NEW TERRITORIAL MODELS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN URBAN POLICY

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Bigger vs. Smaller cities I.

Europe = polycentric urban territory
   » Metropolitan Regions or Metropolis, which functionally constitute FUAs;
   » Agglomerations, with core Cities of 50,000 or more inhabitants, which constitute, or may be, FUAs within a Region;
   » Smaller towns with 10-20,000 inhabitants, which are centres of attraction for 2 or more smaller urban/rural centres.

In a recent study published by the European ESPON program, around 1,600 potential FUAs with a minimum of 20,000 inhabitants were identified in Europe.
Bigger vs. Smaller cities II.

- At the EU level only major European FUAs are currently eligible for the ERDF.
- EU Policies were addressed mainly to cities with 50,000+ inhabitants.
- 2014-2020 ITI was eligible to agglomerations with at least 300,000 inhabitants.

**WHY?**

Smaller cities face similar problems, even if on a different scale, and have lesser technical and financial resources. For these reasons, **FUAs of 50,000 or more inhabitants should be more supported**, support for **smaller FUAs with 20,000 should be also attainable**.
ITI and SUD in the Czech Republic: Strengthening and enhancing support

ITI 2014-2020

Integrované nástroje ITI v programovém období 2014-2020
- vymezení funkčního území integrované strategie

ITI 2021-2027

INTEGROVANÉ ÚZEMNÍ INVESTICE V PROGRAMOVÉM OBDOBÍ 2021-2027
Recommendation

• Promote an effective participation of small, medium and peripheral cities in the EU urban policy to strengthen polycentrism.
• Circular Economy should be mainstreamed into European Urban Policy for small, medium and peripheral cities.
• Simplification of ERDF management.
Aproaches / Cooperation

RURAL PACT

• Framework for cooperation among authorities and stakeholders dealing with rural territorial development at the European, national, regional and local level.

• Holistic horizontal policy approach.

• Sustainable connectivity for every city and village, including small towns in rural areas.
Aproaches / Cooperation

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• To improve the participation of small, medium and peripheral cities in the definition and more effective implementation of European Urban Policy.
Challenges and opportunities

• Capacities support
• Strategic planning process at local level (concerning small and medium agglomerations)
• Strengthening the ITI tool
• Enhancing SUD further
Discussion

Space for your questions

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