Smart Villages
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Jobs

Basic services

Digital

Social

Challenges

Opportunities

Villages

Cooperation and partnerships

People

Strategies
Smart Villages Strategy + vision

Innovation

Social innovation
- Low carbon economy (including circular economy)
- Digital economy
- Urban-rural links
- Smart specialisation

Digital innovation
- Training and education
- Renewable energy
- Health and care
- Mobility
- Broadband
There is no one model for Smart Villages

It is a process, all villages can be Smart
There are a wide range of EU tools:

- CLLD
- Cooperation
- ITIs
- Smart Specialisation Strategies (RIS3)
- INTERREG
- Horizon 2020
- Packages of ESIF investment and soft interventions
- Financial Instruments
- Others …
Key RDPs tools to support Smart Villages

Total allocated P.E:
EUR 24.0 billion

Plus:
M6 for farm and business development EUR 10.6 bn can support SMEs in emerging rural value chains

- LEADER/CLLD (M19)
- Cooperation Measure (M.16), specially M16.7
- Basic services and village renewal (M.7), specially M7.1 - 7.4

M7 - EUR 11.3 bn
LEADER – EUR 9.8 bn
M16 – EUR 2.9 bn
Next Steps

• How to develop and design Smart Village Strategies.

• How current and future EU policy instruments can be used to support Smart Villages.

• How different funds (and future) policy instruments and funds can work together.
Sources of information

- **Rural Review** on Smart Villages
- **Project Brochure** on Digital and Social innovation

**Smart Villages Portal**

+ **Video**

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Thank you very much!

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