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# Five governance frameworks for Smart Rural Futures?

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# Current governance frameworks – insufficient?

- fragmentation between CAP/cohesion/digital/social policies
- weak local implementation mechanisms
- short-term funding logic
- limited role of intermediaries
- insufficient integration of innovation ecosystems

# Five governance frameworks for Smart Rural Futures?

Stable multi-level and partnership-based rural governance

Dedicated and predictable financing for community-led innovation

Adaptive and innovation-proofed administrative and regulatory environment

Inclusive digital capacity-building and skills

Strong rural innovation ecosystems and networks

# Five governance frameworks for Smart Rural Futures?

Stable multi-level  
and partnership-  
based rural  
governance

Ensure territorially balanced,  
participatory and place-based  
governance for Smart Rurality

# Five governance frameworks for Smart Rural Futures?

Dedicated and  
predictable  
financing for  
community-led  
innovation

Secure stable, accessible and  
place-based funding for rural  
smartification

# Five governance frameworks for Smart Rural Futures?

Adaptive and  
innovation-proofed  
administrative and  
regulatory  
environment

Reduce structural barriers and  
enable experimentation and  
innovation in rural areas

# Five governance frameworks for Smart Rural Futures?

Inclusive digital  
capacity-building and  
skills

Strengthen human, institutional  
and digital capacities as a  
governance condition

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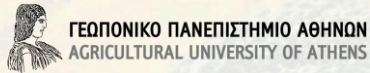
Strong rural innovation  
ecosystems and  
networks

Anchor Smart Rurality in organised  
civil society and territorial  
networks



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Thank you!!



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