

#TerritorialAgenda

A future for all places

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Background



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History

- European Spatial Development Perspective (1999)
- Territorial Agenda of the European Union (2007)
- Territorial Agenda 2020 (2011)



April 2018: Directors-General responsible for Territorial Cohesion agree on

- Update and renewal of the Territorial Agenda
- Stronger emphasis on implementation by means of pilot / showcase projects

July 2019 – December 2020: Renewal process

- Update content and priorities, simplify language and replace jargon
- December 2020: Adoption at informal ministerial meeting in Leipzig



Renewal of the Territorial Agenda



A renewed Territorial Agenda

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Why?

- Inequalities between places and between people as well as unsustainable developments risk to undermine the basis of Europe's success.
- A prosperous, just and green Europe can only be achieved by making use of Europe's territorial diversity and the contributions of all places.

What?

- Ensure that the need for a sustainable future for all places and people is addressed appropriately.
- Strengthen the territorial dimension in policy making at all governance levels and in all sectors.

There is a need to act...

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... as people and places drift apart – increasing imbalances and inequalities, e.g. in the fields:

- Quality of life
- Services of general interest
- Demographic and societal imbalances
- Digitalisation and the 4th industrial revolution
- Employment and economic development
- Interdependencies between places
- Global embeddedness

... to respond to the increasing pressure concerning sustainable development and climate change, e.g. in the fields:

- Climate change
- Loss of biodiversity and land consumption
- Air, soil and water quality
- Secure, affordable and sustainable energy
- Just Transition
- Circular regional value chains
- Natural, landscape and cultural heritage

Objectives and priorities

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A Just Europe



that offers future perspectives for all places and people

Balanced Europe

Better balanced territorial development utilising Europe's diversity

Functional Regions

Local and regional development, less inequality between places

Integration Beyond Borders

Living and working across national borders

A Green Europe



that protects common livelihoods and shapes societal transition

Healthy Environment

Better ecological livelihoods and climate-neutral and resilient towns, cities and regions

Circular Economy

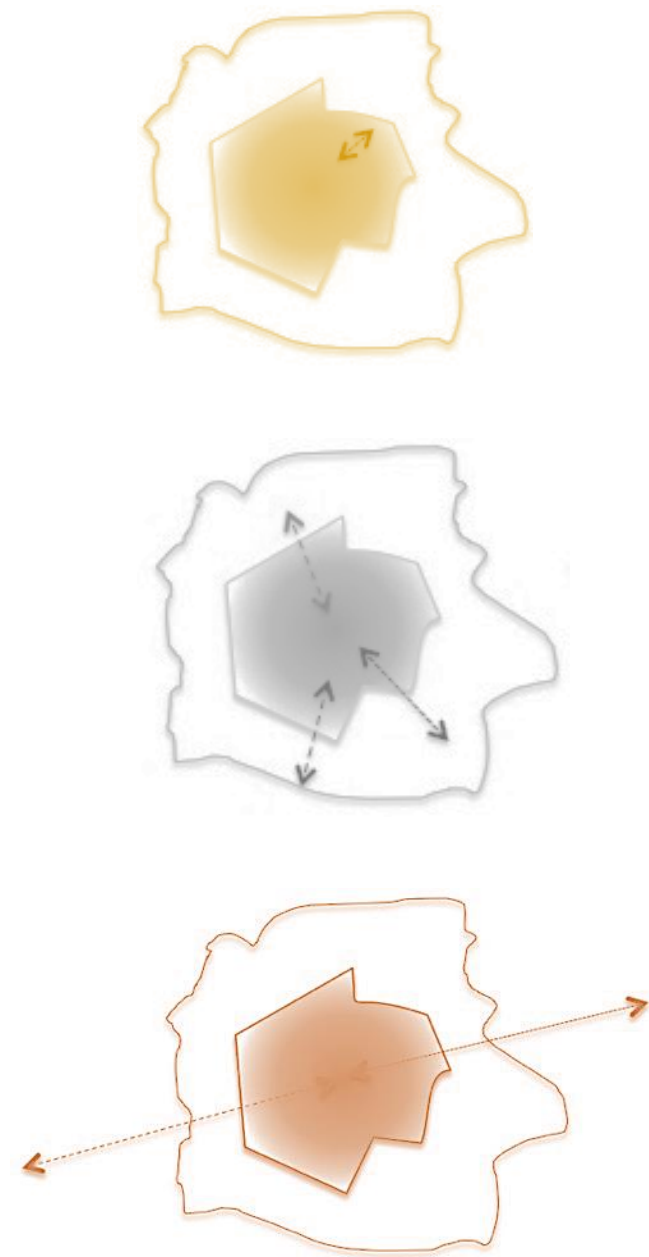
Strong and sustainable local economies in a globalised world

Sustainable Connections

Sustainable digital and physical connectivity of places

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Application & implementation



All key players are called upon

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- The Territorial Agenda 2030 needs to be supported by the actions of committed players:
Member States, Sub-national bodies, European Commission, European Parliament, Committee of the Regions, European Economic and Social Committee, European Investment Bank, European associations addressing spatial development, Interreg, ...
- Every key player can take action in the context of its regular mandate.
- Actions can be taken at any administrative level and can vary in character and focus.

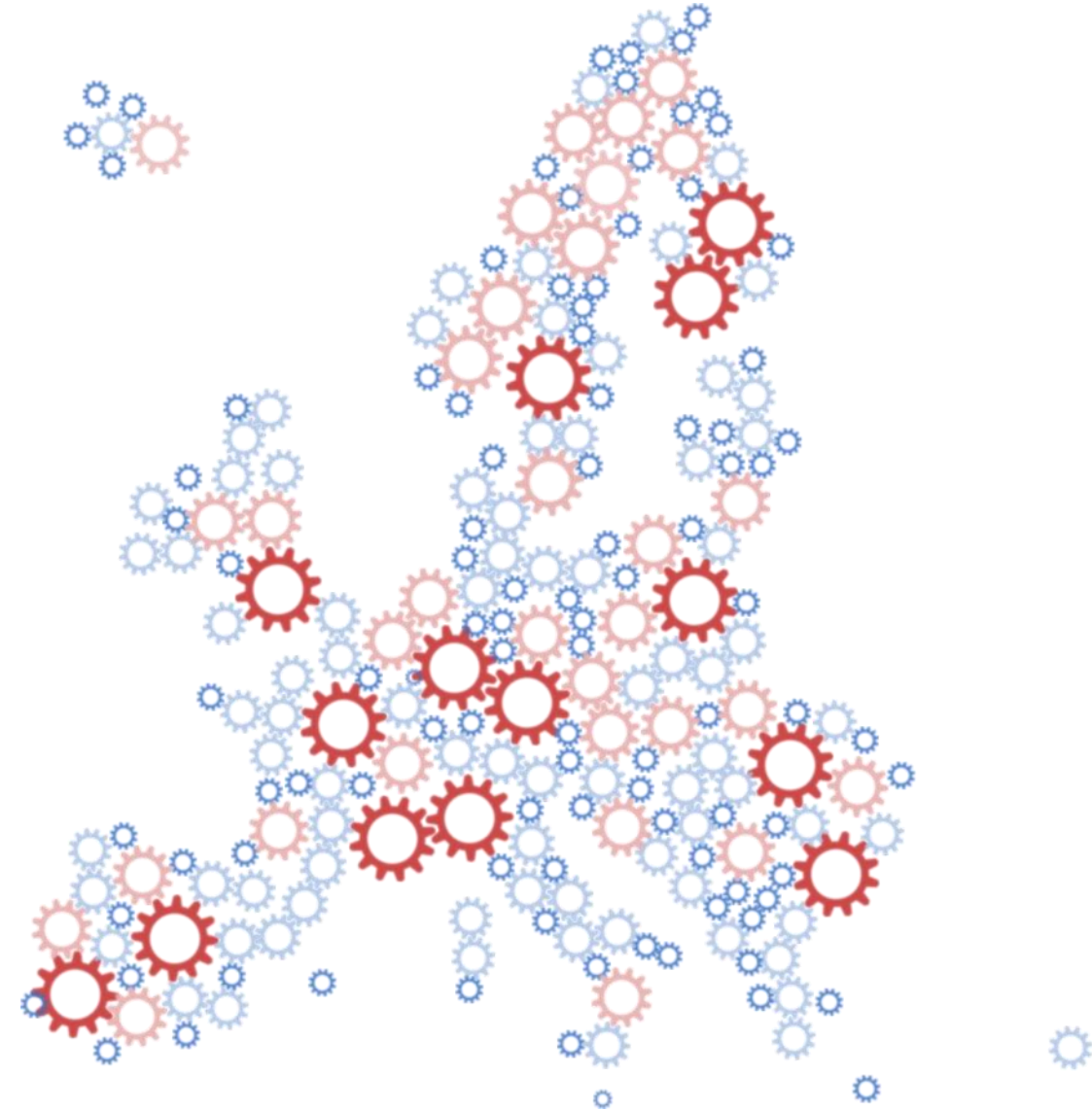
Pilot actions

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- Different administrative levels from transnational to neighbourhood
- Flexible in focus and character
- Explore and/or showcase

Bottom line

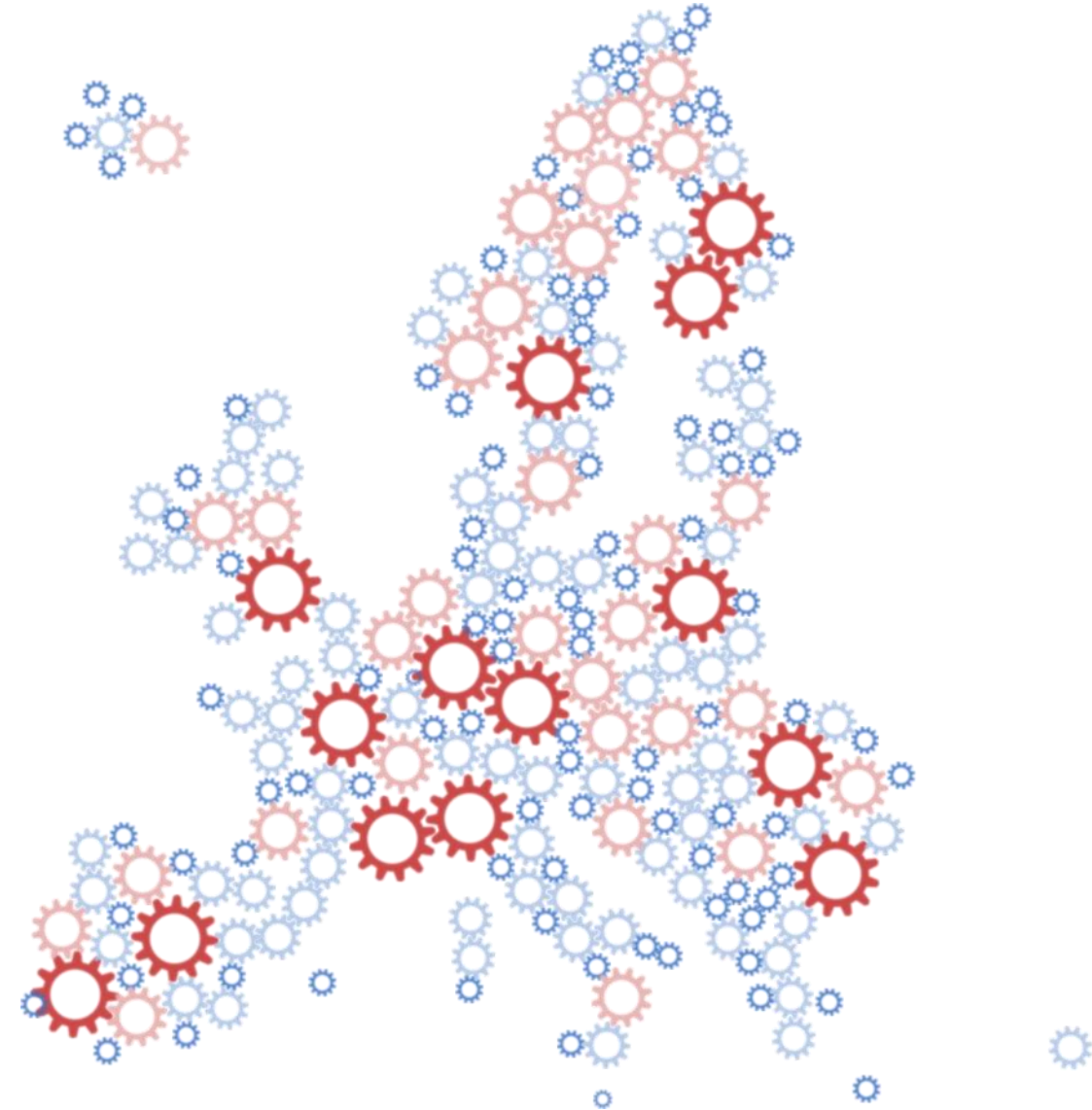
- Place-sensitive policy making
- Strengthening the territorial dimension
- Addressing one of the six priorities



Pilot actions

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- A future for lagging regions
- Understanding how sector policies shape spatial (im)balances
- Small places matter for territorial development
- Territorial vision for a cross-border functional region
- Alpine towns for citizens
- Climate change adaptation and resilience through landscape transition





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The Territorial Agenda is a strategic policy document for Europe, its regions and communities. It provides a framework for action towards territorial cohesion and a future for all places in Europe. It asks policy makers at all governance levels to contribute to an inclusive and sustainable future and the Sustainable Development Goals in Europe.

Why

In Europe, increasing inequalities between people and between places as well as unsustainable developments have reached a critical level. They risk undermining the basis on which the EU, its Member States and thriving cities and regions build their success. Therefore, it is about time for concerted action at all geographical and administrative levels to ensure positive future perspectives for

Aim

The aim of the Territorial Agenda is to ensure that the need for a sustainable future for all people and places is addressed appropriately. Strengthening territorial cohesion means ensuring a future for all places in the EU. It enables equal opportunities for citizens and enterprises, wherever they are located. Territorial cohesion reinforces solidarity and reduces inequalities between

Mange takk!

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