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“Improving the governance of alpine territories via EUSALP and a smart village approach”

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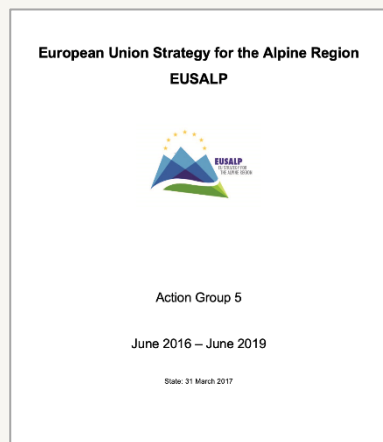
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Context

Workplan of AG5



Smart villages as
Strategic Implementation
Initiative of AG5



2018 - 2021



Smart villages as
priority of EUSALP
from 2020 on

SmartCommunity

SMART ALPS



2021 - ...



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Objectives and 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.

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Pilot projects



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Exp. Digital Strategy Löffingen

- created through a participative process involving the citizens of Löffingen.
- inspires for new ideas and lays the framework for these ideas.
- contains good practices.
- represents the guideline for the future “digitalisation” of the city.
- is updated regularly.

Smarte Digitalstrategie
für die Stadt Löffingen

Interreg
Alpine Space



Stadt
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SMART Villages



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SmartAlps Network

An informal network of alpine smart villages and regions, which aims to

- **disseminate the Smart Villages approach and foster the smart transformation in mountain and rural areas in the Alpine arc,**
- **encourage the exchange of information and experiences among Smart Villages and Smart Regions within the Alpine area,**
- **transmit a modern image of mountain and rural areas,**
- **foster contacts with similar networks and initiatives for mountain and rural areas all over Europe.**



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Recommendations

- **Embed Smart villages in existing and future strategies and policies**
- **Allocate funds to integrative approaches such as the Smart villages**
- **Allow room for innovation and experimentation**
- **Encourage networking and the exchange of experiences around the Smart village approach between rural and mountain areas as well as urban areas. Fuzzy territories might play a major role in that.**

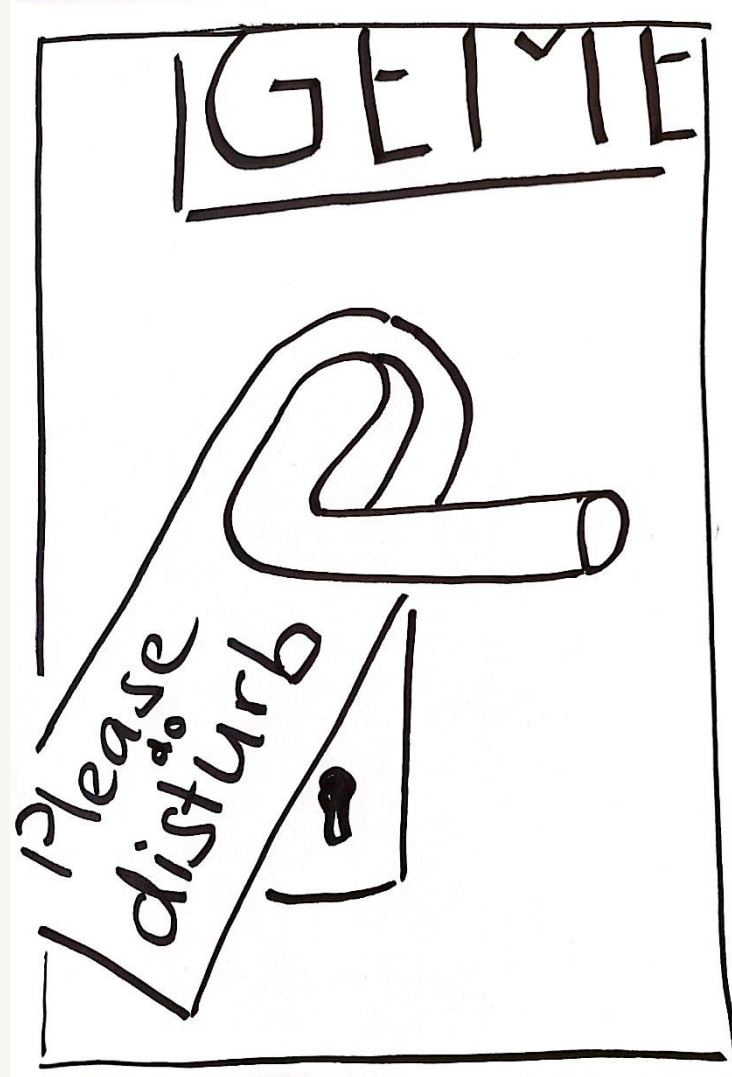


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