"What European territory do we want?"

Territorial Scenarios and Visions of Europe for 2050

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Territorial foresight and the CoR

- Challenges at the Horizon 2025 (KUL 2014) – key impacts and trends on LRA

- An initial assessment of territorial forward planning/foresight projects in the EU (2011)

- Polycentric Territorial Development at EU, national and regional level – round-table COTER Fabriano, 2014

- Participation in ESPON ET 2050 - Territorial Scenarios and Vision for Europe, COTER + Admin level

- Territorial Impact Assessment, 2014-2015 pilot

What challenges, what is missing?

- Territorial foresight / scenarios, TIA: contribute to filling **'knowledge gap'**, **evidence base** for decision-makers' long-term planning; Accuracy, consensus, feasibility

- **Challenges**: **administrative capacity** of public authorities and politicians; **Involvement** & political **ownership**
  - ➢ Understanding / **awareness**, beyond 'club of TA specialists/believers', 'circle of friends'
  - ➢ **Involvement** of LRA (not only MS) ⇨ **Ownership**
  - ➢ But also, **capacity** to implement recommendations

- **What is missing**:
  - better knowledge implementation of policies, regional impact: EC REFIT and enhanced **evaluation** (also EP)**,** but only national level
  - **Data/statistics:** still much improvable at subnational/regional level

Territorial Agenda and the CoR

- Opinion Marek Wozniak, April 2015

- "…recommends conducting a **review of sectoral policies** in terms of their territorial impact"

- "**…**raise **awareness** and provide territorial information and methodological support for LRA"

- "…still significant work to do to obtain **comparative data** at local and sub- local level across all of the EU; …calls for … set of **comparable and reliable indices and indicators**"

Territorial vision and the CoR

- Wozniak:
  - "…need for joint strategic planning of the European territory based on an **overall vision of future development** to support the better coordination of European regional development policies"
  - "…calls for a **white paper on territorial cohesion** based on an analysis of interdependencies between the Territorial Agenda of the European Union 2020 and the Europe 2020 strategy to counteract the growing disparities between territories in the EU."

- Schneider: Opinion on assessing territorial impacts, 2013
  - "…believes that European **spatial development policy needs to be updated** to cope with changed spatial conditions."

Territorial vision: challenges

- **Accuracy of foresight / scenarios** (Consensus among researchers?), lack of evaluation, fragmented models (not integrated/ interactive), **availability of data**

- **Long-term vision / planning**
  - EU – MS level: short-term crisis reaction focus; long-term focus neglected (Future of Europe 2020 ?)
  - MS – LRA level: political business cycle (who wants to admit and address fears of *"decade of low/under-average growth"* ?); lack of capacity for long-term strategic planning / implementation

- **Territorial dimension and impact**
  - Lack of assessing territorial effects and dimension of policies
  - National level focus, lack of LRA participation, Ownership!
  - CoR MTR Europe 2020: encouraging messages

Conclusions

- **TS and TW important and worthwhile**

- **Awareness raising** and mobilisation beyond national level and 'club of specialists'

- Strengthen **implementation reviews/ evaluation**, promoting **TIA**

- Improving **data availability** at sub-national level

- Strengthen **administrative capacity** at all levels

- Ensure **LRA participation** / MLG: **Ownership**

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