



Smart eco-social villages

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EU Action for
SMART VILLAGES



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16 planned Actions to promote Smart Villages:

6. Pilot project on Smart Eco-Social Villages

.....will explore characteristics of smart eco-social villages and **identify best practices upon which decision makers and rural communities can build future development strategies. A specific focus will be connectivity and digital solutions.**

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Why am I part of an advisory team in the project «Smart Eco-Social Villages»?

- **Taking part in a network** (Euromontana) actively pushing for a “Rural Agenda”
- Lead partner for Interreg Europe project **P-IRIS**
 - About rural innovation systems

And for my rural county:
Policies developed in the EU influences Norwegian regional policy development

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Why is «Smart Villages» important for rural Sogn og Fjordane?

- To position for the modern villages of the future – to meet the rapid changes proactively
 - Environment
 - Technology
- To be an attractive place
- Connect to knowledge development

One of our centres; **Nordfjordeid** (3000 inhab. in the centre)

Hosting:

- Lefdal Mine Datacentre
- An opera and a rock festival

A living lab: Using energy from the water in the fjord as a heat exchanging system

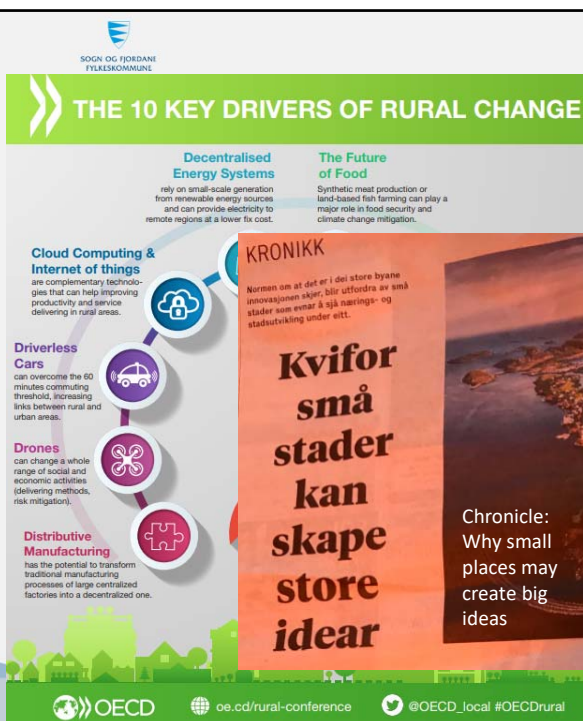
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Rural communities will be affected by external drivers of change

Will the rural villages be **proactive** or **reactive**?

How to be proactive:

- To be a “living lab”?
- Use our benefit: short distances across sectors !
- Hopefully connect to a (future) smart villages learning platform



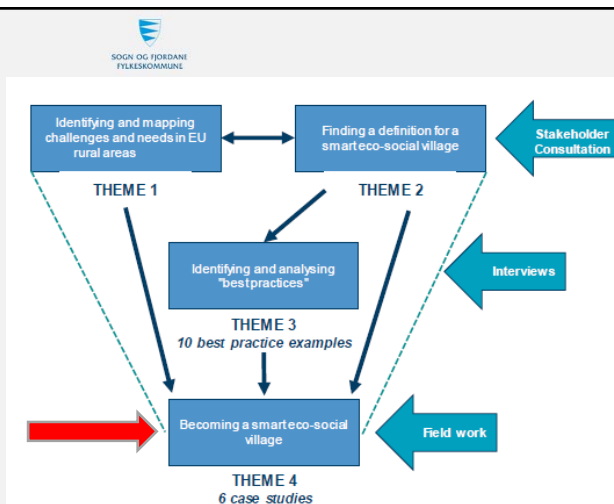
The pilot project:

Now:

Defining “A smart eco-social village”


Next spring:

Giving policy recommendations based on «best practices»



Already

...the European Parliament has allocated €3.3 million for a preparatory action which we will launch next year. Here the idea is to provide support for the development of 10 Smart Villages throughout the EU. (Phil Hogan 22nd of May)



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Is it possible to connect more actively to the work of EIP and ENRD?
There is something to learn on methods:

<p>EIP – Agri:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation broker • Project: Operational Groups (not only R&D) 	<p>Norway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competence broker • Project: R&D
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