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The Romanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union:

- 🎯 **Realistic and ambitious** approach
- 🗣️ Act as an **impartial mediator and a consensus facilitator**, in order to lead to the adoption of common positions of the Member States and advance the European agenda
- 👥 A **citizen-centered** Presidency
- 🕒 A **future-oriented** mandate





The logo is **a symbol of the confidence Romania is giving to young people** and a message that the European Union should try to involve more the young generation in designing its future. The logo was designed by a 15 years old young boy from Bucharest after a competition that gathered hundreds of proposals and thousands of online votes.

The logo indicates a **moving, self-assured, dynamic European Union, but also attached to its values**. From an aesthetic point of view, the European Union was illustrated by a wolf, an animal present in the mythologies of most European cultures. In addition, the drawing illustrates **a European Union that affirms its attachment to the protection of biodiversity**

**”Cohesion,
a common
European
value”**

”Cohesion, a common European value”, our slogan, recalls **the principle of unity** of the Member States and outlines the importance of cohesion policy and its key role in attaining **the objective of reducing economic, social and territorial disparities** among the Member States, regions and citizens of the European Union

LOGO & MOTTO

I. Converging Europe: growth, cohesion, competitiveness, connectivity

- 🕒 Sustainable development, reduction of disparities, convergence, employment and social rights
- 🕒 Innovation and digitization
- 🕒 Connectivity, competitiveness and markets

II. A Europe of safety

- 🕒 Strengthening internal security: border management, Schengen, combating crime and terrorism
- 🕒 Cyber security
- 🕒 The area of freedom, security and justice

III. Europe, a stronger global actor

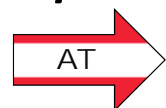
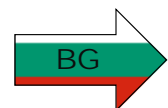
- 🕒 Common Security and Defense Policy and the efficiency of EU external action
- 🕒 Consistency of EU policy in its neighborhood
- 🕒 Honoring international commitments

IV. Europe of Common Values

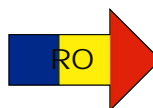
- 🕒 Solidarity, cohesion, equal opportunities and social justice
- 🕒 Democracy, freedom and respect for human dignity
- 🕒 Combating racism, xenophobia, antisemitism, intolerance and populism



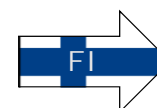
a. Supporting the revising process of the EU Territorial Agenda according to the proposed calendar



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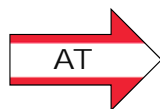
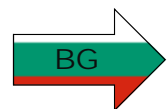


New TRIO

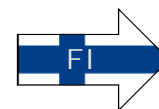


<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task Force mandate (TAEU) Main themes for revision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoping the implementation and governance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First conclusions concerning the themes for the revised TA Topics to be amended, dropped or added to TAEU 2020+ text 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key strategic policy area and priorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defining the key actions, actors and roles / responsibilities – creating OWNERSHIP 			<p>LEADERSHIP?</p> <p>➔</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> „Building blocks“ for further work towards a new TA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic scope and political embedding of a TAEU 2020+ - „Modernizing“ and updating the content parts - Governance & implementation mechanisms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize first building block Develop second building block Approach third building block <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capitalize ESPON projects (ETRF, COMPASS) results - Starting the consultation process – questionnaire - Collecting of good practices as basis for inspirational communication - Ensuring correlation between TAEU 2020+ and UAEU – possible common themes - Initiating the Pilot policy lab – pilot actions (involving the local and regional level – establishing the conceptual framework) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final draft completed

b. Main theme that will be developed during the Romanian Presidency: functional urban areas



New TRIO



Policentric and integrated development

Scoping EU-level Governance

Functional urban areas, with a strong focus on linkages between functional urban areas and areas in decline – the role of FUA for territorial cohesion

Digitalization in regional and urban planning & development

Circular economy in urban areas

c. The position of the Member States in relation to the proposed regulations for the 2021-2027 funding period

TERRITORIAL COHESION PRIORITIES

a) The implementation of the Urban Agenda for the EU

- progress report of the 12 partnerships;
- supporting the process of implementing the EU Urban Agenda actions;
- presenting the final outcomes of the Amsterdam partnerships (which are in the last stage of the implementation phase);
- approving the action plans of the Malta partnerships (Energy transition partnership).

b) Presenting the first results of the Urban Agenda for the EU

- actions implemented;
- the benefits for Member states, cities and for urban development framework



BUCHAREST DECLARATION

All these priorities will be included in the Bucharest Declaration, a political document that will be endorsed by the member states ministers responsible with urban matters on the Informal Meeting 13-14th June 2019

c) Continuation of the Urban Agenda for the EU – rolling agenda – maintaining the political endorsement

- starting the partnerships agreed within the Bulgarian Presidency ("Culture and Cultural Heritage" and "Security in Public Space") - approval of Orientation Paper;
- the future of UAEU - mid-term perspective of a UAEU in the relation with the proposed regulations for the next programming period.

d) Ensuring a better link between the Urban Agenda for the EU and the Territorial Agenda 2020 renewal process

- using the EUUA results in the TA2020 renewal process;
- identifying common themes/activities.

e) The position of the Member States in relation to the proposed urban development regulations for the 2021-2027 funding period



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URBAN DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

Task Force for the renewal of the Territorial Agenda 2020 (TFTAEU)

1st meeting 30.01.2019

- discussion on topics to be amended, dropped or added to TAEU 2020+ text;
- discussion on potential pilot actions – first proposals;
- collection of good practices as basis for inspirational communication (national/regional/local level) – content (challenges, objectives)/ implementation process;
- starting the consultation process - agreement on the questionnaire on the three “building blocks” (strategic scope and the political embedding, content, governance and implementation mechanism) of TAEU 2020+;
- inputs from ESPON European Territorial Reference Framework and COMPASS;
- correlation between TAEU 2020+ and UAEU – possible common themes.

2nd meeting 16.04.2019

- agreement on the draft report regarding the three “building blocks” of TAEU 2020+ (based on questionnaire results), with inputs from ESPON projects - European Territorial Reference Framework and COMPASS;
- establish strategic scope and the political embedding – including NTCCP conclusions;
- possible pilot actions – establishing the framework;
- discussion on topics to be amended and added;
- proposals for correlation between TAEU 2020+ and UAEU

GENERAL OUTLINE OF MEETINGS

Network of Territorial Cohesion Contact Points (NTCCP)

19-20.03.2019

- preliminary report on the three “building blocks” of TAEU 2020+ (first results of the questionnaire/inputs from ESPON projects - European Territorial Reference Framework and COMPASS);
- ESPON policy brief on functional urban areas;
- discussion on strategic scope/ topics to be amended, dropped or added to TAEU 2020+ text (including the draft report on *Functional urban areas, with a strong focus on linkages between functional urban areas and areas in decline – the role of FUA for territorial cohesion*);
- discussion on potential pilot actions – building the conceptual framework;
- collection of good practices as basis for inspirational communication (national/regional/local level) – content (challenges, objectives)/ implementation process;
- correlation between TAEU 2020+ and UAEU – possible common themes/activities (common meeting on 20th of March);
- exploring the position of the Member States in relation to the proposed territorial cohesion regulations for the 2021-2027 funding period.

GENERAL OUTLINE OF MEETINGS

***Directors General Meeting on
Territorial Cohesion
(DGCT)***

07.05.2019

- decision on the scope of TAEU 2020+;
- discussion on:
 - the content TAEU 2020+;
 - implementation mechanism of TAEU 2020+;

(based on the results of the questionnaire/the inputs from ESPON projects - European Territorial Reference Framework and COMPASS/ESPON policy brief on functional urban areas/the report on the role of FUA for territorial cohesion)

- first steps for potential pilot actions – establishing the conceptual framework;
- correlation between TAEU 2020+ and UAEU – establishing common themes/activities (provisions to be included in Bucharest Declaration);
- position of the Member States in relation to the proposed territorial cohesion regulations for the 2021-2027 funding period.

GENERAL OUTLINE OF MEETINGS

Urban Agenda Technical Preparatory Group (UATPG)

1st meeting 31.01.2019

- debating the first draft – Bucharest Declaration;
- the implementation of UAEU actions;
- the first results of UAEU (correlating all initiatives – ECORYS, EUKN, EUROCITIES, Netherland);
- the future of UAEU - mid-term perspective of a UAEU in the relation with the proposed regulations for the next programming period;
- the launch of the two new UAEU partnerships: *Culture and cultural heritage; Security in public spaces*;
- the correlation with the Territorial Agenda 2020 revising process;
- establishing the form of the questionnaire regarding the results and continuation/future of UAEU and ensuring a better link between the Urban Agenda for the EU and the Territorial Agenda 2020 renewal process.

2nd meeting 17.04.2019

- debating the second draft of the Bucharest Declaration (on the base of the UDG inputs) - implementation/results/continuation/future of of UAEU/relation with TAEU 2020+.

GENERAL OUTLINE OF MEETINGS

Urban Development Group (UDG)

20-21.03.2019

- Bucharest Declaration second draft version;
- UAEU:
 - ✓ implementation and current state of play (info by partnerships);
 - ✓ results;
 - ✓ continuation – launch of the two new UAEU partnerships: Culture and cultural heritage; Security in public spaces;
 - ✓ the future of UAEU - mid-term perspective of a UAEU;
 - ✓ correlation between TAEU 2020+ and UAEU.
- Exploring the position of the Member States in relation to the proposed urban development regulations for the 2021-2027 funding period;
- Revising process of Leipzig Charter;
- RFSC

GENERAL OUTLINE OF MEETINGS

Directors General meeting on Urban Matters (DGUM)

08.05.2019

- Bucharest Declaration third draft version;
- UAEU:
 - ✓ implementation and current state of play (info by partnerships);
 - ✓ results;
 - ✓ continuation – launch of the two new UAEU partnerships: Culture and cultural heritage; Security in public spaces;
 - ✓ the future of UAEU - mid-term perspective of a UAEU;
 - ✓ correlation between TAEU 2020+ and UAEU.
- The position of the Member States in relation to the proposed urban development regulations for the 2021-2027 funding period;
- Revising process of Leipzig Charter.
- RFSC

Informal Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Urban Matters

13-14.06.2019

- Approval of Bucharest Declaration.
 - implementation and current state of play;
 - the first results of EU Urban Agenda;
 - decision on the mid term process of EU Urban Agenda – future of EUUA;
 - correlation between TAEU 2020+ and UAEU.
- Launching the UAEU new Partnerships - *Culture and cultural heritage;*
Security in public spaces.



GENERAL OUTLINE OF MEETINGS

	Date	Venue
▪ TFTAEU / UATPG	30-31 st JANUARY 2019 16-17 th APRIL 2019	Bucharest
▪ NTCCP	19-20 th MARCH 2019	Bucharest
▪ UDG	20-21 st MARCH 2019	Bucharest
▪ DG MEETING ON TERRITORIAL COHESION	7 th MAY 2019	Bucharest
▪ DG MEETING ON URBAN MATTERS	8 th MAY 2019	Bucharest
▪ INFORMAL MEETING OF MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR URBAN MATTERS	13-14 th JUNE 2019	Bucharest
▪ ESPON WEEK	17-21 st JUNE	Iași

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Thank you for your attention !

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