

# Smart Villages Support Cyprus



## How is the concept of Smart Villages defined?



'Smart Rural Areas' are 'Collaborating Rural Areas' that design and implement Smart Local Strategies based on a participatory approach to promote their attractiveness as living and working areas.

Smart solution interventions, including smart agriculture interventions, are implemented, stemming from the needs of the local community. These interventions utilise digital technologies, where possible, to improve their resilience and so that sustainable development, social cohesion and environmental optimisation become characteristics of these areas.

### Is digital innovation a key feature?

The 'Smart' concept is strongly connected to digitalisation. High-speed network connectivity – 5G networks and fibre infrastructure – are considered by many stakeholders a necessity for achieving the concept of 'smart'.

### Is social innovation a key feature?

Social cohesion is expected to become one of the major characteristics of Smart Rural Areas, as a result of relevant smart solution interventions.

## How is Smart Villages supported by the CAP?



### **CAP 2014-2022**

Indirectly, no specific Smart Villages intervention.

- Smart Agriculture
- Smart energy
- Digitalisation

(e.g. through M4.1: Investments in Agri-sector, including activities for smart agriculture and smart farming; M7.3: Broadband Infrastructure for Rural Areas; M16.1: Cooperation)

### **CAP 2023-2027**

Indirectly, no specific Smart Villages intervention.

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

No specific network activities on Smart Villages.

### Contact - CAP:

**Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment (Managing Authority)**

W: <http://moa.gov.cy/?lang=en>

### Contact the Network:

**National Rural Network (Department of Agriculture):**

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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/cyprus/>

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

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