

Linking rural and urban in Poland - the case of Integrated Territorial Investments



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Integrated Territorial Investments – Objectives

- ➔ Fostering cooperation across levels of government in functional urban areas
- ➔ Fostering cooperation between different types of areas – rural and urban
- ➔ Implementation of integrated projects – comprehensive response to specific needs and challenges of a functional area
- ➔ Increasing influence of local authorities on the policy and actions delivered in functional areas – in particular under EU cohesion policy programmes

Integrated Territorial Investments – where?

- ➔ **Functional areas of regional capitals of 16 Polish regions**
(5% of European Regional Development Fund allocation) –
 - obligatory under 16 Regional Operational Programmes
- ➔ **Functional areas of subregional cities**
 - up to Managing Authorities of regional programmes

ITIs – necessary conditions

- ➔ Creating institutionalised **partnership** (ITI Association)
- ➔ Preparing an ITI **Strategy** (=pre-Strategy for FUA)
- ➔ Having an appropriate **institutional capacity**
- ➔ Including relevant provisions in regional programmes
- ➔ Earmarking financial allocation for regional capital ITIs in regional programmes funds
- ➔ Signing an **agreement** for ITI implementation in a region between the ITI Association and the Managing Authority of a specific regional operational programme

ITI Strategy

- ➔ The basic requirement for receiving support for ITI implementation
- ➔ Determines the territorial vision of the FUA, coherent with existing strategic documents
- ➔ Indicates the ITI contribution to achieving general objectives of the regional programme
- ➔ Outlines the implementation system, actions and integrated projects under ITI with the list of complementary projects (priority pass in National Operational Programmes and other measures under regional programmes)
- ➔ Must be approved by all members of the ITI Association + opinion of Managing Authority and the Ministry of Infrastructure and Development

ITI Associations – main tasks

Programming stage

- ➔ Preparing and submitting the ITI Strategy to relevant authorities
- ➔ Participating in designing the programme (scope and implementation system for ITI/ FUA/ city + indicative allocation)
- ➔ Preparing specific selection criteria for ITI projects

Implementation stage

- ➔ Tasks related to project selection
- ➔ Monitoring tasks - annual implementation report of the ITI Strategy, participation in monitoring committee

Support under ITIs - thematic scope

- ➔ Sustainable and efficient transport
- ➔ Restitution of socio-economic functions of degraded parts of FUAs
- ➔ Environmental actions
- ➔ Supporting energy efficiency and promoting low-carbon strategies
- ➔ Improving access to and quality of public services
- ➔ Supporting research, technological progress and innovation

Thank you for your attention!

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