

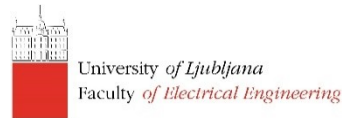


# DIGITAL ALPS CONFERENCE

Digital Transformation of Mountain territories:  
*the smart communities approach*

## SmartCommUnity project

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## Definition of Smart Communities

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Smart communities are

- communities of people, in **mountain or rural areas**, that
- are **proud and aware** of their identity, their territory, their craftsmanship, their products and their **close-knit social fabric**, and that
- want to become **active players** in determining their **own future**, owning, and driving the changes that the future, and any **digital transition**, may entail.

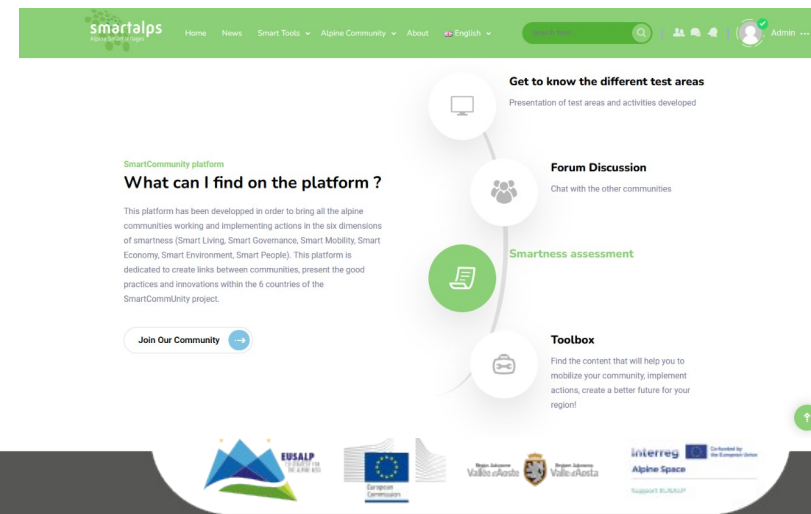
Smart communities are

- open to **innovate**, to **learn** and to **inspire**, and
- to **work holistically** towards smart and green rural and mountain areas, that
- are lively and lived, that
- aim to become **carbon-neutral** and
- that can be or become **attractive** to live and work **for all** age groups.

## Goals and solutions

*Building on the concept of Smart Villages towards a transnational and EUSALP-integrated Smart Community in the Alps*

- **Seamless link with EUSALP (Policy)**  
Robust AG5 SmartAlps and AG9 connection, policy collection ...
- **Pilot actions in test areas (Practice)**  
Smart transitions by Smartness Dimensions:  
People, Governance, Living, Mobility, Economy, Environment
- **Innovation Platform (Research):**  
Online networking platform, Open data of TAs,  
Assessment tools, Knowledge hub,  
Gamification and civic tech ...

The screenshot shows the SmartAlps website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the SmartAlps logo and menu items: Home, News, Smart Tools, Alpine Community, About, and English. Below the navigation bar, there is a search bar and user profile icons. The main content area features a central section titled "What can I find on the platform?" with a sub-heading "SmartCommunity platform". This section includes a brief description of the platform's purpose and a "Join Our Community" button. To the right, there are four circular icons representing different features: "Get to know the different test areas", "Forum Discussion", "Smartness assessment", and "Toolbox". Each icon is accompanied by a short description of the feature. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with logos for EUSALP, the European Commission, and Interreg Alpine Space, along with the text "Support 1 EUSALP".

## Smart Transition of Test areas

Established LTA → ambitious ETA

Pilot areas (SI, IT, AT, FR, DE, CH):

- **Gran Paradiso National Park (L)**, Community & cultural heritage ...
- **Mont Avic Natural Park (F)**, Digital nomads, connected spaces ...
- **KLAR! regions of Lower Austria (F/L)**, Climate change awareness campaigns and measures
- **Communauté de communes des Baronnies en Drôme Provençale (L)**, Digital platform about SGI's
- **Communauté de communes du Guillestrois Queyras (F)**, Mobility, elderly
- **Lienzer Talboden (F)**, Sensor infrastructure for energy efficiency
- **Green Point LL (L)**, Agriculture, Short food supply chains
- **Podravje region (F)**, Agriculture, Short food supply chains
- **Region Luzern West (F/L)**, Tourism & Mobility and Revitalisation of villages
- **Elzach and Winden im Elztal (F)**, Smart, digital civic engagement&governance

# Community-based data approach

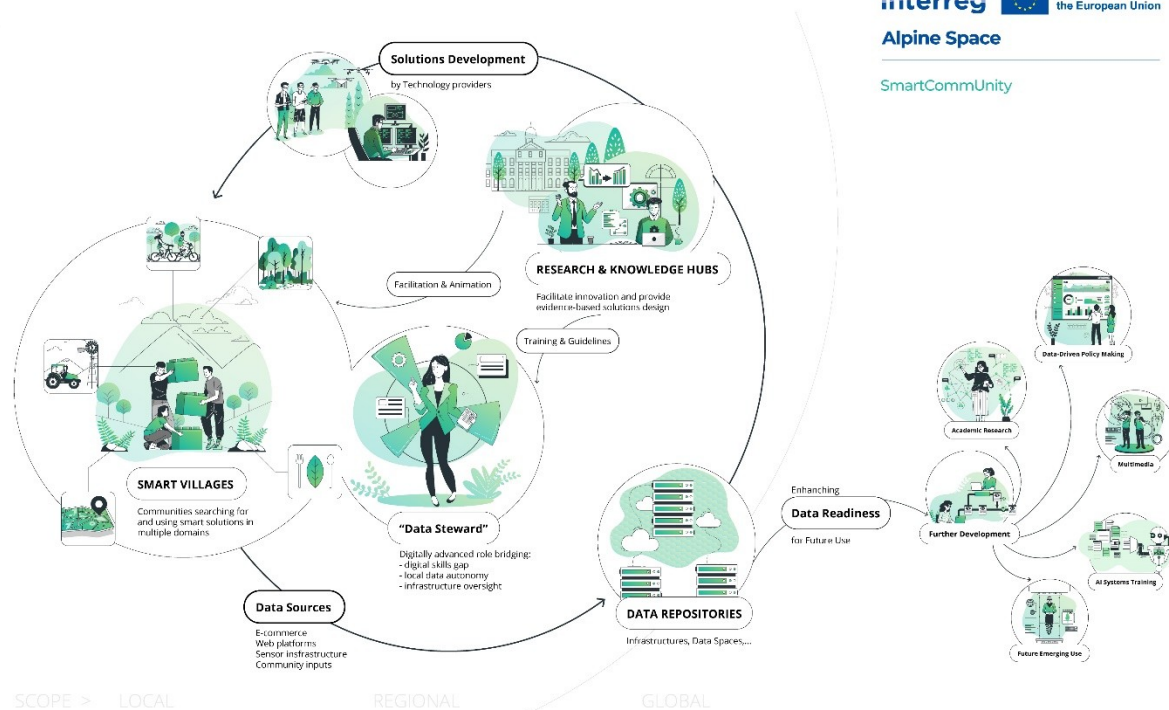
Data - an asset for smart solutions development and future uses.

Engaging Smart Community:

- in the collection, analysis and utilization of data
- to address local issues and needs.

Proposal for a new role to address:

- Digital skills gap
- Local data autonomy
- Infrastructure oversight



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