

# Potentials for Territorial Cooperation with Western Balkans



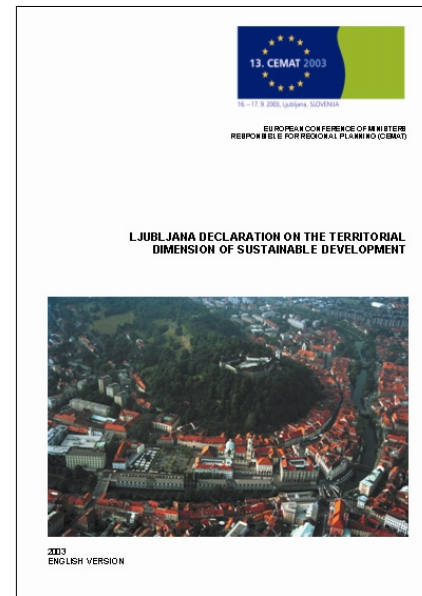
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# Guiding Principles for the Sustainable Spatial Development of the European Continent

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# European Spatial Development Principles

**EU Informal Council of Ministers  
responsible for Spatial Planning**



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# **“Policy” aims**

**Sustainable and balanced  
development**

**Competitiveness**

Taking into account

**The territorial dimension**

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# Territory

Not the “tabula rasa”

**System - different functions, structures and characteristics - physical, cultural, natural...**

**Different assets**

**Diversity comparative advantage**

**Endogenous development capital**

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# Area approach

## Comprehensive

cross level - cross sectors

## Interrelations

inside the area  
with other areas

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# Decision making = Continuous Process

**Relevant Stakeholders**

Horizontal - sectors...

Vertical - levels

Public participation

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# Cooperation

**Added value in all the phases of the development decisions making processes**

**Common problems**

**Common challenges**

**Development of skills**

**Know-how transfer**

**Access to information and awareness rising**

**Understanding and tolerance**



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# EU Cohesion Policy

## Priorities

**Objective 1 - Convergency**

**Objective 2 - Competitiveness and Employment**

**Objective 3 - Territorial Cooperation**

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# Territorial Cooperation Programmes

General aim - fostering territorial development and cohesion

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# **Priorities 2007 - 2013**

**Priority 1: Facilitating Innovation**

**Priority 2: Accessibility and Connectivity**

**Priority 3: Environment and Risk Prevention**

**Priority 4: Competitiveness and Attractiveness of  
Cities and Regions**

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## Transnational added value

“Themes that exceeds local problems or needs, not being relevant to single region or state only, but focus on problems or needs that demand wider territorial scope and joint solutions or actions.”