



Smart Villages in CAP Strategic plan Luxembourg

Factsheet

The Smart Rural 27 project (2nd Preparatory Action on Smart Rural Areas in the 21st Century, 2021-24) 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

What are the basic SV components?



DEFINITION OF SMART VILLAGES

The EU definition is used in the Luxembourg CAP SP: Smart Villages are communities in rural areas that use innovative solutions to improve their resilience, building on local strengths and opportunities. They use a participatory approach to develop and implement their strategy to improve their economic, social and/or environmental conditions, in particular by mobilising the solutions offered by digital technologies.

Is there a focus on digital innovation? As it is defined in the EU definition, digitalisation is a possibility, but not the only means for Smart Villages.

Is rural area/village defined? Rural areas are defined as those where the number of inhabitants is less than 3,000 and the population density is up to 250 inhab./km².

Is there reference to smart village strategy? Luxembourg intends to support the implementation of smart village strategy through LEADER. As part of the LEADER intervention, 'village strategy' and 'smart village' type projects can be implemented.



Dedicated Smart Villages interventions

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

Other relevant interventions

LEADER Local Development (2.05.570)

Other relevant programmes:

- **Village Development (National funding):** Many village development and digitalisation projects are financed by the Ministry of Agriculture with national funding.



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

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

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 of the CAP SP.

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 (2.05.570)

Smart Villages projects can be implemented within the framework of a LAG. The municipality to which the village belongs must be the project leader and should target rural population affected by LEADER Local Development Strategies. An agreement must be concluded between the LAG and the body responsible for implementing “umbrella” type projects such as Smart Villages projects.

Projects such as ‘village strategy’ and ‘smart village’ can be implemented under the following conditions:

- The project is carried out for a specific village,
- The municipality of which the village is part of must be the project leader.
- The budget per project is between €20.000 and €50.000

Modernisation: AKIS and digitalisation

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

Smart Villages in other EU funds and programmes

Village Development Measures (National funding): Many village development projects are financed by the Ministry of Agriculture with national funding under 5 national village development measures:

1. Diversification of economic activities in rural areas
2. Recreational, cultural and tourist activities in rural areas
3. Basic services for the local population
4. Conservation and enhancement of the cultural and natural heritage of villages
5. New forms of housing in rural areas

Aid can be granted to municipalities (with a maximum support rate of 40%), councils of municipalities and non-profit associations for basic services for the local population.

Ex-ante Evaluation

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

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