

ENRD Thematic Group on Smart & Competitive Rural Businesses

4th Thematic Group Meeting

18-19 May 2017

Venue & Date

Finland, near Helsinki, 18-19 May 2017

Venue: Please consult the practical information document for the specific venues of different sessions.

Note that a bus service is provided for free of charge to participants on both days.

Objectives

- ✓ Present and discuss the **final outputs of the thematic work** on smart & competitive rural businesses, including case studies, RDP analysis, TG report, etc.;
- ✓ Plan **dissemination of thematic work outputs** by TG members and the ENRD CP: target groups, dissemination, usefulness;
- ✓ Lessons learnt through this TG and planning of **future ENRD Thematic Work** (starting in July 2017) on Smart and Competitive Rural Areas: brainstorming about possible themes of interest, with specific focus on smart villages.

Please note that programme is still indicative and may be subject to change.

Time	Day 1: 18 May 2017 (Thursday)
13.00	<i>Bus leaves for project visit from Helsinki-Vantaa airport (Please note that lunch is not provided, but light lunch/ snacks will be available at 3pm.)</i>
14.00	Field visit: Robbes trädgård (http://www.robbes.fi)
14:45	<i>Bus leaves to venue (Rutumin Kartano)</i>
15.00	<i>Light lunch</i>
15.30	<p>Session 1: What have we achieved?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Presentation of the final outputs of the TG: case studies, draft findings of the RDP analysis, etc. ✓ Q&A <p>Discussion: How we disseminate outcomes?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Discussion on use & dissemination of outcomes (possible target groups, usefulness, role of TG members)
17.00	With a view to the future - Introduction to the Smart Countryside Project in Finland, presentation by the Finnish Rural Network
18.00	<i>Departure to Hotel Hämeenkylän Kartano</i>
20.00	Networking dinner at the Hotel (optional/ at participant's expenses)

Time

Day 2: 19 May 2017 (Friday)

8.30

Bus leaves to Knehtilä Farm

9.00

Visiting **Knehtilä Farm** & presentation of the Palopuro Circular Economy example (farm is also the venue of the meeting)

9.45

Coffee

10.00

Session 2: Smart villages & possible themes of interest

Presentation by Paul Soto

Discussion about the next steps: How the 'smart village' theme is relevant for you? What other themes should be considered? Who should be the target group of the next TG?

11.00

Interactive session: Lessons learnt from the TG on Smart & Competitive Rural Businesses

Discussion about lessons learnt: What do you take away? How could the future TG work methods be improved?

12.40

Closing of the TG meeting

13.00

Lunch

14.00

Bus leaves to Helsinki-Vantaa Airport

15.00

Bus arrives to Helsinki-Vantaa Airport