



Creating partnership(s) in functional urban areas

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Long story in short time

- Started in 1991 with autonomy just re-gained by municipalities;
- Difficult beginning (competition / co-operation; lack of integrated approach and longer perspective);
- Limited legal framework:
 - task unions, agreements;
 - associations;
 - other - indirect (PLCs, consortia, clusters, LTOs, LAGs).
- Different motives:
 - short-term (common projects);
 - longer perspective (co-operation for development).

Good examples (*and not only...*)

- Cieszyn *pro-county* union;
- GOP Katowice – operator of public transportation;
- „Beskid” Żywiec – solid waste management company;
- Nysa and Zduńska Wola sub-regions;
- Kalisz – Ostrów di-polar agglomeration;
- Poznań Metropolitan Area;
- Wałbrzych sub-regional Agglomeration;
- *Difficult cases - more than one leader; big center / small surrounding units; strong differentiations;*

New opportunities

- Important support to co-operation in functional urban areas (EU Operational program – Technical Support; EEA Grants and Norway Grants) – since 2012;
- EU 2014-20 instruments – integrated territorial investments (2014);
- EU Urban Agenda (2015);
- Municipal-county unions (2015);
- National Urban Policy (2015);
- Metropolitan Act (2015).