

Sustainable Urban Growth and Rural Development

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ABSTRACT

Territorial cohesion as a development concept has a long-standing tradition in the European Union. However, the urban-rural divide is recognized all around the world: especially metropolitan areas show a rapid urban growth whilst less-populated rural areas are left behind. The disparate development of cities and rural areas stretches back to antiquity. However, urbanization as the main shaping trend of our century fosters the division and the accompanying enmities. The EU has tried to meet this gap: the idea of urban-rural partnerships came up with the European Spatial Development Perspective (ESDP) in 1999. However, the linkages are not stable yet and policy on spatial development mostly fosters the development of rural areas OR urban areas, but does not integrate both sides. My research focuses on efforts fostering urban-rural linkages, the obstacles and why the transformation of society and the new negotiation processes should be part of the conception of partnerships. The project 'Cities under pressure? Sustainable Urban Growth Management in Europe and beyond?' focuses on the implementation of the sustainability concept in rapidly growing cities. The project 'Quantifying Spatial Spillover Effects of Urban Restructuring?' stresses a methodical approach for quantifying spatial spillover effects of urban restructuring and their spatial distribution to adapt the instrument of value capture in urban growth to urban decline.

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