

FIRST ACTION PROGRAMME FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TERRITORIAL AGENDA OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

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Code

LA 1 - To implement the TA in the areas of competence of the Ministers at EU and MS level

Act 1.1

Action Name

PREPARE AND PROMOTE POLICY OPTIONS TO FOSTER COORDINATION BETWEEN SPATIAL AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE LIGHT OF THE TERRITORIAL AGENDA AND THE LEIPZIG CHARTER AT EU AND MS LEVELS

1 Description

Territorial cohesion and urban development policies both aim at implementing sustainable development goals and addressing territorial challenges. Improved coordination between both policies could contribute to greater synergies and better implementation of common goals.

The objective of this task is to propose options for coordinating the territorial and urban development with the aim to enhance the effectiveness of both policies at EU and MS levels.

The activity will focus on:

<u>Identification of common topics</u> between territorial and urban development, implementing the territorial priorities from the TA and strategies from the LC.

<u>Examination of possibilities for coordination</u>, complemented with case studies such as urbanrural relationships and examples of addressing the territorial challenges.

2 Expected outcomes

Policy options for coordination between the territorial and urban development at EU and MS levels, foreseen to be agreed upon at the ministerial meeting under the French presidency.

3 ToR for action implementation

Working paper setting down the concept and the main structure of the policy options for coordination will be prepared during Slovene presidency and confirmed at the Directors General meeting in Ljubljana, 13 to 14 May 2008.

Further development of proposal on the basis of the responses to the working paper by the MS, EU institutions and other stakeholders, and presented at the ministerial meeting under the French presidency.

Setting up of a core task group, involving interested MS, the European Commission and other interested EU institutions and stakeholders.



4	Responsibility for implementation
	Slovenia + Acting Presidency
5	Partners in implementation
	Portugal, Belgium, other Member States (to be indicated later), Norway, European Commission, other EU institutions, and other interested stakeholders.
6	Target groups
	Member States, European Commission, other EU institutions, decision makers at national, regional and local level, stakeholders.
7	Time-frame
	Foreseen 2007 - 2008
8	Related actions / lines of action (from AP1)
	Act 1.2, Act 1.3, Act 1.4, all actions in LA2, Act 5.3
9	Related territorial priorities (from TA)
	All
10	Related territorial challenges (from TA)
	All
11	Type of action (see chapter 4, TA)
	Actions for close cooperation between the European Commission and EU Member States
12	Other remarks
	Existing information and knowledge shall be the predominant basis for the work to be carried out



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LA 1 - To implement the TA in the areas of competence of the Ministers at EU and MS level

Act 1.1a

Action Name

PREPARE AND PROMOTE GUIDELINES AND POLICY MEASURES TO FOSTER COORDINATION BETWEEN TERRITORIAL AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE LIGHT OF THE TA AND THE LC AT EU AND MS LEVEL

Urban-rural relations

1 Description

Cities which function as regional centres should cooperate as parts of a polycentric pattern to ensure their added value for other cities in rural and peripheral areas as well as for areas facing specific geographic challenges and needs (e.g. structurally weak parts of islands, coastal zones and mountainous areas).

In order to facilitate this process a better understanding of the structural and functional properties of urban-rural relations are needed. Important questions which should be addressed are: the functional strengthening of small and medium-sized cities, enhancing indigenous economic development so as to strengthen settlement patterns and strategies for improving of rural-urban relations.

2 Expected outcomes

Contribution to the TA thematic priority 1 – strengthening polycentric development and innovation through networking of city regions and cities.

Identification of obstacles, potentials and strategies for rural – urban cooperation.

Seminar / Conference on the outcomes together with the stakeholders. Input for the implementation strategy of the TA/AP1 on the ground.

- 3 ToR for action implementation
 - 1. Application for a ESPON study under priority 2 of the ESPON programme (see 12), in order to:
 - To clarify the potentials and particular obstacles of rural-urban development/cooperation and to identify strategies for rural-urban cooperation
 - to promote integration of the outcomes into regional development policies at the corresponding levels.

Dissemination information gained through websites of the stakeholders and actors concerned at European, national and regional / local levels.



4	Responsibility for implementation
	To be selected
5	Partners in implementation
	Partner search is open for Member States, Partner States of the ESPON 2013 Programme and regions.
6	Target groups
	Member and Partner States, EU Institutions, TA stakeholders, decision-makers at the national regional and local level, experts, wide public
7	Time-frame
	2008-2010
8	Related actions / lines of action (from AP1)
	All actions in LA1, LA2, LA4.
9	Related territorial priorities (from TA)
	Priority 1, 2, 3.
10	Related territorial challenges (from TA)
	All
11	Type of action (see chapter 4, TA)
	Actions for close cooperation between the European Commission and EU Member States, Actions for strengthening territorial cohesion in EU Member States, Joint activities by Ministers
12	Other remarks
	The initiative is taken by Norway. Norway proposes this as being a full member of the ESPON Programme. It could also regarded as a follow up of the ESPON project 1.1.2 Urban Rural.
	The action is based on an application for an ESPON project subject to decision of the ESPON Monitoring Committee.



Code

LA 1 - To implement the TA in the areas of competence of the Ministers at EU and MS level

Act 1.2

Action Name

REPORT ON THE INTEGRATION OF THE TERRITORIAL PRIORITIES AND CHALLENGES OF THE TA IN SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT POLICIES, PROGRAMMES AND PLANS AT MS AND CROSS-BORDER AND TRANSNATIONAL LEVEL

1 Description

By agreeing on the TA the Ministers took a commitment to implement its territorial priorities and to take in consideration the territorial challenges.

The implementation of these commitments in the Member States, at national, regional and local level, as well as in cross-border and transnational areas will be regularly assessed.

2 Expected outcomes

Assessment reports on the implementation of the territorial priorities of the TA in the spatial development policies, programmes and plans in the Member States at national, regional and local levels, as well as in cross-border and transnational areas.

Idem on the territorial challenges.

3 ToR for action implementation

Design a framework and a procedure to carry out the assessment.

The assessment will focus on the inclusion of the territorial priorities and the consideration of the territorial challenges in the design and implementation of spatial development policies, programmes and plans.

This will allow identifying difficulties in the TA implementation and taking the necessary actions.



4	Responsibility for implementation
	To be selected
5	Partners in implementation
	Partner search is open among Member States, EU institutions, stakeholders, cross-border and transnational areas
6	Target groups
	Member and Partner States, EU Institutions, TA stakeholders, decision-makers at the national regional and local level, experts, wide public
7	Time-frame
	2008-2010
8	Related actions / lines of action (from AP1)
	All the other actions in LA1, Act 2.1, LA3, LA4, LA5
9	Related territorial priorities (from TA)
	All
10	Related territorial challenges (from TA)
	All
11	Type of action (see chapter 4, TA)
	Joint activities by the Ministers; Close cooperation between the Ministers and the Commission.
12	Other remarks
	The design of the framework and procedure mentioned in # 3 shall be done in two stages:
	creation of an assessment template creation of a set of adequate indicators that will allow a better understanding of the
	creation of a set of adequate indicators that will allow a better understanding of the progress being made in the TA implementation (medium-term timeframe)
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LA 1 - To implement the TA in the areas of competence of the Ministers at EU and MS level

Act 1.2a

Action Name

REPORT ON THE INTEGRATION OF THE TERRITORIAL PRIORITIES AND CHALLENGES OF THE TA IN SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT POLICIES, PROGRAMMES AND PLANS AT MS AND CROSS-BORDER AND TRANSNATIONAL LEVEL

Polycentric cross-border metropolitan areas

1 Description

Metropolitan areas are seen as drivers for the territorial development in the national context.

In many national planning documents metropolitan areas are only nationally orientated. However border regions dispose of the potential for a polycentric cross-border metropolitan which would allow them to position themselves in the national and European context.

Identification of potentials such kind of polycentric cross-border metropolitan areas with case study regions of the Greater Region (Sarre-Lor-Lux), the Region Basel-Freiburg-Mulhouse and other interested cross-border are.

2 Expected outcomes

Contribution to the TA thematic priority 1 – strengthening polycentric development and innovation through networking of city regions and cities.

Identification of obstacles, potentials and strategies for polycentric cross-border metropolitan areas.

Seminar / Conference on the outcomes together with the stakeholders inputs for the implementation strategy of the TA/AP1 on the ground.

Support to strategy development in the case study regions.

3 ToR for action implementation

Application for a ESPON study under priority 2 of the ESPON programme (see 12) to clarify the potentials and particular obstacles of polycentric cross-border metropolitan areas, to identify strategies for polycentric cross-border metropolitan areas in order overcome obstacles and use the potentials. All in general and in particular for the regions collaborating in the actions.

Complementary INTERREG A, B or C support for concrete action has to be investigated.

Dissemination information gained through websites of the stakeholders and actors concerned at European, national and regional / local levels. www.territorial-agenda.eu



4	Responsibility for implementation
	Luxembourg (Ministry of the Interior and for Spatial Development in the framework of the
	presidency of the Greater Region)
5	Partners in implementation
3	Switzerland (Federal Office for Spatial Development). Partner search is open for
	regions/countries of the case study regions and for other interested countries with cross- border regions.
6	Target groups
	Member and Partner States, EU Institutions, TA stakeholders, decision-makers at the national regional and local level, experts, wide public
7	Time-frame
	2008-2010
8	Related actions / lines of action (from AP1)
	All actions in LA1, LA3, LA4.
9	Related territorial priorities (from TA)
	Priority 1.
10	Related territorial challenges (from TA)
	All
11	Type of action (see chapter 4, TA)
	Actions for close cooperation between the European Commission and EU Member States,
	Actions for strengthening territorial cohesion in EU Member States, Joint activities by the Ministers
12	Other remarks
	The initiative is taken by the Luxembourg in its function as the coming presidency of the
	Greater Region together with Switzerland. Due to the short notice to formulate initiatives for
	the AP1 Luxembourg and Switzerland are proposing this initiative and invite the
	countries/regions of their cross-border region to actively participate in this action.
	Furthermore, other interested countries and cross-border regions are welcomed to participate and to increase the case study regions.
	The action is based on an application for an ESPON project subject to decision of the
	ESPON Monitoring Committee.



Line of Action LA 1 - To implement the TA in the areas of competence of the Ministers at EU and MS level		Code Act 1.3	
ASSE	Action Name ASSESS HOW THE TERRITORIAL PRIORITIES AND CHALLENGES OF THE TA ARE BEING TAKEN IN CONSIDERATION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NSRF AND THE OPERATIONAL PROGRAMMES		
7	Note: to be filled at a later stage		
2	Expected outcomes		
3	ToR for action implementation		



4	Responsibility for implementation
5	Partners in implementation
6	Target groups
7	Time-frame
8	Related actions / lines of action (from AP1)
9	Related territorial priorities (from TA)
10	Related territorial challenges (from TA)
11	Type of action (see chapter 4, TA)
12	Other remarks



Code

LA 2 - To influence EU key dossiers and to give a territorial/urban dimension to sectoral policies

Act 2.1

Action Name

COOPERATE WITH THE EC TO USE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TCUM THEMATIC WORKING GROUPS TO ANALYSE KEY-DOSSIERS, POLICIES AND LEGISLATION AT MS AND EU LEVEL IN THE LIGHT OF THE TERRITORIAL AGENDA AND THE LEIPTIG CHARTER

1 Description

A series of thematic working groups created or to be created in the framework of TCUM will examine issues related to the TA and the LC, with particular attention to policy responses and instruments developed at national and European level to address those issues. This work will contribute to the implementation of the AP1 while facilitating exchange and identifying good practices.

Four TCUM thematic working groups will be established focusing on the themes central to the TA: climate change, urban sprawl, demography, and energy efficiency/renewable energy.

2 Expected outcomes

4 reports including:

- A short reminder of the main challenges related to the themes;
- Survey of the policies, instruments and approaches existing at national and European level to address those challenges;
- Identification of best practices.

3 ToR for action implementation

ToR will be determined by each thematic working group on the basis of the objectives referred to under # 2 and the methodology indicated under # 12 below.



Responsibility for implementation
The Lead Partners of the thematic TCUM Working Groups IT (demography), BE/CY (urban sprawl), NL/ES (co-chairs)/DE(coordinator) (climate change), EL (energy efficiency / alternative energy) and the Acting Presidency
Partners in implementation
Member States, European Commission.
Target groups
Member States, European Commission, other European institutions.
Time-frame
12 months (expected conclusion: end 2008).
Related actions / lines of action (from AP1)
All actions in LA1, all actions in LA2, Act 3.1, Act 3.2, Act 4.3, Act 5.2.
Related territorial priorities (from TA)
To be specified according to each theme.
Related territorial challenges (from TA)
To be specified according to each theme.
Type of action (see chapter 4, TA)
Actions for close cooperation between the European Commission and EU Member States.
Other remarks
The working groups will adopt a similar methodology, based on existing reference documents and previous research results, and on questionnaires focusing on policies conducted and instruments applied (e.g. for climate change: round tables, solidarity supporting systems) at national and European level.



Line of	Line of Action Code		
LA 2 - To influence EU key dossiers and to give a territorial/urban dimension to sectoral policies		Act 2.2	
Action Name SCOPE THE TERRITORIAL IMPACTS OF SELECTED SECTORAL POLICIES TOGETHER WITH SECTORAL POLICY-MAKERS AND JOINTLY ANALYSE THE INTRODUCTION OF TERRITORIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN THE POLICY PROCESS			
1	Description		
	Note: to be filled at a later stage		
2	Expected outcomes		
3	ToR for action implementation		



4	Responsibility for implementation
5	Partners in implementation
6	Target groups
7	Time-frame
8	Related actions / lines of action (from AP1)
9	Related territorial priorities (from TA)
10	Related territorial challenges (from TA)
11	Type of action (see chapter 4, TA)
12	Other remarks



Code

LA 2 - To influence EU key dossiers and to give a territorial/urban dimension to sectoral policies

Act 2.3a

Action Name

ANALYSE KEY-DOSSIERS, POLICIES AND LEGISLATION FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE REGIONS WITH SPECIFIC TERRITORIAL CONSTRAINTS

Valorisation of territorial diversity

1 Description

A key component of a comprehensive territorial cohesion policy would be to have a policy goal, which not only focuses on territorial cohesion as such, but also on territorial diversity i.e. that all regions (sparsely populated areas, islands, mountain areas etc) can and should contribute to policy goals and that maintaining the diversity of the European territory is a goal in itself.

Important questions to be addressed are how to develop regional comparative advantages, improving the foundation of development by supporting innovation, entrepreneurship, business environment etc. and accessibility.

2 Expected outcomes

Contribution to the TA thematic priority 1 – strengthening polycentric development and innovation through networking of city regions and cities.

Identification of obstacles, potentials and strategies for development of regions suffering from severe and permanent natural or natural handicaps.

Seminar / Conference on the outcomes together with the stakeholders. Input for the implementation strategy of the TA/AP1 on the ground.

3 ToR for action implementation

Application for a ESPON study under priority 2 of the ESPON programme together:

- To clarify the potentials and particular obstacles for development in regions suffering from natural handicaps
- To promote integration of the outcomes into regional development policies at the corresponding levels.

Dissemination information gained through websites of the stakeholders and actors concerned at European, national and regional / local levels.



4	Responsibility for implementation Norway and Acting Presidency.
5	Partners in implementation Norway (Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development). Partner search is open for regions, Member and Partner States
6	Target groups Member and Partner States, EU Institutions, TA stakeholders, decision-makers at the national regional and local level, experts, wide public.
7	Time-frame 2008-2011
8	Related actions / lines of action (from AP1) All actions in LA1, LA2, LA4
9	Related territorial priorities (from TA) Priority 1, 2, 3, 5, 6
10	Related territorial challenges (from TA) All
11	Type of action (see chapter 4, TA) Actions for close cooperation between the European Commission and EU Member States, Actions for strengthening territorial cohesion in EU Member States, Joint activities by Ministers
12	Other remarks The initiative is taken by Norway. Norway proposes this as being a full member of the ESPON Programme.



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LA 2 - To influence EU key dossiers and to give a territorial/urban dimension to sectoral policies

Act 2.3b

Action Name

ANALYSE KEY-DOSSIERS, POLICIES AND LEGISLATION FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE REGIONS WITH SPECIFIC TERRITORIAL CONSTRAINTS

European mountain areas

1 Description

Mountain areas represent a great reservoir of European diversity, in both environmental and cultural terms. They also share common problems linked to their geographical situation. New challenges such as increasing economic competition, demographic change and climate change have arisen and will do so in the future. The impact is especially tangible in mountain areas and therefore needs specific integrated responses.

Many documents related to mountain development are only nationally orientated whereas there is clearly a European dimension. Mountain regions are very diverse and their development potential is diverse yet analysis is commonly constrained to a very low level of desegregation making it difficult to accurately reflect this diversity. This action shall help to analyse the mountain areas in Europe.

Important questions to be addressed are how to develop regional comparative advantages, improving the foundation of development by supporting innovation, entrepreneurship, business environment etc. and accessibility.

2 Expected outcomes

- Development of a platform of knowledge (ESPON 2013 Programme)
- Analysis of the different potentials and situations of the mountain areas
- Seminar/Conference with different stakeholder on the outcomes
- Definition of common trends and policy impacts from the point of view of territorial cohesion and sustainable spatial development
- Elaboration of policy recommendations

3 ToR for action implementation

Application for a ESPON study under priority 2 of the ESPON programme (see 12), in order to:

- identify strategies in order to overcome obstacles and make effective use of the potentials
- promote integration of the outcomes into spatial development policies at the corresponding levels.

Dissemination of the outcomes, namely through websites of the stakeholders and actors concerned at European, national and regional / local levels.



4	Responsibility for implementation
	EUROMONTANA
5	Partners in implementation
	European mountain regions, Norway (Ministry of Local Government and Regional
	Development)
6	Target groups
	Member and Partner States, EU Institutions, TA stakeholders, decision-makers at the
	national regional and local level, experts, wide public
7	Time-frame
	2008-2011
8	Related actions / lines of action (from AP1)
	Act 1.1, 1.2, Act 2.2, Act 2.3, all LA3, all LA4, all LA5
9	Related territorial priorities (from TA)
	All
10	Related territorial challenges (from TA)
	All
11	Type of action (see chapter 4, TA)
	Actions for close cooperation between the European Commission and EU Member States,
	Actions for strengthening territorial cohesion in EU Member States, Joint activities by Ministers
12	Other remarks
	The initiative is taken by:
	 Switzerland, as this initiative is a result of MONTESPON (ECP transnational networking activity) held in September 2006 in Lucerne. Switzerland proposes this
	action in its function as member of the EUROMONTANA network as well as being full member of the ESPON Programme.
	Norway as a full member of the ESPON Programme.
	The action is based on making use of the ESPON Programme that is subject to
	decision of the ESPON Monitoring Committee.



Code

LA 2 - To influence EU key dossiers and to give a territorial/urban dimension to sectoral policies

Act 2.3c

Action Name

ANALYSE KEY-DOSSIERS, POLICIES AND LEGISLATION FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE REGIONS WITH SPECIFIC TERRITORIAL CONSTRAINTS

European islands

1 Description

Islands' development lies within the wider context of the EU territorial cohesion that among other things fosters territorial diversity i.e. that all regions (including sparsely populated areas, islands, mountain areas, etc) can and should contribute to policy goals and that maintaining the diversity of the European territory is a goal in itself.

Islands share common problems and exhibit particular structural characteristics that distinguish them from other regions with territorial constraints (e.g. accessibility, vulnerable environment, small size, remote market). They are also affected, in an observable way, by the challenges of climate change, demographic change, economic pressures, increasing energy prices, illegal migration, etc.

The above call for a methodical analysis of the reality that the islands phase in order to recommend appropriate policies and measures based on solid facts.

2 Expected outcomes

- Analysis of the current situation of the islands (geographical, social, economic, environmental conditions).
- Identification of the weaknesses, potentials and strengths of the islands.
- Preparation of strategic guidelines for the development of islands, especially the remote islands or the very small islands.

Elaboration of policy recommendations.

3 ToR for action implementation

Joint application for an ESPON study under Priority 2 of the ESPON programme (see 12):

- Analysis of the problems and the particular constraints for development that the islands phase.
- Study of the impact new challenges have on the insular areas' development, such as
 accessibility, the climate change, economic pressures for restructuring, increasing
 energy prices, as well as the aggravation of water famine, illegal migration.
- Analysis of the policies applied to regions with specific territorial constraints focusing on the ones specified for the insular areas; analysis of the policies' impact; investigation of the potential for improvement of these policies.
- Promotion of the outcomes in order to be incorporated into the regional development policies at the corresponding levels.

Dissemination of the results to the relevant stakeholders and actors at European, national and regional/ local level.



4	Responsibility for implementation
	Greece and the Acting Presidency.
5	Partners in implementation
	CPRM, ESIN, INSULEUR (to be confirmed)
6	Target groups
	Member and Partner States, EU Institutions, stakeholders, decision-makers at the national regional and local level.
7	Time-frame
	2008-2011
8	Related actions / lines of action (from AP1)
	All actions in LA1, LA3, LA4.
9	Related territorial priorities (from TA)
	Priority 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.
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10	Related territorial challenges (from TA) All.
	All.
11	Type of action (see chapter 4, TA)
	Actions for a close cooperation between the European Commission, the E.U. Member States and relevant stakeholders.
12	Other remarks
	The initiative is taken by Greece. Greece proposes this as being a full member of the ESPON Programme.
	Other interested countries are welcomed to participate.
	The action is based on making use of the ESPON Programme that is subject to decision of the ESPON Monitoring Committee.



Code

LA 2 - To influence EU key dossiers and to give a territorial/urban dimension to sectoral policies

Act 2.4

Action Name

PREPARE AND PROMOTE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE MINISTERS TO THE DEBATE ON THE MOST RELEVANT EU KEY DOSSIERS FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF SUSTAINABLE SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT AND TERRITORIAL COHESION

1 Description

Preparation of contributions of the Ministers responsible for spatial planning and development to facilitate the EU-wide debate on EU key dossiers from a territorial point of view.

This action ought to be implemented according to the priorities on the EU key-dossiers established in Chapter 3 of the 1st Action Programme, taking in consideration the timeframe of each dossier.

2 Expected outcomes

Common contribution papers on the most relevant EU key dossiers (namely, the Lisbon Agenda, the EU Sustainable Development Strategy, the Common Agricultural Policy (Rural Development Policy and the CAP "health-check" of 2008), the Transport Policy, the important issue of climate change and the Cohesion Policy).

3 ToR for action implementation

For each key dossier:

- Preparation of a technical paper laying down arguments to base the Ministers position;
- Preparation of a draft contribution paper;
- Submission of the document to the Ministers for agreement.



4	Responsibility for implementation
	Acting Presidency + other Member State(s)
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5	Partners in implementation
	Member States, Candidate Countries, stakeholders (not EU Institutions)
6	Target groups
	EU Institutions, National Governments
7	Time-frame
	2007-2011
8	Related actions / lines of action (from AP1)
	LA2, LA3, LA4, LA5
9	Related territorial priorities (from TA)
	All
10	Related territorial challenges (from TA)
	All
11	Type of action (see chapter 4, TA)
	Joint activities by the Ministers
12	Other remarks



Code

LA 2 - To influence EU key dossiers and to give a territorial/urban dimension to sectoral policies

2.4a

Action Name

PREPARE AND PROMOTE COMMON CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE MINISTERS TO THE DEBATE ON THE MOST RELEVANT EU KEY DOSSIERS FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF SUSTAINABLE SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT AND TERRITORIAL COHESION *Contribution by the Ministers responsible for spatial planning and development to the on-going public discussion on the Green Paper "Adapting to climate change in Europe – options for EU*

1 Description

Public debate on the EC Green Paper "Adapting to climate change in Europe – options for EU is open until November 30.

This action regards the preparation of a "common contribution paper" to be agreed by the Ministers at the Informal Ministerial in Ponta Delgada, on the 23 November, as a contribution to the above-mentioned public debate.

2 Expected outcomes

Ministers contribution to the debate on climate change, as a step towards influencing EU policies on this issue.

Increased awareness (both general and public) on the contribution of spatial planning and development to adapting to climate change.

Making a practical example of the TA implementation.

3 ToR for action implementation

The "common contribution paper" shall focus on highlighting the contribution of spatial planning and development to adapting to climate change and the importance of a territorially-based approach when addressing this issue.



4	Responsibility for implementation
	Portugal (as acting presidency).
5	Partners in implementation
	The Member States.
6	Target groups
	EU Institutions, TA stakeholders, decision-makers at the national regional and local level, experts, wide public
7	Time-frame
	2007
8	Related actions / lines of action (from AP1)
	Other actions in LA2.
9	Related territorial priorities (from TA)
	Priority 1.
10	Related territorial challenges (from TA)
	All.
11	Type of action (see chapter 4, TA)
	Actions for a close cooperation between the European Commission and the EU Member and Partner States (EU Programmes for Territorial Cooperation).
12	Other remarks
	This initiative was discussed and agreed with the MS that previously expressed interest to participate in the TCUM thematic working group on climate change.



Line of Action

LA 2 - To influence EU key dossiers and to give a territorial/urban dimension to sectoral policies

Act 2.4b

Action Name

PREPARE AND PROMOTE COMMON POSITION PAPERS AND PROPOSALS AS A CONTRIBUTION OF THE MINISTERS TO THE DEBATE ON THE MOST RELEVANT EU KEY DOSSIERS FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF SUSTAINABLE SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT AND TERRITORIAL COHESION

Key dossier: debate on the future of EU cohesion policy

1 Description

The public consultation on the future of the EU Cohesion policy is open until 31st January 2008.

This action regards the preparation of a common contribution to be agreed by the Ministers as a contribution to the above-mentioned public debate.

2 Expected outcomes

Ministers contribution to the debate on the future of regional policy. Making a practical example of the TA implementation.

- 3 ToR for action implementation
 - Preparation of a technical paper laying down arguments to base the Ministers position;
 - Preparation of a draft contribution paper;
 - Submission of the document to the Ministers for agreement.



4	Responsibility for implementation
	To be selected
5	Partners in implementation
	Strong partnership from France (upcoming presidency) and CPMR
	Other MS and stakeholders
6	Target groups
	EU Institutions, TA stakeholders, decision-makers at the national regional and local level, experts, wide public
7	Time-frame
	2007 / January 2008
8	Related actions / lines of action (from AP1)
	Other actions in LA2.
9	Related territorial priorities (from TA)
10	Related territorial challenges (from TA)
11	Type of action (see chapter 4, TA)
12	Other remarks
	This action is proposed by the CPMR



Code

LA 3 - To strengthen multi-level territorial governance at EU and MS level

Act 3.1

Action Name

DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT A STRATEGY TO PROMOTE TRANSPARENT DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES IN THE ADMINISTRATION AND WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STAKEHOLDERS AS WELL AS NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS ON TERRITORIAL POLICIES AT EU AND MS LEVEL

1 Description

An important development over the last years has been increased globalization. An important element answering these developments is more governance. A multilevel (at national and regional level, but also at European level) governance should contribute to more effective and transparent decision-making process on territorial relevant policies involving public and private stakeholders.

Key challenges for territorial governance are to create horizontal and vertical cooperation/coordination between (i) various levels of government (ii) sectoral policies with territorial impact and (iii) governmental and nongovernmental organizations and citizens..

2 Expected outcomes

Contribution to the TA thematic priority 2 (elaboration of new forms of partnership and territorial governance)

Investigating into the institutional and instrumental aspects of implementation of territorial and urban policies in Europe, and in particular i) benchmarking activities to identify "governance reality" within MS and within policies and ii) assessing the consequences of the inscription of the concept of territorial cohesion in the new Treaty in terms of governance, to implement a strategy of transparent decision-making processes on spatial and urban development policies

- 3 ToR for action implementation
 - 1) Application for a ESPON study under priority 2 of the ESPON programme (see 12), in order to:
 - clarify the institutional and instrumental aspects of implementation of territorial and urban policies at regional, national and EU-level
 - promote integration of the outcomes into regional development policies at the corresponding levels.
 - 2) Design a strategy to promote transparent decision-making processes on spatial and urban development policies at EU and MS level



4	Responsibility for implementation
	ESPON Monitoring Committee + Acting Presidency
5	Partners in implementation
	Partner search is open for Member States, ESPON Partner States and regions.
	Active partnership from CPMR
6	Target groups
	Member and Partner States, EU Institutions, TA stakeholders, decision-makers at the national regional and local level.
7	Time-frame
	2008-2012
8	Related actions / lines of action (from AP1)
	LA1, LA2, LA4, LA5
9	Related territorial priorities (from TA)
	Priority 2
10	Related territorial challenges (from TA)
	All.
11	Type of action (see chapter 4, TA)
	Actions for close cooperation between the European Commission and EU Member States, Actions for strengthening territorial cohesion in EU Member States, Joint activities by
	Ministers
12	Other remarks
	The initiative is taken by Norway and CPMR.
	This action should consider the cooperation with the EU High-Level Group on Governance.
	Norway proposes this as being a full member of the ESPON Programme. The project could build on ESPON project 2.3.2 Governance of Territorial and Urban Policies from EU to local
	level.
	The action is based on making use of the ESPON Programme that is subjected to
	decision of the ESPON Monitoring Committee.



Code

LA 3 - To strengthen multi-level territorial governance at EU and MS level

Act 3.2

Action Name

CONVENE WITH SELECTED STAKEHOLDERS ON THEIR COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENT TA TERRITORIAL PRIORITIES IN THEIR OWN ACTION PROGRAMMES AND INITIATIVES

1 Description

Start a political dialogue with selected stakeholders on the integration of TA's territorial priorities in their own action programmes and activities.

Establish agreements on that matter.

Follow-up the agreements by establishing practical cooperative activities around selected themes.

2 Expected outcomes

A broader and faster dissemination of the objectives of the TA.

A more consistent and sustainable implementation of the TA at EU and MS level.

A contribution to the awareness-raising strategy (see Act 5.3).

Feed-back for the mid-term review of the TA.

3 ToR for action implementation

The agreement shall state generally how the stakeholders will implement the TA's priorities within their own action programmes and activities and the time frame of that implementation.



4	Responsibility for implementation
	Portugal
5	Partners in implementation
	The troika presidency (later, the team presidency)
6	Target groups
	The NTCCP members other than the MS
7	Time-frame
	2007-2011
8	Related actions / lines of action (from AP1)
	All actions in LA1 and Actions 2.2, 2.4, 3.2, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4
9	Related territorial priorities (from TA)
	All territorial priorities
10	Related territorial challenges (from TA)
	Not relevant
11	Type of action (see chapter 4, TA)
12	Other remarks
	Selected stakeholders within the NTCCP can lead the way in implementing this action.
	A standard minute of agreement should be prepared for the dialogue with the selected stakeholders.



Code

LA 3 - To strengthen multi-level territorial governance at EU and MS level

Act 3.2a

Action Name

CONVENE WITH SELECTED STAKEHOLDERS ON THEIR COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENT TA TERRITORIAL PRIORITIES IN THEIR OWN ACTION PROGRAMMES AND INITIATIVES

Urban development priorities

1 Description

Cities in Europe play a central role in economic growth, employment and competitivity. But they are, at the same time, confronted with serious difficulties: inegalitarian urban development, creation of zones of economic and social relegation, degradation of the environment, insecurity, erosion of the social link. URBACT, a Community Initiative Programme facilitates the networking between cities from all the Member States and Norway, Switzerland in order to to develop a transnational exchanges and to draw lessons from the analysis of their experiences, policies implemented locally and to propose innovative approaches to difficult issues. Those innovative solutions shall be disseminated towards the actors in all European cities the experiences in those different areas, the lessons learned and the resulting proposals for approach.

2 Expected outcomes

Contribution to the TA thematic priority 1 and 2.

Cooperation projects within URBACT programme.

Seminar / Conference on the outcomes together with the stakeholders inputs for the implementation strategy.

Improving relevant policies and networks.

3 ToR for action implementation

Assessing current policies and designing the future policies for the EU.

Call for projects within URBACT Programme (see 12).



4	Responsibility for implementation
	URBACT steering committee.
5	Partners in implementation
	URBACT projects.
6	Target groups
	Member and Partner States, EU Institutions, TA stakeholders, decision-makers at the "urban" level.
7	Time-frame
	2008-2011
8	Related actions / lines of action (from AP1)
	All actions in LA1, LA2, LA3, LA4.
9	Related territorial priorities (from TA)
	Priority 1, 2, 3, 6.
10	Related territorial challenges (from TA)
	All
11	Type of action (see chapter 4, TA)
	Actions for strengthening territorial cohesion (European Territorial Cooperation Programme URBACT).
12	Other remarks
	This was discussed and agreed with the URBACT secretariat. The committee member from Switzerland prepared the action template.
	The proposed action has to be agreed by the URBACT Monitoring Committee, within the URBACT institutional framework and on the basis of URBACT management arrangements



Code

LA 3 - To strengthen multi-level territorial governance at EU and MS level

Act 3.2b

Action Name

CONVENE WITH SELECTED STAKEHOLDERS ON THEIR COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENT TA TERRITORIAL PRIORITIES IN THEIR OWN ACTION PROGRAMMES AND INITIATIVES

Potential impacts of climate change on spatial development and key economic sectors in the Alpine Space

1 Description

According to recent climate change models, global warming will affect the Alpine Space stronger than other regions in Europe. The expected increase of natural hazards due to the impact of climate change will endanger settlements, infrastructure and human life alike. One of the key challenges that can be answered by a transnational approach is the development of new prediction and mitigation models of climate change effects. This together with planning and technical measures can considerably improve hazard prevention. As important economic factors (e.g. preserved environment as core element of attractive tourist destinations, natural resources as sources of energy) the natural and cultural landscapes shall not only be subject to protection but also to wise management and enhancement.

2 Expected outcomes

Contribution to the TA thematic priority 5 – Trans-European Risk Management including the impacts of Climate Change.

Cooperation projects within European territorial cooperation programme Alpinespace.

Seminar / Conference on the outcomes together with the stakeholders inputs for the implementation strategy.

Improving relevant policies, instruments and administrative structures and networks.

3 ToR for action implementation

Assessing current policies and designing the future policies for the EU.

Call for projects within the transnational programme Alpinespace (see 12)



4	Responsibility for implementation
	Programme Committee Alpinespace.
5	Partners in implementation
	All Alpinespace countries.
6	Target groups
	Member and Partner States, EU Institutions, TA stakeholders, decision-makers at the national regional and local level, experts, wide public
7	Time-frame
	2008-2011
8	Related actions / lines of action (from AP1)
	All actions in LA1, LA2, LA3, LA4.
9	Related territorial priorities (from TA)
	Priority 5.
10	Related territorial challenges (from TA)
	All.
11	Type of action (see chapter 4, TA)
	Actions for a close cooperation between the European Commission and the EU Member and Partner States (EU Programmes for Territorial Cooperation).
12	Other remarks
	This was discussed and agreed with the chair of the programme committee and the other members of the Alpinespace programme committee are informed. The committee member from Switzerland prepared the action template.
	Subject to the Alpinespace institutional framework and on the basis of Alpinespace management arrangements



Code

LA 4 - To compare and assess the territorial state, perspectives, trends and policy impacts in the EU and MS from the point of view of territorial cohesion and sustainable spatial development

Act 4.1

Action Name

USE, WITHIN ITS INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK AND ON THE BASIS OF ITS MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS, THE ESPON 2013 PROGRAMME TO DEVELOP A ROBUST PLATFORM OF KNOWLEDGE ON TERRITORIAL STATE, PERSPECTIVES, TRENDS AND POLICY IMPACTS IN THE EU AND MS FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF TERRITORIAL COHESION AND SUSTAINABLE SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT

1 Description

The aim is to increase the understanding of territorial dynamics and provide European covering comparable information related to the state, trends, perspectives and policy impacts relevant for the competitiveness of regions and cities and for territorial cohesion. The action will cover applied research, targeted analysis and scientific work supporting a platform of data, indicators, models, methodologies and tools. In addition research on themes proposed by policy demand will be decided by the ESPON Monitoring Committee. Partnerships with stakeholders will support a European perspective to processes at their level. The progress on data, indicators etc. will be commissioned in separate actions as scientific support.

2 Expected outcomes

The results will bring additional evidence to policy development. Output of the ESPON Programme will support the other lines of action in sustaining the relevance of the territorial dimension in sectoral policies and at all governmental levels.

Seminar / Conference on the outcomes together with the stakeholders. Input for the implementation strategy of the TA/AP1 on the ground.

3 ToR for action implementation

The action will include screenings of interest for applied research themes and targeted analysis. It will include a substantial cooperation with the scientific community and the ESPON Contact Point network. A substantial number of Calls for Proposals will be launched. It will as well be supported by capitalisation activities including numerous events, publications and dissemination via digital media.



4	Responsibility for implementation
7	The ESPON Monitoring Committee and the Luxembourg ESPON Managing Authority in
	cooperation with the European Commission.
5	Partners in implementation
	All 27 EU Member States and the Commission are main partners in carrying through the action. The 4 Partner States in the ESPON 2013 Programme will be involved as well.
6	Target groups
	The main target groups are the policy makers at all levels as well as the scientific community
	dealing with applied territorial research and analysis.
7	Time-frame
	2007-2013
8	Related actions / lines of action (from AP1)
	All.
9	Related territorial priorities (from TA)
	All.
10	Related territorial challenges (from TA)
	Climate change, energy price, demographic trends, the European urban system and the functionality of individual cities, development opportunities of rural areas
11	Type of action (see chapter 4, TA)
	Actions for close cooperation between the European Commission and EU Member States
12	Other remarks
	In the targeted analysis envisaged as well as in several events a broad participation of representatives of SF programmes, regions and cities carried and research institutions will complement the picture.
	The action is based on making use of the ESPON Programme that is subject to decision of the ESPON Monitoring Committee.



Code

LA 4 - To compare and assess the territorial state, perspectives, trends and policy impacts in the EU and MS from the point of view of territorial cohesion and sustainable spatial development

Act 4.2

Action Name

USE, WITHIN ITS INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK AND ON THE BASIS OF ITS MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS, THE ESPON 2013 PROGRAMME AND THE OTHER EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL TERRITORIAL AND URBAN NETWORKS AND FORA INCLUDING THE OECD TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT OF TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COHESION FROM 2008 ONWARDS

1 Description

The aim is to establish a permanent monitoring and assessment of European territorial dynamics in order to support territorially related policies at European level as well as in Member states. The monitoring shall materialise in regular reporting on state, trends, perspectives and impact of policies which can be useful for policy development. The monitoring and assessment shall provide basic information on socio-economic, environmental and cultural factors. It shall provide assessments of effects on certain types of territories, regions and cities, and it shall provide assessments of the territorial dynamics in relation to European policy aims and strategies, in particular related to territorial cohesion and the Lisbon/Gothenburg strategy.

2 Expected outcomes

The results will bring a new dimension to policy making by providing structured and comparable information about the development in different territories, regions and cities. During the implementation, territorial indicators will be defined and time series emerge. The information will be compiled in Territorial Monitoring reports, available every second year, starting in 2009.

3 ToR for action implementation

The action will be anchored with the ESPON 2013 Programme (see 12) where all EU Member States, Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Liechtenstein in cooperation with the European Commission will define a project specification for the monitoring and assessment and preparation of Monitoring reports. The project specification will include the obligation to cooperate with and include relevant information existing in other European territorial and urban networks. The project specification will be part of a Call for Proposals that will be launched in 2008. The ESPON Monitoring reports once they are published will as well be supported by capitalisation activities including numerous events, publications and dissemination via digital media.



4	Responsibility for implementation The ESPON Monitoring Committee and the Luxembourg ESPON Managing Authority in cooperation with the European Commission.
5	Partners in implementation All 27 EU Member States and the Commission are main partners in carrying through the action. The 4 Partner States in the ESPON 2013 Programme will be involved as well.
6	Target groups The main target groups are the policy makers at all levels as well as the scientific community dealing with applied territorial research and analysis.
7	Time-frame 2008-2013
8	Related actions / lines of action (from AP1) All.
9	Related territorial priorities (from TA) All.
10	Related territorial challenges (from TA) All.
11	Type of action (see chapter 4, TA) Actions for close cooperation between the European Commission and EU Member States
12	Other remarks In the targeted analysis envisaged as well as in several events a broad participation of representatives of SF programmes, regions and cities carried and research institutions will complement the picture. The action is based on making use of the ESPON Programme that is subjected to decision of the ESPON Monitoring Committee.



Line of Action LA 4 - To compare and assess the territorial state, perspectives, trends and policy impacts in the EU and MS from the point of view of territorial cohesion and sustainable spatial development Action Name UPDATE THE TERRITORIAL STATE AND PERSPECTIVES OF THE EU (TSP) BEFORE THE TA MID-TERM REVIEW IN 2011		
7	Note: to be completed at a later stage	
2	Expected outcomes	
3	ToR for action implementation	



4	Responsibility for implementation
5	Partners in implementation
6	Target groups
7	Time-frame
8	Related actions / lines of action (from AP1)
9	Related territorial priorities (from TA)
10	Related territorial challenges (from TA)
11	Type of action (see chapter 4, TA)
12	Other remarks



Code

LA 5 - To coordinate and monitor AP1 implementation, assess and review the TA and AP1 and to develop a communication and awareness raising strategy on territorial cohesion and sustainable spatial development

Act 5.1

Action Name

COORDINATE, MONITOR AND ASSESS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AP1

1 Description

Take political and technical action, in dialogue with the troika, to ensure a timely and coordinated implementation of the actions stated in AP1.

Stimulate those entrusted with the responsibility of carrying out specific actions or tasks to perform according to programmed schedules and keep the TA Internet site updated.

Keep the NTCCP informed on AP1 implementation and the NTCCP database updated.

Prepare and apply, in dialogue with the troika, criteria for monitoring and assessing AP1 implementation.

Prepare progress reports and present them to the Informal Ministerial Meetings

2 Expected outcomes

A timely and well coordinated implementation of AP1, with an active involvement of the MS and other NTCCP members

A set of criteria for monitoring and assessing AP1 implementation

Progress reports on AP1 implementation

3 ToR for action implementation



4	Responsibility for implementation
7	
	The acting presidency, in dialogue with the other members of the troika (later, the team presidency)
5	Partners in implementation
	The other members of the troika (later, the team presidency)
6	Target groups
	The NTCCP members; the MS and other NTCCP members entrusted with the responsibility of carrying out specific actions or tasks; other entities interested in TA and AP1
7	Time-frame
	2007-2011
8	Related actions / lines of action (from AP1)
	All actions
9	Related territorial priorities (from TA)
	Not relevant
10	Related territorial challenges (from TA)
	Not relevant
11	Type of action (see chapter 4, TA)
	Not relevant
12	Other remarks
	Coordinating the implementation of AP1 is a most relevant and necessary task that has a high priority when deciding on each acting presidency programme.
	Coordinating the political and technical dimensions in implementing each specific action is a subsidiary responsibility of the acting presidency
	Timely programming of the tasks involved in coordinating, monitoring and assessing the implementation of AP1 during each 18-month period and agreement on specific goals by each troika (later each team presidency) is of major importance.
	Realistic allocation of the presidency resources (political and technical) to the programmed tasks is necessary.



Code

LA 5 - To coordinate and monitor AP1 implementation, assess and review the TA and AP1 and to develop a communication and awareness raising strategy on territorial cohesion and sustainable spatial development

Act 5.2

Action Name

DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT A COMMUNICATION AND AWARENESS-RAISING STRATEGY ON TERRITORIAL COHESION AND SUSTAINABLE SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT

1 Description

Design a consistent communication and awareness-raising strategy

Regularly provide up-dated information about the implementation of the TA and AP1 and main achievements to the NTCCP members, selected target groups and the public

Disseminate information on the TA and AP1 through websites of the stakeholders and actors concerned by the implementation of the TA at European, national and regional / local levels.

Organize events (seminars, conferences, workshops, press conferences) on topics related to TA and AP1 and their relationships with the LC and other policy documents

2 Expected outcomes

Regular dissemination of information about the TA and AP1 processes and achievements

Expanding the existing site <u>www.territorial-agenda.eu</u> and linking it with other EU, national, regional and local /city websites

Organization of thematic events

3 ToR for action implementation

Transfer of the website <u>www.territorial-agenda.eu</u> to the following presidencies

Design of a network infrastructure to link the existing relevant territorial websites and creation of a technological platform to support information and communication among all concerned with the TA

Create procedures for permanent updating of websites related to the TA of MS, EU Institutions and Stakeholders with information on the TA and AP1 implementation

Promote thematic events related to: (i) territorial cohesion, (ii) territorial priorities of the TA; (iii) territorial challenges of the TA, (iv) lines of action of AP1.



4	Responsibility for implementation
	Each acting Presidency
5	Partners in implementation
	Selected MS (to coordinate the design of the communication and awareness-raising strategy)
6	Target groups
	MS, EU Institutions, TA stakeholders, territorial cooperation networks, decision-makers, experts, wide public
7	Time-frame
	2008-2011
8	Related actions / lines of action (from AP1)
	All actions in all lines of action.
9	Related territorial priorities (from TA)
	All territorial priorities.
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10	Related territorial challenges (from TA)
	All territorial challenges.
11	Type of action (see chapter 4, TA)
	Close cooperation between the European Commission and EU Member States,
	Strengthening territorial cohesion in EU Member States and Joint actions by the Ministers
12	Other remarks
	Example of events: organization, by Germany, of a Conference on "Territorial and Economy", Spring 2008.
	Example of possibly interested organisations outside the NTCCP: the Council of Europe CEMAT, the OECD and the European Council of Town Planners.



Code

LA 5 - To coordinate and monitor AP1 implementation, assess and review the TA and AP1 and to develop a communication and awareness raising strategy on territorial cohesion and sustainable spatial development

Act 5.3

Action Name

EVALUATE AND REVIEW THE TERRITORIAL AGENDA IN 2011

1 Description

In accordance with the paragraph 45 of the TA in the first half of 2011 the TA has to be evaluated and reviewed.

There is a need for the assessment of how the aims of the Territorial Agenda have been achieved, taking into account all the results of the implementation of the First Action Programme. In addition, the continuously changing environment also requires the revision of the Territorial Agenda in order to better adapting to the challenges. Last but not leas, based on the future state and perspectives of the EU it might be necessary to rethink the priorities of the Territorial Agenda, adopted in 2007.

2 Expected outcomes

A revised Territorial Agenda of the EU

3 ToR for action implementation

The action has to be based on the updated TSP (see act 4.3) and the assessment of the implementation of the AP1 (see act 5.4).



4	Responsibility for implementation
	Hungarian EU Presidency
5	Partners in implementation
	All Members States, European Commission, other European Institutions, other stakeholders
6	Target groups
	All Members States, European Commission, other European Institutions, other stakeholders
7	Time-frame
	first half of 2011
8	Related actions / lines of action (from AP1)
	Directly: Act 4.2, Act 4.3, Act 5.4; Indirectly: all the actions
9	Related territorial priorities (from TA)
	All
10	Related territorial challenges (from TA)
	All
11	Type of action (see chapter 4, TA)
	Joint action by the Ministers, in close cooperation between the European Commission and EU Member States, in dialogue with the stakeholders
12	Other remarks
	Examples of events: organisation, by Germany, of a Conference on "Territorial and Economy", Spring 2008.
	Examples of possibly interested organisations outside the NTCCP: the Council of Europe CEMAT, the European Council of Town Planners.