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through peri-urban cooperation



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Urban agglomerations: the centers of growth in Central Europe

Economic activities, social infrastructure and cultural life is concentrated in the urban agglomerations of Europe, where about 70% of the population of Central Europe live.

Due to continuous immigration into these areas, the need for housing and social infrastructure such as the need for land for commercial and industrial uses and services is growing steadily.

Additionally, the demands towards transport infrastructure to cope with the rising volume of transport of both persons and goods are increasing. At the same time the available potential of undeveloped land is gradually decreasing.

In this situation innovative solutions are required that require an effective and efficient inter-municipal cooperation in urban regions.

PROJECT PARTNERS

Urban-rural cooperation: 5 partnerships of cities and regions

Central Europe includes many city regions which are facing currently similar challenges. Many models of cooperation have been developed and tested in recent years, mostly on national levels. However, in an expanding Europe, it is useful to share the knowledge across national borders and to create joint projects in close cooperation with responsible decision-makers.

The following cities and city regions cooperate in the CITY REGIONS project:

- City of Leipzig and the Saxon State Ministry of the Interior (Germany)
- City of Graz and the Regional Management Graz and Graz Region (Austria)
- City of Wrocław and Lower Silesia (Poland)
- City of Prague (9th district) and the Regional Development Agency Central Bohemia (Czech Republic)
- City of Torino and the "Torino Internazionale" Association (Italy)

The project started in July 2012 and will end in December 2014.

TASK

Learning from "neighbours": developing city-regional models of cooperation

The **CITY REGIONS** project is divided into 3 phases:

In the **first phase** through the exchange with other European networks good examples of existing city-regional cooperations are collected and analyzed.

In the **second phase**, specific regional pilot projects are launched in the partner cities and regions that aim at the development of new approaches for cooperation in the fields of "land-use management" and "transport".

In the **third phase** as result of regional pilot projects agreements are drafted which may lead to permanent cooperation structures and can be presented to decision-makers. Detailed recommendations are formulated, and decisions regarding implementation are prepared.