



# Territorial instruments (LEADER/CLLD, Integrated Territorial Investments, and Smart Villages): lessons for the future

22 April 2026

## Agenda

Timing (CET)	Agenda items
09.00 – 09.15	<p><b>Welcome and introduction to the day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; <b>Outline of the event objectives and agenda</b> Patricia Martínez, Rural Pact Support Office</li><li>&gt; <b>The long-term vision for the EU's rural areas and integrated territorial development instruments</b> Marie Lambert, European Commission (DG AGRI)</li></ul>
09.15 – 10.00	<p><b>Setting the scene: lessons learned on integrated territorial development instruments for rural areas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; <b>Findings from cohesion policy evaluations: mid-term 2021-2027 and <i>ex post</i> 2014-2020</b> Davide Ceccanti, DG REGIO, European Commission</li><li>&gt; <b>Multi-sector CLLD within CAP Strategic Plans: EU overview and case study from Poland</b> Iwona Lisztwan, DG AGRI, European Commission</li><li>&gt; <b>CLLD in fisheries and coastal communities: achievements and lessons</b> Monica Veronesi, Fisheries and Aquaculture Monitoring, Evaluation and Local Support Network (FAMENET)</li><li>&gt; <b>Lessons learned from the implementation of Smart Villages intervention</b> Edina Oscko, Smart Villages Network</li></ul> <p>Questions &amp; Answers</p>



10.00 – 11.30

## Learning from experiences to shape the future

- **Integrated Territorial Investments (ITIs):** improving uptake and impact in rural areas
  - > **Implementing ITIs through regional frameworks: the Future Regions model (Germany)**  
Insa Schwob, Lower Saxony Ministry for Economic Affairs, Transport and Construction
  - > **A multi-fund ITI for territorial resilience: the Pinhal Interior approach (Portugal)**  
Luís Matias, Pinhal Interior Territorial Development Agency
  - > **Supporting mountain transitions through ITIs: the Lombardy Alpine valley case (Italy)**  
Leonardo La Rocca, Regione Lombardi
  
- **LEADER/CLLD**
  - > **Multi-funded LEADER/CLLD and territorial coordination: the Nouvelle-Aquitaine approach (France)**  
Léa Gautronneau, La Rochelle-Ré-Aunis, and Josselin Patron, Ouest Charente LAGs
  - > **Delivering social economy solutions in lagging rural areas through LEADER: the Užimtumo namai case (Lithuania)**  
Gintė Ivanauskienė, Ukmerge region LAG
  - > **Partnership Agreement across administrative borders around the city of Kraków (Poland)**  
Joanna Handerek, Task Force on the Cooperation of Smart Villages and Smart Suburbs, and Barbara Kawa, LAG Korona Północnego Krakowa
  
- **Smart Villages:** applying place-based approaches in rural development
  - > **From Living Lab to Smart Village strategies: the Someș Transilvan model (Romania)**  
Laura Incze, LAG Someș Transilvan, Romania
  - > **Building local governance for Smart Villages: the Ballyboughal approach (Ireland)**  
Ian Dempsey, Prescience, Ireland
  - > **Supporting the design and implementation of Smart Village strategies at local scale: the LAG EVV approach (Italy)**  
Carlo Salot, LAG Escartons e Valli Valdesi

11.30 – 11.45

Virtual coffee break

11.45 – 12.45

## Report back and stakeholder panel discussion: lessons for current and future implementation

- Stefan Kah, European Policies Research Centre (EPRC)
- Edina Oscko, Smart Village Network
- Michael Schmitz, Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)
- Luis Chaves, Minha Terra, Portugal

Questions & Answers

12.45 – 13.00

## Closing remarks

- > **Next steps**  
Patricia Martínez, Rural Pact Support Office
- > **Closing words**  
Marie Lambert, DG AGRI, European Commission

