Lessons from review in Ghent

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On the Process and the Methodology

- Open conversation with peers
- Open conversation with experts
- Critical friends
- Exchange of good practices
- Networking effect
- Process is too short to ‘evaluate’ in depth
In Ghent

• Involve stakeholders from the start of every project: tailor made support
• Match priorities of a funding programme to those of the city and perform reality check in projects: invest more in project preparation
• Full role for cities in post 2020-programmation+partnership with regional level v top-down approach
On Ghent

• Ghent has an integrated strategy but is it also followed up?
• Strategic funding office: ESF and other schemes not mentioned?
• Community-Led Local Development
• Vertical co-ordination of integrated strategy? Regional level?