Urban-Rural Partnerships in Metropolitan Areas (and beyond)

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Content

- Spatial concept on growth and innovation, debate on urban-rural solidarity
- Demonstration projects MORO in Germany, experience with on urban-rural partnerships
- Testing urban-rural partnerships in Europe: the URMA project
- Current development on EU level
- Conclusions and further questions on the future of urban-rural partnerships
People in the EU should not be disadvantaged by where they live or work.

Urban-Rural Partnerships as an Instrument of Territorial Cohesion

- Focus on polycentric spatial development and new urban-rural relationships (ESDP 1999, 20)
- Recognition of mutual urban-rural dependency by integrated planning and steering based on a broad partnership (TAEU 2020, 8)
- Metropolitan regions should be responsible for the development of their surrounding areas (TAEU 2020, 8)
Urban-Rural Partnerships and Territorial Solidarity

- A Variety of problems goes beyond the administrative boundaries, and can only be solved by exceeding them
- All regions - economically strong and weak – should contribute and benefit from growth
- By working together at a large scale spatial level, a new dimension of collective solidarity should be initiated
Urban-rural Partnerships as a Collective Responsibility

- Consideration of potential and capabilities of the particular regions
- Economically stronger regions are helping the weaker regions through dialogue and mutual learning at eye level
- Mobilization of synergies for growth and innovation in urban and rural areas through mutual responsibility for the future
Spatial Concept on Growth and Innovation

- Part of the concepts and strategies for spatial development in Germany (by German and federal states ministries)
- Controversial discussion
- Fear of peripheral regions to be excluded
- Obvious need to discuss relation of central / peripheral, economically strong / weak regions
Pilot Regions in the German Demonstration Project (MORO)

- Federal ministry initiates demonstration project
- Test and support cooperation between different structured regions
- Aim: Stabilization of economical ability and quality of life
- Participation of private actors
- Generate transferable knowledge
- 7 regions, 2008 until 2010
MORO NORTH: Large-scale partnership in Northern Germany / Hamburg Metropolitan Region Projects of Spatial Planning, 2008-2011
Since 2011, continued as a project partnership Nord, urban-rural alliances a platform for strengthening cooperation between urban and rural actors.
MORO / PP North Projects

Urban- Rural
- Taking stance - role of rural and urban areas
- Moving together – improving public transport
- Food: From the region – to the region
- Renewable energy partnership
- Health care cooperation

Cluster
- Lifesciences
- Maritime economy
- Trans-regional platform for logistics

Strategic
- Bridging the Fehmarn Belt
- Campus North (College Cooperation)
- Qualification Northern Germany
- Marketing Northern Germany
URMA – Partners

- HafenCity University Hamburg (LP), Germany
- State Ministry of Urban Development and Environment Hamburg, Germany
- Westpomeranian Voivodeship, Poland
- Institute of Urban Development Krakow, Poland
- Tuscany Region, Italy
- Lombardia Region, Italy
- Pleven Regional Administration, Bulgaria
- Municipality of Borne, the Netherlands
- City of Enschede, the Netherlands
Hamburg – Northern Germany – Denmark: Urban-rural-urban partnership between Hamburg, rural areas and Danish cities in different fields of cluster and science cooperation
Spatial analysis and strategy based on experienced cooperation.
Analysis of urban-rural relations with regard to the EXPO 2015 by finding innovative approaches to land management and land use practices. Connection with bottom-up projects (Ricefield Park, Local food initiatives).
Urban-rural partnerships for innovation in regional food product cycles. Making use of regional research institutions and regional agriculture.
Cooperation with entrepreneurs
Making use of INTERREG and LEADER-projects
New EU policy

- Integrated Territorial Investment ITI: Possibility to bundle the various EU-funds in a territorial functional area
- CLLD Community Lead Local Development: for smaller areas
- RURBAN: initiative by EU parliament and commission
Urban-rural partnerships: experiences and outlook

• Thinking beyond administrative boundaries initiated / supported
• Recognition of potentials that rural and urban areas can offer to each other
• Identification of a variety of possible cooperation topics
• Uncertainty on how the developed project ideas can be funded in future