

2nd Preparatory Action on Smart Rural Areas in the 21st Century



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Overall objective

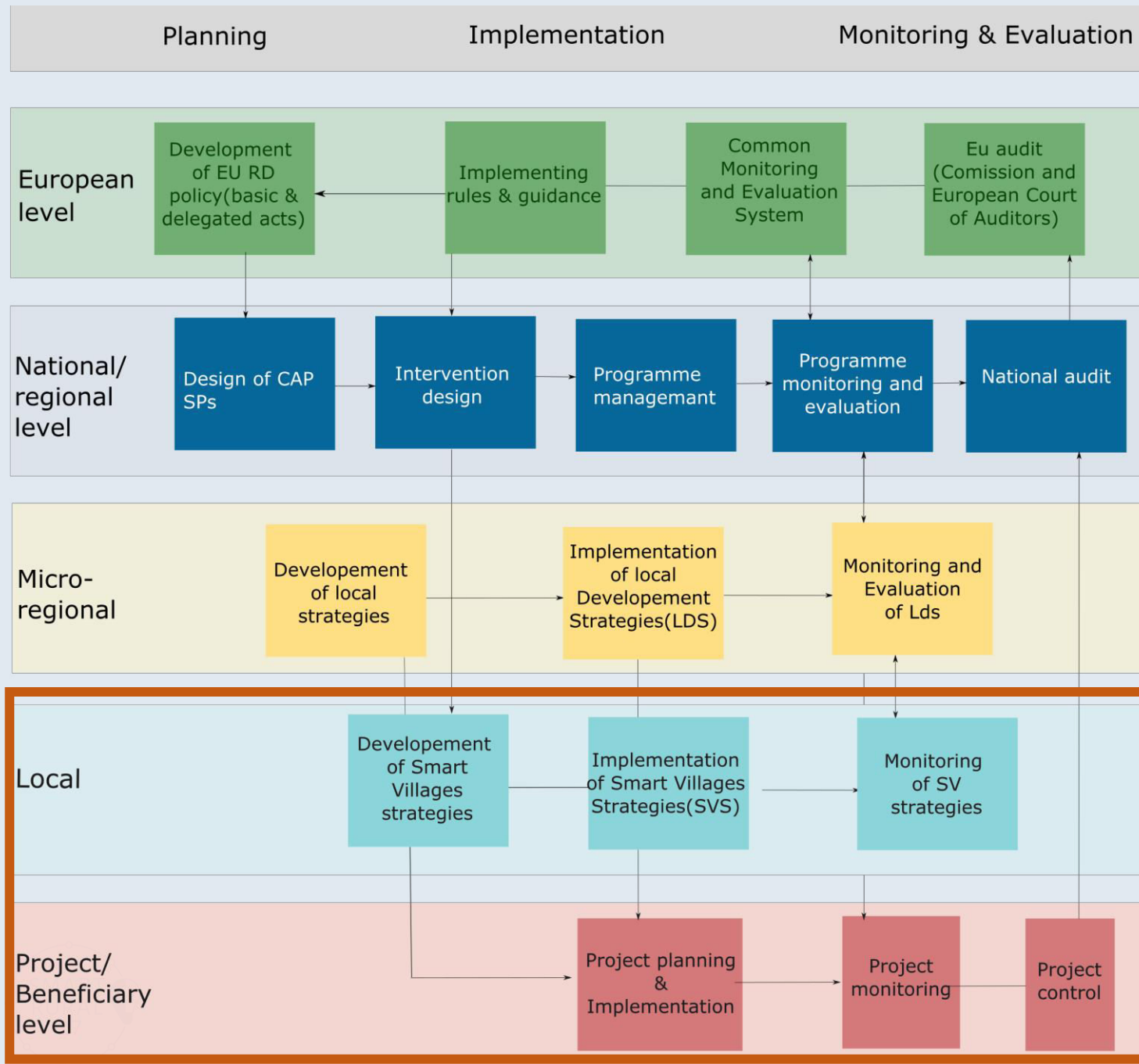
To prepare Member States and rural communities for the **implementation of the CAP post-2020 as well as other policies** and initiatives which could potentially support the **emergence of Smart Villages across the EU.**

“The 2nd Preparatory Action aims to influence Smart Village policies at a crucial point in time, when a new programming period is starting and the CAP Strategic Plans are being drawn up.

Policies can be influenced in many different ways at many different points in time.

The main point is to try to find the opportunities (“entry points”) for influencing policies depending at which stage the policy process is actually at”

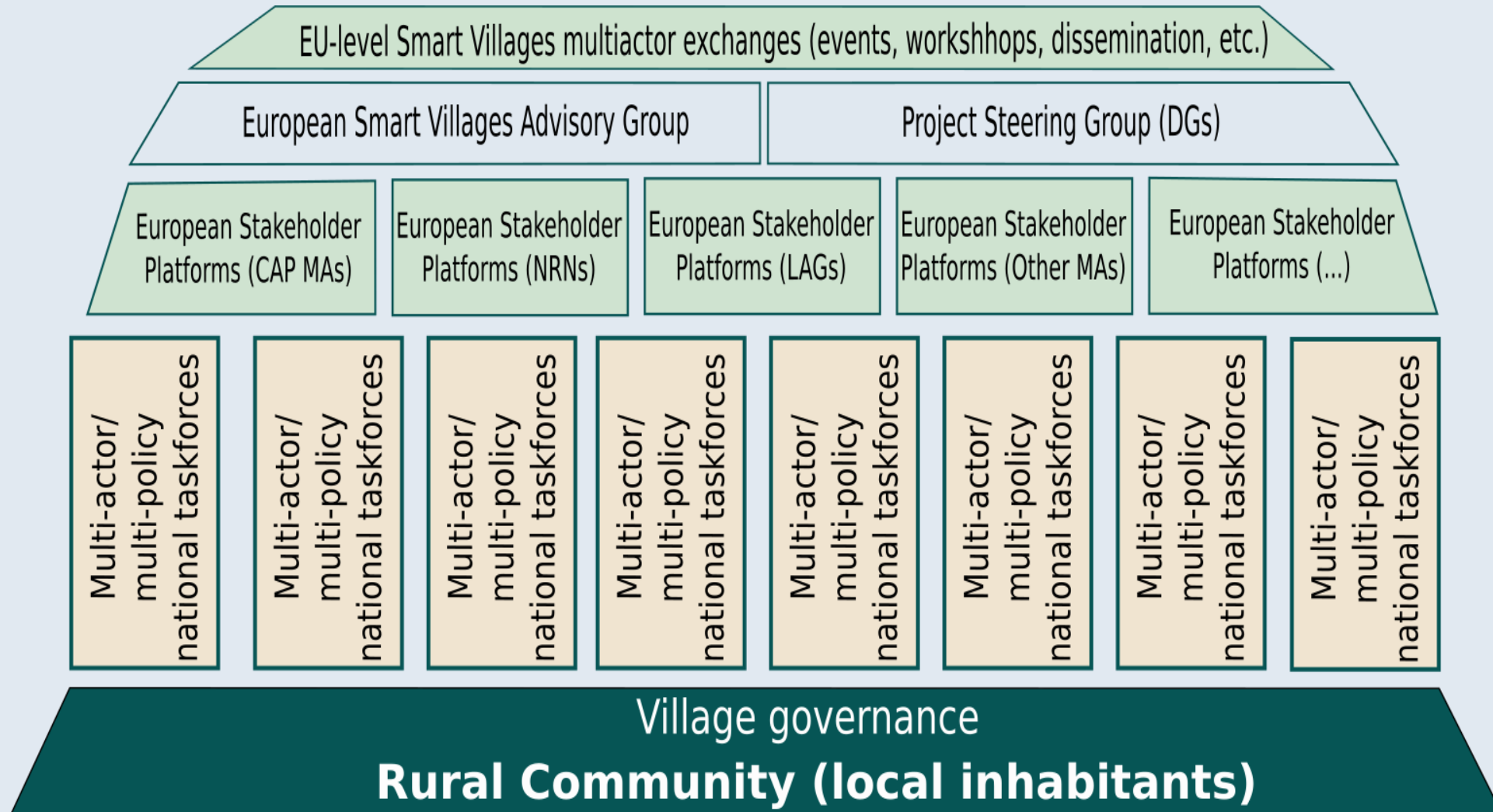
“Windows of opportunities” (CAP Policy framework)



“We believe that the successful rolling out and implementation of Smart Villages requires the engagement of a wide range of (multi-actor) stakeholders at a various (multi-)levels of governance.

Stakeholder engagement is therefore at the heart of our approach and defines our methodology”

Villages are the foundations of the Smart Village Observatory



From the villages' perspective



- Overview of Smart Villages in each Member State
- **Geomapping Tool:** Mapping Smart Villages across Europe (including SR21 villages)
- **Lighthouse examples:** Showcasing examples of smart villages (including SR21 villages)

Supporting villages with
Smart Village Strategies

Drawing lessons & making
policy recommendations



Identifying, mapping &
promoting smart villages

Prepare Member States for
Smart Villages policy support

