### **ESPON peer-learning workshop**

# "Common Future Vision for the Polish-German interaction area 2030"



In 2016, the Spatial Development Committee of the Polish-German Governmental Commission for Regional and Cross-Border Cooperation presented "Common Future Vision for the Polish-German interaction area 2030".

**VISION:** In 2030, the strong social, economic and natural Polish-German area of connections as a common area of sustainable growth is an important engine of development in the heart of Europe, also affecting other regions.

For the purpose of implementing the vision, we have assumed a concentration of activities on the first of the five thematic areas, as a main structure for the rest of fields and activities: "Taking advantage of polycentric settlement patterns" **Starting situation:** Sytuacja wyjściowa – Struktura osadnicza / Legenda / Legende Ausgangslage – Siedlungsstruktur Rola i znaczenie ośrodków miejskich / Rolle und Funktion der städtischen Zentren Metropolia pełniąca funkcję stołeczną / Metropole mit Hauptstadtfunktion Ośrodek pełniący funkcje metropolitalne o znaczeniu europejskim / Zentrum mit Met funktionen von europäischer Bedeutung Ośrodek pełniący funkcje wyższego rzędu / Zentrum mit höherrangigen Funktionen Ośrodki o uzupełniających się funkcjach / Zentrum in Funktionsteilung Ośrodek transgraniczny, Transgraniczny Region Metropolitalny Szczecina / grenzüberschreitendes Zentrum, Grenzüberschreitende Metropolregion Aglomeracja / Verdichtungsraum Liczba mieszkańców / Einwohnerzahl > 250.000 Port lotniczy (TEN-T) / Flughafen (TEN-V) Sieć bazowa i sieć kompleksowa\* / Kern- und Gesamtnetz Port morski (TEN-T) / Seehafen (TEN-V) Sieć bazowa i sieć kompleksowa / Kern- und Gesamtneta Demografia / Demografie **ZIELONA GÓRA** Powiat o znaczącym spadku liczby ludności / Landkreis mit deutlichem Bevölkerungsrückgang Spadek liczby ludności > 1 % w okresie 2011-2014 / Bevölkerungsrückgang > 1 % im Zeitraum 2011-2014 Lubin O Polsko-niemiecki obszar powiązań / deutsch-polnischer Verflechtungsraum Miasto / Stadt Liczba mieszkańców / Einwohnerzahl POZNAŃ BERLIN > 100.000 AŁBRZYCH > 1.000.000 SZCZECIN Siedziba administracji landu lub województwa / Sitz einer Landes- oder Wojewodschafts verwaltung BERLIN Stolica kraju / Hauptstadt Ausschuss für Raumordnung der Deutsch-Polnischen Regierungskommission für regionale und grenznahe Zusa

### By 2030...

- the potential of centres of all sizes and functions will be jointly developed, used and promoted, also outside the German-Polish interaction area.
- the cross-border Metropolitan Region of Szczecin will have a permanent structure and will be closely linked to the Baltic Sea region as well as known throughout Europe.
- each local and regional development strategy will include a chapter on the implications of neighbourly relations.
- the practice of sharing social and technical infrastructure re-sources along the Oder-Neisse line will have become common.
- municipalities, cities and regions in the German-Polish cross-border region will consistently implement common strategies to reduce energy consumption.

## What to do to speed up the implementation of the Vision 2030?

Optimization of spatial management reflecting strategic goals and their territorial impact will help German-Polish cooperation generate wide flows, dynamic interactions and impact on socio-economic development over administrative borders. Since now already identified flows a priori needs to be closely monitored to stimulate systemic exchange supporting joint solving of strategical and spatial challenges.

The Vision 2030 team is seeking experts to exchange experiences with assessment of strategies and approaches and their utility with regard to strengthening resilience of spatial cooperation over administrative borders. ESPON-peer-learning workshop in Szczecin should shape the learning questions that have already been formulated by the team, collect stories (failures and success) of existing analysis and initiatives and recommend future operations based on practical optimisation of spatial development.

### To foster integrated polycentric cooperation it is important to:

- 1) define needs of the area 2030 resulting from the flows of inhabitants, their motivations and demographic situation
- 2) find ways to introduce a governance framework allowing a better combination of bodies
- 3) define a catalogue of actions aimed at optimizing the existing tools

# **AGENDA**

## ESPON-peer-learning workshop in Szczecin:

- Outline of the problem area an attempt to diagnose (Polycentric settlement patterns)
- Directions of intervention scope of needs, priority areas
- Discussion on the selection of appropriate intervention tools

### **Policy questions:**

- 1. What contributions can spatial development make to improve this situation in the area?
- **2.** How to secure strategic development at cross-border, transnational and macro-regional scale respecting different planning frameworks?
- $\textbf{3.} \ \ Which governance structures \ exist in comparable \ cross-border \ areas, what \ can be learned \ from \ them?$
- **4.** Which funding instruments at EU, state and regional level can currently be used for supporting spatial development and how should the funding instruments be modified at EU level in the next funding period (in particular Interreg) in order to achieve better results here and in other similarly structured areas?

# Participants of the workshop:

#### **POLAND**

- Regional Office for Spatial Planning of the Westpomeranian Voivodeship, Szczecin
- The Institute for Territorial Development, Wrocław
- Marshal's Office of the Lubuskie Voivodeship, Department of Geodesy, Property Management and Spatial Planning, Zielona Góra
- Wielkopolska Spatial Planning Office, Poznań
- Ministry of Investment and Economic Development, Warszawa

#### **GERMANY**

- Joint Spatial Planning Department of Berlin and Brandenburg
- Ministry of Energy, Infrastructure and Digitalization Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
- Ministry of the Interior of Saxony State
- Federal Ministry of the Interior, for Construction and Community

#### **ESPON**

- **ESPON EGTC**
- ESPON Stakeholders

#### **EXTERNAL EXPERTS**

Representatives of comparable cross-border areas, where TA have been executed

### **ORGANIZATION OF WORKSHOP**

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