



# Smart Villages in Finland: the role of the Finnish CAP Network

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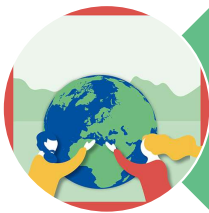
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# The Smart Village Strategies in the Finnish CAP Plan

- Specific Smart Village measure
- Smart Village Strategy means a concrete plan for seeking new solutions and new **cooperation**
- The EU's long-term vision for rural areas sets many objectives that support a sustainable future for rural areas
- SV strategy:
  - Not just a strategy paper but a concrete thing/challenge to be resolved or promoted
  - A concrete implementation plan is drawn up and the measures directly linked to its implementation may be included in the project
  - The SV main project includes the set short-term and long-term goals and a plan on how to achieve them
- The maximum period 5 years

# The steps of a Smart Village project



Preparatory phase (when needed)



Main project / strategy project

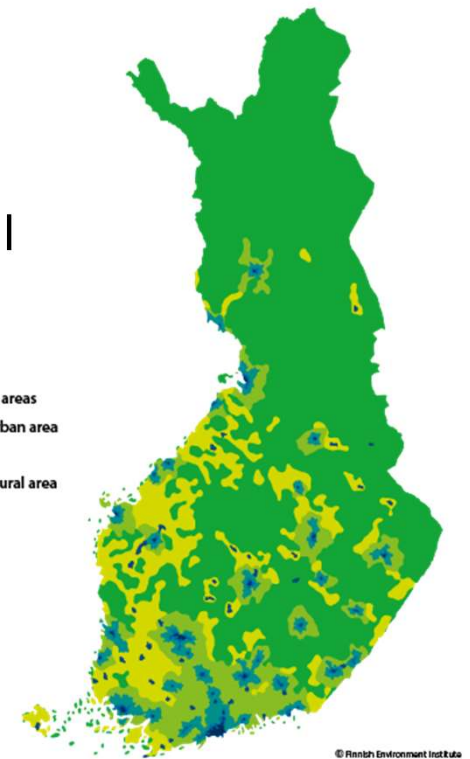


Actions / projects which implement the plan (additional investments)

# LEADER strategies

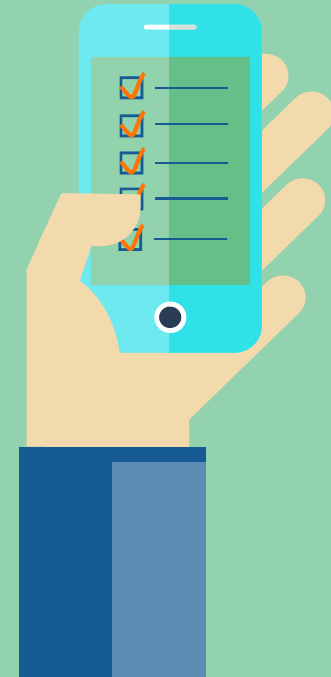
- 52+1 LAGS in Finland (Åland islands)

- Finland 95 % rural



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**Past and planned  
support activities for  
Smart Villages by the  
Finnish CAP Network**



## Past support activities

- The years 2018–2020 the Smartest Village in Finland competition
  - 34 villages applied for the competition, five finalist villages
  - The village of Vuolijoki in Kajaani won
  - Workshops and innovation camps, media attention for villages
  - The final innovation camp in Vuolijoki Village in November 2021 producing four solutions to challenges identified by the villagers
    - Researchers, entrepreneurs, village activators and public sector experts coming together for Vuolijoki
- The years 2019–2020 Smart villages thematic group of the Finnish Rural Network
  - Creating awareness and developing Smart Village concept



# Present and planned activities

- Supporting Smart Villages concept - promoting capacity building and information
- Smart Village webinars – bringing together potential beneficiaries and financing organizations (ELY-centers and LAGs) for best practices and inspiration
  - **Youth:** Start-up gaming village - Strengthening the sense of local belonging among young people - Entrepreneurship and cultural production for youth as pathway into the workforce
  - **Digitalization and mobile services:** "MALLU" car for mobile social and healthcare services - Library service buses in collaboration with the defense actors - Digital villages and unmanned village shops
  - **Smart rural areas:** International cooperation within the Smart villages LEADER network - Smart culture villages - Abandoned houses finding new residents - Villages-promoting well-being, safety and neighborly assistance
- The decision-making in regional ELY-centers and LAGs has started: the Finnish CAP network bringing together financed Smart Village projects on national level
  - Virtual webinars
  - National meeting for financed projects in fall 2024

# The Finnish EAFRD Project Database

FI Maaseutuverkosto AgriHubi Tietopankki Ajankohtaista Tapahtumat Verkostoidu

maaseutu**verkosto**-fi Työkalut Teemat Hankerekisteri Aluesivut Viestintä Verkostoyksikkö

## Maaseutuverkosto maaseudun kehittäjille

Löydä ajankohtaiset puheenaiheet ja tapahtumat sekä hyödylliset työkalut ja verkostot.

Project Title	Organization	Period	Status
Hullun Älykkäät Kylät	Pohjois-Pohjanmaan Kylät ry	2021 - 2024	Käynnissä
ÄLYILO - Älykäs ja ilmasto- ja ympäristöosaaminen	Jyväskylän yliopisto	2020 - 2022	Päätynyt
Älykkäät kulttuurikylät	Kaakkois-Suomen Ammattikorkeakoulu OY	2020 - 2023	Käynnissä
Kohti Älykäs Vuolijokea, digitaalisia verkostoja ja valmiuksia	Vuolijoen maaseutuyhdistys ry	2020 - 2022	Päätynyt
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Älykäs, erikoistuva maaseutu (ÄLY)	ProAgria Lappi ry	2015 - 2020	Päätynyt





**Thank you!**

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