

# Spatial Planning at the Heart of Territorial Cohesion

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## Spatial Planning at the Heart of Territorial Cohesion:

1. What is Territorial Cohesion?
2. Aspects of Strategic Spatial Planning
3. How to Assess Planning Achievements?
4. Conclusions

## 1. What is Territorial Cohesion?

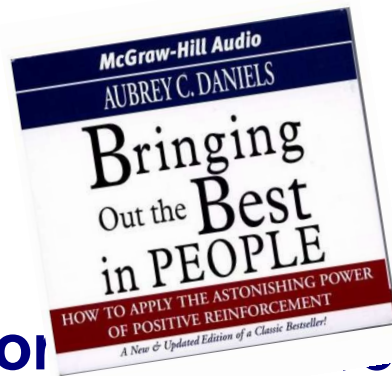
### ***An agreed objective for Europe's Future Development***



- No Definition (advantageous ambiguity)
- Mutual Supportive/Synergetic Connectivity of all Aspects
- Planners' own Description

## Planning Practitioners' Definition

- **WG SPtTC (18/04/2008)**



*The Reinforcing Power of a Territory's Spatial Qualities and Synergies*

- **Oliver Williamson (the Connected City)**



*The Connectivity among Economic, Social and Physical systems, which enhances their overall Effectiveness*

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## 2.Strategic Spatial Planning:

- *Public Responsibility:* **Economic Efficiency**  
**Social Equity**  
**Sustainability**
- *Future Oriented Plan:* **Multi Sectoral**  
**Multi Scalair**  
**Through Time**
- *Modern Governance :* **Fuzzy Regions**  
**Public/ Private Stakehold**

## ***Recommendations (SPtTC)***

- Co-operate on opportunities among **differing** Regions  
(*similar regions compete*)
- Define territory by **functional relations**  
(*not administrative boundaries*)
- Aim at creating a **Common Vision**  
(*consensus on territory's future*)
- Organise **Informal Processes**  
(*involve the relevant public and private parties*)
- Identify **Endogenous** (economic/cultural/natural) **assets** by SWOT / benchmark and interviews  
(*Fresh Views! By involving foreign experts*)
- Analyse **SWOT** by stakeholders **themselves**

### 3. How to Assess Planning Achievements?

#### *Integrative Planning*

*Less surprises!*



*Ante! ex Ante,*

*avoid ex Post*

- Agree a Vision for future development with stakeholders of relevant interests

(high, but realistic ambitions and positioning;  
SWOT/Benchmark)

- Examination causes defensive reaction, counteracting integration

## How to Assess Planning Achievements?

- Usual Sectoral Indicators  
Simplify Reality
- Assessments are Dominated by  
Environmental Items



### *NEEDED:*

- *Cross Cutting Indicators*
- *Qualitative Considering*
- *Method Enabling Equal Weighing of Scenarios*

**Place based Plan**

**Place based Assessing**



## *4. Conclusion:*



TIA (potentially) Enables:

***Place Based Assessment of  
Place Based Plans for Integr. Develop.  
during Earliest Stage of Process of  
consensus building on  
Strategic Vision  
for Territorial Development***

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- 1. Territorial Cohesion addresses Fragmentation**
- 2. Spatial Vision Process for agreeing on Objectives**
- 3. Sector assessments continue Fragmentation**
- 4. Apply TIA for Comparing Scenarios**
- 5 Simple TIA Procedure to replace Sector Assessments.**

**Thanks for your attention!**



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