Spatial Planning
at the Heart of Territorial Cohesion

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Spatial Planning at the Heart of Territorial Cohesion:

1. What is Territorial Cohesion?
2. Aspects of Strategic Spatial Planning
3. How to Assess Planning Achievements?
4. Conclusions
1. What is Territorial Cohesion?

An agreed objective for Europe’s Future Development

- No Definition (advantageous ambiguity)
- Mutual Supportive/Synergetic Connectivity of all Aspects
- Planners’ own Description
Planning Practitioners’ Definition

- **WG SPtTC (18/04/2008)**
  
  *The Reinforcing Power of a Territory’s Spatial Qualities and Synergies*

- **Oliver, S. (the Connected City)**
  
  *The Connectivity among Economic, Social and Physical systems, which enhances their overall Effectiveness*
2. Strategic Spatial Planning:

• **Public Responsibility:** Economic Efficiency
  Social Equity
  Sustainability

• **Future Oriented Plan:** Multi Sectoral
  Multi Scale
  Through Time

• **Modern Governance:** Fuzzy Regions
  Public/ Private Stakehold
Recommendations (SPtTC)

- Co-operate on opportunities among **differing** Regions
  (*similar regions compete*)
- Define territory by **functional relations**
  (*not administrative boundaries*)
- Aim at creating a **Common Vision**
  (*consensus on territory’s future*)
- Organise **Informal Processes**
  (*involve the relevant public and private parties*)
- Identify **Endogenous** (economic/cultural/natural) **assets** by SWOT / benchmark and interviews
  (*Fresh Views! By involving foreign experts*)
- Analyse **SWOT** by stakeholders **themselves**
3. How to Assess Planning Achievements?

**Integrative Planning**

*Less surprises!*

- Agree a Vision for future development with stakeholders of relevant interests
  (high, but realistic ambitions and positioning; SWOT/Benchmark)

- Examination causes defensive reaction, counteracting integration

**Ante! ex Ante,**

*avoid ex Post*
How can Planners Assess Territorial Cohesion

How to Assess Planning Achievements?

• Usual Sectoral Indicators
  Simplify Reality
• Assessments are Dominated by
  Environmental Items

**NEEDED:**

• Cross Cutting Indicators
• Qualitative Considering
• Method Enabling Equal
  Weighing of Scenarios

Place based Plan
Place based Assessing
4. Conclusion:

TIA (potentially) Enables:

**Place Based Assessment of**

**Place Based Plans for Integr. Develop.**

during **Earliest** Stage of Process of

**consensus building on**

**Strategic Vision**

for **Territorial Development**
1. Territorial Cohesion addresses Fragmentation
2. Spatial Vision Process for agreeing on Objectives
3. Sector assessments continue Fragmentation
4. Apply TIA for Comparing Scenarios
5. Simple TIA Procedure to replace Sector Assessments.
Thanks for your attention!