Managing space in peri-urban areas: rural-urban partnerships in action, a West Midlands perspective

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Managing space in a peri-urban location – context and issues

Staffordshire County

South Staffordshire

Wolverhampton City
Managing space in a peri-urban location – a solution
Rural-Urban partnership working, i54 South Staffordshire

http://www.i54southstaffordshire.co.uk/
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FrankfurtRheinMain Region

Neither urban nor rural but: Peri-Urban

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FrankfurtRheinMain Region
Not rural

- Polycentric settlement
- 75 towns and cities in core
- 2 state capitals
- 1 more NUTS3
- Rural area legally begins beyond our region’s borders

…but peri-urban
### Some figures

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Regional Authority’s area

50 km

Frankfurt

Offenbach
Peri-urban open space
Peri-urban open space: The example explained

- Agro-chemicals test site
- Abandoned by Hoechst AG
- Bought by publicly owned Regionalpark company
- Turned into Regionalpark’s core area
Regional park

- Routes
- Attractions
- Safeguarding open space
- Physical and mental access
- European best practice
- Tangible results of planning
Regionalpark is peri-urban

- Add-on activity of the municipalities
- Rooted in and enhancing formal planning
- Formal planning for the region well established and successful since the 1970ies
- Is formal planning 'co-operation' between municipalities? No!
- Is this 'urban-rural' co-operation? No!
- It is time to drop that medieval dualism!
- It is urban – peri-urban – rural!

Lack of precision means missing opportunities to address vital topics of prospering European regions
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Managing peri-urban open space

Creating places worth caring about
Flemish Rand around Brussels
Open space in Urban fabric
Peri-urban
Peri-urban
Planning solution?
Open space is leading for quality of place:

Charging spaces with **meaning:**

- Recourses of ecosystem services, food, energy
- Visible, accessible and connected

Creating places worth caring about
Find alliances
Alliances of people
Think bigger if possible
In a structuring legal framework

Instrument of integrated land development:

- Develop integral regional vision
- Draw plans (with people, in a formal Counseling Group)
- Anchor agreements between interested parties
- Support realization -with grants-
- Experience and enjoy growing awareness among people
10 focus areas for land development
From Regional Vision to Development Plan
Realization
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Peri-urban agriculture - The Ile-de-France case

Michèle VITRAC-POUZOULET - Bologna - 23 October 2013
Urban sprawls in Ile-de-France

1830

1900

1960

2000
Protecting peri-urban agriculture
Multifunctionality of peri-urban agriculture

Production / Economy

Social function

Environment / biodiversity
Spatial planning
Regional policies and tools

The Regional intervention land perimeters

The Île-de-France regional programme 2008-2013 for peri-urban agriculture
The Montesson plain example
Dynamic peri-urban agricultural activities
Thank you for your attention
Sweden – the new culinary nation!
Broadband – rural-urban linkages
Broadband – key to e-services
Peri-urban land-use, metropolitan planning and urban-rural cooperation

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- Amsterdam is member of Eurocities, PURPLE Randstad region and vice-president of METREX
- Working on sustainable development of both urban, peri-urban and rural areas
- Integrated strategic planning as an instrument
Shared vision of development 2040

Amsterdam Metropolitan Area 2040

Housing  Accessibility  Landscape  Sustainability  Economy
Amsterdam Structural Vision 2040: Metropolitan landscape
Transformation of empty office space within existing urban areas
Metropolitan cooperation on reducing greenfield office space production
Metropolitan cooperation on reducing greenfield office space production
Food strategy Amsterdam: regional dimension of food chain
SOLIDARITY ON FUTURE CHALLENGES OF COHESION - DEMOGRAPHY

Amsterdam Responsible Capital: Cooperation with remote shrinking areas
Amsterdam approach to urban-rural relations in European perspective