

Smart Villages Support Slovakia



How is the concept of Smart Villages defined?



No formal definition of 'Smart Villages' in Slovakia.

Is digital innovation a key feature?

No specific information available on this aspect.

Is social innovation a key feature?

No specific information available on this aspect.

How is Smart Villages supported by the CAP?



CAP 2014-2022

No dedicated support for Smart Villages.

CAP 2023-2027

Indirectly, no specific Smart Villages intervention.

Smart Village interventions have not been included in the CAP Strategic Plan draft at present.

National Rural Network/ CAP Network support for Smart Villages

Some network activities on Smart Villages:

- **Dissemination of information** through its newsletter, magazine and social media.
- In 2019, the NSU **prepared an analysis** of the potential of introducing intelligent solutions to support 'Smart Villages' in rural development.

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How is Smart Villages supported by other policies?

The Slovak Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatisation (MIRRI) fulfils the role of national coordinator of the agenda for the development of **smart cities and regions**. MIRRI published a 'Guide to the development of smart cities and regions' and manages a website containing information on calls related to the topic of smart cities. The website additionally features funding opportunities for 'Smart City' activities, not only under EU funds, but also including other sources. **Smart agenda/projects** would be supported mostly through **OP Slovakia** (from 2023), including limited support for rural municipalities/regions.

Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatisation

W: <https://www.mirri.gov.sk/en/>



EU - Interreg: The transnational approach makes it possible to bring new ideas and new tools for the implementation of a smart village strategy. The Hungarian-Slovakian 'Smart Communities 2.0 - How to be smart in the countryside?' project is one example that support the smartness of rural settlements through the development of specific cross-border services.

Further information:

W: <https://www.mirri.gov.sk/en/index.html>

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ESF: Slovakia Catching-up Regions Initiative (CuRI) provides hands-on technical support to less developed regions in Slovakia to overcome specific developmental bottlenecks identified by regional authorities. The Initiative was launched in mid-2018 by the European Commission and implemented in collaboration with the authorities of self-governing regions, national-level actors coordinated by the Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatisation of the Slovak Republic, and the World Bank. The project focuses on different thematic areas - tourism development, energy efficiency in public buildings, public transport, digitalisation, geo-spatial open data, vocational training.

The project on Integrated model of health and social services for senior citizens implemented in Banska Bystrica region is specifically targeting rural areas, offering innovative solutions (including smart) to health and social care at municipality levels.

Further information:

W: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/region/eca/publication/slovakia-catching-up-regions>

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/slovakia/>

For information on **smart villages and 'villages-in-transition'** in the country:

<https://www.smartrural27.eu/smart-communities/>

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