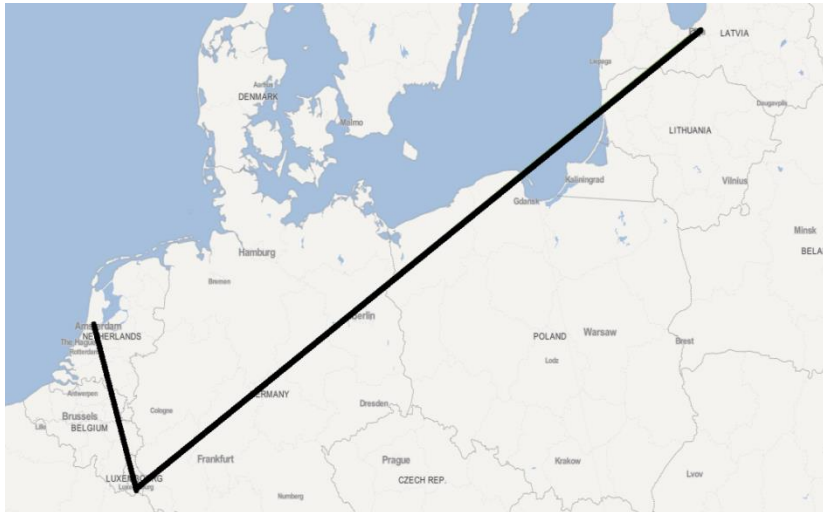




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An EU Urban Agenda: From Riga to Amsterdam

Launch seminar Espon 2020

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Towards an EU Urban Agenda in 2016

1. Goals of NL presidency for the Urban Agenda
2. How can ESPON contribute to the Urban Agenda
3. Roadmap from Riga via Luxembourg to Amsterdam



Why an Urban Agenda?

European ambitions shared by MS, cities and EC: smart, green and inclusive growth



To achieve these ambitions the urban dimension of EU policy needs to be strengthened



MS, cities and EC need to cooperate to put concrete improvements of EU policy on agenda



**Result: EU policy that creates the right conditions
for cities to contribute to smart, green and inclusive growth**



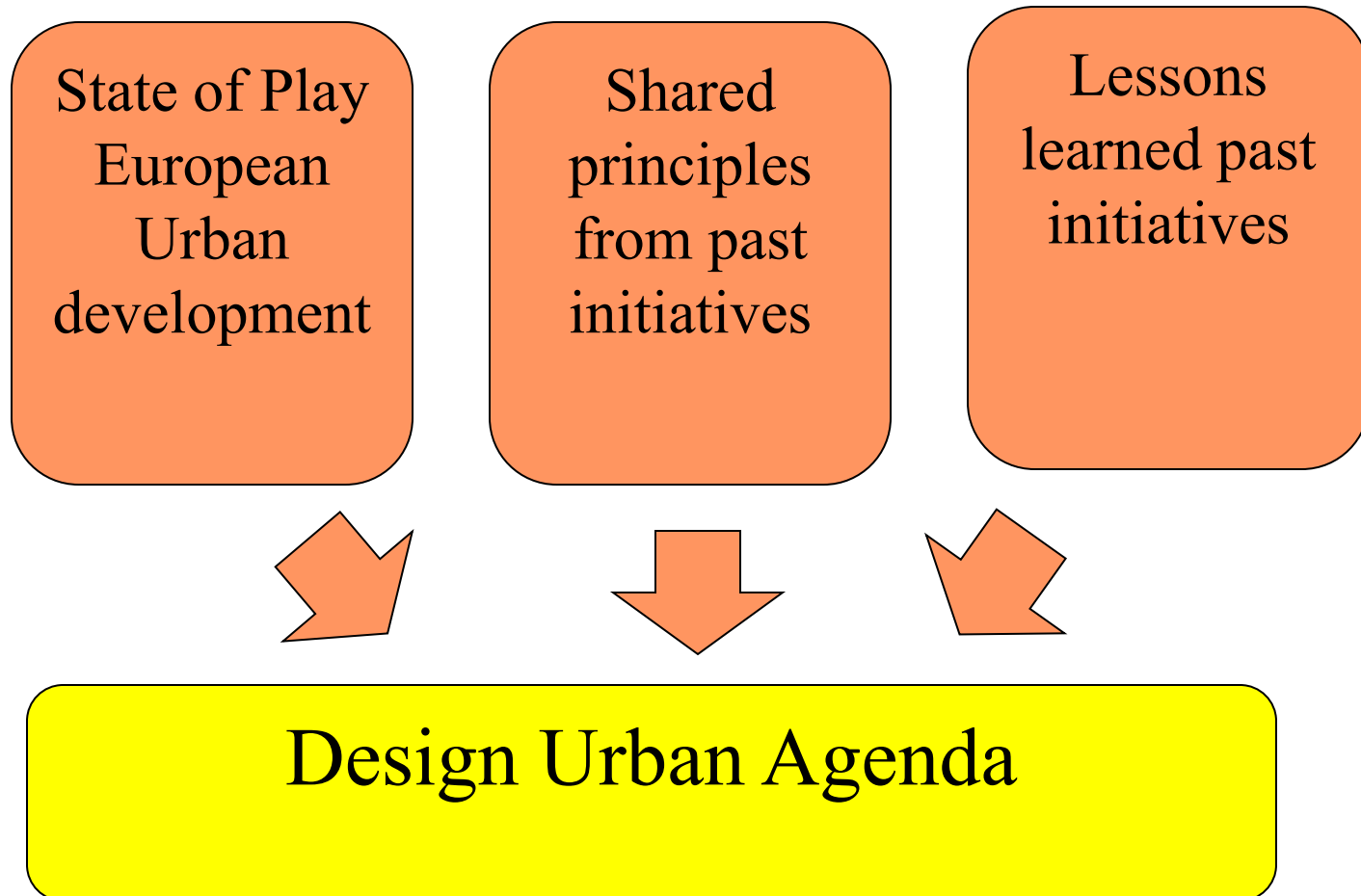
Goals of NL EU presidency

1. Political agreement on Urban Agenda:

- a) A new Urban Acquis
- b) Thematic priority areas
- c) Stronger urban dimension EU policy
- d) **Start cooperation MS, EC and cities through partnerships**



1A. New Urban Acquis





1B. Agreement on thematic priority areas (1)

What are the problems cities face and the opportunities they offer?





1B. MS choose priority areas (1)

Taking into account:

- Priorities EU cities (e.g. strategic framework Eurocities)
- Staff working document EC
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- Survey before summer, decision after summer (DG meeting)
- Making choices: limited priority areas (2-3 areas)
- Cross-sectoral priority areas
- Integrated approach



1B. Priority areas proposed (earlier) by MS

Urban poverty

Intra EU migration

Youth employment

Deprived urban areas

Affordable housing

SMART cities

Crossborder polycentric
metropolitan regions

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED URBAN AREAS





1C. Strengthening urban dimension in EU policy

Aiming three instruments at EU-level:

Better regulation

- Improved coordination at EU-level
- Urban dimension in impact assessments

Better workable EU-funds

- Simplify and dedicate EU-funds for integrated approach at local level

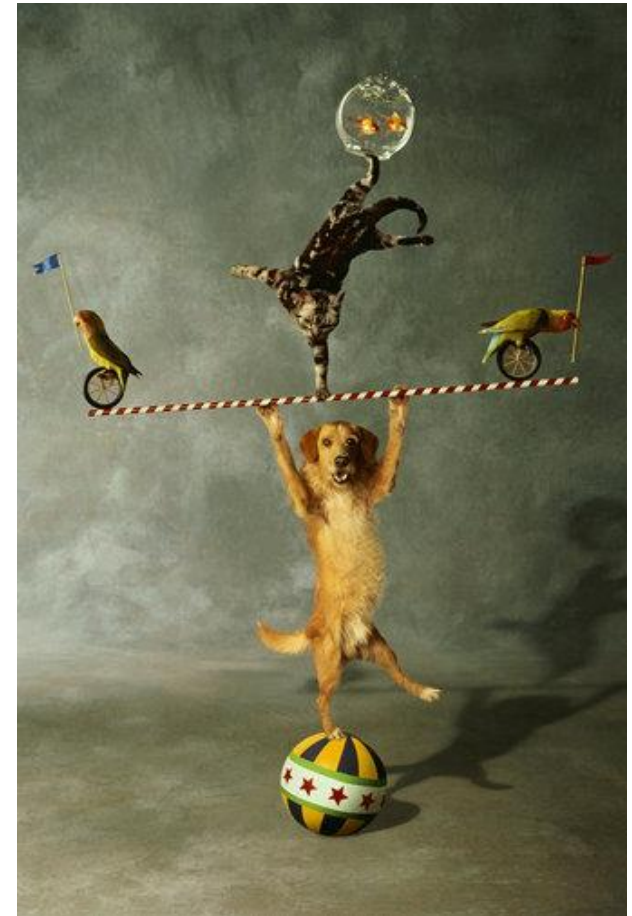
Knowledge exchange and research

- Improving knowledge base
- Coordination of knowledge exchange



1.D. Cooperation through partnerships MS, cities, EC (1)

- Informal cooperation
- Coalition of the willoing
- Build evidence base ->urban dimension
- Concrete cases around priority areas
- Recommendations and concrete solutions
- Involving relevant stakeholders
- Agenda setting in formal EU-fora





1D. Cooperation through partnerships MS, cities, EC (2)

Start with pilot partnerships:

- Identify partnerships through inquiry MS about priorities
- Exploration phase pilot partnerships second semester 2015
- Launch partnerships during ministerial meeting Amsterdam (May 2016)





2. How Espon can contribute to Urban Agenda

- Strengthening the knowledge base:
 - gaps in knowledge base
 - Putting urban issues in a wider spatial perspective
 - Linking the Urban Agenda to the Territorial Agenda
 - Making use of existing ESPON data, build upon ESPON projects, and use expert feedback from ESPON researchers
- Invitation to ESPON to participate in pilot partnerships -----



3. Roadmap towards Urban Agenda (2015)

Presentation staff working document EC	CITIES Forum (June 2nd)
Political commitment to work towards Urban Agenda	Riga Declaration (June 10th)
Survey MS about thematical priorities and commitment	Written procedure (June 2015)
Agreement on proposal 2-3 priority areas	UDG/DG-meeting (September/October 2015)
First working groups on partnerships	November/december
First draft declaration	Written procedure (October/November 2015)



3. Roadmap towards Urban Agenda (2016)

Second meeting working groups on partnerships	January/February
Second draft declaration of Amsterdam	January
Third meeting working groups on partnerships	March
Discussion draft declaration and recommendations pilot partnership	UDG-meeting (April 7th)
Agreement final draft declaration and recommendations pilot partnerships	DG-meeting (May 12th)
Signing declaration of Amsterdam and launch partnerships	Informal ministerial meeting (May 30th)