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# Partnership for sustainable rural-urban development: existing evidences

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#### **Topics and spaces**

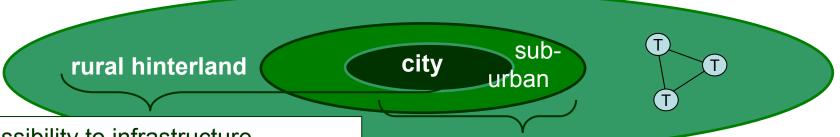


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- accessibility to infrastructure
- new forms of service provision
- regional chains of value added
- positioning of rural areas
- tourism and cultural heritage
- renewable energies

- built-up area
- joint spatial planning
- open space
- peri-urban agriculture
- clusters, networking

- internal/external marketing
- governance, future strategies
- economic development
- ecology, environment

# Rural-urban partnerships – specific inter-municipal cooperation







#### **Strong variation**

Degree of formalisation

Legal status

**Structures** 

Composition and size

Spatial levels (micro, meso, macro)

Thematic scope

National framework (competences, legal & financial support)

⇒Find appropriate organisational models

⇒ Flexible EU support

#### Main Principles of ruralurban partnerships?

rural and urban places
more than linkages
with a kind of governance
long time horizon
integrated approach
mutual benefit
"all" places contribute
(strategic vs. project space)
not doable by the way

#### EU support: Good examples exist ... ... but not too many and quite patchy



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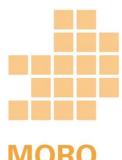




























#### **Success Factors**



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#### The role of the EU?



#### **Subsidiarity**:

Rural-urban partnerships bottom-up within national/regional framework

#### Added value of EU support within cohesion objective:

- more efficient & coherent use of EU funds
- combining growth & territorial integration/balance
- integrated territorial solutions to current challenges and Europe 2020 goals
- develop few, patchy, divers rural-urban approaches to wider application

**Backing by various European Policy Papers** 

**Lisbon Treaty**: territorial cohesion objective

But: Pro-active take up by MS & Regions needed

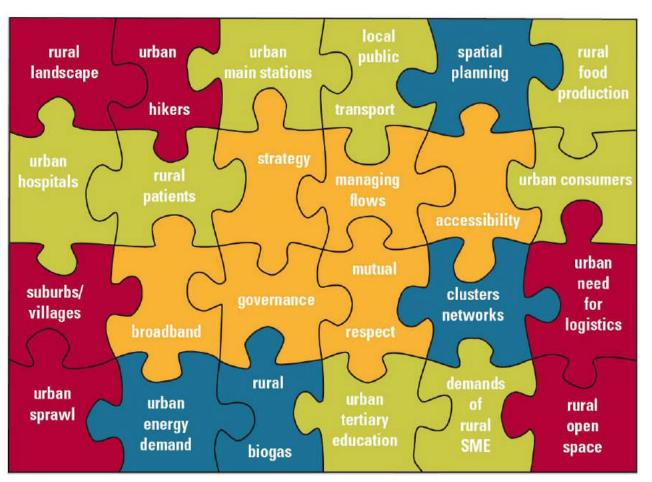


# Rural-urban complementarities, themes and governance









#### **Europe 2020:**

- ➤ Clusters, networks, regional chains of value added
- ≽joint external marketing
- >co-operation of research institutions & companies
- >energy concepts
- >accessibility to education
- >regional employment strategies
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#### Making EU funding more efficient



#### Broad range of rural-urban topics within CSF-Funds:

- Social services & public infrastructure (esp. demographic changes)
- Natural / cultural resources (esp. energy)
- Economic development and innovation

Rural-urban partnerships help raise efficiency & avoid inefficiencies

#### <u>But</u>:

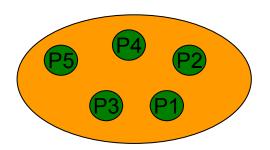
- Division between EU cohesion and rural development policy
- Local perspective of funded projects either in urban or rural places
- EAFRD agricultural driven, ERDF dedicated to business development, regional and urban infrastructures, ESF target group orientation
- Need to combine funds and projects in rural-urban, integrated perspective

## Integrated territorial strategies & structures as basis for EU funding

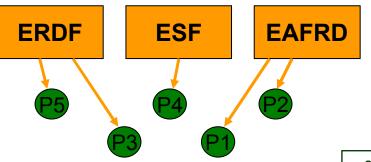


- Include integrated territorial, rural-urban development perspective in partnership contracts and OPs
- Promote elaboration & implementation of integrated strategies for rural-urban areas by financial and 'technical' support from CSF-funds based on public-private structures and governance processes
- Direct access to funding for rural-urban projects:

### Dedicate "own" operational budget for functional areas



### "Funding preference" for projects of territorial strategies



### Coordinated & integrated multi-fund framework



- Need for inter-fund co-ordination & joint programming & implementation
- EU-level: joint legal & strategic framework for CSF-Funds good basis
- National/Regional: Proposed Partnership Contracts & OPs set out
  - integrated territorial approach
  - mechanisms and arrangements to ensure coordination among funds
  - multi-level governance and partnership
- => Territorial programming & joint multi-fund programming possible

#### **Certain limitations in regulations:**

- Functional geographies not mentioned (only urban or rural)
- No multi-fund programming for EAFRD (EMFF)
- Thematic concentration <-> integrated approaches
- Strict inhabitant limits for rural areas (excluding neighbouring towns)

#### **Programming Options**



- Thematic concentration (11 objectives): sectoral OP investment priorities
- ⇒ Sectoral: sectoral priorities should preferably support projects b ased on rural-urban structures/strategies
- **⇒** Integrated:
  - Joint territorial funding schemes from different CSF funds
  - Specific OP or sub-programme
- Delegated management: global grants or regionalised part budgets (requires administrative capacities, stable and reliable decision systems)
  - → Apply new territorial funding instruments

#### **Territorial development instruments**



Integrated territorial investments (ITI)	Community-led local development (CLLD)
- Art. 99 Gen. Reg	• Art. 28-31 Gen. Reg.
"Bundle" parts of several priority axes	Based on Leader
For urban or other territorial strategy	Bottom-up local development initiatives     financed from several CSF-Funds
<ul> <li>Top-down public driven</li> </ul>	
<ul><li>Sub-delegation</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Based on sub-regional, multi-sectoral strategies</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>For bigger functional areas &amp; investments</li> </ul>	•Smaller functional areas & small-scale projects Implemented by local community
<ul><li>No integration of EAFRD</li></ul>	
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### Territorial development instruments ITI:



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PRIORITY AXIS 1 (ERDF):
strengthening ICT
applications for
e-government, e-learning,
e-inclusion and e-health
EUR 10 million

PRIORITY AXIS 2 (ERDF): enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs EUR 50 million PRIORITY AXIS 3 (ERDF): supporting the shift towards a low carbon economy in all sectors EUR 50 million

ITI FOR THE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF CITY X EUR 190 million (ERDF + ESF)

PRIORITY AXIS 4 (ERDF): action to improve the urban environment, including regeneration of brown-field sites and reduction of air pollution

EUR 40 million

PRIORITY AXIS 5 (ESF):
reducing early schoolleaving and promoting
equal access to good
quality early-childhood,
primary and secondary
education
EUR 20 million

PRIORITY AXIS 6 (ERDF): investing in education, skills and lifelong learning by developing education and training infrastructure EUR 20 million

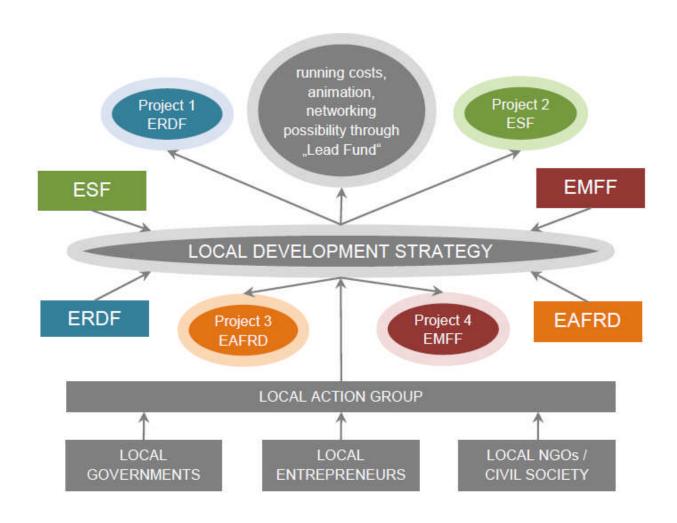
### Territorial development instruments CLLD:



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#### Tool for experimentation, pilot measures & policy development







- **Experimentation & capacity building needed along with 'mainstreaming'**
- Foresee innovative action (as U.P.P. & Art. 10 ERDF 1989-1999)
- Use part of budget for innovative actions in urban development (Art. 9) draft ERDF regulation) combined with EAFRD financing
- Flexible tool easy to handle for COM & implementing bodies/stakeholders at local/sub-regional level
- Pilots all over Europe (ca. 75) covering various types, thematic issues, forms of governance
- Involve national/regional level & link to mainstream
- Exchange, networking & policy development ('RURBAN Acquis')





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