

# #TerritorialAgenda

## A future for all places

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Background



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## History

- European Spatial Development Perspective (1999)
- Territorial Agenda of the European Union (2007)
- Territorial Agenda 2020 (2011)



## April 2018: Directors-General responsible for Territorial Cohesion agree on

- Update and renewal of the Territorial Agenda
- Stronger emphasis on implementation by means of pilot / showcase projects

## July 2019 – December 2020: Renewal process

- Update content and priorities, simplify language and replace jargon
- December 2020: Adoption at informal ministerial meeting in Leipzig



## Renewal of the Territorial Agenda



# Why we need to act

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... as people and places drift apart – increasing imbalances and inequalities, e.g. in the fields:

- Quality of life
- Services of general interest
- Demographic and societal imbalances
- Digitalisation and the 4th industrial revolution
- Employment and economic development
- Interdependencies between places
- Global embeddedness

... to respond to the increasing pressure concerning sustainable development and climate change, e.g. in the fields:

- Climate change
- Loss of biodiversity and land consumption
- Air, soil and water quality
- Secure, affordable and sustainable energy
- Just Transition
- Circular regional value chains
- Natural, landscape and cultural heritage

# Territorial priorities for Europe

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## A Just Europe



that offers future  
perspectives for all  
places and people

### Balanced Europe

Better balanced territorial development utilising Europe's diversity

### Functional Regions

Local and regional development, less inequality between places

### Integration Beyond Borders

Living and working across national borders

## A Green Europe



that protects common  
livelihoods and shapes  
societal transition

### Healthy Environment

Better ecological livelihoods and climate-neutral and resilient towns, cities and regions

### Circular Economy

Strong and sustainable local economies in a globalised world

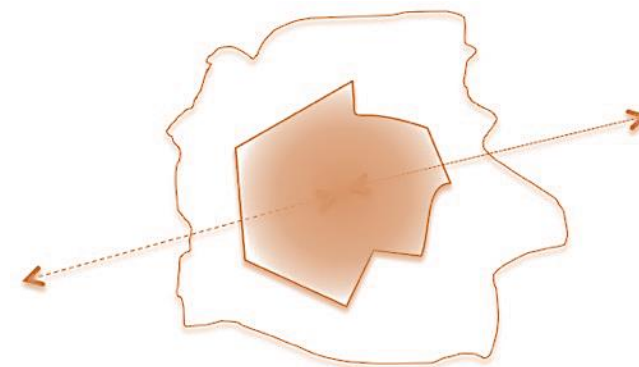
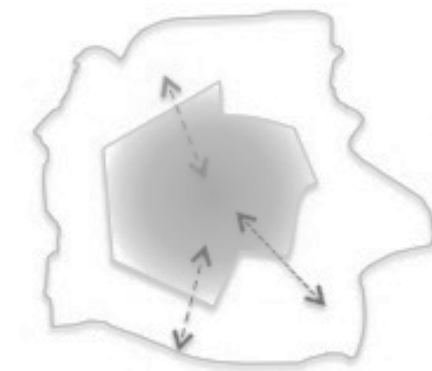
### Sustainable Connections

Sustainable digital and physical connectivity of places

- The Territorial Agenda 2030 needs to be supported by the actions of committed players:  
Member States, Sub-national bodies, European Commission, European Parliament, European Committee of the Regions, European Economic and Social Committee, European Investment Bank, European associations addressing spatial development
- Every key player can take action in the context of his/her regular mandate.
- Implementation through dedicated 'Pilot actions': To show, test, and develop practices that contribute to TA2030 priorities.



## The Baltic Sea Region and the Territorial Agenda 2030



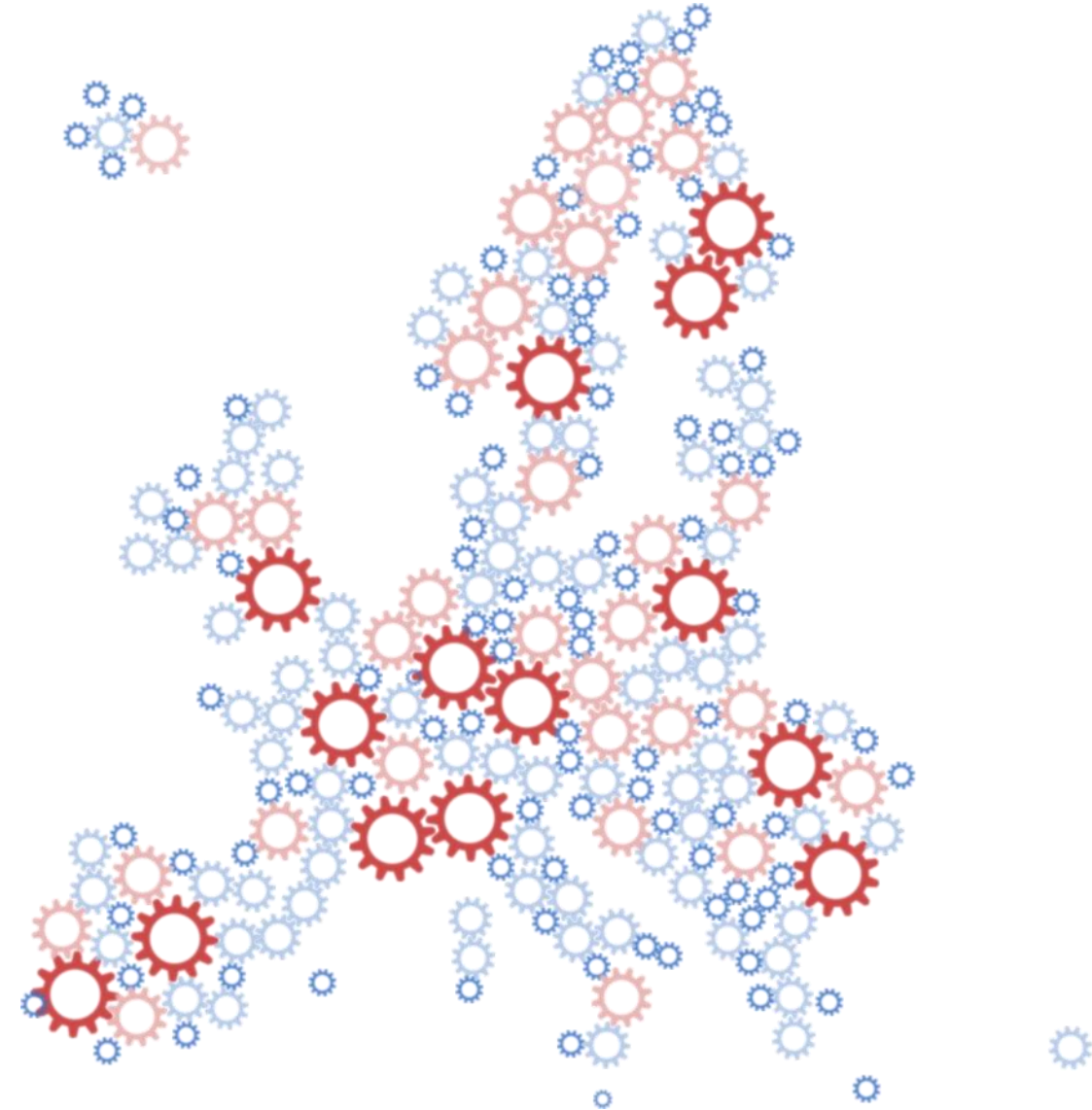


# Pilot actions

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- A future for lagging regions
- Understanding how sector policies shape spatial (im)balances
- Small places matter for territorial development
- Territorial vision for a cross-border functional region
- Alpine towns for citizens
- Climate change adaptation and resilience through landscape transition



# TA2030 and EUSBSR

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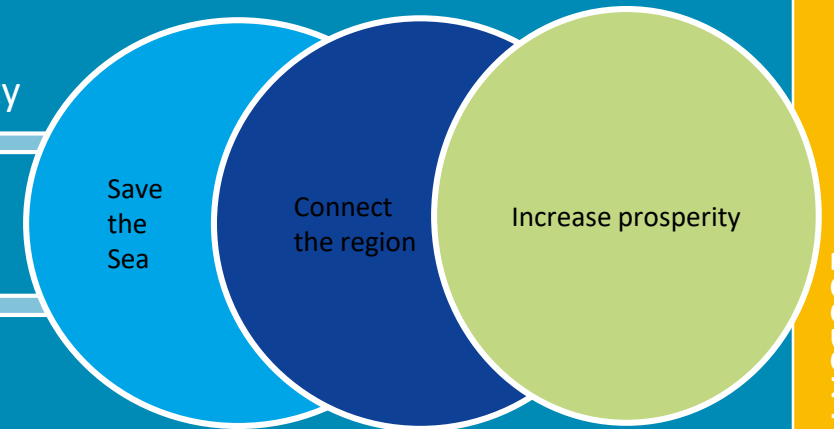
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Living and working across national borders



EUSBSR Horizontal Actions

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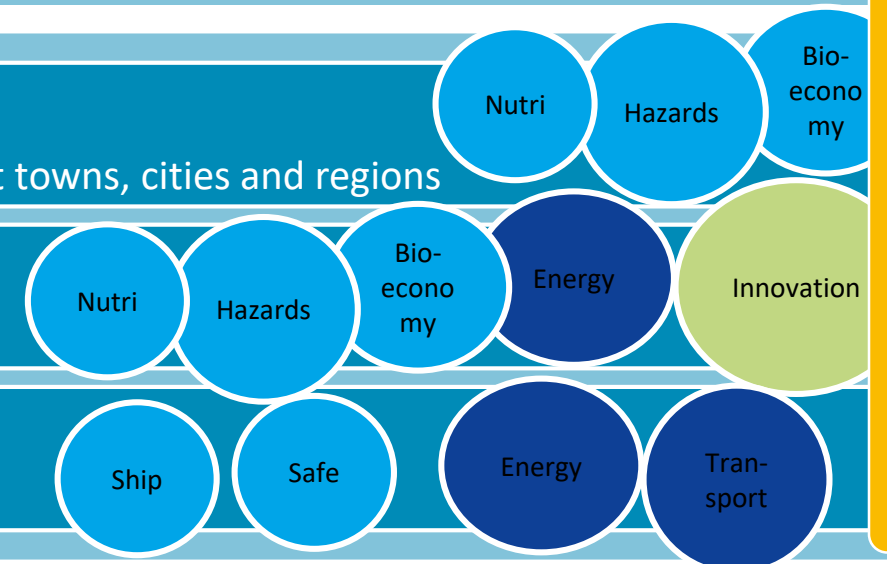
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# TA2030 and Interreg BSR

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SO 2.1-2.4

SO 3.1-3.5

SO 1.1-1.3

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R&I infra-  
structures  
(1.1)

Non-tech  
innovation  
(1.3)

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Blue  
growth  
(2.4)

Clear  
waters  
(2.1)

Energy  
efficiency  
(2.3)

Maritime  
safety  
(3.3)

Renew-  
able  
energy  
(2.2)

Shipping  
(3.4)

Urban  
mobility  
(3.5)

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Smart  
speciali-  
sation  
(1.2)

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Interoper-  
ability  
(3.1)

Access-  
ibility  
(3.2)

Maritime  
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## #TerritorialAgenda A future for all places

**The Territorial Agenda is a strategic policy document for Europe, its regions and communities. It provides a framework for action towards territorial cohesion and a future for all places in Europe. It asks policy makers at all governance levels to contribute to an inclusive and sustainable future and the Sustainable Development Goals in Europe.**

### Why

In Europe, increasing inequalities between people and between places as well as unsustainable developments have reached a critical level. They risk undermining the basis on which the EU, its Member States and thriving cities and regions build their success. Therefore, it is about time for concerted action at all geographical and administrative levels to ensure positive future perspectives for

### Aim

The aim of the Territorial Agenda is to ensure that the need for a sustainable future for all people and places is addressed appropriately. Strengthening territorial cohesion means ensuring a future for all places in the EU. It enables equal opportunities for citizens and enterprises, wherever they are located. Territorial cohesion reinforces solidarity and reduces inequalities between



# Thank you!

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