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Inspire Policy Making with Territorial Evidence

// Le Schéma de Développement du Territoire (SDT)



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- It is the **legal** tool through which the regional authorities will define the territorial strategy for Wallonia
- At the regional level, it will guide the actions of the government from a territorial perspective
- At the sub-regional level, municipal authorities will have to implement the objectives of the plan according to their territorial context.
- The SDT is not :
 - A multisectoral plan ;
 - A tool that allows subsidies for equipment or infrastructure ;
 - A tool that has direct impact on building permits or planning permissions ;

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■ Key Steps :

- 2015 - 2016 : Preliminary work (University studies, prospective seminars)
- 01/06/2017 : CoDT → Contains the legal procedure for the SDT
- 8/10/2017 : The Walloon Government adopts the preliminary draft of the SDT
- October 2017 → March 2018 : Environmental impact study
- December 2017 : 10 workshops with municipalities, local actor of territorial development, citizens, etc.
- 14/07/2018 : The Walloon Government adopts the draft of the SDT
- From 22/10/2018 to 05/12/2018 : The SDT is subject to public survey. 21 presentations sessions are planned across Wallonia
- December 2018 → February 2019 : All of the 262 municipalities of Wallonia are asked to give their opinion on the SDT
- Spring 2019 : Final adoption of the SDT

SDT : Main Goals

The SDT pursues the same priorities as the "Code du développement territorial" – CoDT (Code of Territorial Development) :

1. The fight against urban sprawl and the rational use of territories and resources
2. Socio-economic development and territorial attractiveness
3. The qualitative management of the environment
4. Mobility management.

Challenges to overcome



Social cohesion



Territorial cohesion



Population growth



Competitiveness



Health & Well-Being



Climate change



Mobility



Energy



Biodiversity

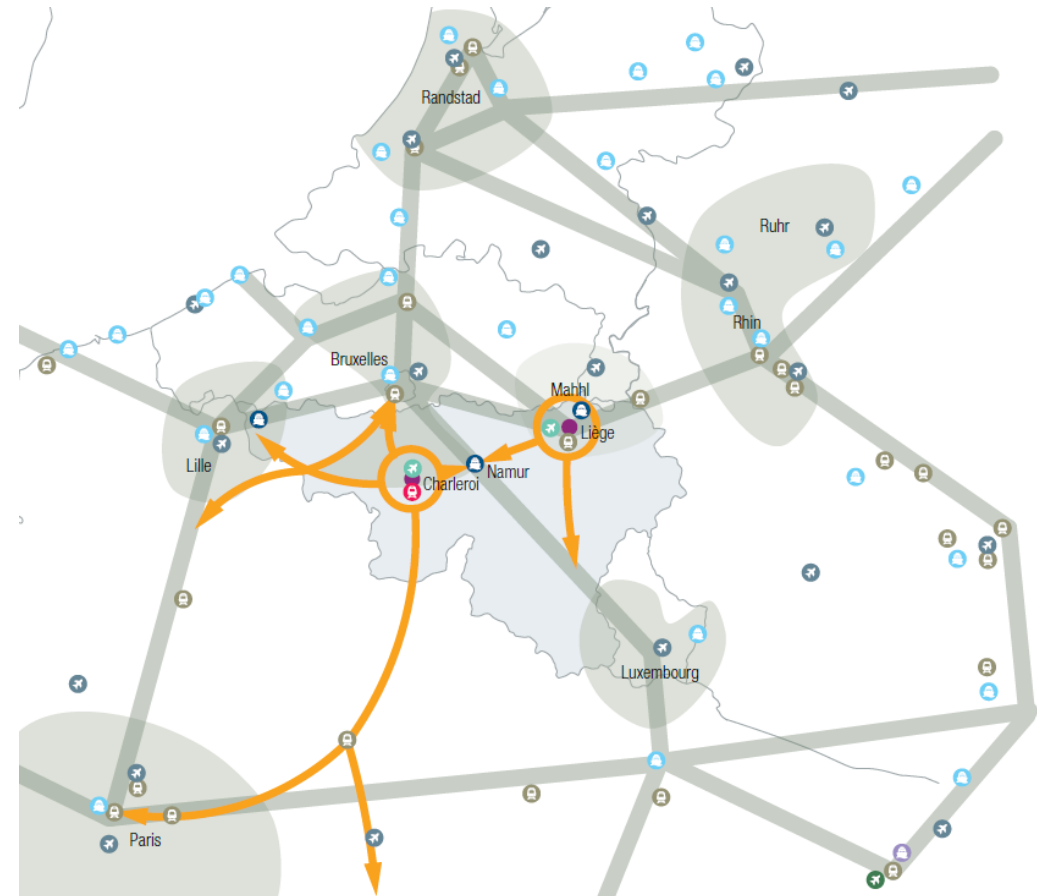


Waste management

The SDT will only implement the territorial dimension of these challenges

Main assets of Wallonia

- Great position in the heart of occidental Europe, immediate proximity of major metropolis (Brussels, Lille, MAHHL, Luxembourg)
- Land availability
- Dense communication networks (roads, railway, rivers and canals)
- Recognised know-how of its inhabitants



Key Challenges of implantation

- Following the enter into force of the new Code of Territorial Development (CoDT) on the 01/06/2017, the legal scope of the SDT has changed :
 - No longer applies to building permits
 - Subsidiarity principle
- The territorial structure of Wallonia proposed by the SDT is dynamic :
 - 35 cities are identified as urban poles but the list may evolve...
 - New competitive clusters may appear
 - New transports infrastructures could be needed

Key Challenges of implantation

- Some of the guidelines provided by the SDT still need to be completed by operational measures :
 - No net land take by 2050
 - Preserve, in a continuous way, 400 to 600 ha to welcome large businesses
 - Repurpose 100 ha/year of brownfield land by 2030 and 130 ha/year by 2050
 - No new shopping centre over 2,500 m² outside of city centres
 - Increase the modal share of public transport to 50% in 2050
 - Create 2000km of bicycle path by 2050
- These operational measures could be :
 - Fiscal stimulus
 - Subsidies
 - Practical guides and formations to the municipalities

Key Challenges of implantation

- No legal obligations to conform previous local planning tools to the new SDT
- The CoDT contains legal provisions on how to deviate from the SDT and on which conditions
- The SDT needs to be updated more often than once every 20 years

Operationalisation of the SDT

- Local municipalities must understand the legal scope of the tool and use it accordingly
- The Municipalities must be convinced of the importance of spatial planning at the local level in order to implement the SDT in their own objectives
- Future strategic plans in others area (energy, tourism, transports, waste, etc.) should integrate the objectives of the SDT
- Operational measures must be taken at the regional level to ensure that the objectives set by the SDT are met.

// Thank you

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