

# Smart Villages Support Bulgaria



## How is the concept of Smart Villages defined?



No formal definition of Smart Villages in Bulgaria.

### Is digital innovation a key feature?

No specific features of the 'Smart Village' concept have been identified, because it is yet to be defined. However, many see digital innovation as the main – yet not the only – tool for Smart Villages.

### Is social innovation a key feature?

No specific features of the 'Smart Village' concept have been identified, because it is yet to be defined.

## How is Smart Villages supported by the CAP?



### CAP 2014-2020

No specific Smart Villages interventions identified.

### CAP 2021-2027

No specific plans for Smart Village interventions have been identified.

## National Rural Network/ CAP Network support for Smart Villages

Some network activities on Smart Villages:

### Information provision & communication

- The Network Support Unit (NSU) follows Smart Village developments and shares relevant information. It translated relevant materials on the topic and published these on the National Rural Network (NRN) website.

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## How is Smart Villages supported by other policies?

No other policies supporting Smart Villages have been identified at this stage.

## Where to find more information?



For **more detailed information** (including other funding sources and contacts) please visit the 'What's happening in my country' pages of the Smart Rural 21 project: <https://www.smartrural21.eu/countries/bulgaria/>

For information on **smart villages and 'villages-in-transition'** in the country: <https://www.smartrural27.eu/smart-communities/>

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