

Smart Villages Support Spain



How is the concept of Smart Villages defined?



No formal definition of 'Smart Villages' in Spain.

Is digital innovation a key feature?

People often associate the 'Smart Villages' concept with the 'Smart Cities' one. The 'Smart City' definition refers to integrated / digital / automated management of services in the city; consequently, digital is often seen as a key feature of Smart Villages.

Is social innovation a key feature?

Social innovation is key to the development of the concept. It is expected that digital solutions will tackle social problems and challenges in rural areas, which have not yet been addressed.

How is Smart Villages supported by the CAP?



CAP 2014-2022

Indirectly, no specific Smart Villages intervention.

In many regional Rural Development Programmes, there is a reference to smart approaches (e.g. Rural Agenda of Catalonia), but overall, each region progresses at its own pace.

CAP 2023-2027

Yes, direct support to Smart Villages.

Specific intervention

Under a specific intervention, the development of Smart Village strategies is expected in the north-west region of Galicia.

The implementation of innovative solutions through digital technologies that increase the territories' resilience and generate strengths and opportunities is set as an objective for the development of Smart Villages.

Thus, it is intended to develop actions related to:

- Improving facilities, equipment and basic services;
- Enhancing energy and environmental management;
- Developing productive sectors.

Aid amount: € 750 000 per year (2023, 2024 & 2025)

Aid intensity: 60%

National Rural Network/ CAP Network support for Smart Villages

No specific network activities identified at this stage.

Contact - CAP:

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAPA)

W: <https://www.mapa.gob.es/es/>

Contact the Network:

Spanish Rural Network (Red Rural Nacional)

W: <http://www.redruralnacional.es/>

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/spain/>

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

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

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