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Name of participant

Type of participant

Village

Part of the municipality:

Rural municipality

(consisting of one or more rurally characterized settlements/
villages/districts/cadastral communities)

Inter-municipal association

(consisting of two or more rurally characterized
municipalities)

Names of municipalities:

Region/Province

Country

Please provide at least one contact person who is available for any follow-up questions.
(Working languages: German and English)

	First name	Last name	Position	Email
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Relevant websites, social media URLs, blogs etc.

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GIS server access credentials
(optional)

A. Key data

Please take advantage of the opportunity to provide as much of the requested data as possible. By doing so, you help us to better understand and evaluate your community¹. If certain data is not available though, it will not affect the assessment.

A.1. Location and area

Altitude (m):

Total area (ha):

Distance to the nearest county-town/administrative center:

Distance and connection to the nearest metropolitan city:

Is your community located within a nature, environmental, or landscape conservation area, or does it have a share in such an area?

no

yes

If yes, please provide the name, size, and type of conservation area:

A.2. Number, development and structure of population

According to census and/or internal data

Population	currently	2015	(optional) additional reference year ² : _____
Permanent inhabitants:			
Temporary inhabitants:			

¹ The term "community" always refers to the participant, meaning the participating village, local community, self-administration, municipality, association of municipalities or intercommunal association.

² Particularly relevant or impactful year for the population development of the community (process initiation or other significant milestone).

A.3. Employment situation and businesses

Number of businesses/companies:	
Number of working places:	
Number of job seekers:	
Commuters employed here, living elsewhere:	
Commuters living here, employed elsewhere:	

Explanatory/additional information on jobs, businesses/companies, and commuters (catchment area, destinations, distances, etc.):

A.4. Outstanding networks within the community

How many associations, emergency organizations, initiative groups, public-private partnerships, etc. are active in your community in total?

Which of these are of particular importance for the quality of life and future viability of your community (please list a maximum of 10).

Name	Goal

A.5. External networks

Please specify which clubs, associations, federations, and networks (local, regional, national, international) your community is an active member of or actively involved in. Explain these networks in terms of their content and purpose, and indicate whether your community plays a special role as a co-/initiator or in a leadership position.

Name	Purpose and objectives	Customary at national level or self-initiated	Special role

Communities applying for the European Village Renewal Award as an inter-municipal association are additionally requested to provide the following information (this section is not applicable to individual villages and municipalities):

Type of association:

Time of formation of the association:

Motivation and purpose of the association:

A.6. Technical Infrastructure and Environmentally Relevant Data

Please provide information on whether and how the tasks listed below are handled in your community.

Measures for energy generation, resource conservation, and waste reduction, as well as drinking water, wastewater, and energy consumption:

Initiatives for the provision of modern/efficient, high-performance information and communication infrastructure:

Integration into the local public transportation network and connection to regional and long-distance public transport or higher-level roads:

Measures and infrastructures to promote low-emission and resource-efficient individual and/or community-organized mobility:

Percentage development of the share of transportation and settlement areas (= built-up area including commercial areas, road and pathway network) in the total area since 2015:

(Please provide comparison data from neighboring municipalities/your region, if available.)

Transportation and settlement areas today (in percent):

Transportation and settlement areas 10 years ago (in percent):

Explanatory notes and/or comparison values from the region:

Are there specific measures to reduce land consumption?

(Please describe them in keywords.)

A.7. Social welfare provision

Please specify which facilities/institutions are involved in each area and how the citizens of your community have access to them (e.g., primary school in the town, high school in the district capital 10 km away).

Kindergartens, schools and other educational institutions:

Care services and facilities:

Nursing services and facilities:

Health services:

Establishments and facilities in the areas of inclusion and/or integration:

Cultural institutions:

Other institutions for public services/social welfare provision:

A.8. Finances

Does your community have its own financial budget?

yes

no

Financial situation of the community/municipality

Revenue:

Expenditure:

Information on the budget situation:

Sources of income:

B. Description of the development process

B.1. Initial situation, start of the process, and goals

- Please describe the initial situation (strengths, weaknesses, special events, or circumstances) in your community before the start of the development process.
- Explain when, at whose initiative, and – if applicable – within the framework of which regional or supra-regional programs the process was initiated.
- Explain which specific goals were set for the development process (guiding principles, mission statement etc.) and who was involved in their formulation.
(max. 5,000 characters including spaces):

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B. 2. Selected Lead Projects

Please document at least one and a maximum of three implemented or ongoing (beyond the pure planning phase) leading projects that are particularly crucial for the renewal process of your community.

Lead Project 1

Name/Theme:

Assign the Lead Project to one or more thematic areas:

(Please be sure to refer to the more detailed descriptions of the topics and objectives under "Evaluation Criteria" in the announcement document.)

-  Ecology, energy, resources
-  Economy, regional value chains, agriculture and forestry
-  Social issues, education, inclusion, integration
-  Public services, mobility, digitalization
-  Building culture, settlement, cultural landscape
-  Recreation, sports, culture

Project Description:

Describe the key aspects of the project (max. 1,000 characters):

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What goal was pursued with the Lead Project?

When was the measure initiated, and over what period did it take place?

Who was responsible for the conception and planning of the Lead Project?
Who was/is responsible for its implementation and, if applicable, its operation?

How and in what form were/are the citizens involved in the project development and implementation?
How did the interaction and communication between citizens, politicians, and government representatives take place?

How and in what form were collaborations with other communities or partners established, or existing networks utilized?
How and in what form were experts involved?

How and in what form was it ensured that the Lead Project was/is interconnected with other projects in your community to ensure consistency and comprehensiveness in development?
What pathways are you taking to increase resilience in this process?

B.3. Selection of additional projects *(optional)*

Please list any other outstanding projects below that complete the development of your community, in case the previously described Lead Projects did not sufficiently cover all aspects.

(max. 300 characters per additional project, max. 5 projects in total)

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C. Outlook

Please summarize what made the development process in your community special. Briefly portray your community and explain how the increased quality of life is reflected. Also, let us know.

- what visions you have for the future of your community,
- what particular challenges you foresee in the future,
- what other projects and ideas you want to implement, and
- what could either hinder or empower you in this process.

(total max. 3,000 characters)

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- The accuracy of the information in this application form is confirmed by submitting the document.

Place:

Date: