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TerritorialAgenda

A future for lagging regions



Invitation to an online conference  
6 June 2023

# Putting the Territorial Agenda 2030 into practice

Pilot Action Results, Stocktaking and Outlook on further Implementation





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6 June 2023 // 10h00 to 15h00 CET

English // German // bi-lingual interpretation

The conference will take place online.

**Please register until 1 June 2023 under the following link:**  
<https://eveeno.com/192776762>

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

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Two and a half years ago, the **Territorial Agenda 2030 (TA 2030)** was adopted – it is now time for a stocktaking of implementation results. On this occasion, the German Federal Ministry for Housing, Urban Development and Building (BMWSB) in cooperation with the Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development (BBSR) is pleased to invite you to this conference.

The conference will focus on the results of the pilot action **“A future for lagging regions: Fostering the implementation of spatial planning strategies”**, led by Germany. The six partner regions in Portugal, Austria, France and Germany developed innovative spatial planning solutions that improve the liveability of rural regions – for example in the areas of mobility, digitization and health. These partner regions will therefore present their learnings from implementing spatial actions.

The conference will also provide **a review on the implementation of the TA2030 so far**. Other European pilot actions will present their results from local, regional, and national perspectives. The Territorial Agenda 2030 was adopted on December 1, 2020, at an informal meeting of the ministers during the German EU Council Presidency. Under the heading “A future for all places”, the document formulates guidelines for a spatial planning policy in the EU, which is based on a just and green development of the regions in Europe.

**A final panel debate** will also reflect lessons learned and benefits from the implementation of pilot actions and discuss next steps of the Territorial Agenda 2030.



# Programme

10h00

## Welcome and Introduction

Klara Geywitz, *Federal Ministry for Housing, Urban Development and Building (BMWSB), Germany*

## Welcome note by the Swedish EU Presidency

Sverker Lindblad, *Ministry of Rural Affairs and Infrastructure, Sweden*

10h15

## Results and lessons learned of the Territorial Agenda 2030 Pilot Action: “A future for lagging regions”

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

## Results achieved on local and regional level – presentations by the partner regions

- **A new administrative role definition: the “competence centre” in the district of Görlitz**  
Dr. Stephan Meyer, *Head of Görlitz district council, Germany*
- **Local activation strategies: The “third places” concept in Grand Est**  
Clémentine Laurent, *Grand Est Region, France*
- **Local implementation and application of digital tools in Rostock Region**  
Robert Mandtke, *Rostock Planning Region, Germany*
- **Strengthening intermunicipal cooperation: The strategy “REGIO” in Walgau**  
Florian Kasseroler, *Mayor of Nenzing, Head and founder of REGIO-Walgau, Austria*  
Eva-Maria Hochhauser-Gams, *Managing Director, REGIO-Walgau, Austria*
- **Supporting rural development from a regional perspective Alentejo Region**  
Carmen Carvalheira, *Vice-President of CCDR Alentejo, Portugal*
- **A digital strategy and its long-term effects for Schleswig-Flensburg District**  
Torsten Düwel, *District of Schleswig-Flensburg, Germany*

11h30

## How to achieve a future for all places?

Niklas Nienaaß, *Member of the European Parliament, Greens/EFA*

11h45

## Shaping resilient regions – Supporting perspectives from Germany

Dr. Peter Jakubowski, *Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development (BBSR), Germany*

12h00

## Lunch break



13h00

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### Results of further Territorial Agenda 2030 Pilot Actions

- **Pilot Action: “Small Places Matter”**  
Jan Edøy, *Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation, Norway*
- **Pilot Action: “Region-focused Territorial Impact Assessment”**  
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”**  
Judith Neuenschwander, *Federal Office for Spatial Development ARE, Switzerland*

### Results achieved on local and regional level – Comments from German partners:

- Kerstin Schöniger, *Municipality of Rodewisch (“Small Places Matter”)*
- Jürgen Neumüller, *Joint Planning Department Berlin Brandenburg (“Region-focused Territorial Impact Assessment”)*
- Robert Freisberg, *Ministry for the Interior and for Sport of Rhineland Palatinate (“Cross-border spatial planning”)*
- Johannes Hauptstock-Buhl, *Municipality of Sonthofen, Germany (“Climate Action in Alpine Towns”)*

14h00

### Panel discussion:

#### Review and outlook on implementing the Territorial Agenda 2030

- Marek Teplansky, *Head of Unit Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission*
- Patrycja Artymowska, *Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy, Poland*
- Vera Moosmayer, *Head of Spatial Planning Subdivision, Federal Ministry for Housing, Urban Development and Building (BMWSB), Germany*
- Wiktor Szydarowski, *Director, ESPON*

14h50

### Final remarks and closing words

#### Outlook to the Spanish EU-Presidency

Beatriz Postigo Hidalgo, *Deputy Director of Urban Development, Ministry of Finances and Civil Services, Spain*

#### Closing words

Dr. Daniel Meltzian, *Head of Division for European Spatial Development Policy Planning and Territorial Cohesion, Federal Ministry for Housing, Urban Development and Building (BMWSB), Germany*

15h00

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### End of the conference

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