



What comes next, after the adoption of the Leipzig Charter and Territorial Agenda of the European Union? What role do metropolitan regions play?

7 September 2020, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Online

During the German EU Council Presidency, decisive steps are being taken for the development of Europe's cities and metropolitan regions. At the end of 2020, the revised Leipzig Charter and the Territorial Agenda of the European Union will be signed by the national governments.

Both strategies set new standards for European spatial planning and urban policy. Metropolitan regions play an increasingly important role in this, because a city alone cannot meet the challenges of the future. Topics, such as sustainable mobility, affordable housing, industrial settlements in times of structural change, infrastructure measures, open space protection and development, as well as the provision of renewable energies can only be successfully tackled in cooperation between cities and their surroundings. The three metropolitan regions of Stuttgart, FrankfurtRheinMain and Rhein-Neckar provide best practices for this.

What happens after the two strategies have been adopted? What necessary measures and steps are being taken for a successful implementation? How can metropolitan regions foster this process? These and other questions will be discussed in a dialogue with representatives of the European and national level in the Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the European Union in Brussels. The event will be livestreamed.

Information and Registration

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A simultaneous interpretation in German and English will be provided.

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Welcome

Bodo Lehmann, Head of the Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the European Union

Thomas Bopp, Chairman, Verband Region Stuttgart

Afterwards

Renewal of the Territorial Agenda of the European Union

Dr. Katharina Erdmenger, Head of Department, Department for Home Affairs 2, Permanent Representation of Germany to the European Union

New Leipzig Charter

Mart Grisel, Director, European Urban Knowledge Network

3:30 p.m.

Urban-rural cooperation in Stuttgart Region: Focus „the green city“

Dr. Nicola Schelling, Regional Director, Verband Region Stuttgart

Urban-rural cooperation in Metropolitan Region Rhein-Neckar: Focus „the just city“

Ralph Schlusche, Director, Verband Region Rhein-Neckar

Urban-rural cooperation Region FrankfurtRheinMain: Focus „the productive city“

Rouven Kötter, Deputy Director, Regionalverband FrankfurtRheinMain

Afterwards

Strengthening of the urban dimension at European level

Jan Olbrycht MEP, President, Urban Intergroup at the European Parliament (tbc)

Moderated discussion and questions by the audience

Moderation: Wolfgang Petzold, Deputy Director, Directorate Communication, European Committee of the Regions