OECD LEED Forum on Partnerships and Local Governance

**Enhancing the contribution** of partnership structures to local development and local governance and the effectiveness of policies
Why looking at partnerships?

The area-based partnership is a tool to improve governance. It seeks to:

– Improve policy co-ordination and adaptation to local conditions
– Lead to better utilisation and targeting of programmes
– Integrate civil society’s concerns into strategic planning exercises through more widespread participatory democracy
– Stimulate corporate involvement in local projects
– Promote greater satisfaction with public policy

(OECD Local Partnerships for better Governance, 2001)
Which partnerships?

The Trento Centre in the framework of the Forum on Partnerships and Local Governance, created in 2004, in co-operation with the Austrian Federal Ministry of Economy and Labour and supported by the EC, is considering partnerships which are:

- **MULTI-LEVEL**: Partnerships decision-making involves stakeholders from supranational, national, regional and local levels

- **MULTI-SECTORAL**: Multi-sectoral (or cross-sectoral) partnerships involve stakeholders representing various economic sectors/branches, governmental and non-governmental actors seeking to improve the co-ordination between labour market, education, economic and social policies at local and regional level

- **MULTI-DIMENSIONAL**: Partnerships apply integrated approaches to multi-dimensional problems
Forum Partnerships (A Selection)

- Austrian TEPs
- Canadian CFDCs
- WIBs in USA
- WIRED in USA
- ACCs in Australia
- New Zealand RPP
- RESOC & SEER in Flanders
- OPE in Luxembourg
- France: CBE, MIFE, EREF and PLIE
- SNP in Portugal
- TEPs in Catalonia
- Partnerships in Norway
- Swedish RGC
- Finnish partnerships
- Irish partnerships
- LSP in UK
- Berlin Pacts
- Partnerships in CZ
- LSIPs in SK
- Austrian TEPs
- Hungarian TEPs
- LAG in BiH
- Greek partnerships
- Italian TEPs

LEED Programme
Tasks of the Forum

Building the **network** (identification and networking of institutions)

- **Countries served:** 50
- **Area-based Partnerships covered:** ~2600

Building the **data base**

- **On-line Document Database:** 455 selected documents (structured in country, title, year of publication, etc.) and 247 links related to partnership and local governance issue.

Forum meetings and International Partnership Fair

- 4th Forum meeting in 2008, 135 partnership experts from 25 nationalities
- International Partnership Fair in 2006: 240 partnership experts from 33 nationalities

Mentoring and Policy advice

- **Study visits** and **capacity building** for experienced partnerships and for new established partnerships

Information exchange

- Annual brochure, Electronic newsletter, Forum Website, Electronic discussion group

**http://www.oecd.org/els/leed/forum/partnerships**
Capacity Building and Knowledge Exchange

Activity Stream for experienced partnership managers, 2006-2008
- Capacity Building Seminar and Study Visit to Austria, 5-7 December 2006, Vienna, Austria
- Capacity Building Seminar and Study Visit to Ireland, 18-20 April 2007, Dublin, Ireland

Annual Forum Meeting, March 2007

Activity Stream for new partnership managers, 2006-2008
- Capacity Building Seminar, 8 November 2006, Bucharest, Romania
- Capacity Building Seminar, 26-29 May 2007, Opatija, Croatia
- Capacity Building Seminar, 10 December 2007, Lisbon, Portugal
- Capacity Building Seminar, 11-13 June 2008, OECD LEED Trento Centre
The Vienna Action Statement on Partnerships

The Action Statement was prepared by the Forum Committee of Experts – comprising selected, experienced partnership practitioners – and agreed by the participants of the third Forum meeting on 2 March 2007 in Austria.

- **Objectives** → The Action statement is a supporting tool to improve policy and governance processes as well as dialogue and co-operation, both among policy makers and between policy makers and other stakeholders at the local, regional and national levels.

- **Overview on recommended actions** → The Forum meeting participants invite governments and partnerships to work together to:
  1. *Ensure flexibility in policy implementation*
  2. *Establish robust communication mechanisms through which partnerships can influence and comment on relevant policy developments*
  3. *Better align policy objectives*
  4. *Establish evaluation tools that will accurately measure added value.*
  5. *Build the capacities of local, regional and national stakeholders to work effectively in partnership through training and development*
  6. *Provide a secure financial base*
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