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Sustainability plan of a SV project

40 minutes

Objective

- *This template should guide users in ensuring long-term impact and sustainability of their Smart Village project.*

Tool Description

The sustainability of a smart village inititive hold significant promise for rural communities worldwide. This is the reason why each SV activity should have a plan for long-term impact.

The tool “Sustainability plan for a SV project” will help you assess the transferability of your project, together with its long-term vision.

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Connection of the tool with Module 4

Structures and next steps

This tool ensures the long-term impact of Smart Village projects by guiding users through different aspects like : defining a long-term vision and integration with community goals, engaging key stakeholders for post-implementation support, developing financial sustainability strategies, ensuring the adaptability and a positive environmental/social long-term impact.

This tool is directly linked to the theory in Module 4 and is designed to be practical and applicable to any Smart Village project.

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Resource materials

Supporting Smart Village strategies

LEADER

EPALE platform

Article: “The “Smart Village” as a Way to Achieve Sustainable Development in Rural Areas of Poland”

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How to apply the tool

Please fill in the templates with a real or hypothetical Smart Village initiative. Use the checklist to assess the sustainability of your project and make improvements where needed.

PROJECT NAME AND DESCRIPTION :

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PROJECT OBJECTIVES	WAS THIS OBJECTIVE MET?
1.	YES/NO/IN PROCESS
2.	YES/NO/IN PROCESS
3.	YES/NO/IN PROCESS
4.	YES/NO/IN PROCESS

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Use this checklist to evaluate whether your project has a strong sustainability strategy:

Long-Term vision: Does the project align with broader community development goals?
✅YES
X NO
Stakeholders engagement: Are key partners identified and committed to post-implementation support?
✅YES
X NO
Financial sustainability: Have diverse funding sources been secured beyond initial grants?
✅YES
X NO
Transferability : Can this project expand or adjust to new challenges over time?
✅YES
X NO
Environmental & social Impact: Does the project contribute to sustainability principles (e.g., eco-friendly practices, social inclusion)?
✅YES
X NO
Monitoring & evaluation: Are there clear KPIs and assessment mechanisms in place to track success and adjust strategies?
✅YES
X NO

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What to learn

The second tool of Module 4 “Sustainability plan of a SV project” helps stakeholders ensure that their project remains viable and impactful in long-term.

A well-designed plan for sustainability ensures that Smart Village initiatives don’t end when the initial funding or implementation phase is over.

Thus said, the project is adaptable, easy applicable in different national contexts and continue delivering value to the rural community.

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