in combination with grants
  - Increase of the maximum amount of aid for the installation of young farmers (up to EUR 100,000)
  - Easier to plan locally led schemes and result based schemes
  - Simpler way of ensuring coherence with other EU funds

- Digitisation strategy to be included in the CAP plan
• New concept, many best practice cases gathered under ENRD – gaining knowledge and awareness at high speed

• **People – Passion – Projects** (on- and off-line)

• An objective – not a method

• And what about the non-smart Villages?
SMART VILLAGES & CAP

• References in the recital but **no** definition

• Potential for LEADER or other cooperation groups: 100% support rate – global project

• **Result-indicator for Smart Villages included in CAP:** Digitising the rural economy: Rural population covered by a supported Smart Villages strategy
WHERE DO WE GO FROM NOW?

- Increase understanding of Smart Villages
- Identify and promote light house projects
- How to plan and include SV in CAP plans
- How to make EU funds work smoothly together on the ground?
Thank you