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SPIMA Project Added-value for Brussels-Capital Region

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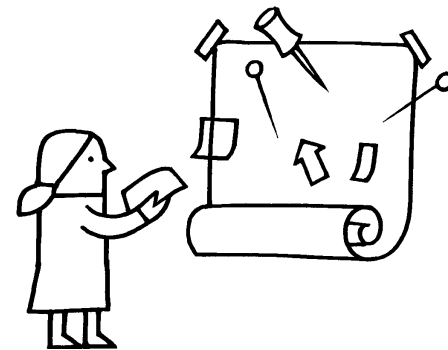
Who are we?

Brussels Planning Agency

Created in 2016 by the Government of the Brussels-Capital Region

3 main tasks

- Data collection and analysis of **statistics**
- **Knowledge** of the territory
- Regulatory and strategic **spatial planning**



SPIMA?

Spatial Dynamics and Strategic Planning In Metropolitan Areas

- Topic: **strategic planning** and **governance** of spatial development at **metropolitan level**
- Stakeholders: 11 European cities + Eurocities
- Research team: Wageningen University (nl), MRI (hu), NIBR (no)

Metropolitan cooperation: Growing interest in Europe

European and International Networks



Some EU programs

Connecting cities
Building successes



Recent recognition by the EU

2011: Cities of tomorrow

- Administrative borders of cities no longer reflect urban development
- New models of governance at metropolitan level are needed

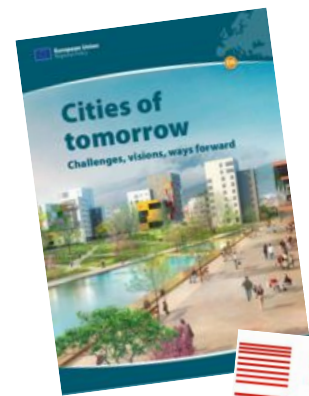
2013: Regional EU policy 2014 -2020

2016: Urban Agenda for the EU

Met. Governance as cross-cutting theme

Report: State of European cities

Strong focus on Urban Governance



Metropolitan cooperation in Brussels

Specificity of Brussels

- Metropolitan area spread across 3 Regions
- Autonomous Regions
- Exclusive competences on spatial planning



Consequences

Lack of coordination
at metropolitan level on
spatial planning.....



Metropolitan cooperation structures

- Since 1980: Cooperation agreement between Regions
 - Since 2012: Interregional Forum on Territorial Development
 - Administrations of the 3 Regions
 - Achievements: T-op Nordrand cooperation, Study Metropolitan Landscapes....
 - Possible new tool: a Brussels Metropolitan Community ?
- ➔ Cooperation is project-based and recently area-based

Long journey to Target Analysis

2008- 2010: URBACT Project « Joining Forces »

2011: Setting-up **WG Metropolitan Areas within EUROCITIES**

- 2011-12: lobbying for MA
- 2012-13: MAIA study
- 2014-15: search of funding
- 2015-16: Applying ESPON Targeted Analysis

MAIA Study – 31 cities

- EUROCITIES Working Group on Metropolitan Areas
- METREX
- Working Group chairs:
Peter Austin (Oslo), Thierry Baert (Lille), Linda Peltzer (BrabantStad)
- Preliminary survey:
Ivan Tosics (MRI Budapest)
- Main study
Joris Voets et al. (University of Ghent)
- Geographic comparisons
City of Amsterdam



Why a Targeted Analysis project?

Have **scientific evidences**

Analyse **what works better** and in **which context**

Develop **typology/narrative**

Local and European **policy recommendations**

Expected results for Brussels

Show **added-value** for ALL actors and territories

Improve existing governance practices on projects or zones

New flexible mode of governance respecting competencies

Concrete recommendations for **implementation**

Implementation of the project

Internally: transversality + cooperation between 3 regions

Transnationally: EUROCITIES WG Metropolitan areas

Link with Researchers

- explain our special needs and context
- provide specific data and information
- facilitate interviews to different profiles of actors

Lessons-learnt (so far)

- A truly **demand driven** process
- **Easy** application process
- **Pre-requisites**
 - lead stakeholder needed
 - European dimension
 - further research in a topic
 - research --> policy making
- **No administration** and **financial** responsibilities



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