



Smart Villages in CAP Strategic plan Estonia

Factsheet

The Smart Rural 27 project (2nd Preparatory Action on Smart Rural Areas in the 21st Century, 2021-2) aims at improving the Smart Villages support framework at both the local (rural communities) and regional/ national (policymaking) contexts.



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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

DEFINITION OF SMART VILLAGES No formal definition.

Is there a focus on digital innovation? There is no particular focus on digital innovation, however, it is stated in CAP SP: "One of the focuses of Leader intervention is Smart Villages, which, in addition to social innovation, also support the digital innovation of local communities." (EE CAP SP, p.645).

Is rural area / village defined? A rural area is an area that corresponds to a picturesque and small urban settlement area based on the methodology of Office of Statistics Estonia. The rural settlement area includes settlements with a population density of less than 200 people per km² or if the population of more densely populated areas is less than 5,000 inhabitants. Estonia does not apply the EUROSTAT definition of a rural area. (EE CAP SP, p. 196)




Dedicated Smart Villages interventions

There is no dedicated Smart Villages intervention in the CAP Strategic Plan.


Other relevant interventions

✓ LEADER — Community-led local development (CLLD) (8.4, COOP)

R.40: SV strategies - Target
R40 is not programmed.



Direct financing:
No dedicated budget for Smart Villages.



SMART VILLAGES IN THE CAP STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic statement

There is no specific reference to Smart Villages in this section of the CAP SP.

Assessments of needs and intervention strategy

The need assessment related to the Need No. V8.2 highlights that “*greater attention needs to be paid to the integrated **smart functioning of rural and local communities**, by continuing to support innovation and digitalisation in rural areas through the LEADER approach and supporting new community-pooling initiatives (e.g. **smart villages**)*” (EE CAP SP, p.46).

Specific Objectives

There is no specific reference to Smart Villages in this section of the CAP SP.

Target plans

R40 is not programmed in the CAP SP.

Consistency of the Strategy and complementarities

There is no specific reference to Smart Villages in this section.

Elements common to several interventions ...including the CAP Network

No specific CAP Network support actions for Smart Villages have been identified in the CAP SP.

Smart Villages interventions

DEDICATED INTERVENTION

There is no dedicated Smart Villages intervention in the CAP SP.

OTHER RELEVANT INTERVENTIONS

LEADER — Community-led local development (CLLD) (8.4, COOP)

Smart Villages are directly mentioned under the LEADER intervention in the CAP SP stating that one of the focuses of the LEADER intervention is *“maintaining and promoting a positive image of rural areas, including the **promotion of smart villages**”* (EE CAP SP, p.548).

Modernisation: AKIS and digitalisation

*“One of the focus of LEADER intervention is Smart Villages, which, in addition to social innovation, also supports the digital innovation of local communities. In Estonia, the start of the Smart Village pilot programme started in 2021 and was funded through the LEADER cooperation project and gives the premise that the new **LEADER strategies can focus additional emphasis on supporting smart villages, including the development of digital innovation and digital solutions for local communities in solving local problems**”* (EE CAP SP, p.645).

Smart Villages in other EU funds and programmes

No other directly relevant programmes for Smart Villages have been identified.

Ex-ante Evaluation

There is no specific reference to Smart Villages in this section of the CAP SP.

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