

SUSTAINABLE GOVERNANCE OF URBAN-RURAL RELATIONS: EXAMPLES OF EUROPEAN GOOD PRACTICES

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INTRODUCTION

Urban and rural areas are confirmed as the extremes of a *continuum* that represents the predominant portion of territorial space and combines contemporary, sometimes disorderly, their essential characteristics.

It follows the partial worthlessness or the difficult applicability of rigid forms of territorial organization based on a rigid hierarchy of functions.

Scopes	Actions
Land and landscape	Incentives for balancing the distribution of population in urban and peri-urban areas Regeneration of empty spaces Regeneration of brownfield sites Intensive use of existing spaces (vertical urban development)
	Land use zoning Greenbelt zoning Growth control regulations Tax regulations
Protection and conservation of natural areas	Imposition of limits to the new settlements Construction of natural parks Re-naturalization of biotypes
Improvement of environmental quality	Testing of actions to reduce pollution Testing for the balancing of transport
Tourism and recreation	Promotion of local tourism Setting up open-air museums
Agriculture	Peri-urban agriculture Urban gardens Valorisation of typical products Constitution agricultural parks
Infrastructure and accessibility	Intensification and rationalization of the urban network Increased accessibility of remote areas Incentives for alternative mobility incentives for multimodal mobility

Tab. 1 The actions of urban-rural setting. A review.
Source: Our elaboration on the results of case studies.

CONCLUSIONS

- Urbanization is a phenomenon difficult to contain and control, but it is possible to do it, even if with difficulty;
- The regeneration projects of green areas and the connection with existing ecological networks are among the most implemented actions for the revision of urban-rural relations;
- Their success often depends on their number rather than by the number of actors (by limiting);
- It is important the role of private operators at every stage of planning.

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Planning experience is not always a major factor in the success of any redevelopment project. The project "Amsterdam Food Strategy" is well written, articulate and innovative, but it had little success because it was extended to a field, the whole district of Amsterdam, too vast and complex. Breaking it down into individual smaller projects is an optimal solution.

It shows the difficulty of implementing a project which is not shared or contrary to the identities or lifestyles of the local population. On the contrary, Green Connection project is good.

Helsinki grows and develops dispersely in the territory, but it is possible to make it compact thanks to planned follow-up actions.

The preservation of natural elements is a fundamental condition in any urban redevelopment project.

Architectural homogenization and destruction of cultural peculiarities of place are dangers to consider

Compared to other European cities, Copenhagen is relatively «sprawling», but it has a high proportion of the low population density areas. The growth in recent decades and the future expansion consolidate local suburban development and urbanization of rural areas.

Inside, they are implemented Green redevelopment projects.

The success of these interventions is due to the Finger Plan and urban economic development, not towards the inland areas, but to the Scandinavian peninsula

OBJECTIVE

To point out good practices of government regulation of these new and heterogeneous territories.

METHODS

Comparative study of some projects of territorial government tried out in Europe. Of these, I deepen some of the most relevant.

