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**SMART Villages** 

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# SmartVillages Final Conference

**29<sup>th</sup> of April 2021**

**online**



## Context

Digitalisation is present in all areas of life. Sustainable smart solution models for living and working in rural areas differ in several aspects from solution models that are applied within the framework of smart city concepts. At first glance, digitalisation offers many possibilities. But how can these models be effectively put into practice, and what can politics and administration do to ensure that people benefit from the opportunities of digitalisation?

The SmartVillages project, which unites 13 project partners in six Alpine countries, has been dealing with these questions of a digital transformation in rural areas since April 2018. The SmartVillages final conference aims to present the project results, especially the pilot activities, the “digital exchange platform” (DEP) and the “SmartVillages Charter”.

The SmartVillages final conference takes place on the 29.04.2021 from 9.15 - 12.15 will be held online via Zoom (Webinar) in English with simultaneous translation into German. All participants will receive a draft “SmartVillages Charter” well before the event and everyone is invited to submit comments. An updated version will be presented during the conference.

Please register for the **SmartVillages final conference** directly via:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Amricv5zSGSTC8Vy6MzkMA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Amricv5zSGSTC8Vy6MzkMA)

In the afternoon a special focus will be on pilot activities of smart and successful rural communities in Germany within the framework of the SmartVillages subproject SmartLand. The event will be in German with simultaneous translation into English.

Please register for the **SmartLand symposium** directly via:  
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# SmartVillages<sup>1</sup> final conference

*In English with simultaneous translation into German*

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9.15	Open access to the final conference	
9.30	<b>Welcome and opening</b>	<b>Otto Neideck</b> President of the Regionalverband Südlicher Oberrhein
9.40	<b>From EUSALP to SmartVillages and back</b>	<b>Thomas Egger</b> Swiss Center for mountain regions
9.55	<b>The SmartVillages project</b>	<b>Peter Niederer</b> Swiss Center for mountain regions
Break	10 min	
10.20	<b>Insights into SmartVillages test areas</b>	Project partners from Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Slovenia and Switzerland
Break	10 min	
11.40	<b>Recap and success factors of the pilot activities</b>	<b>Gianluca Lentini</b> Poliedra - Politecnico di Milano
11.50	<b>From test areas to the digital exchange platform</b>	<b>Guillaume Doukhan</b> Association for Networking Services and Territorial Development (ADRETS), <b>Muhamed Turkanović, PhD</b> University of Maribor
12.05	<b>The “SmartVillages Charter” and closing statement</b>	<b>Peter Niederer</b> Swiss Center for mountain regions
12.15	End of the final conference	

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## SmartLand<sup>2</sup> symposium

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13.00	Open access to the symposium	
13.15	<b>Welcome and opening</b>	<b>Dr. Christian Dusch</b> Regionalverband Südlicher Oberrhein
13:20	<b>Where there's a will, there's also a working group – How digital citizen participation can succeed in rural areas</b>	<b>Diana Krebs</b> Neuland 21 e. V.
13:35	<b>Coworking in the countryside: chances and new development perspectives</b>	<b>Ulrich Bähr</b> CoWorkLand eG
13:50	<b>Digital villages platform – How digitalisation opens up new opportunities</b>	<b>Steffen Hess</b> Fraunhofer IESE
Break	10 min	
14.15	<b>Local digitalisation strategies in Baden-Wuerttemberg – Review and Outlook</b>	<b>Fabian Müller</b> Gt-service Dienstleistungsgesellschaft mbH des Gemeindetags Baden-Württemberg
14.30	<b>Smart digitalisation projects from a local perspective</b>	<b>Andreas Betz</b> Amt Hüttener Berge
14.45	<b>Panel and closing statement</b>	<b>Steffen Hess</b> Fraunhofer IESE, <b>Andreas Betz</b> Amt Hüttener Berge, <b>Dr. Christian Dusch</b> Regionalverband Südlicher Oberrhein
15.00	End of the symposium	

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