// ESPON Seminar (Closure)
Romanian Presidency Activity – Territorial Cohesion and Urban Development

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PRES RO priorities - Territorial Cohesion

Supporting the revising process of the EU Territorial Agenda according to the proposed calendar:

- starting the consultation process - agreement on launching the survey / questionnaire on the three “building blocks” (strategic scope and the political embedding, content, governance and implementation mechanism) of TAEU 2020;

- agreement on the scope of the revised Territorial Agenda;

- discussion on the content and the general framework of the implementation mechanisms;

- discussion on synergies and horizontal issues with UAEU and Leipzig Charter and Macro-regional strategies

- capitalize on the results of ESPON projects (ETRF, COMPASS)

Main theme developed during the Romanian Presidency: functional urban areas with a strong focus on linkages between functional urban areas and areas in decline
PRES RO priorities - Urban Development

Supporting the implementation and the continuation of the Urban Agenda for the EU (UAEU)

a) Presenting the first results of UAEU
b) Continuation of the Urban Agenda for the EU – rolling agenda
c) Ensuring a better link between the Urban Agenda for the EU and the Territorial Agenda for the EU revision process.
d) The position of the Member States in relation to the proposed urban development regulations for the 2021-2027 funding period

All these priorities - included in the Bucharest Declaration, a political document endorsed by the ministers responsible with urban matters during the Informal Meeting 13-14th June 2019
Calendar of events

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Proposed conclusions of the Romanian Presidency

Strategic scope and political embedding (first building block)

An agreement that the Territorial Agenda post-2020 will be a political document that includes the territorial strategic framework and action-oriented policy at European level that should be put in practice, in order to:

1. Promote a place-based and a more functional approach in policy making across the EU
2. Gain political commitment for the territorial dimension
3. Ensure better alignment with the new Leipzig Charter and the Urban Agenda for the EU
4. Ensure connections with Cohesion Policy
5. Enhance the use of territorial dimension within the European Semester
6. Contribute to a better understanding of the notion of Territorial Cohesion and of its priorities
The Bucharest Declaration

**Objective** - establishing a political agreement regarding the development of the common framework for urban matters in the European Union through implementation and continuation of the Urban Agenda for the EU in correlation with revising process of Leipzig Charter

**The document was built based on:**
- the recommendations made by the previous Presidencies (trio EE BG AU),
- the results of the questionnaire launched by PRES RO in February 2019 (Main conclusions of the survey regarding the Urban Agenda for the EU - input paper)
- the contributions sent by the Member States and the institutions, and European organizations and in the debates at the meetings organized by PRES RO.

**Strategic role:**
- ensuring a link between the Amsterdam and Leipzig Ministerial meetings
- maintaining the political support
- establishing a political mandate for the revising process of the Leipzig Charter
- correlation between different initiatives/activities
- support for cooperation – multilevel governance and bottom up approach
- increase the synergies between the informal cooperation activities for urban matters and territorial cohesion
Thank you

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