The Smart Village Initiative

- <u>Participatory approach and community engagement</u> is key in achieving results and create creative and resilient communities

- <u>Bottom-up</u> approach is crucial, but also requires engagement from the public sector (EU, national, local)

- There are many <u>diverse and creative solutions</u> (no one-size-fits-all solution)

- Many initiatives show that <u>individualism is over everything is about community</u>

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- Digitalisation should be used as a tool to provide access to new and inclusive opportunities (skills development and capacity building are necessary)
- Communities should work as a network, within the community, between communities and with experts

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- <u>Simplicity, flexibility, less formal approaches, fast solutions</u> (no duplication of plans, initiatives, structures, layers)

- Starting from small ideas to a larger scale

- <u>Good governance</u> means having the right actors at the right place, to develop a right list of priorities, involving local communities and identify proper funding

The Smart Village Initiative

- Smart Village concept benefits from synergies and plays a complementary role with other existing initiatives or instruments (such as LEADER)

- Agile and simple integration between funding opportunities

- Administrative setup should be simplified and streamlined

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