



Smart Villages in Finland

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Smart Villages in Finland's CAP-plan 1/3

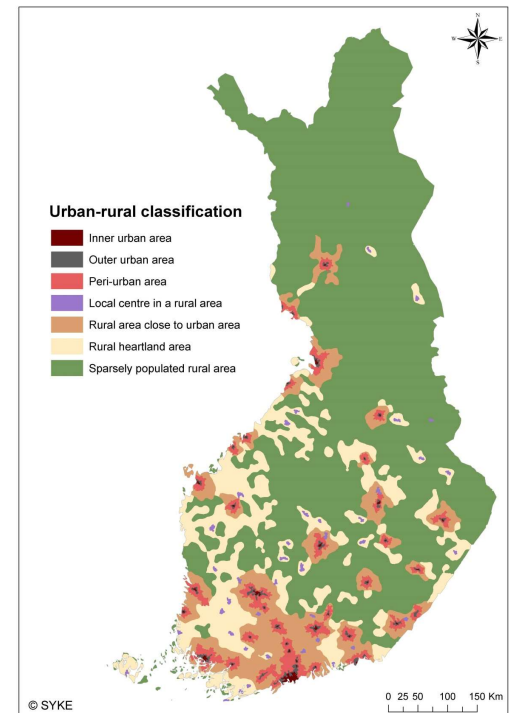
- Own measure under Co-operation intervention
- Leader funding and activation
- Other projects and investments that implement the smart villages plans/strategy will be linked to Smart Villages strategy/project in Hyrrä-e-system
- the CAP Network activities
 - Meetings, online coffees
 - Web platform
 - And so on..



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The measure for Smart Villages

- Digitalisation, utilization of information, new technology and artificial intelligence solutions are key tools for change.
- Smart village measure is a strategic development tool and it can be related to all sustainable development themes and their innovations.
- Projects can be used to plan long-term implementations
- Projects will also meets the goals of the EU's long-term vision for rural areas.



The scope of the potential support for Smart Villages in Finland 3/3

- The aim is to be able to respond in a fast and flexible manner to **the needs** expressed by local communities in the following fields, mainly using **digitalization** as a tool or as a helper
 - **Social – innovations** to ensure sustainable and good quality of social and cultural services. Also, investments in skills for the future, support for urban-rural linkages and sustainable wellbeing: preventing segregation and inequality between people, improve integration of immigrants and other new comers, sense of community, living conditions, culture, safety, improving rural know-how, and accessing the “hidden” knowledge of rural communities
 - **Environmental – innovations** to improve resource efficiency, create local energy communities, reduce the carbon footprint, enhance biodiversity, both protect and valorise environmental assets. Encouraging municipal authorities, business representatives, local residents, research institutes and experts to work together to devise and tailor new cost-effective solutions to reduce emissions, especially in the contexts of transportation and mobility, housing and food. Low carbon villages: circular economy, sustainable food production and local food
 - **Economic innovations** and actions to support (business development in) emerging value chains and local economic clusters (both agricultural and non-agricultural) based on local assets and (potential) areas of comparative advantage (bioeconomy, smart tourist destinations, etc.). Smart transport and logistic solutions, smart local services and service chains and smart food chains, digitalization and co-operation of enterprises. Connectivity (broadband) and different models for businesses (for example social entrepreneurship).

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- In CAP-plan: Smart Villages co-operation: R.40 target is 60 projects
- Own selection criterias for SV-projects
 - Emphasis on partnership and new solutions
- Leader-groups have their **own group specific targets** and selection criterias (about 3-5 smart villages projects / LAG)
- At least two partners are involved in the smart village project. However, it is better if more groups and organizations are involved.



Situation in March 2024

Preparatory funding 5000 euros

- Fixed lump sum
- Preparation money can be granted for planning or activities that are **significant** and **necessary** for future operations
- **35 applications** for preparatory
 - 12 from regional ELY-centers
 - 23 from local Leader-groups

Projects: **50 applications** (4,5 million €)

- 60 % applied from Leader groups
- Many applications from small municipalities (huge changes in regional administration and the role and duties of municipalities are changing a lot)
- Themes of applications:
 - Young people and their future
 - Technological solutions
 - Piloting solutions for new services and jobs
 - Preparedness and safety activities (especially in Eastern Finland)



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