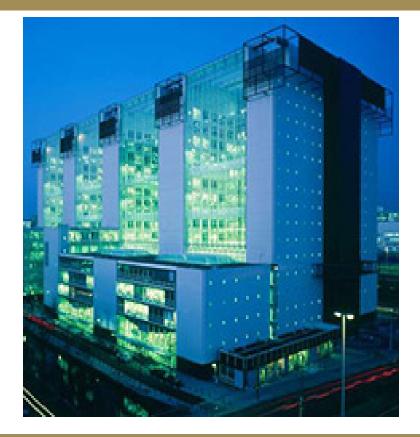
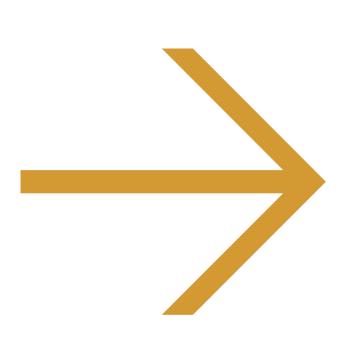
TERRITORIAL IMPACT

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TERRITORIAL IMPACT/ACTION 2.2. WHAT IS IT ABOUT?



ACTION 2.2. OF THE TERRITORIAL ACTION **PROGRAMME**: Scope the territorial impacts of sectoral policies together with sectoral policymakers and jointly analyse the introduction of the assessment of territorial impact in the policy process





Task force (SLOV, POR, FRA, POL, AUS, UK, EC) Questionnaire sent out to MS and stakeholders + interesting stakeholder papers related to territorial impact. Information used for informal discussion paper Seminar 5th March 2009







Seminar conclusions, which can be divided into 2 levels:

- 1) **EU** level and
- 2) Member States and regional levels

And

- A) How to assess and
- B) the <u>use of the assessment results</u>





•Use existing instruments (EU IA)

•Focus on categories of territories.

Co-ordination within Commission





•make explicit the **effects** of EU policy

 In order to do this, assessments should be based on clear, comparable, transparent indicators, to provide evidencebased pros and cons;

•IA should also include fields outside of EU competence





1) Increase legislative flexibility

2) Help improve the process and communication with regions, between regions and Member states





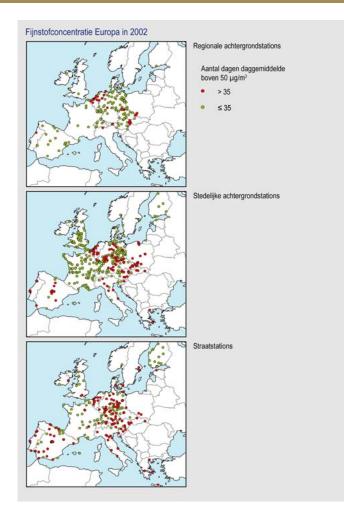
1) Use instrument like quick scan

2) group together comparable types of regions between Member States.

3) cross sectoral and integrated policy approach at the national level



EXAMPLE OF COMPARABLE REGIONS: AIR QUALITY







1) Influence EU proposals;

- 2) Exchange of best practices between different regions in EU
 - 3) raise awareness at all levels of territorial issues
 - 4) Look for positive effects of EU policies on regions and communicate about them!







