Metropolitan and cross-border functionality

Definitions, examples and methodologies for post-2020 programming

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// Welcome

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// Mission and background

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1. Background and Food For Thought: The European Urban Knowledge Network (EUKN EGTC), the Urban Agenda for the EU and the new Leipzig Charter (2020)

2. Background and Food For Thought: some thoughts and considerations by/on behalf of ESPON
LEIPZIG CHARTER on Sustainable European Cities

PREAMBLE

The "LEIPZIG CHARTER on Sustainable European Cities" is a document of the Member States, which has been drawn up with the broad and transparent participation of European Stakeholders. In the knowledge of the challenges and opportunities as well as the different historical, economic, social and environmental backgrounds of European cities, the Member States, Ministers responsible for Urban Development agree upon common principles and strategies for urban development. The Ministers commit themselves:

• to initiate a political debate in their states on how to integrate the principles and strategies of the Leipzig Charter on Sustainable European Cities into national, regional and local development policies,
• to use the tool of integrated urban development and the related governance for its implementation and to this end: establish any necessary framework at national level and
• to promote the establishment of balanced territorial organization based on a European polycentric urban structure.

The Ministers take the German Presidency for having prepared the report "Integrated urban development as a prerequisite for successful urban sustainability" and the studies "Strategies for upgrading the physical environment in deprived urban areas". Strengthening the local economy and local labour market policy in deprived urban areas". Possible solutions and learning processes on children and young people in deprived urban areas' and "Sustainable urban transport in deprived urban areas" with their examples of good practice in Europe. These studies will help cities at all levels in the effective implementation of the principles and strategies set out in the Leipzig Charter on Sustainable European Cities.

The Ministers declare:

We, the ministers responsible for urban development in the Member States of the European Union, consider European cities of all sizes which have evolved in the course of history to be valuable and irreplaceable economic, social and cultural assets.

With the objective of protecting, strengthening and further developing our cities, we strongly support the EU’s Sustainable Development Strategy, building on the Life Action Plan for Sustainable Urban Development. The three dimensions of sustainable development should be taken into account simultaneously to the same time and with the same weight. These include economic prosperity, social balance and a healthy environment. At the same time attention should be paid to cultural and health aspects. In this due attention should be paid to the institutional capacity in the Member States.

Our cities possess unique cultural and architectural qualities, strong forces of social inclusion and exceptional possibilities for economic development. They are centres of knowledge and sources of growth and innovation. At the same time, however, they suffer from demographic problems, social inequality, social exclusion of specific population groups, a lack of affordable and suitable housing and environmental problems. In the long run, cities cannot fulfil their function as engines of social progress and economic growth as described in the Lisbon Strategy unless we succeeded in maintaining the social balance.
Draft text new Leipzig Charter:

- The ecologically and climate-friendly European city
- The inclusive and cohesive European city
- The productive European city
- The connected European city
- Connection with the Urban Agenda for the EU
- Focus on 3 spatial levels: neighbourhoods, cities and Functional Urban Areas
Draft text new Leipzig Charter:

• Functional urban areas and the urban-rural continuum: within functional urban areas, urban and rural settlements need each other and benefit from each other
• Particular consideration must be given to small and medium-sized cities
• A focus on functional urban areas is not only an important principle of a place-based approach with regard to urban development; it also needs to be addressed by the Territorial Agenda post 2020
• It must be assured that funding instruments are accessible for cities of all sizes and for functional urban areas
Background and Food For Thought: some thoughts and considerations by/on behalf of ESPON:

1. The mission of today’s Joint Meeting is to provide a platform for exchange on the notion of functional areas in relation to the programming of a new generation of Interreg cross-border cooperation programmes.

2. Some background:
   - The European Commission has deleted all notions of eligibility linked to location for the future ETC programmes.
   - For each cross-border area the Commission has used the driving-time maps produced by the JRC as a basis for the discussion on the new programme areas.
   - The Commission is applying the notion of “catchment area” which is not 100% equivalent to functional area, but brings the EC closer to what they would like the programme to consider.
So, definitely lot’s of things to reflect and to discuss on today....!

Now just to go back for a second to the Urban Agenda for the EU and the new Leipzig Charter under the German Presidency 2020....
...is it still possible to give input to the New Leipzig Charter? Yes! You can do so via:

- The National Ministry dealing with Urban Matters in your country
- The European organisations working for/with cities and regions, like Eurocities, URBACT, CEMR
- Visiting the 4th European meeting in Brussels, on 27 & 28 November, organised by the German Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community and EUKN
- Registration at: https://eveeno.com/Leipzig-Charter-November2019
Looking forward to a very interesting Joint Meeting,

Thank you!!!
What is functionality?

The science perspective
What is functionality?
The practitioners’ perspective
Moderated discussion

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Statement 1

“The idea to promote an integrated investment strategy in European urban areas by means of Integrated Territorial Investments (ITIs), in which funding from several priority axes and programmes could be combined, was comprehensible. However, the complex structure of ITIs and the administrative burden they represent for local authorities, has severely weakened this EU policy instrument”.
Statement 2

“The lack of willingness of adjacent administrative bodies to cooperate in a FUA is a bigger problem in Europe than the absence of regulatory and financial frameworks”.
Statement 3

“Metropolitan Areas in the EU anyhow will find their way to strategically cooperate. So the new Leipzig Charter and the Post 2020 European Territorial Agenda should mainly focus on relatively small and medium-sized cities and urban areas”.
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