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The Territorial Agenda of the EU and the Leipzig Charter on Sustainable European Cities

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The Informal Ministerial Meeting on Urban Development and Territorial Cohesion, Leipzig, 24 and 25 May 2007

The Ministers agreed upon:

- the Leipzig Charter on Sustainable European Cities
- the Territorial Agenda of the EU

The Ministers expressed their conviction that an integrated urban and spatial planning and development policy is needed

- reaffirmed their will to support steps to take the territorial and urban dimension into account when policies are being drawn up at Community, national regional and local levels

The Ministers asked Portugal to prepare the First Action Programme for the implementation of the Territorial Agenda (TA)
The Leipzig Charter on Sustainable European Cities

Aims

• Strengthening the competitiveness of European cities and regions
• Supporting the EU Sustainable Development Strategy (and exchange of experiences and knowledge, financing urban development and the role of the EIB, urban mainstreaming in SF)

Key Issues

• Making greater use of integrated urban development
• Policy approaches (high-quality public spaces, infrastructure networks and energy efficiency, innovation and educational policies)
• Special attention to deprived neighbourhoods within the context of the city as a whole (physical environment upgrading, local economy and local labour market policy, youth training, urban transport)
The Leipzig Charter on Sustainable European Cities

Key issues related to Transnational Cooperation (Networks of Cities)

“Coordination at local and city-regional level should be strengthened. An equal partnership between cities and rural areas as well as between small-, medium-sized and large towns and cities within city-regions and metropolitan regions is the aim. We must stop looking at urban development policy issues and decisions at the level of each city in isolation. Our cities should be focal points of city-regional development and assume responsibility for territorial cohesion. It would therefore be helpful if our cities would network more closely with each other at European level.” [Leipzig Charter, Part I]

Implementation

- National Urban Development Policies
- Financial Engineering (Structural Funds, EIB, CIB, ...)

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The Territorial Agenda of the EU

The process towards the Territorial Agenda (TA)

- **ESDP** - Potsdam Informal Ministerial I/1999
- **ESDP Action Programme** - Tampere Informal Ministerial II/1999
- **Lisbon and Gothenburg Strategies** - Summits of Lisbon and Gothenburg 2000, 2001; Luxembourg 2005 (revision of Lisbon)
- **Informal Ministerial on Territorial Cohesion**, Rotterdam 2004
- **Informal Ministerial on Territorial Cohesion**, Luxembourg 2005
- **Structural Funds (SF) approval**, 2006
- **Seminar on Governance**, Baden / Vienna, 2006
- **DG Meeting on Territorial Cohesion**, Espoo 2006
The Territorial Agenda of the EU

Philosophy of its making

- EU Member States driven process
- In cooperation with the European Commission and the Council of Europe

- Stakeholder dialogue (private sector + scientific community + NGO + sector policies) from July 2006
- Based on the expert report Territorial State and Perspectives of the EU (TSP)
The Territorial Agenda of the EU

Aims

- Promote economic growth and employment (Lisbon)
- Promote sustainable development (Gothenburg)
- Strengthen the European Social Model in global context
- Promote a new understanding of “territorial governance”
- Dialogue between economy, science and administration

Goals

  Strengthening regional identities
  Making better use of territorial diversities
The Territorial Agenda of the EU

Key Issues

- **Future task:** Strengthening Territorial Cohesion
- **New challenges:** Strengthening regional identities, making better use of territorial diversity (climate change, energy supply and energy efficiency, transport and accessibility/mobility, territorial concentration of economic activities in the core area of Europe, global economic competition, demographic change - aging and migration processes)
- **Territorial priorities for the development of the European Union** (polycentrism, urban-rural partnership, cluster, TEN, risk management, ecological structures and cultural heritage)
- **Implementing the Territorial Agenda** (set of actions)
The Territorial Agenda of the EU

Key issues related to Transnational Cooperation

“We consider the cooperation, including our neighbouring countries, in the context of EU Programmes for European Territorial Cooperation (Objective 3) to be new and future-oriented funding instruments offering opportunities for strengthening European networks of cities and regions as well as supporting new innovation-oriented European development corridors. We ask the European Commission to support us in developing interregional, crossborder and transnational cooperation as an effective instrument for promoting territorial cohesion.”

[Territorial Agenda, § 35]
The Territorial Agenda of the EU

Networking as a tool to implement transnational cooperation

*The Ministers agreed to support and make use of ESPON 2013 and the new Objective 3 instrument - European Territorial Cooperation - for implementing the EU Territorial Agenda and the Leipzig Charter. In particular, they felt there is a need for territorial cooperation projects on the consequences drawn by regions and cities from the threat posed by climate change - so that regions and cities can adopt prevention, mitigation and adaptation measures -, as well as projects to intensify networking between regions and cities as European development corridors emerge and cooperation projects to mitigate the effects of demographic change caused by ageing and immigration*

[Leipzig Conclusions, § 12]
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(1st draft version, 2007-09-21)

Commitments

- Implementing the TA in our own areas of competence
- Influencing EU key dossiers and giving a territorial/urban dimension to sectoral policies
- Strengthening multi-level territorial governance of the EU
- Understanding, comparing and assessing EU and national territorial state and trends from the point of view of territorial cohesion
- Implementing a communication and awareness-raising strategy on territorial cohesion
- Coordinating and monitoring AP1 implementation

Time-frame 2007-2011
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Guiding principles

Based on the Territorial Agenda, five guiding principles were drawn to lead its implementation:

- Solidarity between regions
- Multi-level governance
- Integration of policies
- Territorial cooperation
- Subsidiarity
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EU key dossiers receiving particular attention in the First Action Programme (AP1):

- The on-going debate on the new Treaty;
- The on-going debate on the Green Paper on Adapting to climate change in Europe - options for the EU action;
- The debate on the Lisbon process post-2010;
- The 2010 midterm review of the EU Rural Development Policy;
- The 2011 redevelopment of the EU Sustainable Development Strategy (SDS);
- The debate on the Transport Policy post-2010;
- The 2010 midterm review of cohesion Policy and the debate on Cohesion Policy post-2013
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7 Lines of Action

LA1 - To implement the TA in the areas of competence of the Ministers at EU and national level

LA2 - To influence EU key dossiers

LA3 - To give a territorial/urban dimension to sectoral policies

LA4 - To strengthen multi-level territorial governance of the EU

LA5 - To implement a communication and awareness raising strategy on territorial cohesion

LA6 - To understand, compare and assess EU and national territorial state and trends from the point of view of territorial cohesion

LA7 - Coordinating and assessing AP1 implementation
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**Lines of Action and actions (example)**

| LA 1 | Act 11 | Prepare and promote guidelines and policy measures to foster coordination between territorial and urban development in the light of the TA and the LC |
| LA 2 | Act 12 | Cooperate with the EC in the process of implementing TCUM working groups on thematic issues related to the TA and LC and on the use of their results |
| LA 4 | Act 13 | Promote the integration of the territorial priorities of the TA in national, regional and local development policies |
| LA 4 | Act 14 | Assess how priorities and challenges of the TA are being taken in consideration on the implementation of the NSRF |

**Action template (example)**

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Responsibility for implementation

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Communication

• The Internet address (www.territorial-agenda.eu)
• The network of territorial cohesion related contact points (NTRCP)

Monitoring and assessing the implementation of AP1

Progress made in the implementation of AP1 will be regularly monitored and assessed

Joint progress reports on the implementation of the AP1 will be presented to the Informal Ministerial Meetings
THANK YOU