

# SMARTVILLAGES

## Smart digital transformation of villages in the Alpine Space

Alpine space rural communities are deprived of highly needed jobs, good provision of services as well as a favourable climate for entrepreneurship and social innovation, which result in a brain drain. Digitalization is a promising approach to counter the situation. However the digital divide between rural and urban areas has even increased in the last years. A Smart Village (SV) approach for mountain areas could unlock the potential of local actors to make their region a more attractive place to live and work.

### Overall objective

The project creates opportunities for a smart transition of municipalities and regions in mountainous areas through new forms of stakeholder involvement facilitated by Information and Communication Technologies (ICT).

### Specific objectives

- Initiate understanding and mutual learning on the Smart Village ecosystem
- Facilitate innovation through the development of tools and transnational exchange
- Raising awareness for a Smart Village policy

### Partnership

Swiss Centre for mountain regions (CH) Lead partner; University of Maribor, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (SLO) ERDF Lead partner; University of Ljubljana (SLO); SmartIS City, d.o.o. (SLO); Poliedra - Politecnico di Milano (IT); Agenzia di Sviluppo Gal Genovese (IT); Energie und Umweltagentur Betriebs-GmbH Niederösterreich (AT); Association pour le Développement en REseau des Territoires et des Services (FR); Regionalverband Südlicher Oberrhein (DE); Bodensee Standort Marketing GmbH (DE); Tiroler Zukunftsstiftung (Standortagentur Tirol) (AT); Software Competence Center Hagenberg (AT); Region Luzern West (CH).



### Observers

Information Society Directorate Ministry of Public Administration (SLO); Ministry of education, science and sport (SLO); Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food (SLO); Development centre Murska Sobota (SLO); Lombardy Region – Directorate General University, Research and Open Innovation (IT); National Union Municipalities, Communities and Mountain Organizations – UNCEM Piedmont (IT); Autonomous Province of Trento- Departement of Institutional and legislative Affairs (IT); Tyrolean regional administration (AT); Agency for Energy South Tyrol – CasaClima (IT); Regional Council of Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (FR); Auvergne Rhone-Alpes Region (FR); Ministry of the Interior, Digitisation and Migration Baden-Wurttemberg, Department for Digitisation (DE); German Environment Agency (DE); Federal Office for Spatial Development ARE (CH).

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