"What European territory do we want?"

Territorial Scenarios and Visions of Europe for 2050

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Overview

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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?

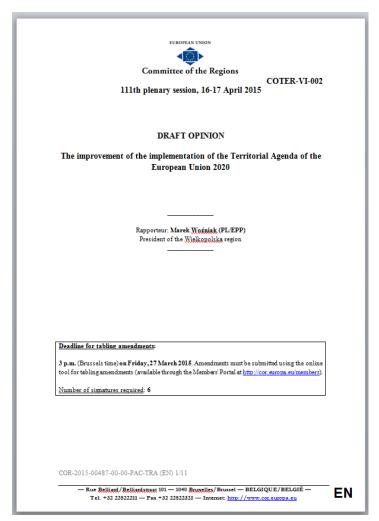
- Territorial foresight / scenarios, TIA: contribute to filling 'knowledge gap', evidence base for decision-makers' long-term planning; Accuracy, consensus, feasibility
- Challenges: administrative capacity of public authorities and politicians; Involvement & political ownership
 - Understanding / awareness, 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



