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Inspire Policy Making with Territorial Evidence

// Mainstreaming territorial cooperation

Why emphasising cooperation?

Territorial concentration trends

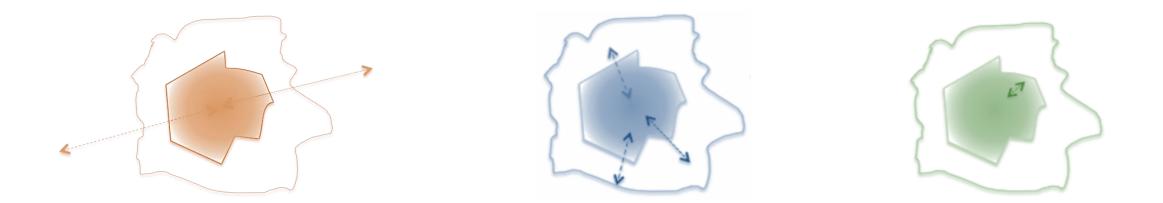
- Territorial concentration of population
- Increasing concentration of economic activities
- Technology and innovation as potential game changer

Territorial links and interdependencies

- Flows to urban centres shape daily routines
- Flows to main hubs shape the broader picture

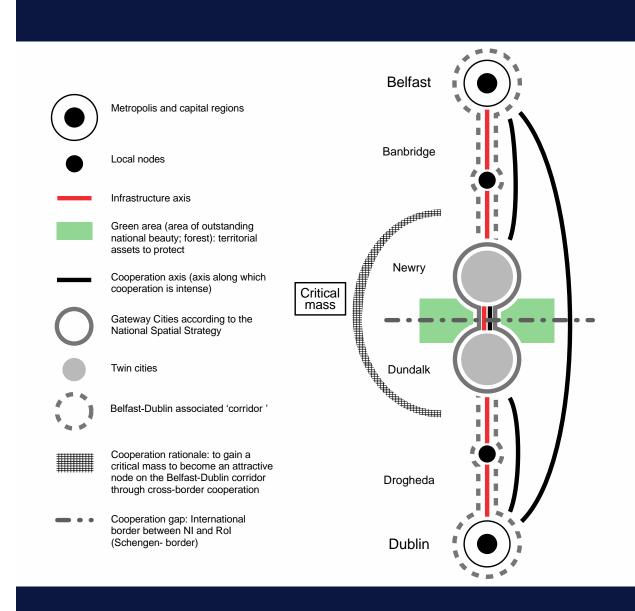
Functional areas

- Interdependencies of places shapes Europe's development
- Today's challenges cannot be solved by territories individually
- One single place may have multiple functional areas



Newry and Dundalk gateway cities

- Promoting twin city at national level
- Joint strategy to enlarge the access to other networks and clusters
- Creating a critical mass for development in the border area
- Materialisation of spill-over effects at local level



Lublin waste solutions

- Inter-municipal in the Lublin region
- Economies of scale
- Special purpose association formed to implement common waste management plan
- > Upgrading of service
- Cost saving for local authorities





Cerdanya Hospital

- Public service provision in less accessible areas
- Interreg as a trigger for continuous cooperation
- EGTC instrument for construction and management
- Better health care in the border region
- More efficient use of hospital services



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Mainstreaming territorial cooperation

- Cooperation to counterbalance concentration trends
- Cooperation makes public investments more efficient
- Cooperation is a must, not a luxury

Make use of the experience by Interreg, ITI, CLLD ...
 All operations need an element of territorial cooperation
 All programmes need elements of territorial cooperation



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