

Smart Villages Support Sweden



How is the concept of Smart Villages defined?



No formal definition of 'Smart Villages' in Sweden.

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

Indirectly, no specific Smart Villages intervention:

- **LEADER/CLLD**

CAP 2023-2027

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The LEADER Local Action Groups (LAGs) might support the development of Smart Village strategies and the implementation of Smart Village projects.

National Rural Network/ CAP Network support for Smart Villages

Specific networking activities on Smart Villages are organised:

Smart Villages Thematic Group: ongoing for two years. Its activity plan focuses on: 1. a method or toolkit helping villages to develop smart strategies; 2. collecting good examples; 3. multi-level cooperation; 4. supporting skills and competence development; 5. digital infrastructure and the digital divide; 6. learning from others. The members represent various rural development practitioners.

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How is Smart Villages supported by other policies?

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

The **European Social Fund (ESF)** is supporting “new, innovative and more effective solutions for challenges like social inclusion, job market, education and capacity building.” The ESF also provides support for capacity building in very sparsely populated areas in Northern Sweden.

The **European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)** has no specific support designated for Smart Villages.

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/sweden/>

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

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

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