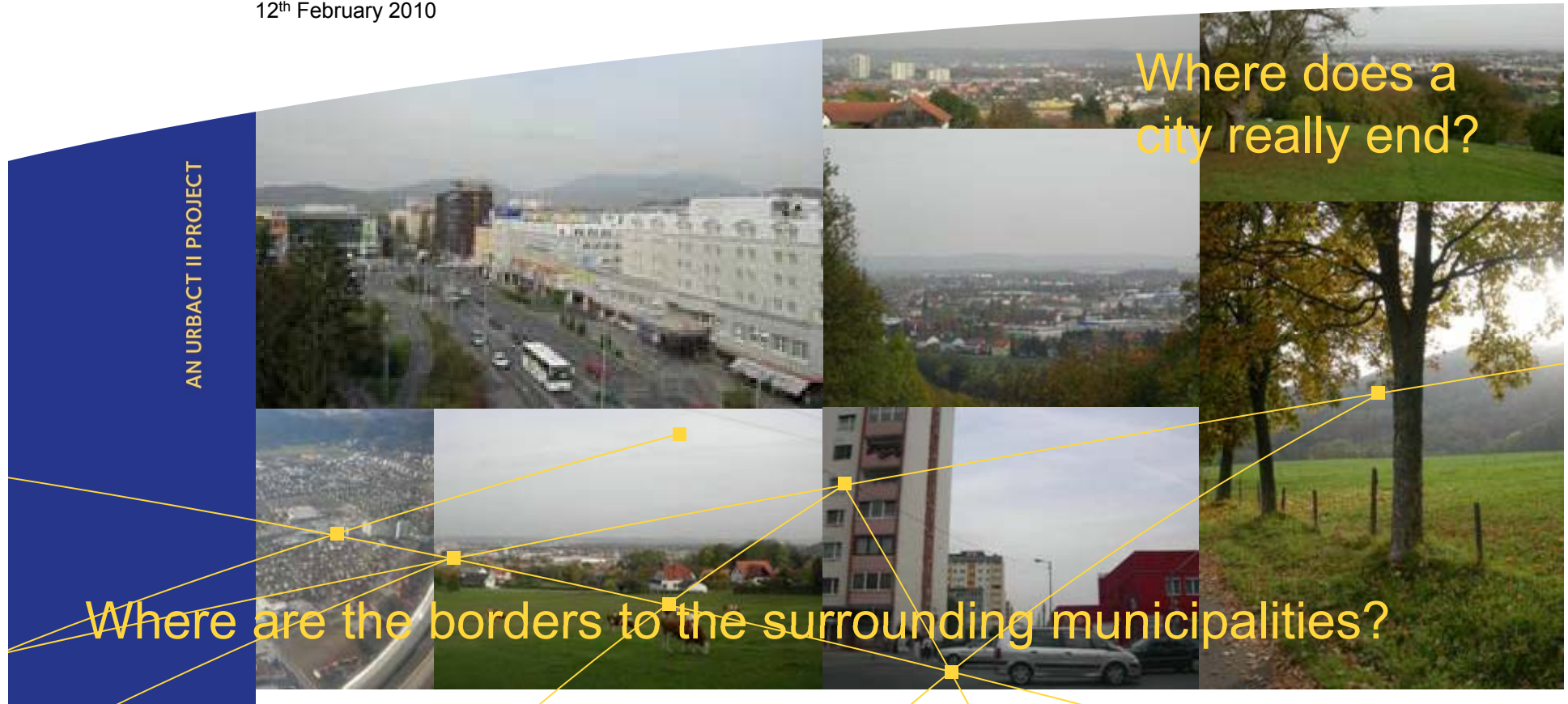


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The role of cities in integrated regional development

Light footprint urban environments (Bernd Gassler)

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CityRegion.Net - Objectives

› The main objective:

- improving the cooperation between cities and their surrounding municipalities

› The main challenges:

- Common land use policies and instruments for integrated urban – regional planning.
- Definition of new financial instruments to meet the multiple tasks and projects of general interest.
- Identification of successful regional structures as basis for city hinterland cooperation.
- The participation of relevant key actors by (re-)defining the criteria for integrated regional development.

CityRegion.Net – 2 Subthemes

Planning tools, financial instruments	Regional structures
Tools for efficient land use and against suburbanisation	Shared functions and tasks
Tools for an efficient public transport system between city and its region	Special methodologies for cooperation between big city and smaller municipalities
Tools for a sustainable economic development and the revitalisation of the city-centres	Necessary regional structures for a successful city-hinterland (region) cooperation and methods of financing them
Tools for efficient environmental development	Strategies on the involvement of key players and key investors
Definition of criteria for projects of common interest and possibilities of financing them	Legal preconditions for city-hinterland (region) cooperations

CityRegion.Net - Partners

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Lead Partner:

City of Graz / Austria

partners:

- City of Czeszochowa / Poland
- City of Châlons-en-Champagne / France
- City of Oradea / Romania
- City of Kielce / Poland
- City of Munich / Germany
- City of Arezzo / Italy
- City of Trikala / Greece
- City of Zurich / Switzerland



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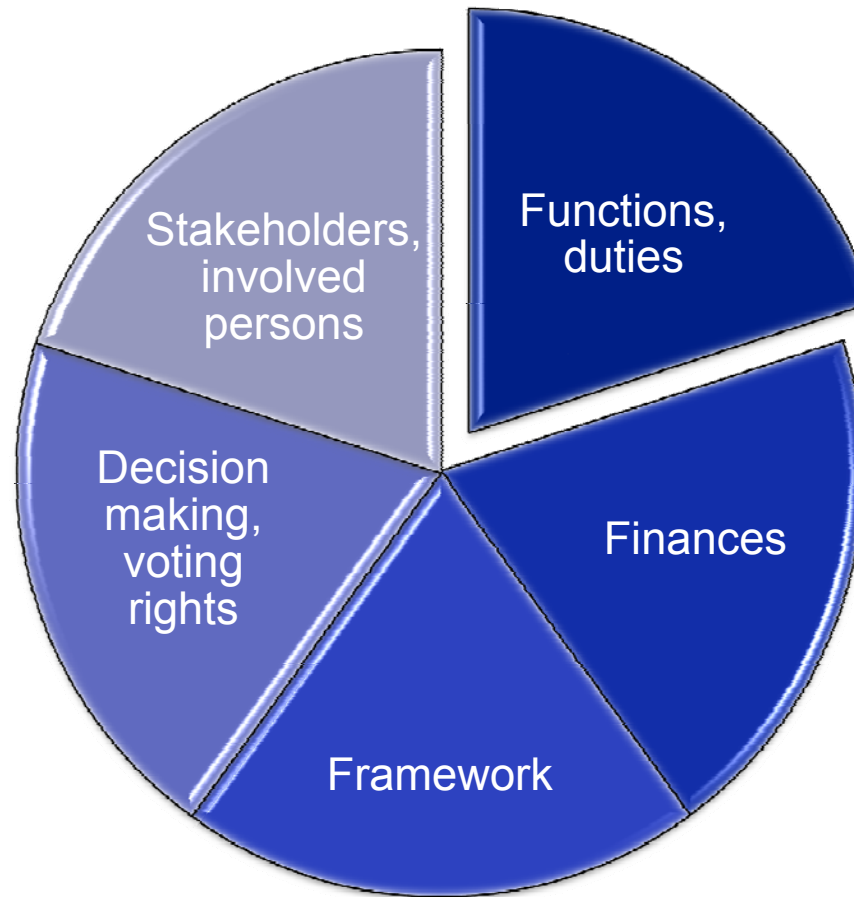
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Expected Results	Intendend Outputs
Proactive policy to improve the different cooperation forms	9 Local Action Plans
Identification of strong and week points in local urban planning	Methods for the identification and participation of key actors
Best practices, know-how, adaptation of models to local needs	Catalogue of functions that can or cannot be shared in a cooperation
Improvement of effectiveness of integrated land use planning	Starting to implement projects of the LAP and finding funding possibilities
Generation of significant impacts on local economy	Measures for awareness raising for co-operations

First results: regional structures

- › **Building blocks that can be used parallel or in sequences**
- › **Different models without relation**
- › **Different models for different requirements**
- › **3 models for the political recommendations of the network and for the handbook!!**
 - Cooperation of smaller municipalities
 - Cooperation big city and surrounding municipalities
 - Multi level decision making model

“Building blocks“ of a cooperation



Joint convention of this model

Cooperation of smaller municipalities

Functions, duties

- Establishing joint development projects & common management of at least 1 municipal task (e. g. housing policy, development and maintenance of roads, provision of schools)

Finances

- Own budget → local, provincial, national funds / ERDF cofinancing

Framework

- Inter-municipal cooperation with autonomy right; legally determined by statutes, no jurisdiction, own staff, assets, equipment

Decision making, voting rights

- Extension of powers is subject to a blocking minority of a third of its members; reduction of his powers can only be decided unanimously (one voice)

Stakeholders, involved persons

- Associative committee with representatives of municipal councils, whose membership is mostly egalitarian

Cooperation big city and surrounding municipalities

Functions, duties

- Fulfilment of tasks that are not manageable for a city on its own (e. g. public transport, waste water management, spatial planning, location management, tourism, etc.)

Finances

- Own fees, own budget for co-operational projects

Framework

- Own legal status; own organisational office with assets, equipment, staff, etc.

Decision making, voting rights

- Decisions are made by a double qualified majority (3/5 of the members must be present and have to represent 3/5 of the inhabitants)

Stakeholders, involved persons

- All mayors of all participating municipalities + members of the provincial parliament, no other stakeholders

“Multi level decision making model“

Functions, duties

- shared projects, lobbying, identity-building, etc.

Finances

- yearly contributions, relative to the inhabitants of cantons and municipalities, and separate financing of large projects by those who are interested and willing

Framework

- association with statutes, management board, small office, but with clear political lead (not by administrations)

Decision making, voting rights

- more inhabitants, more voting rights, more paying

Stakeholders, involved persons

- both cantonal governors and communal mayors

Financing projects in the region Graz

Urban+

- ERDF co-financed cooperation projects in terms of environmental measures, etc.
- regional location management

ETC (Gentle mobility projects)

- mobility concepts, improvement of public traffic – Biodiesel, bike routes

ESF (Employment Pact)

- planning and implementation of cooperative labour market politics – e.g. health@SME, Smart region

Cross Border Cooperation Graz - Maribor

- Mobility, Environment, green belt

Mobility projects Graz

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Space for people
(since 1987)



Tempo 30/50 km/h
(since 1992)



Public Awareness
(since 1989)



Mobility projects

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• Better Public Transport

- Low floor buses and trams
- Bus tangential lines
- Ecological buses / Biodiesel
- Better interchange facilities



Gentle mobility project

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