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Self-assessment tool for Territorial Development Strategies

Territorial strategies in non-urban areas in the Cohesion policy framework 2021-2027

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Territorial development in the European Union

- Article 174 of the TFEU refers to the Union developing and promoting actions leading to the **strengthening of its economic, social and territorial cohesion** in order to promote overall harmonious development, and
- in particular aiming at **reducing disparities between levels of development** of the various regions and the backwardness of the least favoured regions.
- Article 176 of the TFEU provides that the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) is intended to help **to redress the main regional imbalances** in the Union.



Agendas and commitments for territorial development



New Leipzig Charter



Territorial Agenda 2030



Long-term vision for rural areas



Demography toolbox and Harnessing talent communications and Talent booster mechanism

Both highlight the principles of a place-based and integrated approach, and multilevel governance



The 9th cohesion report – main takeaways

Significant achievements:
Cohesion Policy fostered
upward economic
convergence successfully

**Challenges remain
especially at subnational
level – may widen
territorial disparities**

**Objective of cohesion -
reinforced support to
affected territories**

**More tailored support
Embrace diversity of
regions place-based
success stories**

**More balanced territorial
development – medium-
sized cities, cooperation**

**Partnership and
multilevel governance**

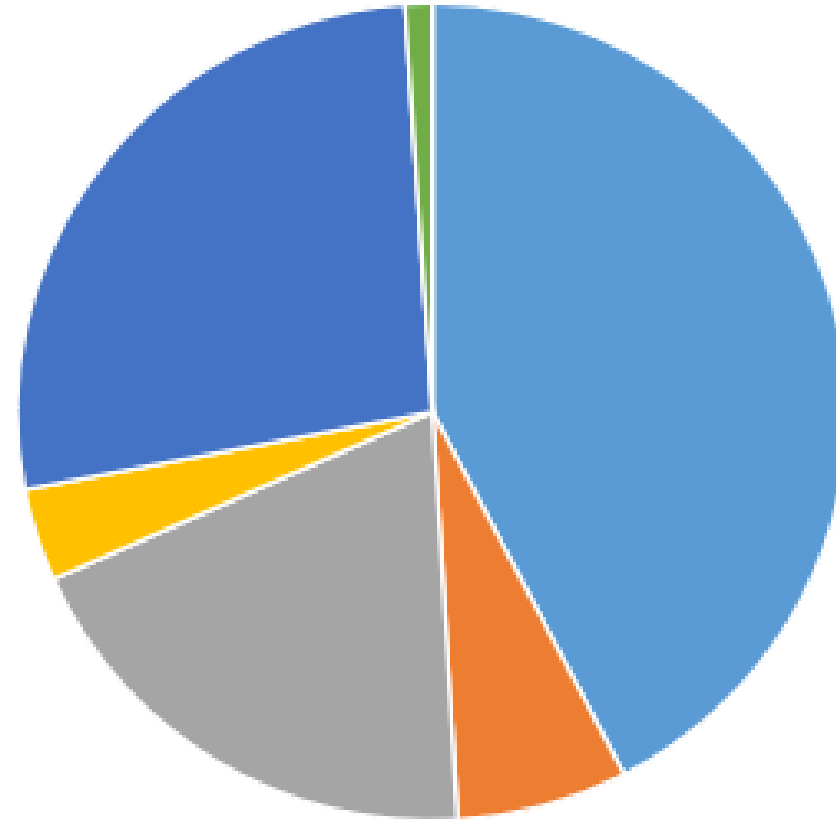


Main funds involved in territorial development

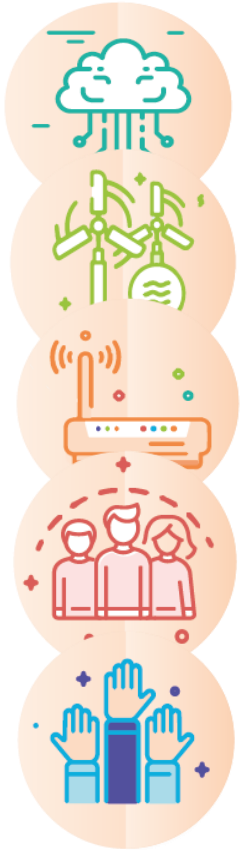
COHESION POLICY

- European Regional Development Fund
- Cohesion Fund
- European Social Fund Plus
- Just Transition Fund (JTF)
- European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development
- European Maritime and Fisheries Fund

SHARED MANAGEMENT FUNDS



Cohesion policy framework



A smarter Europe

A greener, low-carbon Europe

A more connected Europe

A more social Europe

A Europe closer to citizens - sustainable and integrated development

(i) fostering the integrated development in urban areas

(ii) fostering the development in areas other than urban



Specific objectives for sub regional development

Foster economic, social, and environmental sustainability and resilience **in all places.**

Specific objective 5.1: strategies in the urban context

- to address negative effects of concentration
- to benefit from agglomeration economies

Functional
Urban
Areas
-
Urban-
rural
Linkages

special attention to
small and medium
urban areas

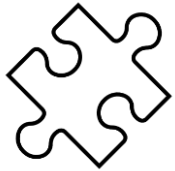
Specific objective 5.2: strategies for other territories

- to build on the potentials and specific assets of remote rural areas
- to overcome the negative effects of low density and peripherality



Which main elements?

2 key requirements



Design a strategy



Leading role of territorial actors in choosing their investment priorities

3 working principles



Place-based approach



Integrated approach



Multi-level governance



Territorial tools

Support from the funds to be provided for integrated territorial and local development through the following territorial tools:

ITI

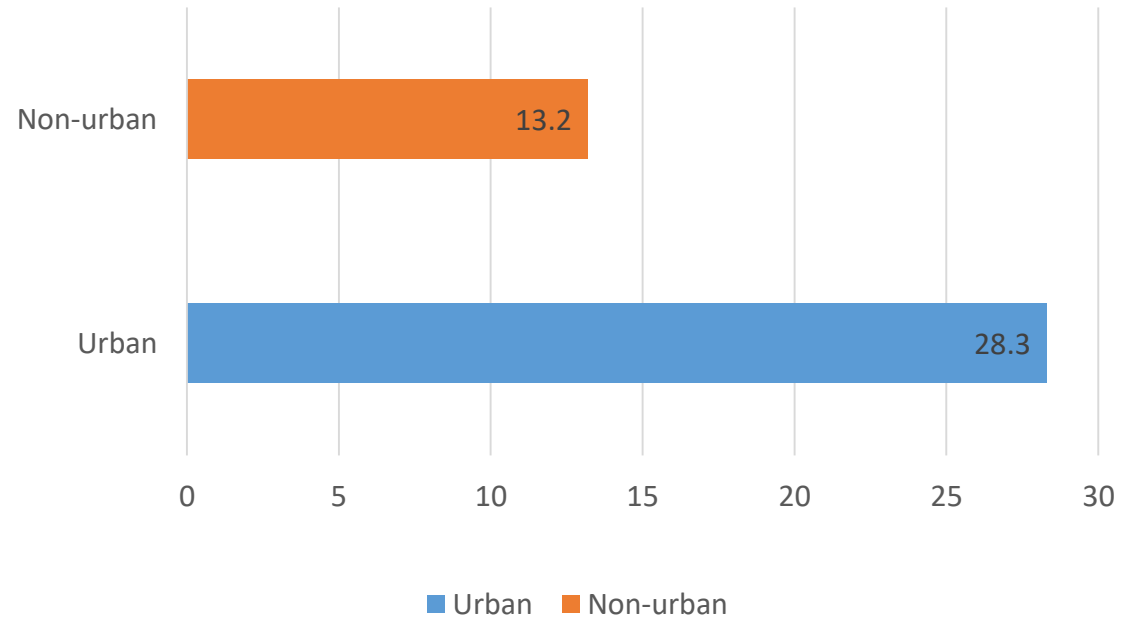
CLLD

**Other Territorial
Tools**



Integrated approaches in programmes 2021-2027

- 27 Member States
- EUR 41 billion through placed based integrated territorial strategies at sub regional level
- Focusing on urban areas, non-urban areas and tackling urban-rural linkages



- Address demographic challenges, fewer employment opportunities, access to essential services, physical and digital opportunities.



Joint work on territorial development strategies

- The EU promotes the **integrated approach to urban and territorial development**, as a common approach that local authorities across the EU are encouraged to endorse to implement successful urban and territorial policies.
- Not all territories across the EU have the same **experience and capacity** in delivering place-based integrated policies.
- In order to support them, **JRC** in collaboration with **DG REGIO** published a set of **tools** that can be found in the **Urban Data Platform plus**



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Urban Data Platform Plus

The **Urban Data Platform Plus** is a joint initiative of the Joint Research Centre (JRC) and the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO). As a key component of the **Knowledge Centre for Territorial Policies**, it provides access to information on the **status and trends of cities and regions**, to EU supported urban and territorial development strategies and to the local dimension of Sustainable Development Goals.

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Explore our policy learning tools to design, implement and monitor strategies for urban and territorial development supported by EU cohesion policy, based on a unique knowledge base covering all Europe.

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The localisation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Localising the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) involves the definition, implementation and monitoring of strategies at the local level, which is essential to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The JRC URBAN2030 project focuses on this local monitoring of the SDGs.

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Thematic Analyses

Thematic Analyses combine data with analytical capabilities, trying to connect the dots and draw meaningful messages. The final aim consists in making sense of geo-spatial statistical information by transforming data mapping into sound multi-dimensional analysis at various territorial levels, from national to regional and urban. Discover our **Future of Cities** report and other top class socio-economic and environmental analyses at the regional and urban level.

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Tools

As working with statistics at the local level introduces additional complexity, we offer some tools that may ease your life in analysing data sets based on different formats.

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STRAT-Board

STRAT-Board is an interactive tool developed by the Joint Research Centre (JRC) and DG REGIO under the umbrella of the Knowledge Centre for Territorial Policies. It aims to provide a continuously updated state of play on how European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) support the integrated approach to urban and territorial development by offering a visual overview of Sustainable Urban Development (SUD), Integrated Territorial Investment (ITI) and Community-led Local Development (CLLD) strategies implemented across Europe within Cohesion Policy 2014-2020. The tool enables the exploration of investment strategies by different perspectives such as geographical unit, spatial focus, thematic concentration, size of population, funding arrangements and implementation mechanisms. Find out more in our methodological note.

[Explore the online platform >](#)

Handbook of Sustainable Urban Development Strategies

As a complement to the work of the Urban Development Network of the European Commission, the **Handbook of Sustainable Urban Development Strategies** provides methodological support to cities, managing authorities and other stakeholders involved in the design and implementation of urban strategies under Cohesion Policy by creating room for exchange of experience and policy learning. In particular, it refers to Sustainable Urban Development (SUD) as supported by the European Regional Development Fund during the programming periods 2014-2020 and 2021-2027.

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Self-Assessment Tool for Sustainable Urban Development strategies

The **Self-Assessment Tool for Sustainable Urban Development strategies (SAT4SUD)** is intended to be used by Local Authorities and Managing Authorities of EU Cohesion Policy. It aims to support them when verifying to what extent the strategy builds on an integrated and participatory approach. The tool focuses on a self-assessment as an important learning practice and it helps to assess the strategy's completeness and quality from its design and implementation, to its monitoring and evaluation.

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Handbook of Territorial and Local Development Strategies

The **Handbook of Territorial and Local Development Strategies** targets different communities of policymakers (regional and national managing authorities, local authorities, local action groups, development agencies, etc.) with the aim to promote sustainable and integrated development in areas other than urban areas. It provides the readers with a number of practical tips, examples and recommendations, as well as references to existing literature, guidance and tools, to best address relevant policy challenges in the framework of cohesion policy 2021-2027.

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STRAT-Board

- Online interactive tool that maps all territorial and urban strategies plus a set of projects financed under Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 (*+soon the 2021-2027*)



Handbook of Sustainable Urban Development Strategies

- Policy learning and methodological support to design and implement sustainable urban development strategies



SAT4SUD – Self-assessment tool for Sustainable Urban Development Strategies

- A tool to self-assess sustainable urban development strategies



Handbook of territorial and local development strategies

- Policy learning and methodological support for strategies in areas other than urban



Self-Assessment Tool for Territorial and Local Development strategies

- A tool to self-assess strategies in areas other than urban



Territorial peer reviews in non-urban areas

- Two-day workshops planned for local authorities in charge of designing and/or implementing a development strategy in non-urban areas under the EU Cohesion Policy 2021-2027

THANK YOU!

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