

“Effective Territorial and Urban Governance (on EU-level)”

Austrian Presidency in intergovernmental cooperation on Territorial Cohesion and Urban Matters during the 2nd half of 2018

ESPON-Seminar, 30/31 May 2018, Sofia

AT Presidency: Meetings and Events (all in Vienna)

- September 20th NTCCP Meeting
- September 21st UDG Meeting

- November 12th DG Meeting Territorial Cohesion
- **November 13th** **Joint Seminar DGTC & DGUM**
- November 14th DG Meeting Urban

- December 3rd/4th ESPON Monitoring Committee
- **December 5th/6th** **ESPON Seminar**
- December 6th/7th ECP meeting

AT Presidency 2nd half 2018: Embedded in the priorities of the EE-BG-AT Trio programme

- Ensuring **continuity and momentum** in intergovernmental cooperation (Trio Programme, further implementation of Urban Agenda of the EU, contributing to the perspective of a revised Territorial Agenda of EU post-2020, etc.;
- Promoting **territorial and urban development** in an integrated way, thus reinforcing **integration** of both policy strands
- Additional efforts for integrating/enhancing **territorial and urban dimensions in Cohesion Policy**
- Continuing **close cooperation** with European Institutions and European Stakeholders (EC, CoR, EP, ESPON, JPI Urban Europe, etc.) and with future Presidencies/Trio

The AT Presidency in TC and UM has to be put (also) in the context of the „bigger picture“ of EU-affairs!

„The Austrian EU Presidency in the 2nd half of 2018 will be a **working presidency**, addressing challenges at stake!“

... that will also be true also for the work on territorial cohesion and urban matters!

- Phase of intensified discussions/negotiations on **MFF** („future of Europe“) and the draft regulations for **Cohesion Policy 2020-plus**, start of **programming** for next period, etc.
- **Implementation of Urban Agenda of the EU**: time for first deliverables and preparing the next generation of UAEU-Partnerships; preparing for an eventual Ministerial meeting in 2019
- **Territorial Agenda of the EU (TAEU)**: additional content reflections/inputs; kicking-off the „concrete“ elaboration of an **TAEU post-2020**

AT focus in TC and UM: Taking up policy issues at stake!

1. Addressing the EC proposals for Cohesion Policy 2020-plus

- reflecting on the territorial/urban aspects and instruments
 - attention to the starting phase of preparing the new programmes
- ➔ open exchange during working group meetings (but no parallel negotiations!), incl. recalling existing ESPON policy advices, etc.

2. Visions and mid-term priority issues for territorial/urban policy making on EU-level („*new territorial narratives for Europe*“?)

- taking stock of debates, scoping common views
 - support to feeding in first results of the **ESPON Territorial Reference Framework project** into the policy debates -> working towards „New narratives“ for orientation/guidance to territorial/urban planning/programming on all levels; incl. **for TAEU and UAEU**
- ➔ „**testing**“ **first ERTF-results** at DG Meeting, one topic for the ESPON-Seminar; incl. scoping ways of effective messaging (tbd)

AT priority: Effective territorial/urban governance (EU-level)

3. Scoping (better) EU-framework conditions for „*Territorial Implementation Partnerships (TIP)*“

- Taking stock of lessons-learnt with TIPs in UAEU, Macro-regional Strategies (MRS) and similar type of activities (incl. ESPON targeted analysis/SO?) -> ownership? relevance?
 - Discussing options for further developing EU-framework conditions for TIPs (governance support, functions/roles of EU-level/EC, funding options like e.g. future of TO 11, etc.)
 - Scoping **governance options for a revised TAEU 2020-plus** and for further implementing the UAEU
- joint **DG Seminar TC and UM** on 13.11.2018 with an open debate (no decisions!) aiming for policy options, based on AT input paper, additional experts inputs, ESPON/ERTRF contributions, etc.

...in a cooperative spirit

-comments/advice always welcomed!
-still “fine tuning“ of the AT Presidency activities in close cooperation with future Presidencies, EC, ESPON and other interested stakeholders during the next weeks/months.
-finally, summarizing the EE-BG-AT Trio achievements and feeding conclusions into TF TAEU and UA TPG

...and an Austrian flavour!

- Federal system of territorial policy making in Austria
- Austrian „flashlights“, like:
 - specific AT examples/case/“voices“ during the events (focus on regional and urban insights)
 - Urban development site visits in Vienna

Thank you for your attention...

...see you in Vienna!

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