

# Key tools for metropolitan development

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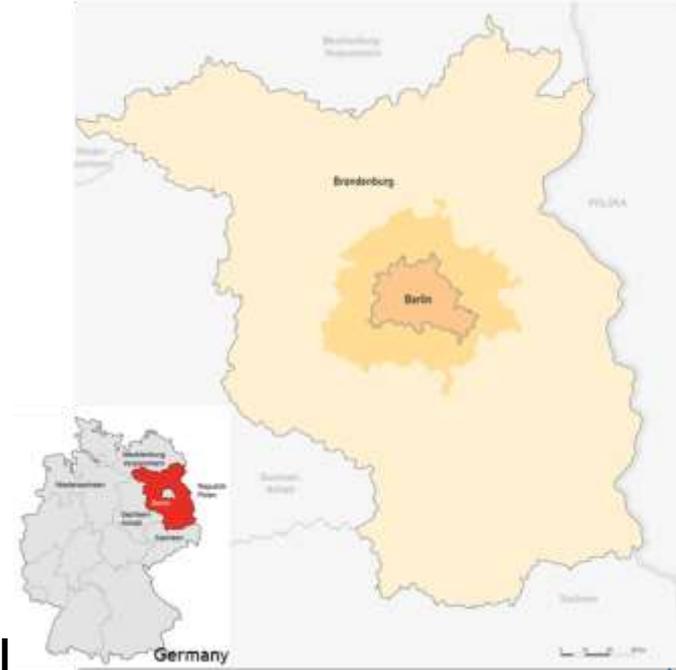


# Capital Region Berlin-Brandenburg's journey

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- Population: 6.2 m. (thereof Berlin 3.7.m)
- Area: 30.000 km<sup>2</sup>
- Legal Structure: 2 Federal States  
**Berlin** (12 districts),  
**Brandenburg** (4 urban municipalities,  
14 counties with 409 municipalities)
- State treaty on joint spatial planning
- Main reason to join the project:  
to learn from ITI experiences and informal  
procedures



# Selecting best practices

Selection of best practises from Warsaw MA

1. Workshops/Trainings
2. Intergrated Territorial Investment (ITI)

Reasons

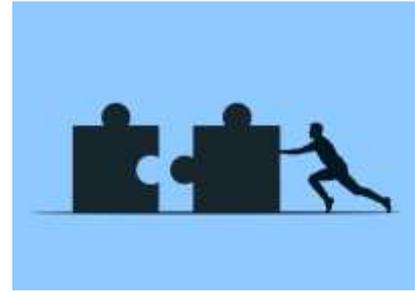
- ITI well-established tool in Poland, but hardly used in Germany (cross-thematic approach)
- Workshop-tool effective and flexible, addressing all stakeholders

## Pilot action/ From ideas to actions

### **Informal and participatory planning approach to the vision process for the Metropolitan Area Berlin-Brandenburg**

- Objective: Updating of Overall Strategic Framework with better participation of stakeholders
  - > generate more knowledge and more cooperation as a basis
- Main activities:
  - Joint Development with State Chancellery of Brandenburg,
  - Workshops on “White spots” and “Governance”
- Main outcome: Strengthening of governance structure

# Lessons learned



- **What worked:** Joint endeavour with State Chancellery
- **Main benefits:**  
Linking regional development strategy and state development plan (combining informal instruments with formal plan)
- **Biggest challenge:**  
Political will needed, lack of funding
- **Recommendation:**  
Proximity to power can be both a strength and a challenge.  
**Use window of opportunity.**



# New solution: Bottom-up process-oriented stakeholder involvement

- Better integration of **informal participation into formal planning process**, both in terms of the selection of participants and the topics.
- Two interrelated main elements: “**white spots**” and “**governance**” (What?/Who?)
- When starting the process of updating legally binding planning documents, to expand the circle of stakeholders and to better integrate their topics and needs.

# Action plan: Four Actions

Review of  
**funding opportunities**  
for metropolitan  
cooperation in the  
next EU funding period

Preparing the next  
**Regional Spatial  
Development Plan**  
for Berlin-Brandenburg  
metropolitan region

Consolidation and  
deepening of the  
**Regional Development  
Strategy**

Implementing  
**Municipal  
Neighbourhood  
Forum's**  
guiding principle

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