



EUSDR Priority Area 10 "Institutional Capacity and Cooperation"

# Webinar on EUSDR Strategic Topics: Digitalisation in Cities and Municipalities

10 November 2022



# Agenda

<b>09.30</b>	<b>Arrival and Networking</b>	<b>Claudia Singer, PA10 Coordination Michael Gansch EuroVienna</b>
<b>09.45</b>	Welcome and Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Digitalisation challenges for the cities in the Danube Region</li></ul>	Claudia Singer, PA 10 Coordination
<b>10.00</b>	Regional Smart Village initiatives in Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>How does Europe foster smart villages?</li><li>Local Action Groups (LAG) on the way to smart Regions</li><li>The Smart Rural 21 project</li><li>Transferability</li></ul>	Edina Ocsko , e40 group Brussels
<b>10.20</b>	You don't have to be big in order to achieve something great! <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Smart initiatives for villages and smaller cities</li><li>European Good Practice BRISE Vienna – what can be transferred to other public areas</li><li>Good practices</li></ul>	Lea Hemetsberger Fraunhofer Data Competence for Cities and Regions (DKSR), Berlin

# Agenda

<b>10.40</b>	<b>Good Practice: Smart Villages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Experiences</li><li>• What has been implemented</li><li>• What knowledge can be transferred</li><li>• Lessons learned</li></ul>	<b>Peter Niederer, Swiss Working Group for Mountain Areas</b>
<b>11.00</b>	EU Funds for digitalisation of cities and villages <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Funding Overview</li><li>• How to find Funding Opportunities</li><li>• Special focus: Interreg Danube Region</li></ul>	Michael Gansch EuroVienna and Johannes Gabriel Interreg Danube Region
<b>11.20</b>	Summary, Questions and Answers	Claudia Singer PA10 Coordination Michael Gansch EuroVienna
<b>11.30</b>	End of Meeting	



Welcome!





# Organisational Matters

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- feel free to use the chat window for your questions  
They will be collected and discussed at the end of the webinar
- The presentation + an additional document with further information will be sent to all participants



# Smart municipal and smart rural initiatives in the Danube Region

Claudia Singer  
EUSDR PA 10 Coordinator





Regional Smart Village initiatives in Europe  
Edina Ocsko  
e40 group, Brussels





# Smart Villages & the EU's Smart Rural Projects

*Edina Ocsko, Project Coordinator of the Smart Rural  
Projects*

*Danube Region Event, 10 November 2022*

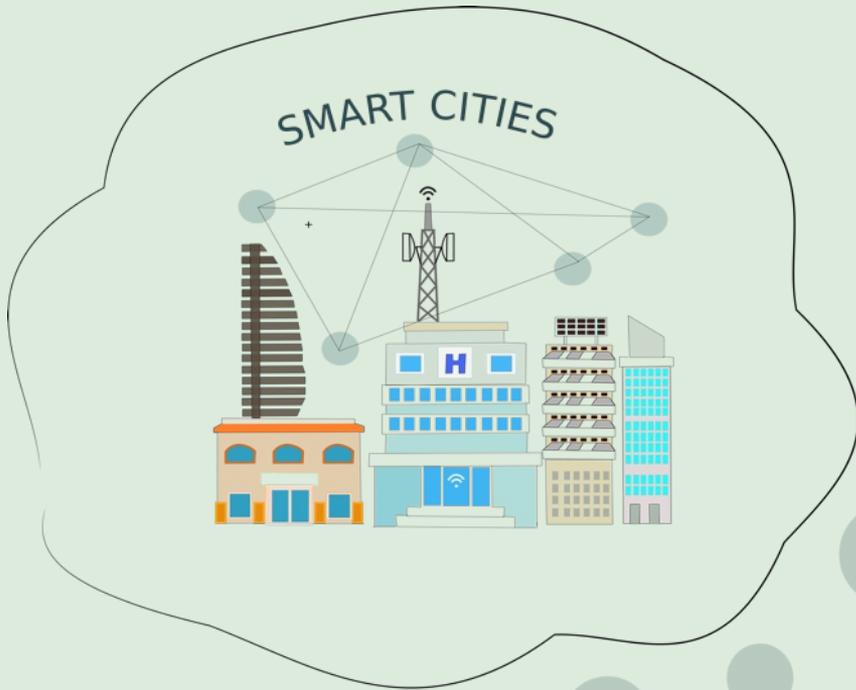
# Overview

Smart Villages concept

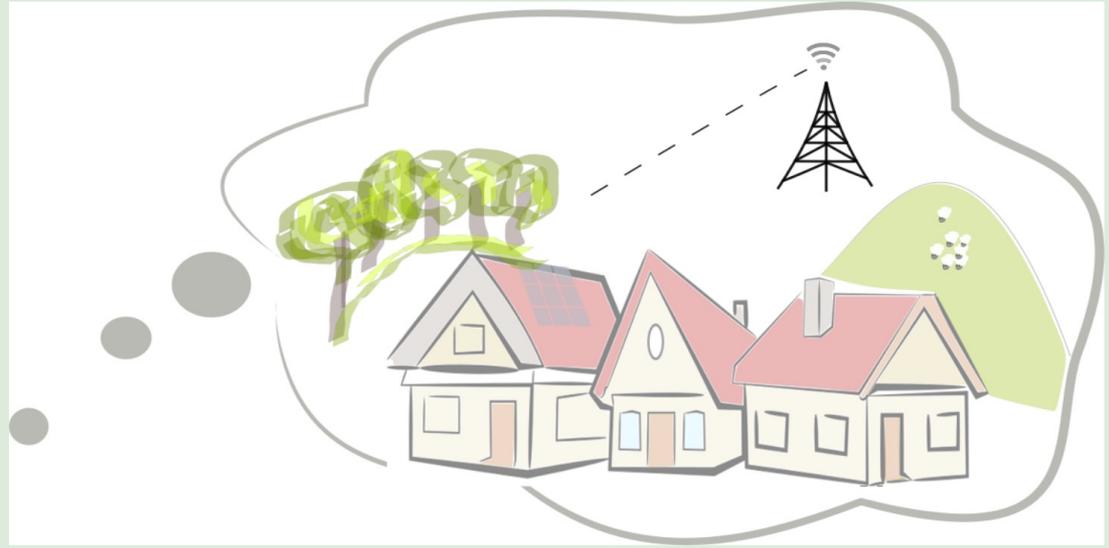
Smart Rural 21 project in support of villages

Smart Rural 27 project in support of policies

# 1. WHAT IS A SMART VILLAGE & HOW THE CONCEPT EVOLVED?



# SMART VILLAGES



# European Commission



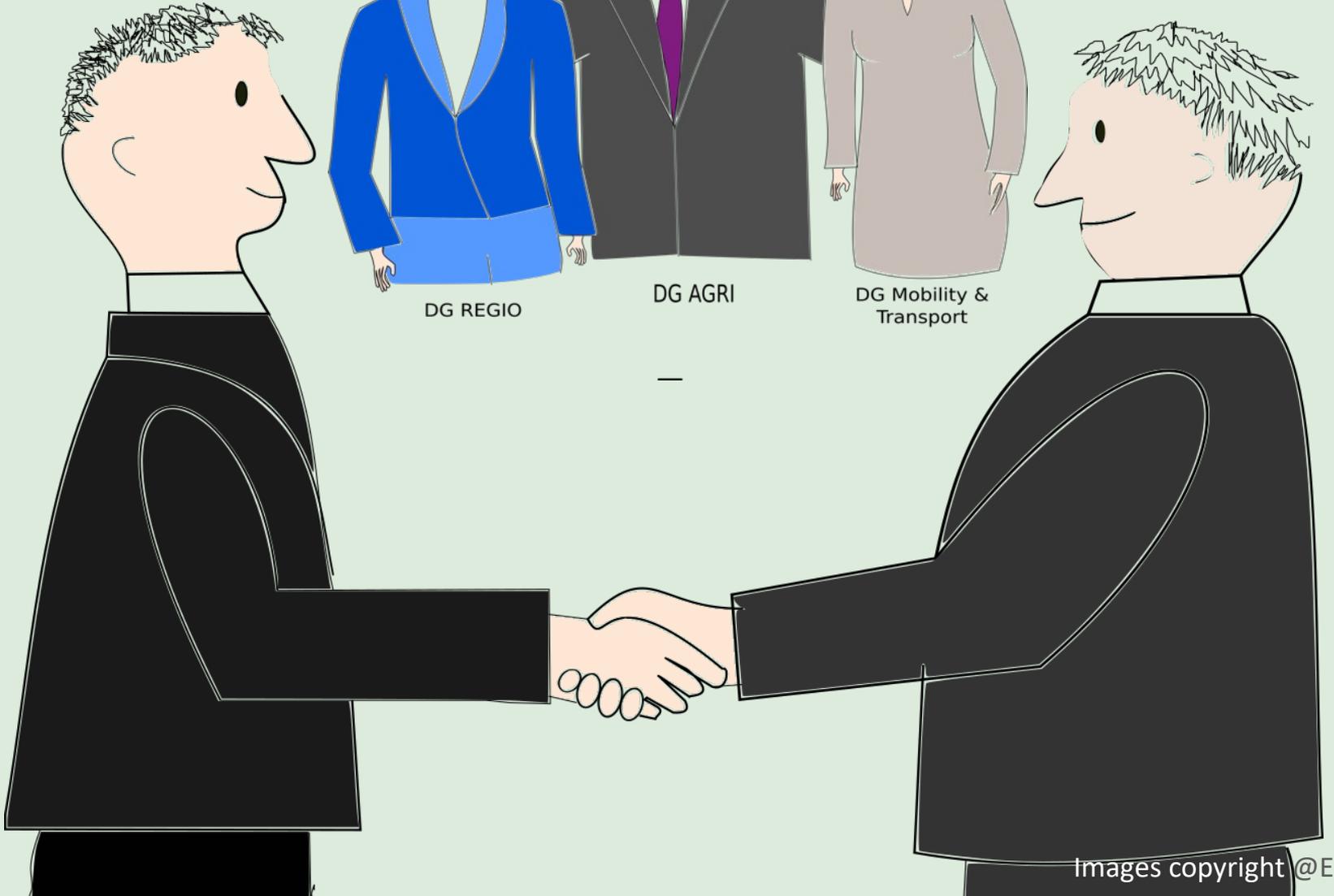
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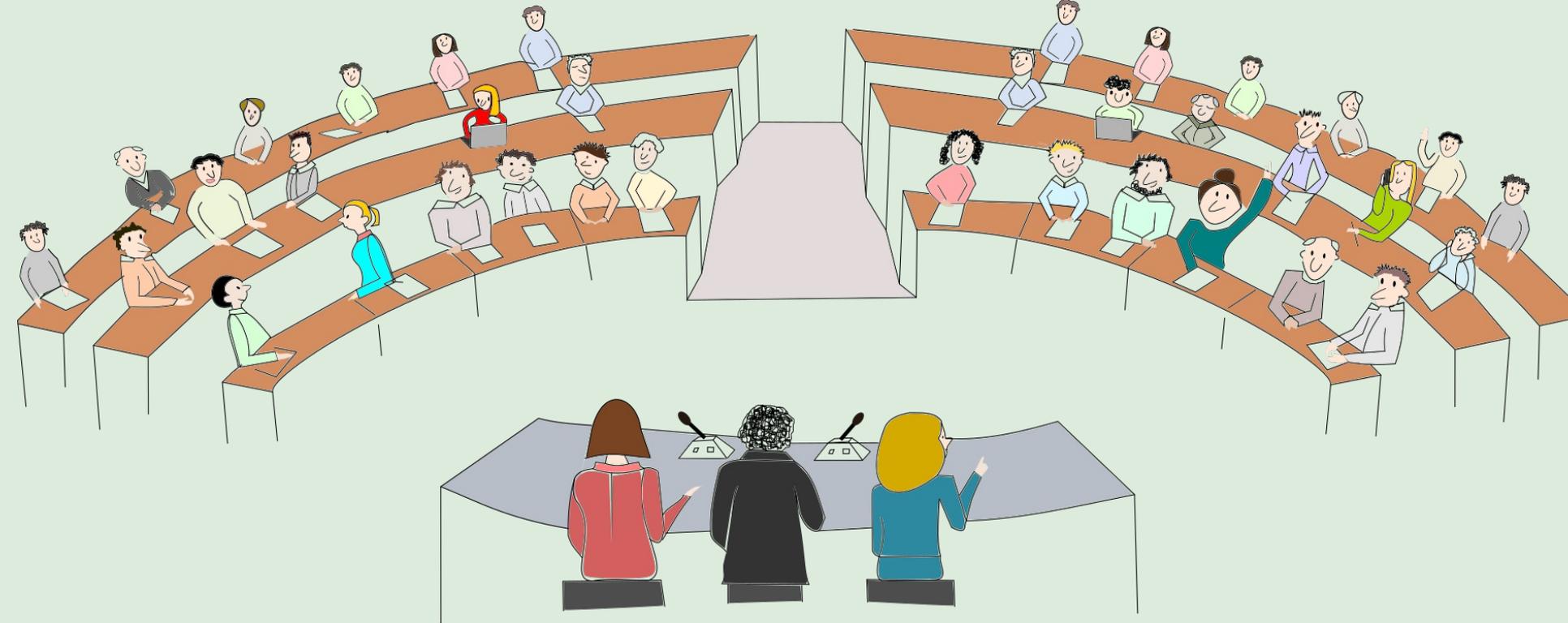


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# HISTORY OF THE EU'S SMART VILLAGES CONCEPT



# EU definition

Smart Villages are communities in rural areas that use innovative solutions to improve their resilience, building on local strengths and opportunities. They rely on a participatory approach to develop and implement their strategy to improve their economic, social and/or environmental conditions, in particular by mobilising solutions offered by digital technologies.

*(Smart Eco-social villages Pilot Project, Final Report, 2019)*

# What is a Smart Village?

- **Communities in rural areas** that use **innovative** solutions
- **Participatory** approach
- **Digital technologies** but not only -> **social innovation**
- **Smart village strategies**



**Supporting villages with  
Smart Village Strategies**

**Drawing lessons & making  
policy recommendations**



**Identifying, mapping &  
promoting smart villages**

**Prepare Member States for  
Smart Villages policy support**

## 2. THE SMART RURAL 21 PROJECT



## Newly selected villages

- 📍 Alsunga (Latvia)
- 📍 Ansó (Spain)
- 📍 Babina Greda (Croatia)
- 📍 Ostana (Italy)
- 📍 Penela (Portugal)
- 📍 Profondeville (Belgium)
- 📍 Remetea (Romania)
- 📍 Šentviška Gora (Slovenia)
- 📍 Sollstedt (Germany)
- 📍 Stanz im Mürztal (Austria)
- 📍 Tomaszyn (Poland)
- 📍 Torup (Denmark)
- 📍 Uppony (Hungary)
- 📍 Virtsu (Estonia)
- 📍 Vuollerim (Sweden)

## Pre-selected villages

- 📍 Mukařov (Czechia)
- 📍 Dingle (Ireland)
- 📍 Mouans-Sartoux (France)
- 📍 Kythera (Greece)
- 📍 Raudanmaa (Finland)

villages selected

foreseen



21 selected villages



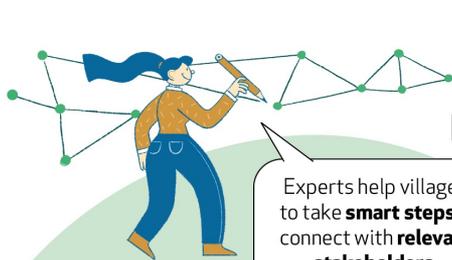
Approx. 200 Come Along! villages





Smart Rural Areas in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

# JOURNEY TO BECOME A SMART VILLAGE



FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR COUNTRY!

[www.smartrural21.eu/countries](http://www.smartrural21.eu/countries)

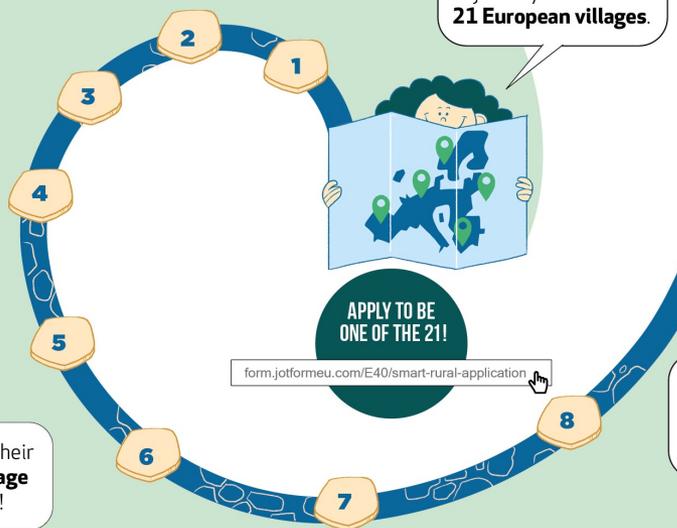
Experts help villages to take **smart steps** & connect with **relevant stakeholders**.

The smart village journey starts for **21 European villages**.

COME TO A REGIONAL WORKSHOP OR THE FINAL CONFERENCE TO DISCOVER PROJECT OUTCOMES! IN 2021-2022

APPLY TO VISIT A PARTICIPANT VILLAGE!

**On the road!**  
Villages visit others to get inspiration.



APPLY TO BE ONE OF THE 21!

[form.jotformeu.com/E40/smart-rural-application](http://form.jotformeu.com/E40/smart-rural-application)

**Time to take action!**  
Villages receive specialist support to realise projects.



Villages learn from their peers at **Smart Village Academy** events!



CHECK OUT THE SMART SOLUTIONS DATABASE!

[www.smartrural21.eu/smartsolutions](http://www.smartrural21.eu/smartsolutions)

SMART VILLAGE STRATEGY

Let's set up our strategy!



FIND TOOLS TO DEVELOP YOUR OWN STRATEGY!

[www.smartrural21.eu/roadmap](http://www.smartrural21.eu/roadmap)

### ROADMAP TO BECOME A SMART VILLAGE

- 1 INITIATION
- 2 CONTEXT & STAKEHOLDER MAPPING
- 3 CREATE LOCAL SUPPORT GROUP
- 4 IDENTIFY CHALLENGES & NEEDS
- 5 IDENTIFY ASSETS & OPPORTUNITIES
- 6 IDENTIFY POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS
- 7 SMART VILLAGE STRATEGY
- 8 ACTION PLANNING
- 9 GENERATE ACTIONS & FINANCING

JOURNEY OF THE 17 PARTICIPANT VILLAGES

FOLLOW & USE PROJECT OUTCOMES



## The Smart Rural

### About the project

The Smart Rural project is a two and a half-year project supported by the **European Commission** (DG AGRI) with the overall aim to promote and inspire villages to **develop and implement smart village approaches** and strategies across Europe, and to draw conclusions and support future policy interventions on smart villages.

[More information](#)

^ Previous

- 27 Jan 2022 - **3rd Regional Workshop** held in Ostana (online)
- 18 Mar 2022 - **4th Regional Workshop** held in Torup
- Jun 2022 - Strategic action support completed in supported villages
- Sep 2022 - Final Conference

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- [Tomaszyn \(PL\)](#)
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### Project News

#### Remetea (RO) cross-visit

June 20, 2022



# Guidebook on How to Become a Smart Village

## Guidebook on How to Become a Smart Village

Preparatory Action on Smart  
Rural Areas in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century



### Guidebook on How to Become a Smart Village



Preparatory Action on Smart Rural Areas  
in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

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## 9. WHAT IS A SV POLICY AND HOW SMART VILLAGES ARE SUPPORT?

# 3. THE SMART RURAL 27 PROJECT



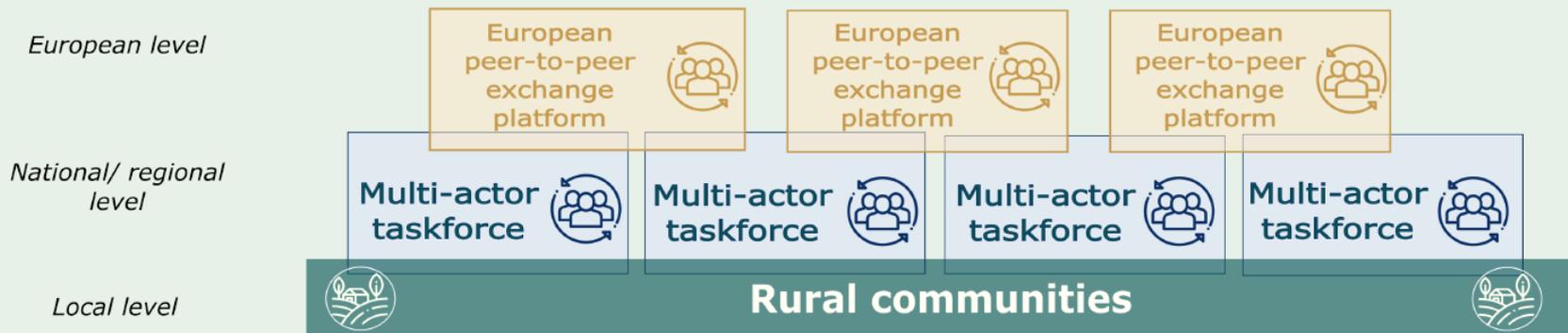
# Overall objective of SR27

To prepare Member States and rural communities for the implementation of the CAP post-2020 as well as other policies and initiatives which could potentially support the emergence of Smart Villages across the EU.

# The Pilot Smart Village Observatory



## Pilot Observatory exchanges & networking



# Purpose of the Taskforces

- To help advance specific & concrete Smart Villages policy actions, leading to a more effective Smart Villages support framework.
- To engage stakeholders at the national (regional level) in SV exchanges.
- To engage stakeholders in SV exchanges at the European level according to their roles & interests as part of the European Smart Villages Pilot Observatory.



## The Smart Rural 27 Project

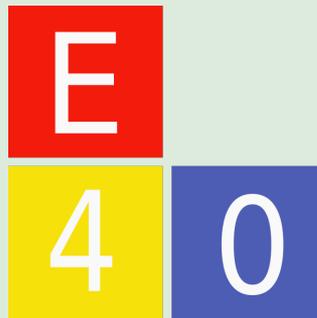
The 2nd Preparatory Action on Smart Rural Areas in the 21st Century (shortly called Smart Rural 27 project) was launched by the European Commission in December 2020 with the aim to "prepare Member States and rural communities for the implementation of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) post-2020 as well as other EU policies and initiatives, which could potentially support the emergence of additional Smart Villages across the European Union".

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You don't have to be big in order to achieve something great!

Lea Hemetsberger

Fraunhofer Data Competence for Cities and Regions,  
Berlin



# Digitalisation in Cities and Municipalities

You don't have to be big to achieve something great

# We are DKSR - Data Competence for Cities & Regions



#Foundation: 2021  
#BasedInBerlin  
#Staff: 20  
#StrongPartners



# What we do



## Consulting

### Data Strategy & Data Management

- ✓ Strategic data management
- ✓ Technology consulting
- ✓ Reviewing your Data Governance (“DataReadiness”)



## Platform

### Neutral Open Source Data Platform

- ✓ Operations, hosting, support, consulting
- ✓ Discover & use data sources
- ✓ Service & Support

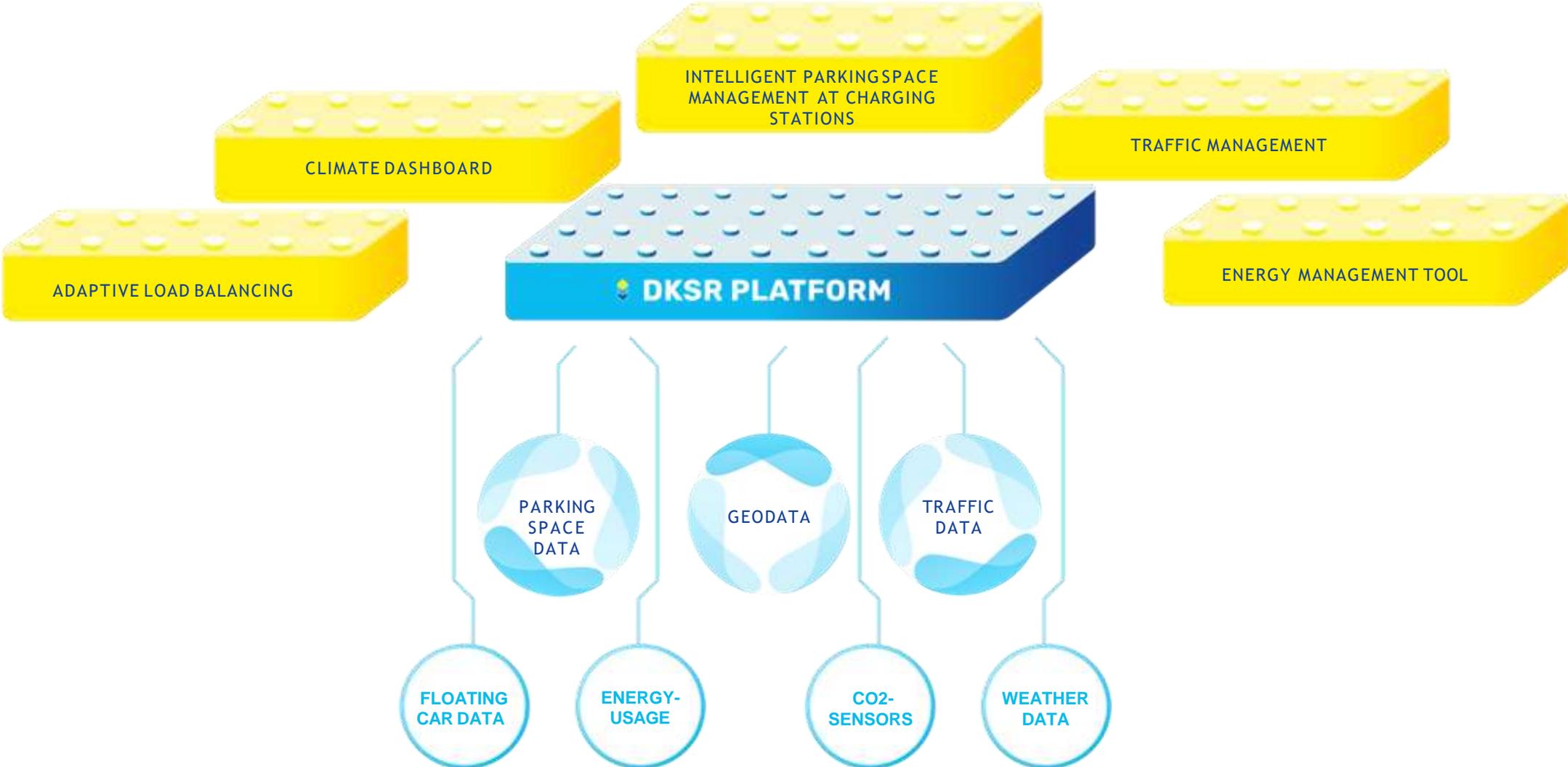


## Community

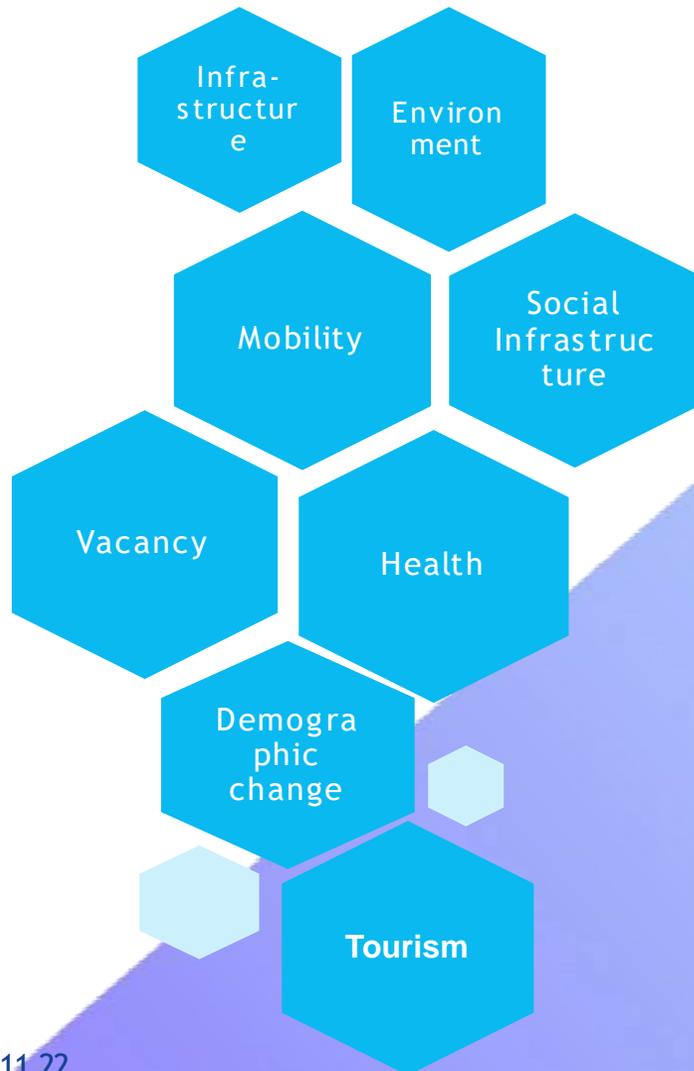
### Urban Data Community (UDC)

- ✓ Knowledge exchange
- ✓ Shared datamodels
- ✓ Specific use cases
- ✓ Innovation partnerships

# One open platform - many possible applications



# Small and medium-sized cities face many challenges - digital and hybrid solutions can help



Smart Village  
App /  
Bad Belzig



Digitale Orte  
im Land der Ideen

# BRISE Vienna

## Building Regulations Information for Submission Involvement

Challenge: 13k building applications per year

- Communicating new buildings with citizens
- Resource-intensive, paper-based approval processes for new building applications

### Solution

- ICT-based, digital approval process

### Digital Components

- BIM (3D-Models)
- Augmented Reality
- Artificial Intelligence

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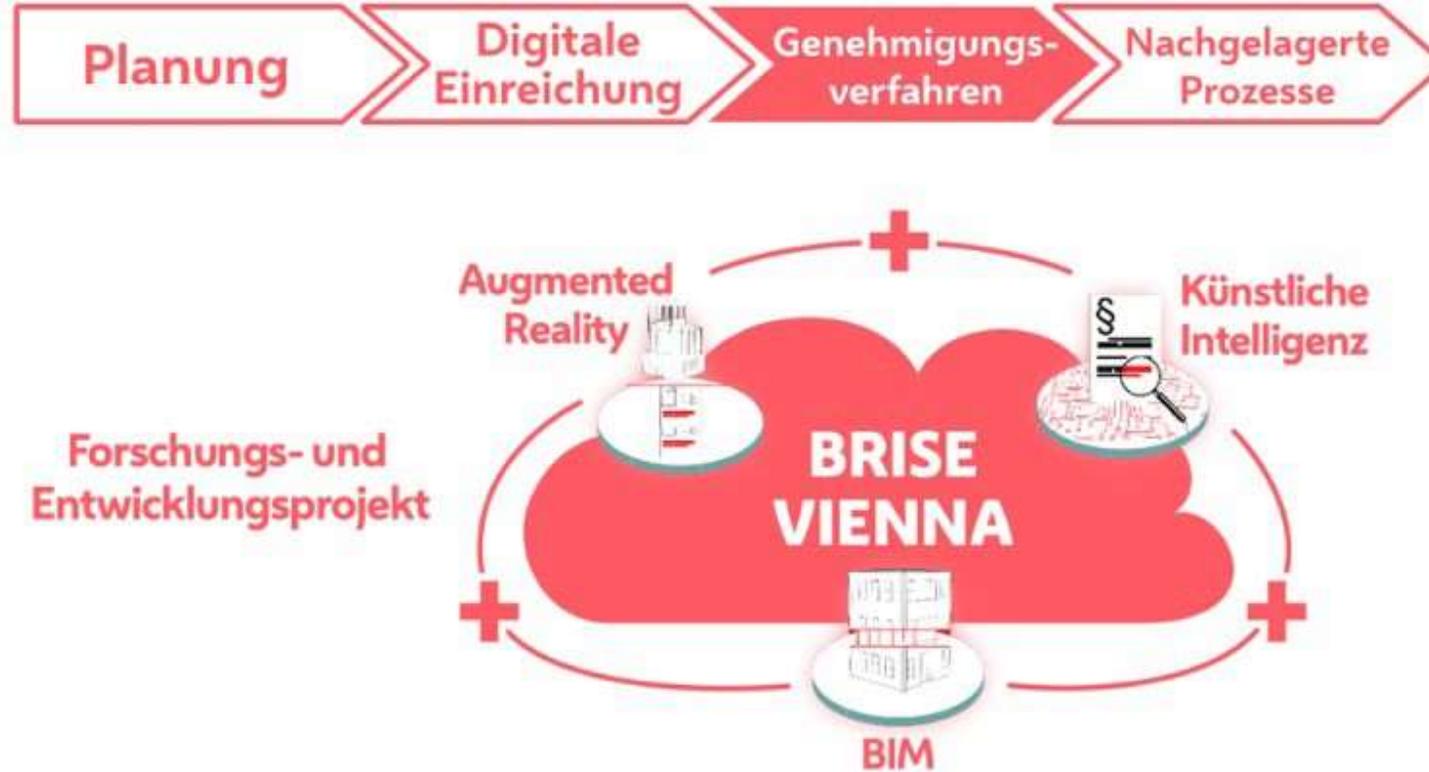


**Stadt  
Wien**



Das Projekt wird aus Mitteln des Europäischen Fonds für regionale Entwicklung im Rahmen der Urban Innovative Actions Initiative kofinanziert.

# BRISE Vienna



# Mitreden - Ilzer Land

## Challenge

- Involving more citizens in rural areas to share ideas

## Solution

- Hybrid Citizen Participation Plattform

## Digital Components

- Open Source Online Plattform



# Digital Citizen Participation

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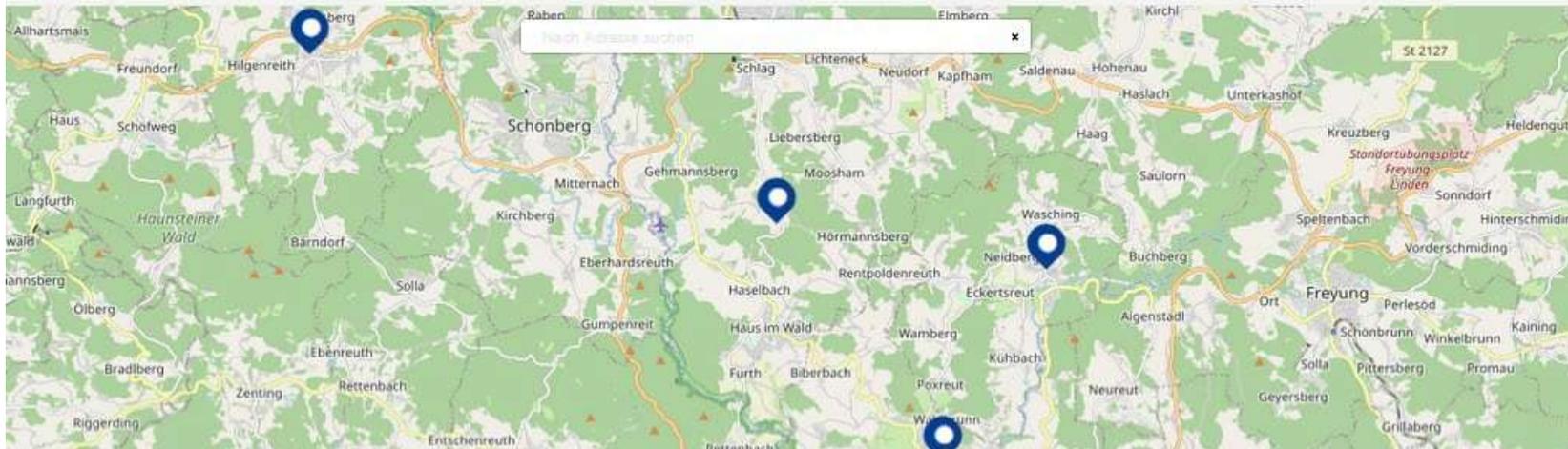
Anmelden

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Ilzer Land

Projekte Ilzer Land Deine Gemeinde Wie funktioniert's? Feedback Höflichkeitsregeln

## PROJEKTE



Alle Projekte Aktive Beteiligung Abgeschlossen



### SO SMART - Ideen teilen und gewinnen

Wie kann das Ilzer Land zukunftsfähig werden? Dafür ist deine Idee gefragt! Bringe vom 05.09. bis zum 05.10.2022 deinen Vorschlag zu den folgenden Fragen ein.

Zum Projekt

TEILEN



# Urban Regional Cockpit - Data-based use cases for Carinthia

## Challenge

- Leveraging underutilized urban data
- Freeing data from silos

## Solution

- Providing an infrastructure for real-time data management for the region

## Digital Components

- Urban data platform
- Sensors, (3rd party) real-time data
- Dashboard / Data Visualisation



# Better understand extreme weather conditions - and act more rapidly



## Challenge:

- hyper local heavy rainfalls (e.g. floods in summer 2021)
- Environmental damages through climate change

## Solutions:

- Measurement of river levels and precipitation
- Analysis of real-time data (from sensors) and AI

## Digitale Basis und Komponenten:

- Sensors (battery-charged); LoRaWAN
- Data platform and real-time data handling
- Visualisation in Dashboards
- Automated warnings (based on AI)



Lemgo: Implementation of Warning System for Heavy Rainfall  
by Fraunhofer IOSB-INA

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# Urban Data Community & DKSR.square

Sharing as mindset for digital progress

# A strong data community can connect and support cities and regions

- Opportunity to collaborate across city and regional borders for sustainable digital solutions
- Citizen-centric data applications from all sectors
- Boosting the innovation capacity for cities and regions

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# What makes the community unique?



## IMPLEMENTATION-DRIVEN

- ✓ Implementation of sustainable solutions in the spotlight of each meeting
- ✓ Empowering and networking for rapid replication
- ✓ Incentive model for sharing and scaling open code

- ✓ Actively shaping focus and topics
  - Themes for Vitamin D Brown Bag Lunches
  - New knowledge packages
  - Workshops
  - Development of DKSR.square

## SELF-DETERMIND



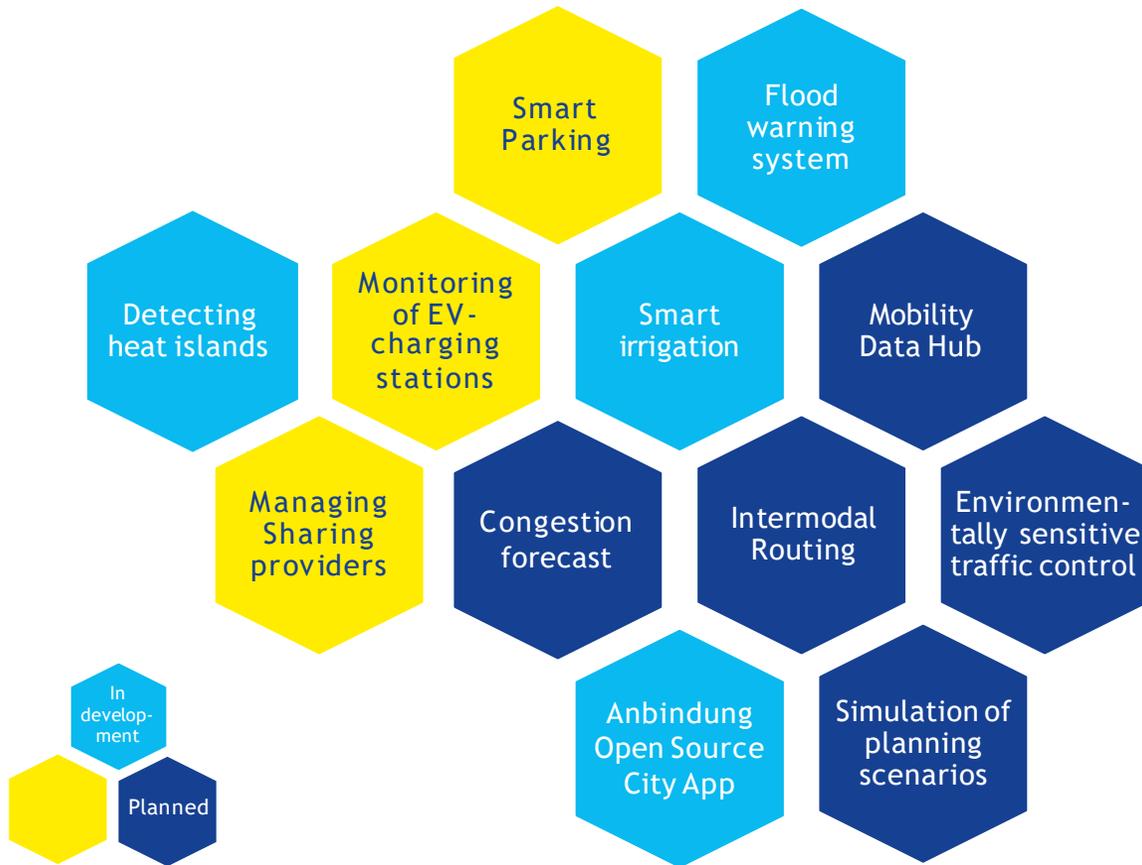
## ORGANISED & MODERATED

- ✓ Regular exchange
- ✓ Quick and easy decisions
- ✓ Moderation and consulting



# Implementing solutions faster together

Together with community members, DKSR implements data-based applications for better and more livable cities and regions



- 1) Topics are collected and bundled together
- 2) Implementation of Proof of Concept to demonstrate value of the solution
- 3) Solutions are documented for the community and published on DKSR.square
- 4) Software components and algorithms are published on the Community GitHub
- 5) Cities receive bonus coins for investing in the development of solutions

# Community services at a glance



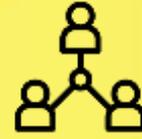
Brown Bag Lunch:  
Vitamin D(ata)



Webportal  
Square



Digital  
Knowledge



Networking and  
Workshops



Urban Data Summit



Shared Code &  
Community-  
Coins

Open for all public  
authorities

Member Area

# DKSR.square - a square for the community



Register now for free on  
[square.dksr.city](https://square.dksr.city)

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Salzburg, Austria, taken during the golden hour of sunset. The city is densely packed with buildings, many with dark roofs. In the foreground, a prominent white church with a dark, ornate spire is visible. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a warm, orange sky. The text "What if..." is overlaid on the left side of the image.

# What if...

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Questions? Want to meet for a (virtual) coffee?

Find DKSR at Smart City Expo World Congress on  
15-17 Nov 2022 in Barcelona - or reach out:



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Good practice: Smart Villages  
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Swiss Working Group for Mountain Areas





Schweizerische Arbeitsgemeinschaft für die Berggebiete  
Groupement suisse pour les régions de montagne  
Gruppo svizzero per le regioni di montagna  
Gruppa svizra per las regiuns da muntogna

**Interreg**  
Alpine Space



**SMART**Villages   
EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

# The Interreg Alpine Space SmartVillages Project

## EUSDR Strategic topics: Digitalisation in Cities and Municipalities

Peter Niederer, Swiss Center for Mountain Regions SAB

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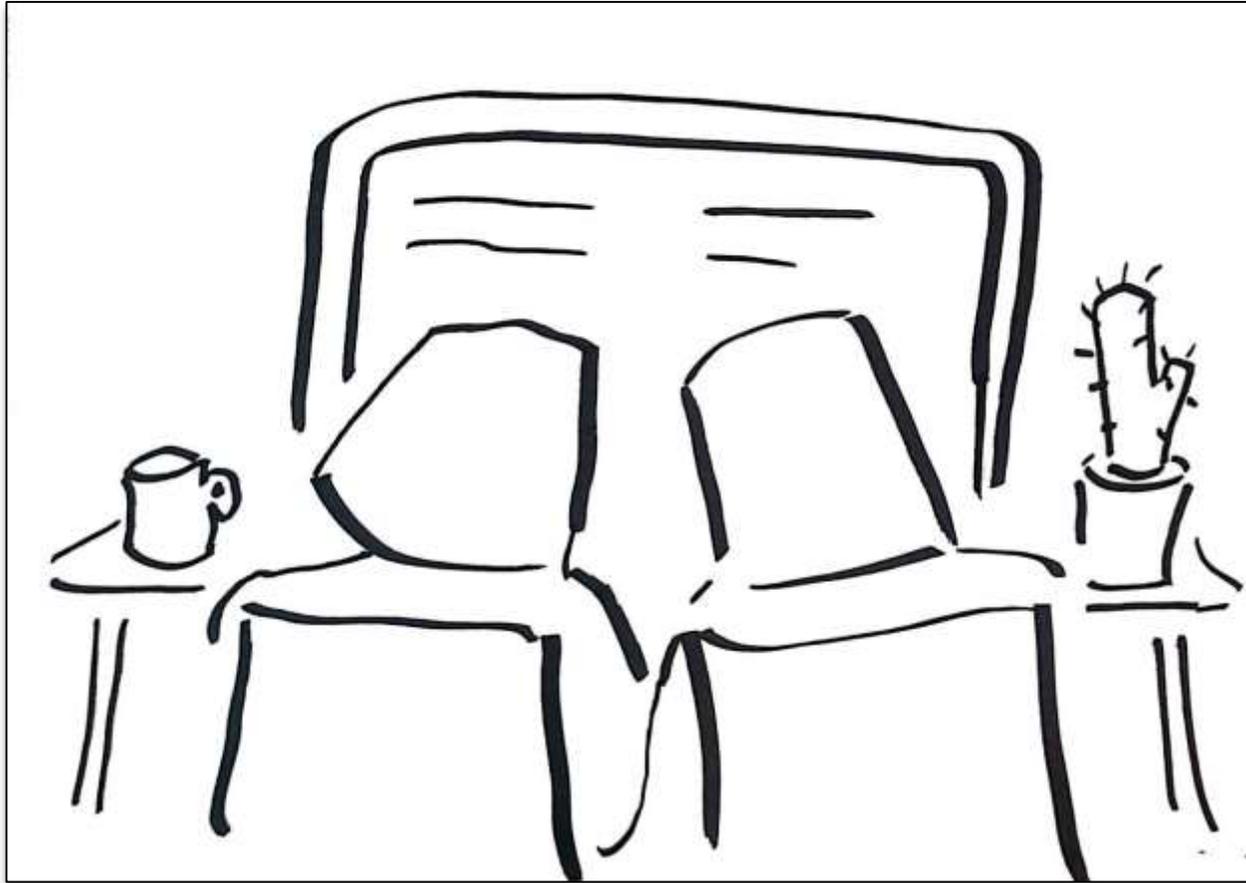
# Definition SmartVillages

importance to build on **existing local strengths** and opportunities to engage in a process of sustainable development of their territories. The project relies on a **participatory approach** to develop and implement strategies to **improve economic, social and environmental conditions,** in particular by promoting innovation and mobilizing solutions offered by **digital technologies.** The test areas benefit from **cooperation** and alliances with other communities and actors in rural and urban areas.





# Coworkingspaces/meeting places

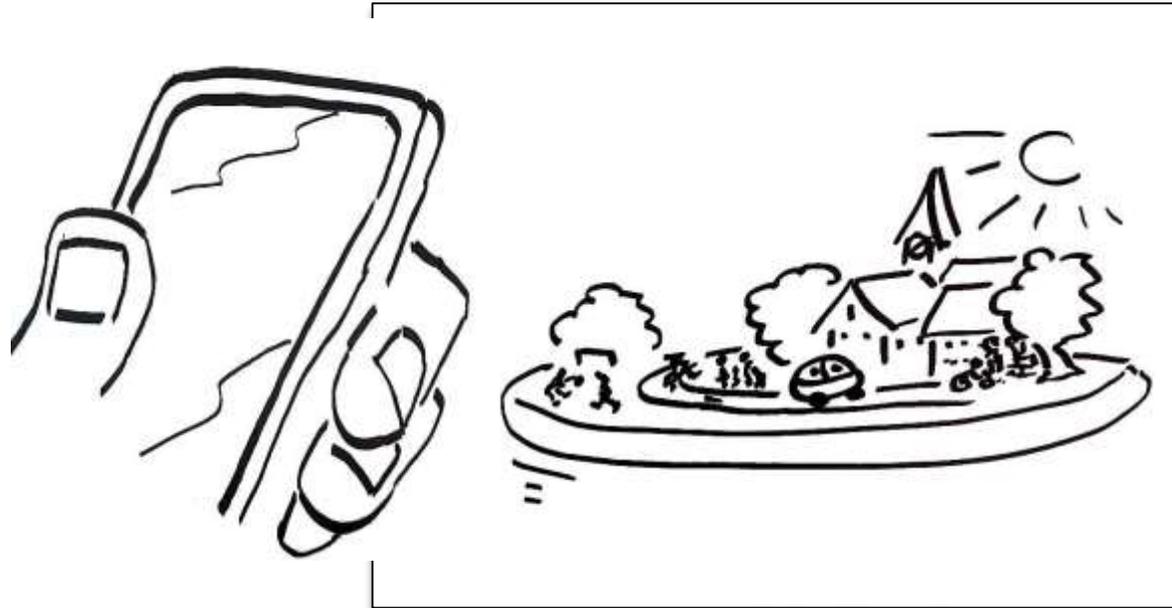


# "La Place des Possibles" Royens Vercors

**Old factory under collaborative governance with new content:**  
continuing education, music, crafting workshops, digital meetings, recyclery, mobility brainstorming...



# Digital village squares/collaborative Platforms



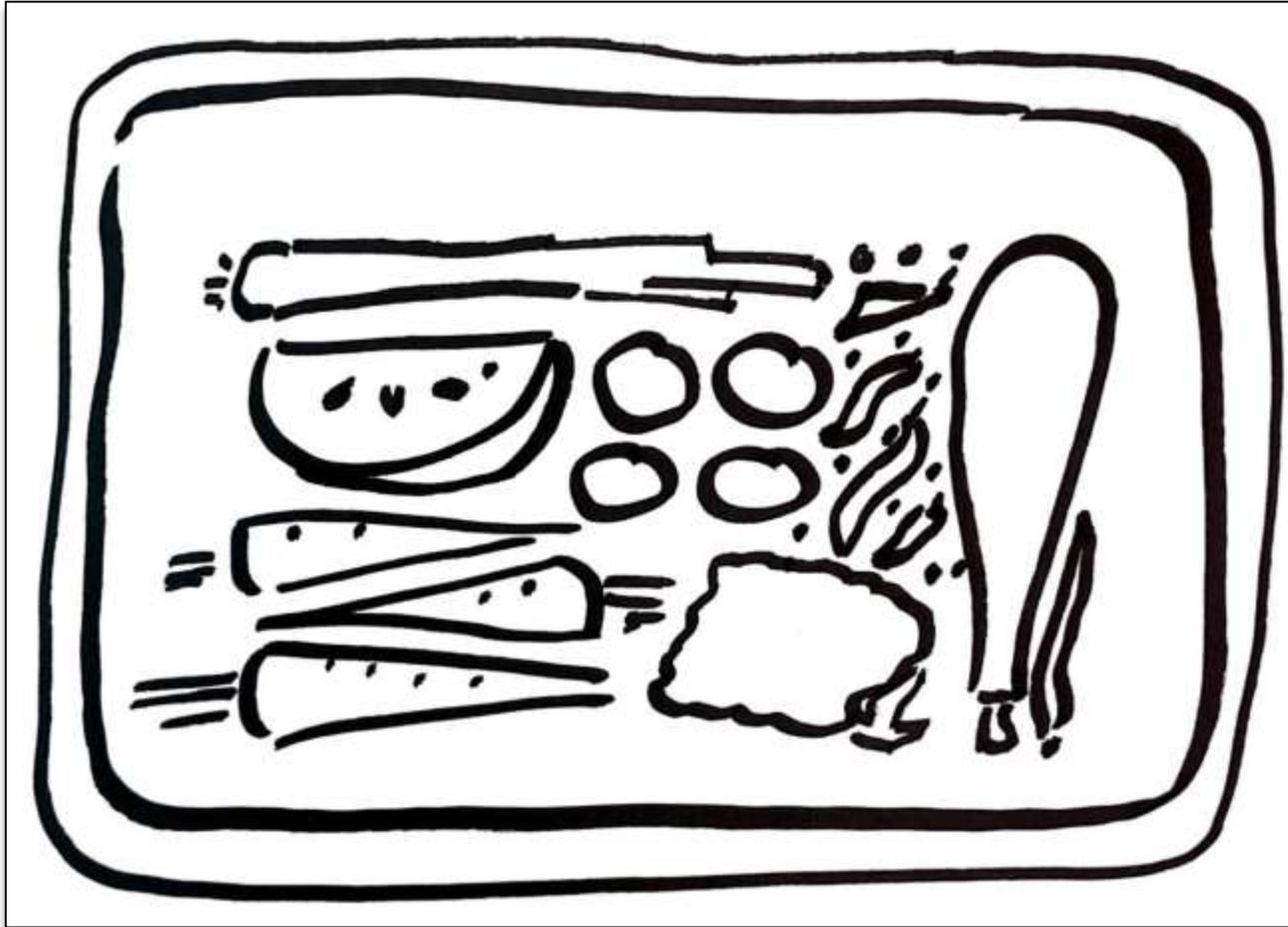
# "L'Echo des Falaises,, Royens-Vercors



**Born after a hackathon and local concertations** with the need of a sharing place for local initiatives, events, organizations, videos about all the transitions in the territory.



# Marketing of local products

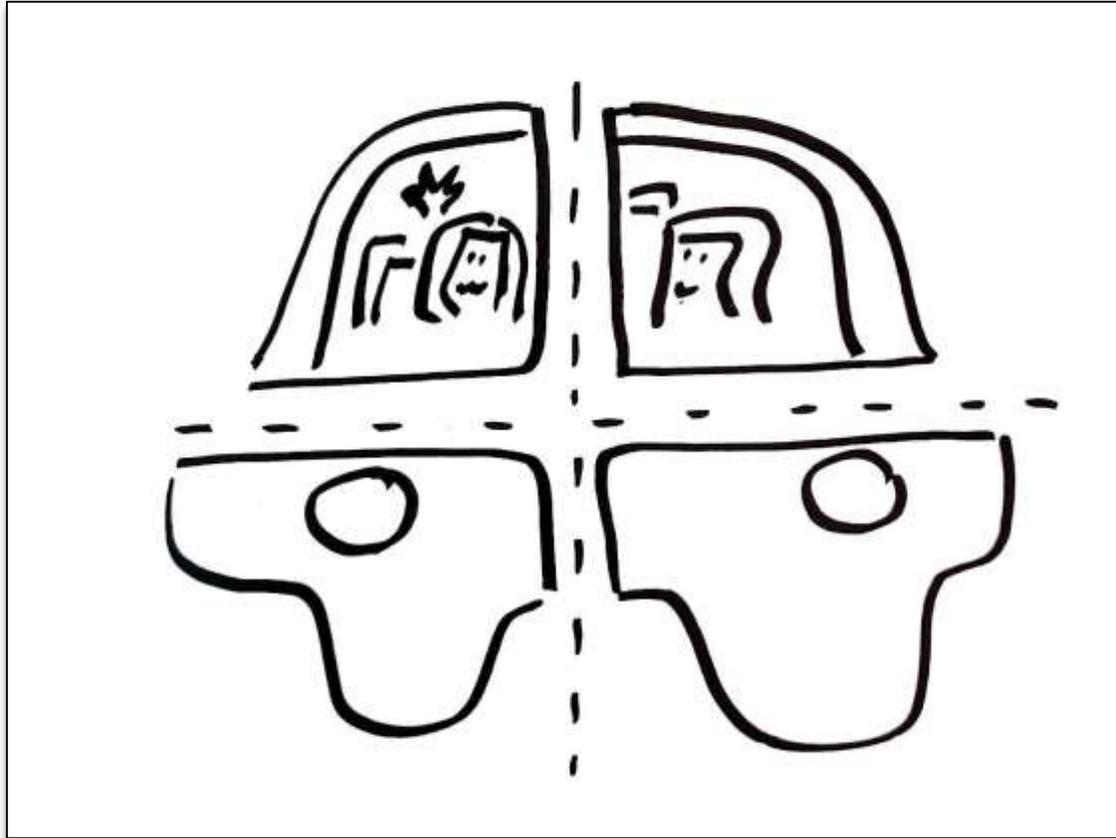


# Murska Sobota Short Food Supply Chain

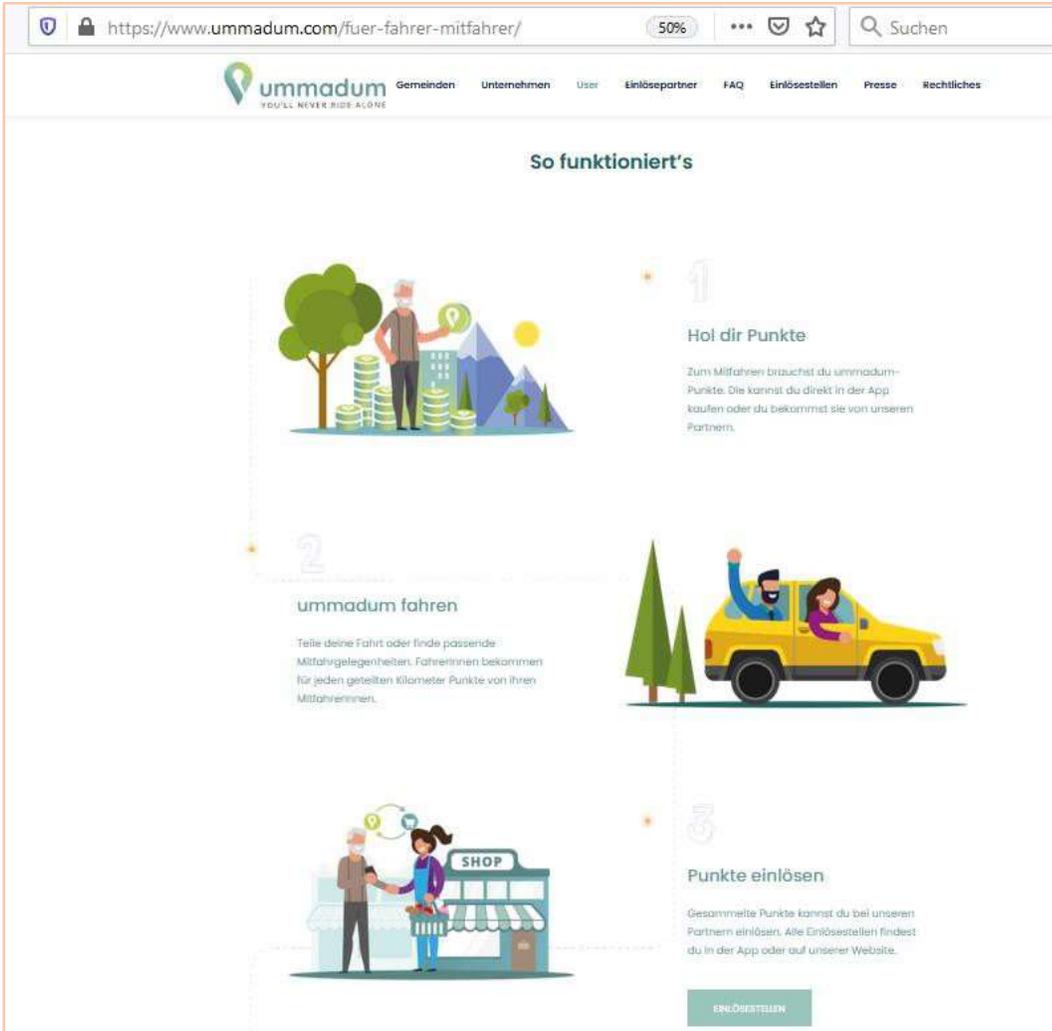
**A Short Food Supply Chain solution** based on blockchain technology for “zelena točka” local Distribution center **allowing tracability, quality control, data analysis.**



# Car/ridesharing



# Pitstal „Ummadam“ ridesharing



https://www.ummadam.com/fuer-fahrer-mitfahrer/ 50% Suchen

ummadam  
YOU'LL NEVER RIDE ALONE

Gemeinden Unternehmen User Einlösepartner FAQ Einlösestellen Presse Rechtliches

### So funktioniert's

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Einlösestellen

Rides are being paid with points that can be used in local shops → **double benefit:**  
**Better mobility offer and promotion of local economy at the same time**



# Good Governance



# E-Government in Tengen

## Formularservice der Stadtverwaltung Tengen

Mit der Einführung des neuen elektronischen Personalausweises gibt es nun auch die Möglichkeit, beim Bundesamt für Justiz bestimmte Anträge zu stellen.

Zurzeit können Sie Führungszeugnisse und Auskünfte aus dem Gewerbezentralregister online beantragen.

[Online-Portal des Bundesamtes für Justiz](#)

[Online-Antragstellung Hundesteuer](#)

[An-, Ab- und Ummeldung von Abfallbehältern](#)

Die Stadtverwaltung Tengen stellt Ihnen über das Internet verschiedenste Formulare zur Verfügung. Damit haben Sie die Möglichkeit, die Formulare zu Hause in aller Ruhe zu lesen, am Bildschirm auszufüllen und zu versenden. Einige Formulare lassen sich dabei online verschicken. Bei der Mehrzahl ist es jedoch erforderlich, dass Sie das Formular ausdrucken, unterschreiben und an die Stadtverwaltung Tengen schicken. Durch gesetzliche Bestimmungen lässt es sich bei einigen Formularen nicht vermeiden, dass Sie diese persönlich (oder ein Vertreter mit Vollmacht) vorlegen.



Citizens were invited to redesign and digitize an administrative process of waste management.



# Infrastructures and upgrade of infrastructures



# Fieschertal: Meter to cash process

Roll out for meter to cash process, cooperation between municipality and local energy provider.



# Output: Digital exchange platform



Exchange platform for Smart Villages topics with smartness assessment, best practices and toolbox.

<https://smart-villages.eu/language/en/home/>



# Lessons learnt / fingers burnt

The local authorities have to be relieved from tasks.

Citizens engagement is crucial, an open (topic/participants), participatory, mobilising approach is needed.

Support from outside is needed, good implementation partners are needed.



# Lessons learnt / fingers burnt

Small municipalities can be very fast in decision making

Readiness to be a pioneer

Keep your eyes open for other initiatives/synergies.

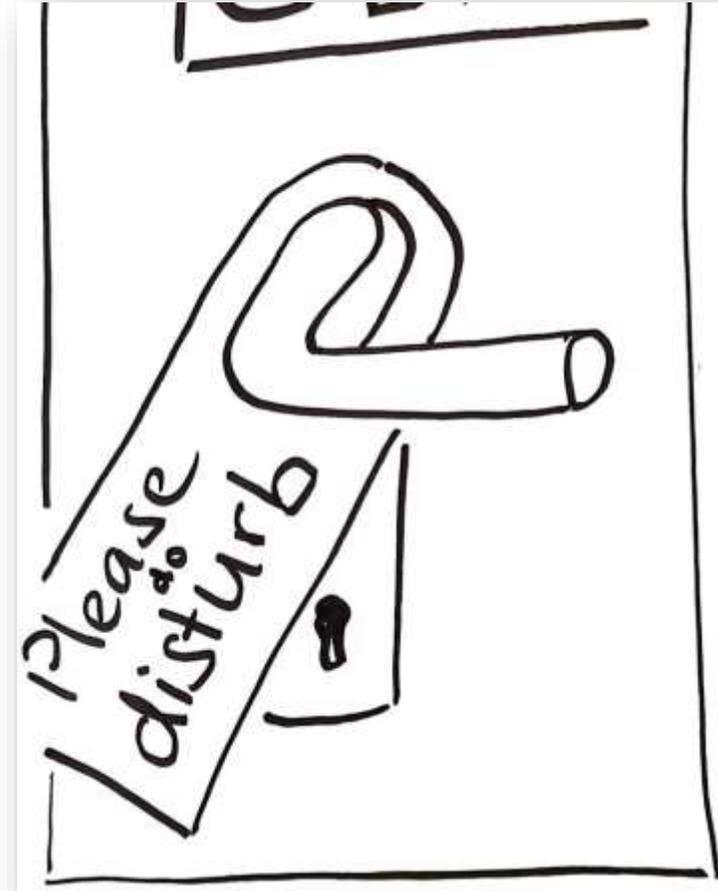
Regional management's involvement is key.



# Lessons learnt / fingers burnt

Foster a culture of „disturbance“, accept/build on extra-ordinary ideas.

The transnational exchange among test areas was not as intensive as desired (a lot of facilitation/translation needed).





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<https://www.alpine-space.eu/project/smartvillages/>



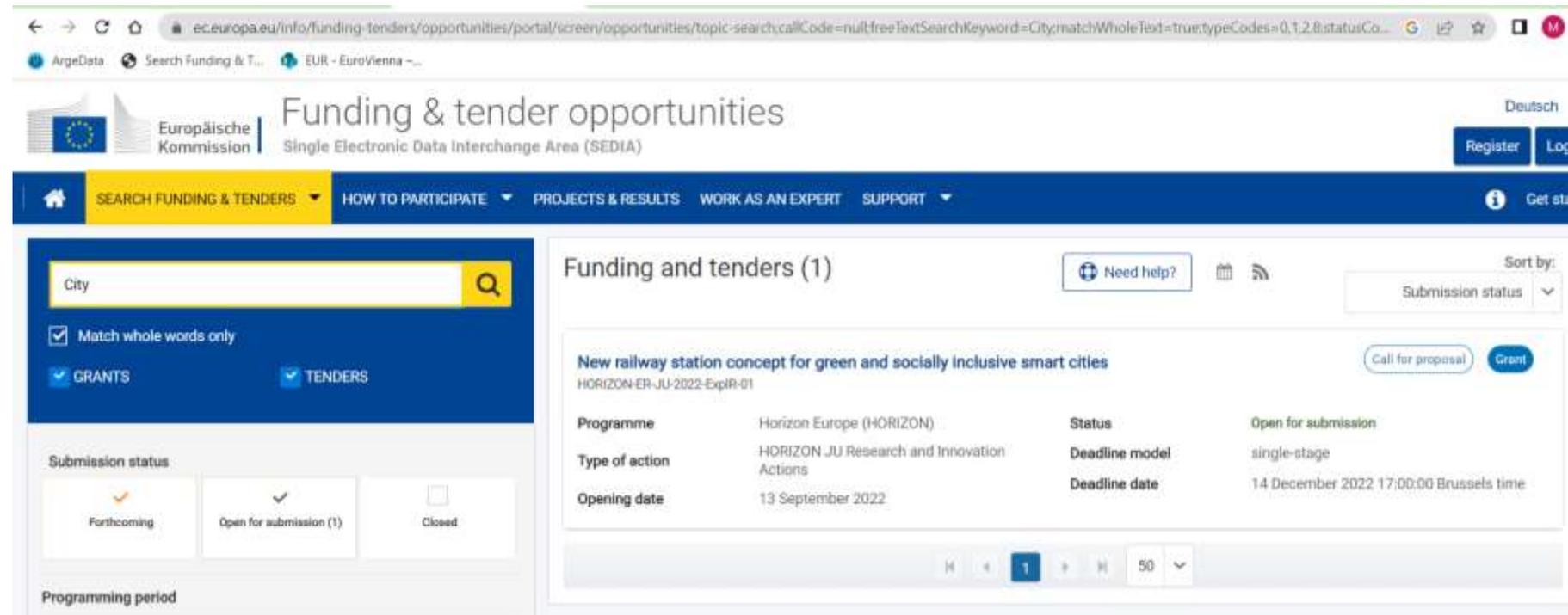


EU Funds for digitalisation of cities and villages  
Michael Gansch, EuroVienna  
and  
Johannes Gabriel, Interreg Danube Region



# Where to find EU Funds?

- European Commission: [Funding and tender portal](#)
  - Increasing number of programmes
  - Some filters available
  - Open, closed and future calls



The screenshot shows the European Commission's 'Funding & tender opportunities' portal. The search results for 'City' are displayed, showing one result: 'New railway station concept for green and socially inclusive smart cities'. The result details are as follows:

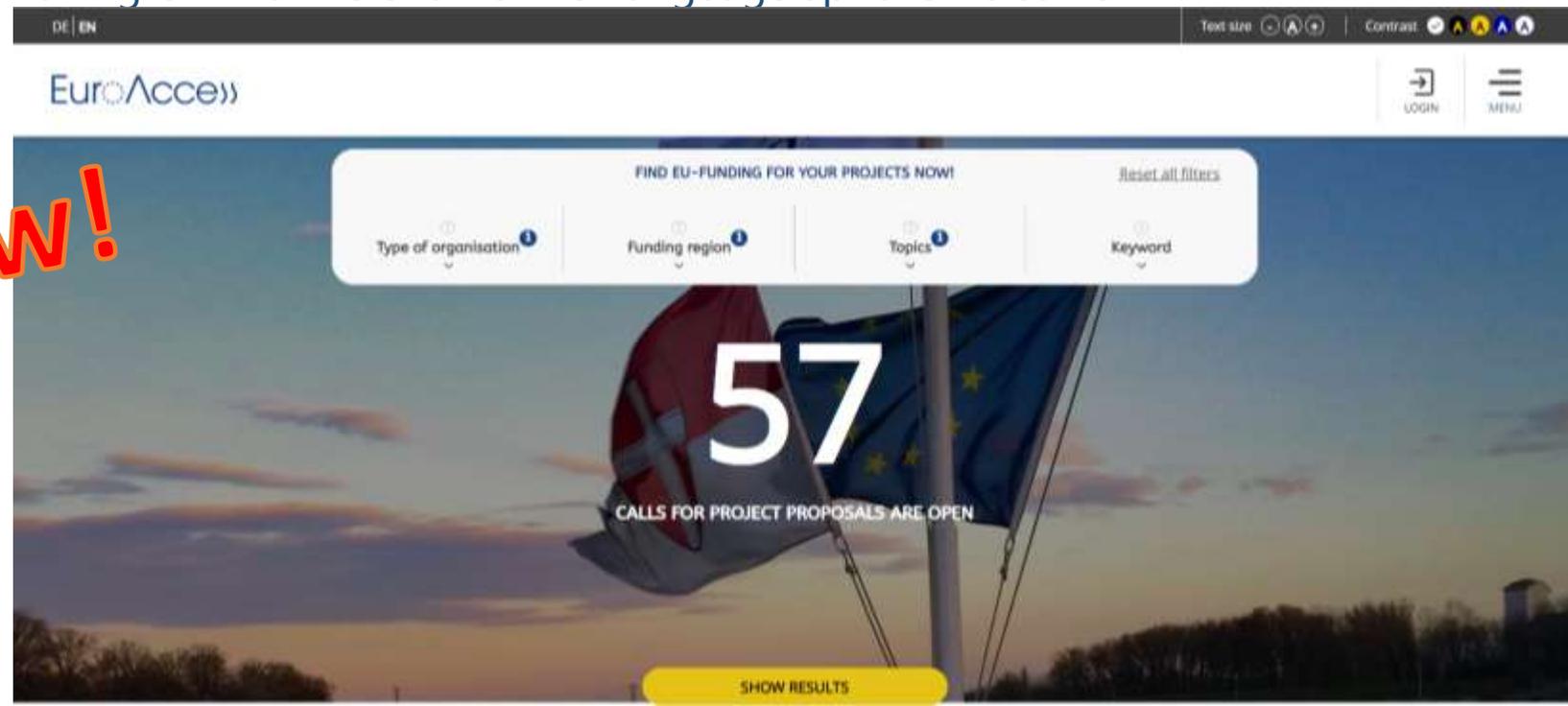
Programme	Horizon Europe (HORIZON)	Status	Open for submission
Type of action	HORIZON JU Research and Innovation Actions	Deadline model	single-stage
Opening date	13 September 2022	Deadline date	14 December 2022 17:00:00 Brussels time

The portal also includes a search bar with filters for 'Match whole words only', 'GRANTS', and 'TENDERS'. The submission status is 'Open for submission (1)'. The programming period is also visible at the bottom.

# Where to find EU Funds?

- [EuroAccess Macro Regions](#)
  - Search engine for EU Programmes and EU Calls
  - More filters and more programmes than Funding and Tender Portal
  - Personalised newsletter- option
  - Initiative of PA10, now supported by DSP
  - Relaunch in 2022 in German and English – Partners for further language options welcome

**Sign up now!**



The screenshot shows the EuroAccess website interface. At the top, there are language options (DE | EN) and accessibility settings (Text size, Contrast). The main header features the EuroAccess logo, a LOGIN button, and a MENU icon. Below the header is a search bar with the text "FIND EU-FUNDING FOR YOUR PROJECTS NOW!" and a "Reset all filters" link. The search bar contains four filter categories: "Type of organisation", "Funding region", "Topics", and "Keyword". A large banner image shows two flags (the City of Vienna flag and the European Union flag) with the number "57" prominently displayed. Below the banner, it says "CALLS FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS ARE OPEN". At the bottom of the banner, there is a yellow "SHOW RESULTS" button.

# Suitable Programmes

## Horizon Europe:

THE research and development programme of the EU  
High funding rates (100% for non profit)  
Many digitalisation topics covered  
**High Competition!!**  
**Investments often only as proof of concept**



## Example Calls:

- [New railway station concept for green and socially inclusive smart cities](#)
- Establishing networks of public procurers in local administrations on smart city solutions
- Advanced technologies (Security/Cloud/IoT/BigData) for a hyper-connected society in the context of Smart City
- Smart Cities and Communities solutions integrating energy, transport, ICT sectors through lighthouse (large scale demonstration - first of the kind) projects
- Smart Cities and Communities lighthouse projects

# Suitable Programmes

## Digital Europe:

associated with the Horizon Europe Programme

- Involvement of public and private sector
- focus on:
  - high performance computing
  - cloud, data and artificial intelligence
  - Cybersecurity
  - advanced digital skills
  - accelerating best use of technologies



## Example Calls:

- [Data space for smart communities \(deployment\)](#)
- [Initial Network of European Digital Innovation Hubs](#)
- Testing and experimentation Facility for smart cities and communities
- Preparatory actions for the data space for smart communities
- Initial Network of European Digital Innovation Hubs

# Suitable Programmes

## Connecting Europe Facility (CEF):

- focus on:
  - Transport, Energy and Telecommunication
    - 5G and Gigabit networks
    - Resilience of digital backbone infrastructure
    - Digitalisation of transport and energy networks
  - Concepts and investments linked to Trans-European Networks

## Example Calls:

- [5G for Smart Communities - Works](#)
- [Interconnection of backbone networks for cloud federations – Studies](#)
- [5G coverage along transport corridors - Studies](#)



## Suitable Programmes

### LIFE:

environment and climate action programme  
sub-programmes energy and environment  
wide range of actions within specific calls possible



### Example Calls:

- [Energy performance and Smart Readiness of buildings – making the instruments work](#)

# Suitable Programmes

## European Urban Initiatives – Innovative Actions

better known as Urban Innovative Actions (UIA)

research and development – but more “hands-on” than Horizon

ERDF co-financed

focus on cities >50.000 inhabitants – BUT – also regional applicants (group of municipalities and cities) possible

focus on local improvements with local partnerships

Exchange with other cities necessary

High funding rate ( 80% + FLC+ external expert)

very solution- oriented Programme Management

## Example Calls:

- 1<sup>st</sup> call open now. Focus: [New European Bauhaus](#)

Example Project: BRISE Vienna – [Digital Building Permission Procedure](#)





# Suitable Programmes

## LEADER

Liaison entre actions de développement de l'économie rurale  
rural development programme  
bottom- up approach  
municipalities/cities < 30.000 inhabitants  
local development strategies with local objectives and development goals  
for smaller projects (initiation, studies etc.)  
funding rates depend on the LEADER region  
no consortium needed  
local support – local LEADER office



If you are a rural community with less than 30.000 inhabitants – check whether you are part of a LEADER region and get in contact.



# Suitable Programmes



## URBACT

Part of the Interreg Family  
For Cities (and municipalities)  
Networks of Cities on common challenges

### Funding Priorities:

- Gender Equality
- Digital Transformation
  - [Project Tech Revolution](#) – focus on jobs in the digital fields
  - [Card4All](#) – citizen card system to improve participation processes
- Strategic Public Procurement
- Food and Urban Agriculture

# Suitable Programmes

## Interreg

Cross-Border Cooperation (CBC) or Transnational  
Interreg Alpine Space  
Interreg Central Europe  
Interreg ADRION  
Interreg MED  
Interreg Danube Region  
Interreg Europe  
URBACT  
Etc.

## Focus on Regional Development with defined Funding Priorities

- Smarter, greener, better connected, governance
- climate resilient and green, carbon neutral and resource sensitive, innovation and digitalization, cooperatively managed and developed
- Smarter, greener- low carbon, more social, better cooperation governance



# Suitable Programmes

## Interreg

Current and upcoming calls:

- Interreg Danube Programme: open until November 21<sup>st</sup> 2022 (first step)
- Interreg Central Europe:
  - March 2023
- Interreg Europe:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2023

Interreg Programme  
**Danube Region**



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# Danube Region Programme

*Funding Possibilities 1<sup>st</sup> CfP*

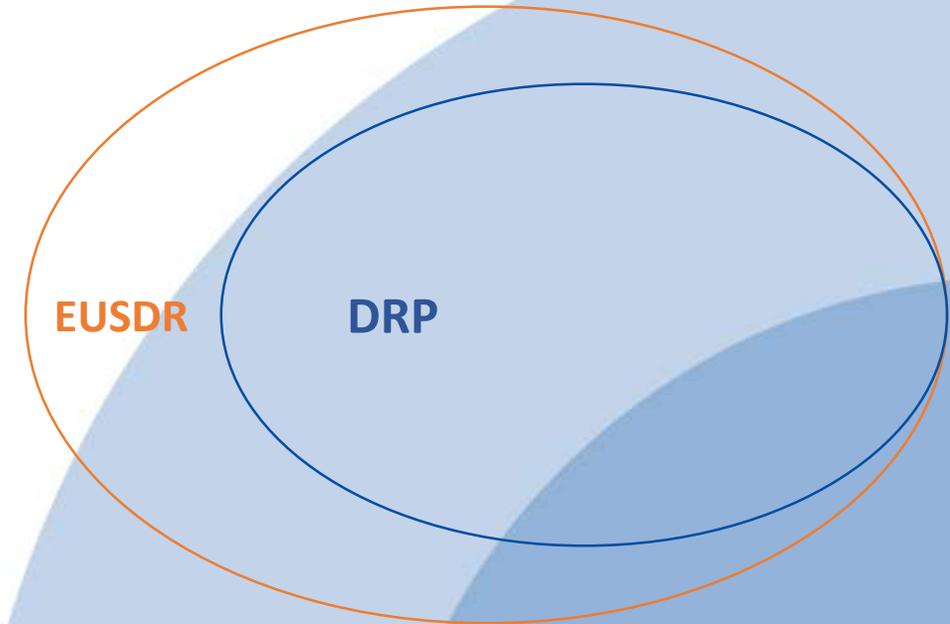






## DRP and EUSDR

- Same geographical area
- DRP fully embedded in EUSDR ...
- but EUSDR with larger (thematic) scope
- DRP is a funding instrument
- EUSDR a strategic framework
- DRP is directly supporting the governance of the EUSDR ...
- ... but otherwise one amongst other funding instruments relevant to the EUSDR



**! Each application has to prove the contribution to and embeddedness of the EUSDR in the proposal**



# Budget

EU Contribution	National contribution	Total
215,047,857,00	53,761,965,00	268,809,822,00

- “INTERREG Funds” (combining ERDF, IPA and NDICI funds)
- EU contribution 80%
- Up to 50% of total Programme budget envisaged to be allocated to 1<sup>st</sup> CfP
- 18.5000 EUR preparation cost (in case of successful application)



**Danube Region**  
Programme  
2021-2027

## Priorities and Specific Objectives

**A smarter  
Danube Region**

Enhancing  
innovation  
and technology transfer

Developing  
skills for smart specialisation,  
industrial transition  
and entrepreneurship

**40.489.751 EUR**

**A greener,  
low-carbon  
Danube Region**

Promoting  
renewable energy

Promoting  
climate change adaptation  
and disaster management

Improving  
water and sediment quality

Protecting and preserving  
the biodiversity in ecological  
corridors and eco-regions

**74.586.383 EUR**

**A more social  
Danube Region**

Accessible,  
inclusive and effective  
labour markets

Accessible  
and inclusive  
quality services in education,  
training and lifelong learning

Socio-economic development  
through heritage, culture and  
tourism

**55.407.028 EUR**

**A better  
cooperation governance  
in the Danube Region**

Support to the  
governance of the  
EUSDR

Increased institutional  
capacities for territorial and  
macro-regional governance

**44.564.695 EUR**



SO	Status in 1 <sup>st</sup> Call for Proposals	Available Interreg funds per Priority in EUR	Indicative allocation per SO
SO 1.1	Open	18,745,255.50	9,372,627.75
SO 1.2	Open		9,372,627.75
SO 2.1	Open	34,530,733.00	8,694,838.56
SO 2.2	Open		10,024,271.79
SO 2.3	Open		7,631,291.99
SO 2.4	Open		8,180,330.64
SO 3.1	Open	25,651,402.00	7,695,420.60
SO 3.2	Open		7,695,420.60
SO 3.3	Open		10,260,560.80
SO 4.2	Open	12,825,700.88	12,825,700.88
<b>Total</b>		<b>91,753,091.38</b>	



## **Specific objective 1.1**

Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies

## **Specific objective 4.2**

Increased institutional capacities for territorial and macro-regional governance



## Focus

- Integrated governance models for addressing challenges arising from demographic change (e.g. aging, depopulation, brain drain)
- Integrated urban-rural governance models including specific territorial development strategies for rural/remote areas
- Support for more and stronger inter-institutional relations for the integrated development of transboundary functional areas
- Capacity building considering especially a better involvement of local and regional public bodies as well as civic actors in transnational policy making, territorial development frameworks and governance models
- Support for the monitoring and analysis of territorial processes affecting the cohesion and cooperation of the Danube Region



## Focus

- The improved provision of public services of general interest and digitalization to be considered as horizontal elements
- All measures shall substantially take into account existing main territorial/spatial development frameworks such as the Territorial agenda 2030 or the New Leipzig Charter
- Integrated / holistic approaches expected - not only by integration of different administrative levels but also through embedding sectorial aspects like transport or accessibility into broader territorial governance scenarios



## Partnership

- Critical mix of PPs, reflecting the integrated / holistic character of S.O. 4.2
- Strong local and civic ownership expected
- Exact composition and size depending on individual topic(s) but sufficient “weight” for leaving a footprint on transnational level is indispensable



# Specific Objective 4.2

## Background frameworks

- Territorial Agenda 2030

*The Territorial Agenda underlines the importance of and provides orientation for strategic spatial planning and calls for strengthening the territorial dimension of sector policies at all governance levels. It seeks to promote an inclusive and sustainable future for all places and to help achieve Sustainable Development Goals in Europe.*

*Two overarching objectives, a Just Europe and a Green Europe, which have six priorities for developing the European territory as a whole, along with all its place*

- New Leipzig Charta

*Unlashing the transformative power of cities through integrated urban development, with a place-based, multi-level and participatory approach:*

- *The just city*
- *The green city*
- *Digitalization*





# Information & advice on 1<sup>st</sup> CfP

- **DRP INTERREG Programme (website)**
- **Recorded Thematic Seminars (website)**
- **Applicants Package (Applicants Manual, Guidelines for filling the AF in JEMS, Call Announcement – all on website, coming soon)**
- **National Contact Point**
- **JS: ad-hoc advice on technical/formal issues and one bilateral consultation per proposal (on request and based on a 2-page project outline); contact your PO!**



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# Summary

## Questions and Answers





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