



Smart Villages in the CAP Strategic Plan Portugal

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

Smart Villages in the CAP Strategic Plan in Portugal



DEFINITION OF SMART VILLAGES

There is no formal definition of Smart Villages in Portugal.

Dedicated Smart Villages interventions



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

Other relevant interventions



LEADER (F3, COOP)



R40 (Number of Smart Village Strategies) is mentioned under...

SO8: Promoting employment, gender equality, including the participation of women in farming, **social inclusion** and **local development** in rural areas.



R.40: SV strategies -
Target

R40 is not programmed.



Direct financing: No funding specified.

Technical Support

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



Other relevant programmes:

- **Regional Operational Programme for Region Norte** (ERDF, ESF+, JTF): For each sub-region the Regional Programme of Norte 2021-2027 contains different contents on the eventual support to Smart Villages.
- **Regional Programme for Region Algarve** (ERDF, ESF+): It foresees the provision of support for the creation of integrated intervention programmes in villages (Smart Villages network), with support for innovative initiatives.



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

The Specific Objective 8 (SO8): 'Promote employment, growth, gender equality' includes the indicator 'R.40 Smart transition from rural economy: Number of Smart Villages strategies supported'. However, its financial allocation and targets are not defined. (PT CAP SP, p. 308 and p. 374).

Target plans

Although R.40 is not programmed under any intervention, there are references in the CAP SP (e.g. SO8) that R.40 will be achieved through the LEADER intervention.

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 (F3, COOP)

Under the section on '4.5.Overview of the coordination, demarcation and complementarities between the EAFRD and other Union funds active in rural areas' it is mentioned that EAFRD will support Smart Villages under the rural LEADER/CLLD approach. (PT CAP SP, p. 490)

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

Regional Operational Programme for Region Norte (Cohesion Policy/ ERDF & ESF)

The region includes a total of 86 municipalities, which are organised into sub-regions. Sub-region Tâmega e Sousa (includes 11 Municipalities): The Intermunicipal Community resorted to the support of the Technical Assistance Operational Programme to develop a study aiming to support the preparation of a strategic plan and respective governance model to implement the integrated territorial approach **"Smart Villages of Tâmega e Sousa – Pact for Cohesion 2030"** (concluded in August 2022). This territorial approach is intended to achieve a global and integrated vision of development of villages, which is, on the one hand, capable of retaining current residents and attracting new residents and, on the other hand, of fostering the improvement of conditions for the emergence of new business and entrepreneurship initiatives.

Regional Programme for Region Algarve (ERDF, ESF+)

The programme foresees the provision of support for the creation of **integrated interventions in villages** (Smart Villages network), with support for innovative initiatives using new technologies, enhancement of surrounding cultural and natural assets, awareness of the preservation of ecosystems, resilience to climate change, risk management (rural fires) with the aim of attracting new residents and creating green jobs.

Ex-ante Evaluation & Strategic Environmental Assessment

The Final Report of the ex-ante evaluation and Strategic Environmental Assessment of the CAP SP (December 2022) makes only **one reference to the indicator R.40**: Section 7.5 presents the foreseen control measures by identifying them in the form of a set of guidelines for the follow-up, monitoring and evaluation of the CAP SP and associated indicators that will allow to assess in the future whether the implementation of the CAP SP integrates environmental and sustainability issues. (Part II - Summary of Strategic Environmental Assessment / Chapter 7. Recommendations and control measures / Section 7.5 Planned control measures.)

The Result indicator R.40 is associated with the guideline to 'Ensure that the CAP SP contributes to the efficiency of the decision-making structures and their articulation among the various levels of agents present in the territory and the proximity relations and for providing information to the consumer'. (PT CAP SP, p. 117-118) In the 2nd Phase of the CAP SP Ex-ante Evaluation - Relevance and Internal Coherence (March 2022), reference was made to indicator R.40 as follows: **"Within the scope of CAP SP, no intervention with a contribution to the "Smart Villages" strategies is considered."** (Source; Ex-ante Evaluation of the CAP SP 2023-2027, 2nd phase - Relevance and Internal Coherence, March 2022, [link](#))

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