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Priorities of the Czech Republic during EU Presidency

- Competitive Europe, regions, cities
- Energy and climate change
- Europe open and safe
- Economic, social and territorial cohesion policy

Priorities of the Czech Republic during EU Presidency Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion

- Debate on the future of the Cohesion Policy beyond 2013
 - Role of the **Cohesion Policy in the enlarged EU**, added value, objectives and tools
 - **Synergy** between Cohesion Policy and sectoral policies
- Broader inclusion of the **territorial dimension** in the Cohesion Policy
 - Territorial Cohesion dimension of the Lisbon Treaty
 - Public debate on the **Green Paper** on Territorial Cohesion, elaboration of the follow up actions

Priorities of the Czech Republic during EU Presidency Territorial Cohesion and Urban Development

- Follow-up on the implementation of the **Territorial Agenda** and the **Leipzig Charter**
- First Action Programme for the Implementation of the Territorial Agenda of the EU
 - Implementation
 - **Urban-rural relations**

Priorities of the Czech Republic during EU Presidency Territorial Cohesion

- Strengthening the integrated development approach tailored to each region
 - **integrated strategies** in the programming of sustainable development of larger regions
 - partnerships, multi-level governance
 - overcoming negative externalities and disparities
- Quality of life based on full use of **local/regional development potential**
- **Territorial cooperation** – EU external border and EU-15 and EU-10 border

Priorities of the Czech Republic during EU Presidency

Territorial Cohesion priority themes

- **Development of rural areas**
 - **urban-rural relations** – local governments, partnerships
- **Secondary growth poles and polycentric development**
 - **urban regeneration**
 - impact of **urban policy** on rural areas
- **Attractivity for living – quality of life**
 - accessibility of services, tailored to diverse locations
 - retail production, trade, tourism, jobs
 - natural resources, cultural heritage
- **Land use efficiency - residential economy**
 - management and regulation tools
 - urban sprawl coordination

Priorities of the Czech Republic during EU Presidency

Territorial Cohesion priority themes

- Development of **specific types of territories**
 - periphery areas facing depopulation, inner peripheries
- **Accessibility**
 - throughout Europe, Eastern Europe
 - local and regional accessibility
 - waterways
- **Climate change, energy efficiency** challenges
- **Demographic** challenges
- **Innovation** in territorial planning and development

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- Methods and tools **of territorial diagnosis**
- **Indicators and indices** of disparities and imbalances (long-term progress)
- Identification of **natural relations** which can diminish the disparities or imbalances or do not need public sources
- **Territorial Impact Assessment**
 - EU policies
- Comprehensive **territorial information system**
 - database, maps, scenarios
 - dynamics, trends, territorial impacts, development limits



Thank you for your attention

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