

Day 1: 11 April 2019		
11.00 – 12.30	Networking for Policy: <i>Networking for Smart Villages</i>	Venue: Studio
11.00 – 11.10	Welcome message and introduction to the session	
11.10 – 12.10	<p>Smart Villages Networking Stories</p> <p>2 initiatives present in each corner. A total of 2 rounds of 30 mins each (60 min in total). Approx 5-7 minutes presentation of each initiative + 20 minutes discussion in each corner and each round). Key aspects presented by each initiative in each round:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Use the strongest example(s) to show how the networking component of the initiative supports the implementation of projects on the ground;</i> • <i>Use the strongest example(s) to show how your networking activities / actions support / influence the development of an enabling policy framework.</i> <p>Suggested corner discussion question (20 min each round):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the networks' main strengths in terms of contributing to policy (if possible based on an example)?</i> • <i>What are the lessons for strengthening the contribution to policy in the future (2-3 key ideas max)?</i> <p>Corner 1: Social and territorial innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU - SIMRA - Lauren Mosdale, Euromontana • Smart Villages Competition in Finland - Lauri Hyttinen, Finnish NRN <p>Corner 2: Digital innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erudite (Interreg) – Clive Peckham, Nievre Numerique • Slovenia: Fab-labs Network – Emilija Stojmenova, University of Ljubljana <p>Corner 3: Smart rural businesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cowocat – Coworking - Gemma Estany, ARCA • Growbiz - Jackie Brierton, Growbiz <p>Corner 4: Services innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Communities - Joshua Roberts, RESCoop • Rural mobility: Smarta project - Andrea Lorenzini, MemEx 	
12.10 – 12.30	<p>Wrap up and conclusions</p> <p>Key messages for day 2 on: “<i>what should networks do to strengthen their contribution to policy design and implementation? What should they avoid?</i>”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflections from 1 key expert observers (Bill Slee, RDC) – 5 min • Open discussion (15 mins) 	