



# OECD LEED Forum on Partnerships and Local Governance



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**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

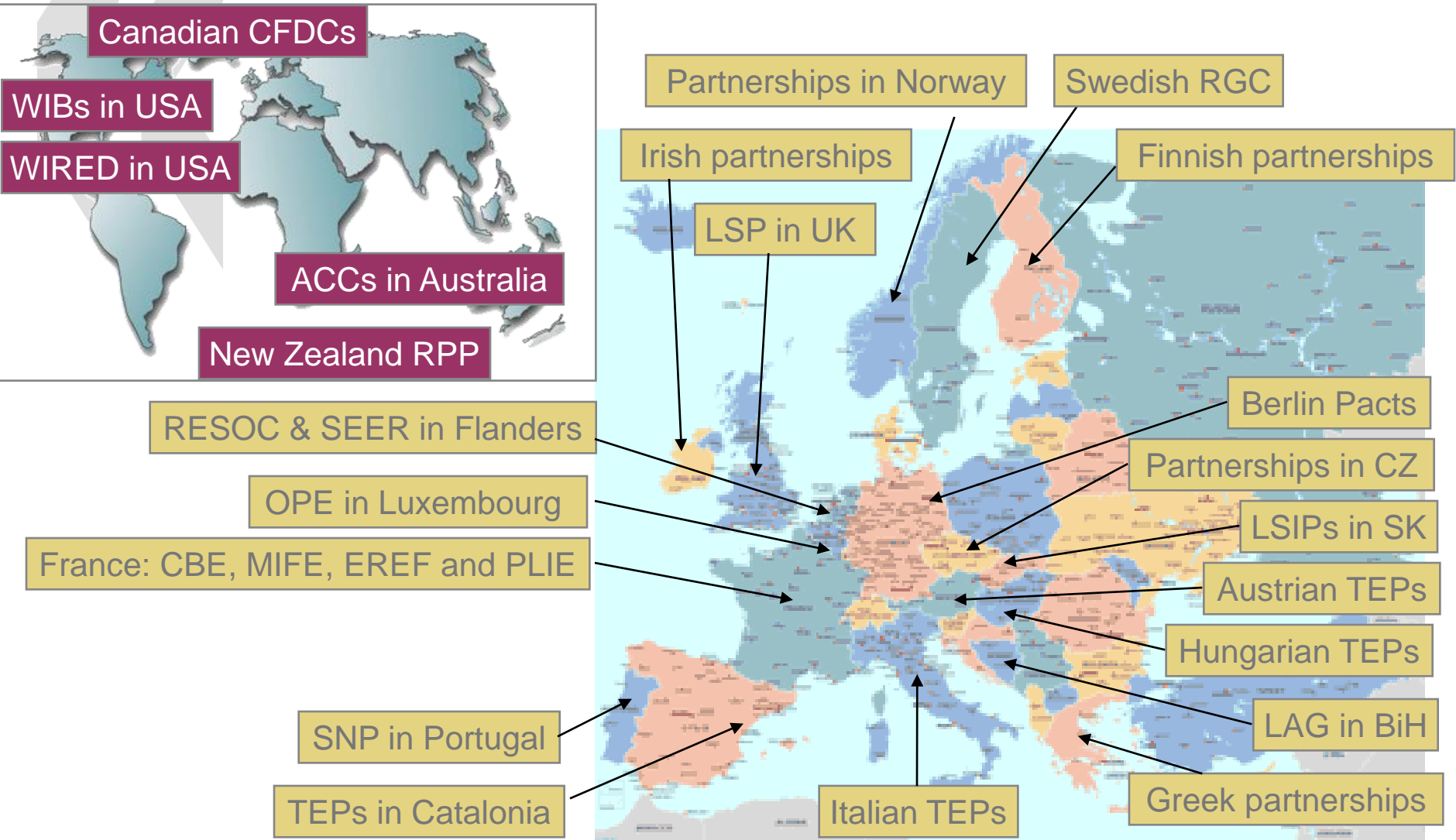
(OECD Local Partnerships for better Governance, 2001)

# 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)



# 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**



4<sup>th</sup> 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

<i>Activity Stream for experienced partnership managers, 2006-2008</i>			<i>Activity Stream for new partnership managers, 2006-2008</i>	
Capacity Building Seminar and Study Visit to Austria, 5-7 December 2006, Vienna, <b>Austria</b>	<i>OECD Electronic Discussion Group EGD</i>	<b>Annual Forum Meeting, March 2007</b>	Capacity Building Seminar, 8 November 2006, Bucharest, <b>Romania</b>	<i>OECD Electronic Discussion Group EGD</i>
Capacity Building Seminar and Study Visit to Ireland, 18-20 April 2007, Dublin, <b>Ireland</b>		<b>Annual Forum Meeting, February 2008</b>	Capacity Building Seminar, 28-29 May 2007, Opatjia, <b>Croatia</b>	
			Capacity Building Seminar, 10 December 2007, Lisbon, <b>Portugal</b>	
			Capacity Building Seminar, 11-13 June 2008, <b>OECD LEED Trento Centre</b>	

# 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*



## For more information:

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