



RUMRA Rural, Mountainous
& **SMART VILLAGES** and Remote Areas



European Food Forum and
EP Intergroup RUMRA and Smart Villages

Event organized within
the Independent Dialogues Food Systems Summit 2021

**“What can Smart Villages do
for the food industry, bio-economy, and to promote rural tourism?”**

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Event Hosted by:

MEP Franc BOGOVIĆ
MEP Marlene MORTLER
MEP Irene TOLLERET

Moderator: Antonio Barreca | Director General Federturismo Confindustria

13:00 - 13:15

Opening remarks: MEPs Mr. Bogović, Ms. Mortler, Ms. Tolleret

13:15- 13:50

PANEL 1 - “What is the essence of Smart Villages in support of a sustainable food system and rural tourism development? The European and International Long-Term vision for Rural Areas”

Jorge Pinto Antunes

Member of the cabinet EU Commissioner Wojciechowski - Agriculture

Andrej Čuš,

State Secretary, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology
Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

Radim SRŠEŇ,

2nd vice chair of the NAT commission, Committee of the Regions
Mayor of the Municipality of Dolní Studénky (CZ)

Maximo Torero

Chief Economist

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Q&A

13:50- 14:20

PANEL 2 - Concrete ideas to make Smart Villages a reality

Birgit Grauvogel

Managing Director of the Saarland Tourist Office and member of the DTV (German Tourism Association) board

Peter De Franceschi

Head of ICLEI Brussels Office Global Food Program Coordinator

Marco Caprai

Owner of “Arnaldo Caprai” Winery. Member of the Board of Confagricoltura and Chair of the R&I WG

Q&A

14:20- 14:30

Conclusions by MEP Mr. Bogović, Ms. Mortler, Ms. Tolleret