

The Idea

Main Objectives

Development and testing of strategies for urban development in structurally weak and sparsely settled regions of the CASES area which are

- sustainable,
- regional oriented and
- which strengthen the urban-rural partnership.

Structure of the partner cities

Small and Medium-Sized Cities (up to 100,000 inhabitants) in structurally weak regions, with sparsely density of settlement, which are willing to divide labor and to cooperate.

Beneficiaries for the partners

Preparation of projects for urban development with regional benefits, particularly

- new models and new approaches of health care,
- improvement of regional traffic and accessibility,
- urban-rural partnership in tourism and agriculture,
- organisation and qualifying of interlocal co-operation and division of labor,
- regional and international exchange of experience.

Partners

Municipalities of Waren and Neustrelitz in co-operation with the Urban Network "Mecklenburgische Seenplatte" (Germany),

Municipality of Suwalki in (Poland),

Municipality of Magione (Italy) (still open),

Municipality of Gorna Oriahovitsa in co-operation with the Urban Region "Veliko Turnovo" (Bulgaria),

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Network of Small and Medium Sized Cities in the CADSES-area



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Interreg III B /CADSES Small and Medium Sized Cities in their Region

Driver and spearheads
in transformation



Problems and background

CIR shall implement new policies of sustainable , regionally oriented urban development in Small and Medium Sized Cities, SMCs, and new approaches of urban-rural partnerships within economically weaker and sparsely populated regions in the CADSES-area.

Rural regions have to contend with problematic pattern of settlements which will worsen as demographic developments and migration take their toll. If it is at all possible, this vicious circle can be broken only with the help of the cities and towns. The Small and Medium Sized Cities are to undertake the task of centralising private and public services and extend economical, social and cultural impacts into the surrounding rural area. This process cannot proceed along the lines of antiquated centralized models or with a sharp distinction between urban and rural areas. Rather, new and more flexible methods of supply are called for, which, proceeding outward from the regional centers, reach the less mobile population in the surrounding rural areas. This model also implies a much stronger orientation of the cities and towns toward the rural areas.

The main objectives of CIR must be to implement sustainable, regionally oriented urban development, models of regional urban cooperation and new forms of urban-rural partnerships within weaker, sparsely populated regions in the CADES area. Apart from economic development the main issues of SMCs are maintenance of supply standards, particularly in health care and education, enhancement of mobility and communication and urban-rural partnership in agriculture and tourism.

It is to be proven under which kind of conditions and in which measures small towns can take their role as a driver for regional development and spearhead in transformation and how sustainable development can be carried out by sustainable and co-operative urban development.

Priority and Measures

Priority I:

Promoting spatial development approaches and actions for social and economic cohesion

Measures:

1.2 Shaping urban development, promoting urban networks and urban co-operation and

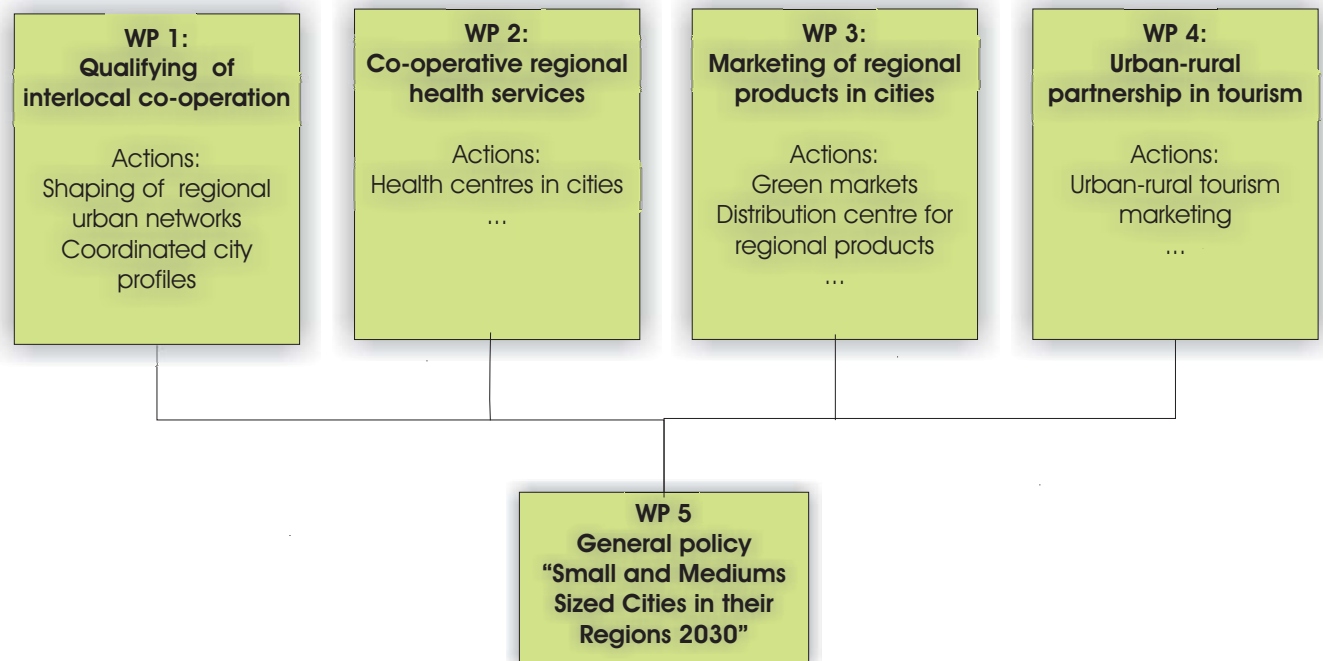
1.3 Shaping rural development.

Expected Products and Results

CIR will produce the following outputs

1. Models and approaches of interlocal co-operation
2. Feasibility studies and pilot projects for co-operative regional health services
3. Feasibility studies and pilot actions for marketing of regional products in cities
4. Development concepts for urban/rural partnership in tourism
5. Guide "Small and Medium Sized Cities in their Regions 2030, driver and spearheads in transformation" with best-practice examples and policy paper

Work-packages



The work packages are still open for completion and change.