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TerritorialAgenda

A future for lagging regions



Invitation to a public conference  
6 May 2021

# Putting the Territorial Agenda 2030 into practice

Local and regional pilot activities to strengthen spatial development in Europe





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6 May 2021 // 10h00 till 15h00 CET

English // German // bi-lingual interpretation

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The conference is taking place as an online event.

**Please register until 3 May 2021 under the following link:**  
<https://eveeno.com/ta2030>

All registered participants will receive further information on how to join the meeting including a link in due time.

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The **Territorial Agenda 2030 (TA 2030)**, a central political framework agreement of the EU member states on the key objectives of spatial planning in Europe, has been adopted on 1st December 2020. The agenda aims to contribute to a sustainable future for all places and regions in Europe, providing opportunities for lagging regions, fostering cross-border spatial planning instruments and taking the role of small places into account. More than before, the agenda is focusing on the practical implementation of the formulated goals. With the adoption, a first generation of six pilot actions was launched, led by Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal, Norway, Switzerland and Germany.

The conference will put a particular emphasis on the pilot action “**A future for lagging regions: Fostering the implementation of spatial planning strategies**”, led by Germany. The pilot focuses on services of general interest in structurally weak regions and will be implemented until 2023. The partners in the six model regions of the pilot will analyze existing spatial planning concepts and develop and implement future-oriented actions. They will deepen a joint understanding on how spatial development actions on all levels can contribute to implementing the common goals of the TA 2030.

Furthermore, the **European framework conditions** will be determined: how can the TA 2030 be implemented and supported across Europe and which specific priorities are tackled by the other pilot actions? Ultimately it is the **local and regional level** where the implementation of the TA 2030 takes place. Thus, the conference closes with a discussion on the support local actors require to implement the overall goals of the agenda in a multitude of regions.



# Programme

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9h30 **Technical-Warm up // open access to meeting room**

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10h00 **Welcome and Introduction**

Volkmar Vogel, *Parliamentary State Secretary to the German Federal Minister of the Interior, Building and Community (BMI)*

**Welcome note by the Portuguese EU Presidency**

Elisa Vilares, *Head of Division of Territorial Development and Urban Policy, Directorate-General for Territory, Portugal*

10h20 **Opportunities for lagging regions – the role of spatial planning**

Prof. Anna Geppert, *Town and Regional Planning Institute, University Paris-Sorbonne*

**From strategy to practice – working with model regions**

Peter Jakubowski, *Head of Department, German Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development (BBSR)*

*Interactive Input, followed by Interview and Q&A from the moderator/audience*

11h00 **The Pilot action “A future for lagging regions”**

Sina Redlich, *Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development (BBSR)*

- Challenges, strengths, strategies and topics of partner regions
- Discussion of selected topics: strategies, demography, regional mobility, general services

*Topic-related presentations by partners of the Pilot Action from **Région Grand Est/ANCT** (France), **Rostock Planning Region** (Germany), **Walgau Region/Land Vorarlberg** (Austria), **CCDR Alentejo** (Portugal), **Schleswig-Flensburg District** and **Görlitz District** (Germany)*

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12h00 **Lunch break**

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13h00 **Framework conditions – How can Europe support the implementation of the TA 2030?**

Marek Teplansky, *Head of Unit Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission*



## 13h20 **Priorities tackled by Territorial Agenda Pilot Actions – Lead stakeholders' input**

- Which aspects of the TA and which types of territories are addressed by the Pilot Actions?
- How are the local and regional levels involved?
- Which results are expected?

### **Pilot Action: “Small Places Matter”**

Jan Edøy, *Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation, Norway*

### **Pilot Action: “Understanding how sector policies shape spatial (im)balances”**

Patrycja Artymowska, *Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy, Poland*

### **Pilot Action: “Cross-border spatial planning”**

Frederik Richters, *Ministry for Energy and Spatial Planning, Luxembourg*

### **Pilot Action: “Climate Action in Alpine Towns”**

Marc Pfister, *Federal Office for Spatial Development ARE, Switzerland*

## 14h00 **Paneldiscussion: How can we bring the Territorial Agenda objectives towards a practical implementation?**

- What does the local level need to implement the priorities of the TA 2030?

Kerstin Schöniger, *Mayor of the city of Rodewisch*

Bernd Lange, *Head of Görlitz district council, Member of the European Committee of the Regions*

Martin Orth, *Head of Department for Spatial Planning, Ministry for the Interior and for Sport, Rhineland Palatinate*

Vera Moosmayer, *Head of the Directorate for Spatial Development and Policy, German Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community (BMI)*

## 14h50 **Final remarks and closing words**

### **Outlook to the EU-Presidency of Slovenia**

Aša Rogelj, *Deputy Director General, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia*

### **Closing words**

Daniel Meltzian, *Head of the Division for European Spatial Development Policy Planning and Territorial Cohesion, German Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community (BMI)*

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## 15h00 **Closure of the meeting**

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