

Smarter LEADER

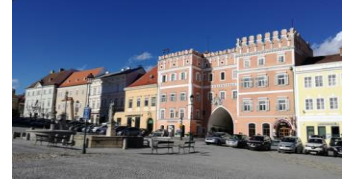
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Smart Villages in LEADER

AT Definition:

- **Digital aspect**, thematically open, typical characteristics of SV like strategic approach or participation
- Topic in LDS:
 - 80 of 83 LDS mentioned SV
 - **a relevant/essential part of 25 LDS** with a special commitment to the topic of SV recognizable





New in CSP, additional resources:

- **“Rural innovation systems”**: complementary to LEADER; (innovation managements and implementation), multi-stakeholder-approach, focus SME (SV R.40)
- **Strengthening village and town centres**: reactivation of vacancies, awareness raising, advice, development concepts and management (SV R.40)
- **„Region on board“**: university course for employees of regional development organisations for key topics of regional management
- **Austrian Regional Strategy “My Region – Our Way“**: SV as instrument for securing services of general interest; budget for small projects: Smart-Village-Challenge (2026), manuals/handbooks to support CAP-interventions

Long lasting impacts beyond project end dates: points of leverage

1. Being aware of the demand of target groups/potential users

2. Dealing with risks and course corrections (including “failure”) in projects

6. Applying mission-orientation, scaling and project chains.

5. Quality communication of project results and impacts

4. Developing/recognizing/applying business and exploitation models

3. Establishing and maintaining stable collaborations among diverse actors

