



Work Group 1

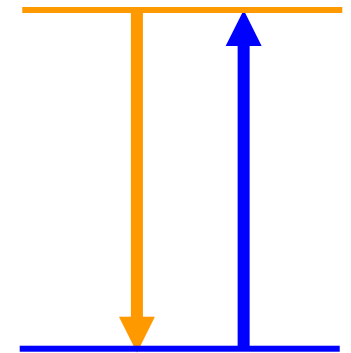
Cooperation of Cities with MA

FIN-URB-ACT
Partner meeting
3.-5. June 2009
Aveiro, Portugal

How to organise cooperation between cities and MAs in transparent, efficient and lasting way?

Objective: two way communication

- **Top down:** Inform cities & other organisations on funding & support from national/regional EU programs (incl. procedures)
- **Bottom up:** take on board local experiences and capacities for developing & adjusting national/regional SME support to local needs



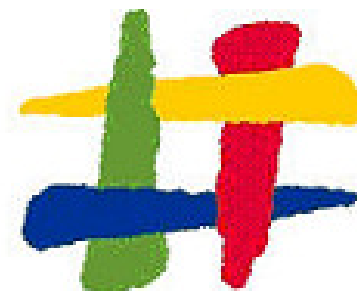
Preliminary Conditions:

- **Transparent:** Not „one“ individual privileged relation <-> involve various representative cities of region/state in an open process
- **Efficient:** how to organise the cooperation process?
- **Lasting:** regular communication in a stable structure



‘Städtenetz Soziale Stadt NRW’

- Network of NRW Cities participating in German Urban Regeneration Program “Soziale Stadt”
- **Thematic issue:** integrated revitalisation of deprived neighbourhoods
- **Objective:** Knowledge & information exchange, impulses & ideas for local activities, reflection on approaches
- **Activities:** Regular meetings, seminars, workshops, monitoring/evaluation, PR
- **Actors:** representatives from urban quarters up to regional ministries
- **From 2007 EU issues became important focus**



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Structure of 'Städtenetz Soziale Stadt'

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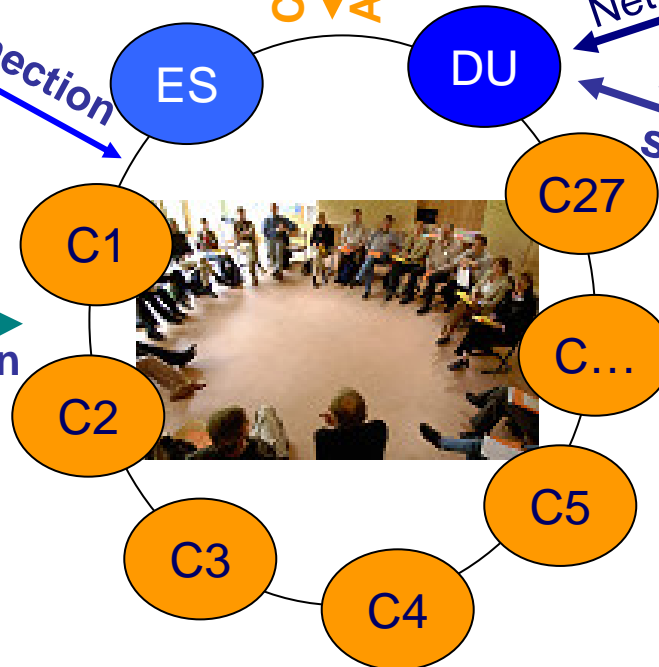
Cooperation
Agreement

Connection

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Member-
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Scientific
Cooperation





Structure of 'Städtenetz Soziale Stadt NRW'

- **Management Office:** Office for City Development Essen
- **Financing:** cost sharing by Cities & subsidy of the Region
- **Political Representation** by chief officer Essen & city director Gelsenkirchen + Advisory Board with representatives of all cities
- **Cooperation Agreement** between Region & City Network
 - + regular contact and involvement of regional ministries (esp. ministry responsible for urban development)
 - + Involvement of district authorities of the Land NRW
- Close Relation to **NRW Association of Cities**
- **Scientific support** by ILS and difu
- **Link to national and European networking** by City of Duisburg



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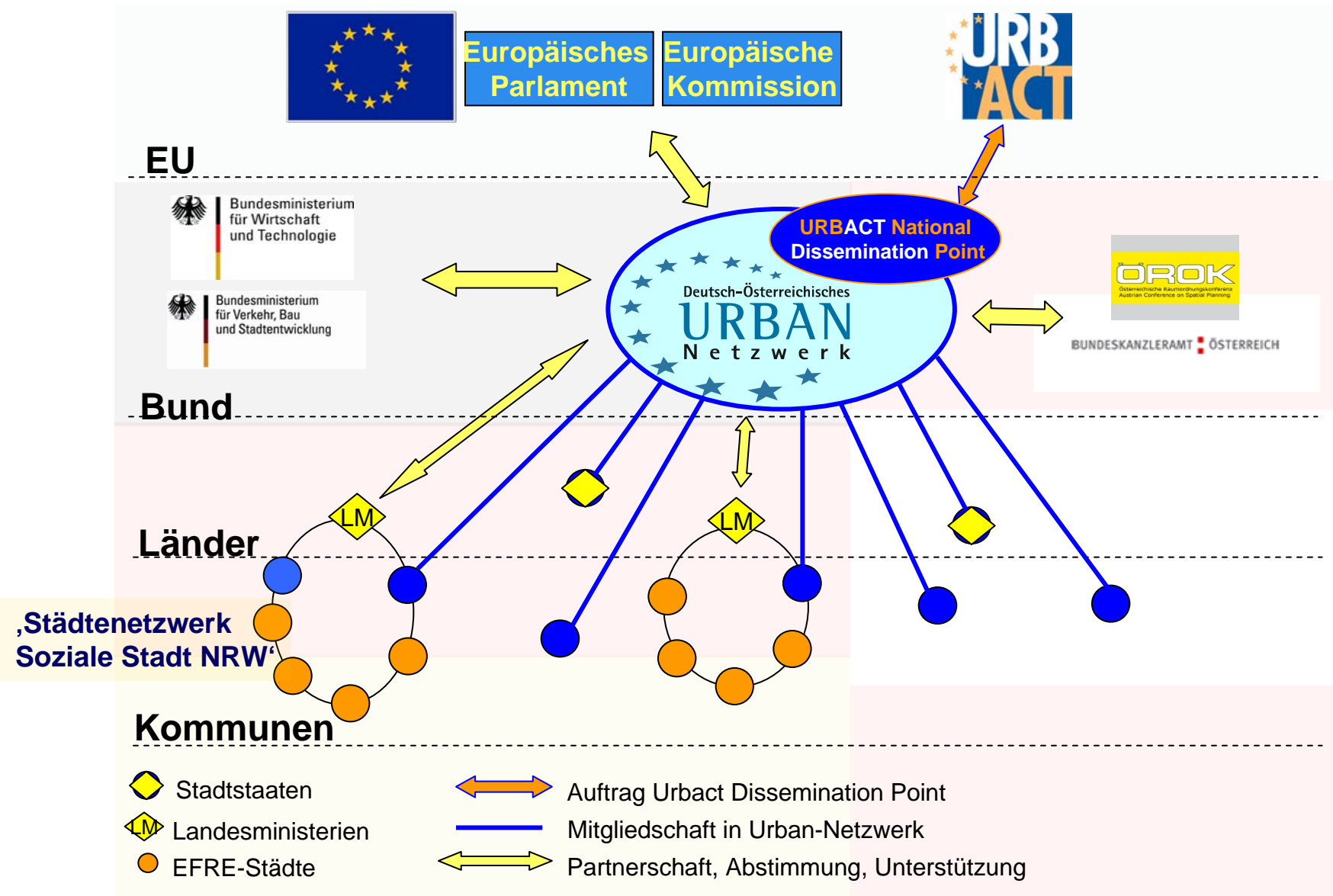
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Link to National Network





European Issues of the 'Städtenetz Soziale Stadt'

- Cities funded by regional ERDF priority "sustainable urban development" involved
- Exchange, discuss and reflect on questions for administrative & practical implementation of ERDF measures (incl. rules & procedures)
- Informal transfer of information on upcoming decisions/regulations from regional level
- "Fit for Europe" program as a learning & exchange platform set up by City of Duisburg, 'Städtenetz' and Regional Ministry
- 'Städtenetz' guest in interministerial ERDF selection committee (established within the competition procedure)





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