Dimensions of the Just City in Germany

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Integrated Approach

Cooperation between federal, state and local level

Federal government

Departmental cooperation

State governments

Cooperation between the federal states and between departments inside state governments

Local government

Opening processes for stakeholders outside administration and politics

Transport  Economy  Social Affairs, education  ecology, environment  Planning and Building  Civil society
National Urban Development Policy

GOOD PRACTICE
FUNDING PROGRAMMES

Urban Development Law
Urban Development Assistance Programmes
Departmental and University Research

Federal financial assistance

- Living town and city centres
  - 300 Mio. Euro
- Social cohesion
  - 200 Mio. Euro
- Growth and sustainable renewal
  - 290 Mio. Euro

(Federal share in 2020)
PLATFOR OF EXCHANGE AND TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE

- University days with 3,500 participants in total: 9
- Federal congresses with 16,600 participants in total: 13
- Meetings of board of trustees: 9
- Regional professional events: 100
- Meetings of project group: 25
- PhD theses in scientific databases: 180
- Foundations awarded with “Prize of citizens foundation”: 30
- Over 85 publications, i.a. memoranda, position papers: 85
- Winners in the competition “People and achievements”: 97
- Working group meetings: 70
- Project conferences i.a. memoranda, position papers: 15
- Pilot projects: 160
Project Series For Cities
Supporting innovative and experimental pilot projects

- Funding of 200 experimental projects
- Funding criteria:
  - innovative
  - cooperative
  - exemplary / transferable
Understanding of the Just Dimension in the NUP

**Pilot Projects** (launched in 2008):

- Reflect the current societal challenges and needs of cities in order to remain inclusive places that leave no one behind
- Project calls related to co-production, social cohesion, interests of socially disadvantaged groups i.a.
- Evaluation and selection of projects by jury that focuses on both, the innovative character of the project and their potential benefits for social cohesion


- Addresses social and spatial polarisation in cities
- Focus on good living and working conditions for all residents
- Supports social cohesion and the inclusion/integration of disadvantaged groups
- The neighbourhood as the operational level
- Follows an integrated holistic approach
- Creating social cohesion is described as a responsibility of the entire urban population
- Since 2020 additional focus on climate action
Pilot Projects
Examples
The call addressed the following questions:

› How to define common good oriented urban development?
› How can the dynamic, ideas and the commitment of civil initiatives enrich urban development?
› What role should municipalities assume in this process?

4 neighbourhoods selected in Altenburg, Nuremberg, Hannover and Münster that experiment with innovative approaches related to co-productive urban development.

Project duration: 2019-2021
The society of extraordinary cooperation

Objectives:
› Connecting the various initiatives that deal with their local living environment, public spaces and the engagement of civil society
› Using the cooperation to design jointly, public spaces and engage citizens

Tools:
› A mobile unit („Raumwagen“) that serves as a workshop, café, stage i.a. for all members
› An app („Resource Hub“) to share rooms and all other types of resources with each other
MÜNSTER

Hansaforum

Objectives:
› Designing new forms of customised participation for specific social groups
› Establishing an institution that fosters the co-creation in urban development in a very diverse and mixed-neighbourhood.
› Giving citizens the opportunity to select projects to be funded in the neighbourhood.

Tools:
› Hansa-Convent: randomised selection of citizens who decide about the implementation of projects
› Deployment of a locally developed “neighbourhood common good index”
Thank you!

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