



Smart Villages in CAP Strategic plan Slovakia

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
No formal definition of Smart Villages.

Is rural area/village defined? Whole Slovak Republic will be considered as rural area except for the capital Bratislava, but the urban districts of Bratislava up to 5.000 inhabitants are also considered rural areas. In the case of the LEADER cooperation intervention the definition of rurality is further extended to municipalities up to 20.000 inhabitants. (SK CAP SP, p.345)

Smart Villages interventions



There is neither dedicated Smart Villages intervention, nor interventions that refer to Smart Villages in the CAP Strategic Plan.



Other relevant programmes:

No other programmes with reference to Smart Villages have been identified.



Technical Support

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



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

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

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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

No other dedicated programmes / initiatives identified in support of Smart Villages.

Ex-ante Evaluation

There is a direct reference to Smart Villages in the Ex-ante evaluation and the strategic environmental assessment (SEA) stating that *"The draft Strategic Plan also does not include interventions related to smart rural development, including the preparation and implementation of Smart Villages strategies"* (SK CAP SP, p. 1256). This is followed by a specific reference related to the 'Modification of the intervention strategy for SO8': *"Important areas such as broadband internet and related smart countryside are missing in the document, including the preparation and implementation of Smart Villages strategies: The document is also completely lacking the area of social inclusion and downstream of rural social services linked to agriculture and forestry, including social agriculture itself"*. (SK CAP SP p. 1046) Under the recommendations for SO 8 the Ex-ante also states *"The SWOT does not include a description of the Smart Rural area. We recommend that it is elaborated or justified"* (SK CAP SP p. 1051).

Furthermore, direct reference is made to indicators not included in the CAP SP in relation to Smart countryside: *"The [CAP SP] does not count on supporting the development and implementation of Smart Villages strategies and thus does not include R.40 Smart Transformation of the Rural Economy."* The evaluators recommend considering the inclusion of smart [rural] support, at least as a pilot activity under the LEADER intervention. (SK CAP SP p.1047)

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