

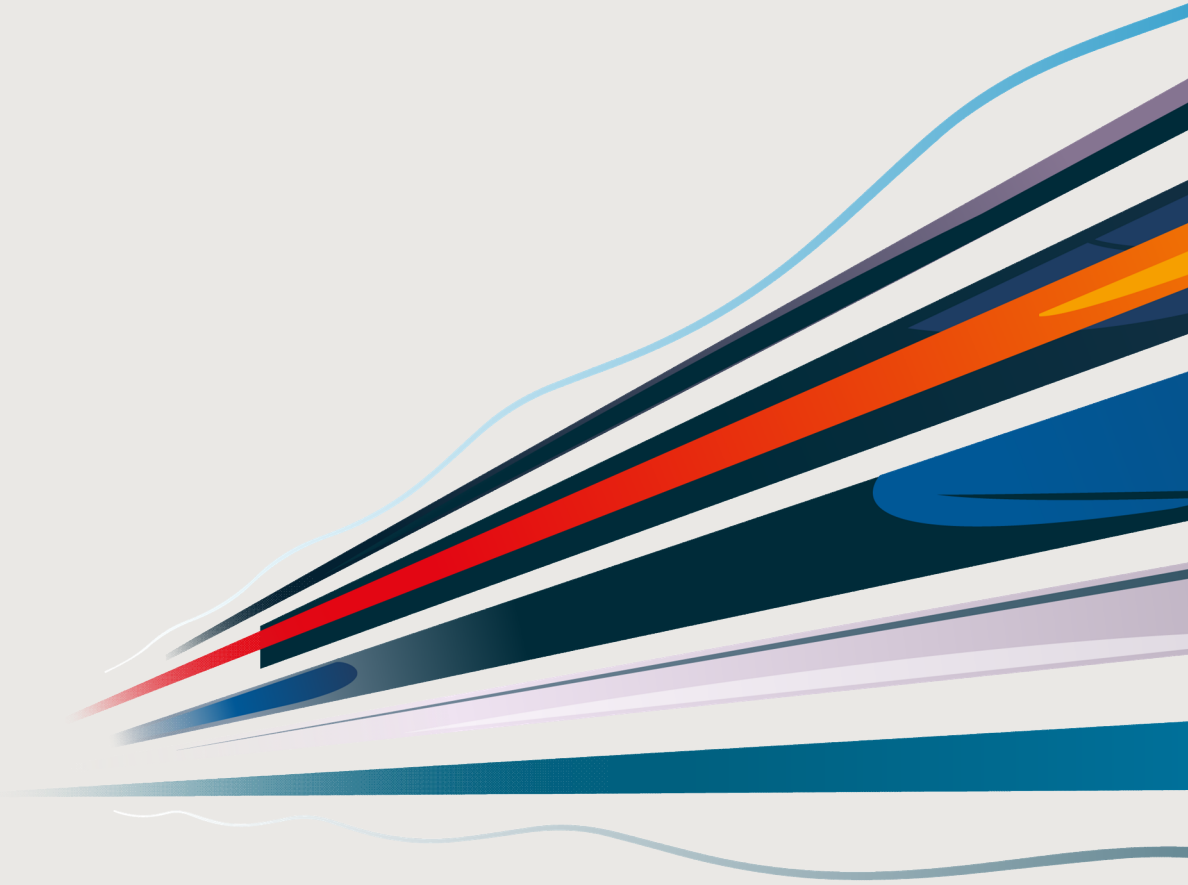
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Pilot Action: Small Places Matter

Rural Vision Week - 25 March 2021

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Balanced Europe:
Better balanced territorial development utilising Europe's diversity

Functional regions: Local & Regional Development, less inequality between places

Small Places Matter: Understanding how small places can boost their role for the development of a wider territory

Lead stakeholder and Coordinating Team:

Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation, Norway and University of Strathclyde, EPRC, ESPON liaison officer, County Council of Innlandet, Norway

Indicative partners:

- Germany, Poland, Sweden, Finland, Ireland, Switzerland,
- DG Regio, DG Agri, ESPON2030, Interact –
- open for others too

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1. Overall rationale and link to the Territorial Agenda 2030

- *the pilot's focus on the vital role of small towns and villages in the development of integrated territorial development.*
- *demographic change in small place and boosting their attractiveness to younger people*
- *recognize the potential in areas with specific geographies (in this case more remote areas), and support dialogue with decision makers in places of all sizes to apply an integrated multilevel governance approach.*
- *the pilot will also address relevant concerns in relation to Quality of life, cross border activities, Green Europe and the European Rural Vision.*

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2. Activities – empirical evidence and exchange of experience

- *identify existing pilot action areas for relevant activities in partner countries*
- *involvement – citizen dialogue (focused talks) – what work best*
- *a phase of harvesting and capitalizing from previous and ongoing relevant projects from Cohesion Policy, Rural policy and national policy*
- *benchmarking activities and exchange of experiences from projects among the partner countries*
- *followed by opportunities to showcase examples, lessons learned and network building activities*

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3. Some envisaged results and outcome

- *how to integrate the TA2030 approach to local and regional strategic planning*
- *policy actions and recommendations – reports and dissemination of results*
- *identify practical digital tools and approaches for small places to boost*
- *understanding how small places can boost their role for the development of a wider territory*
- *how to better link the value in top down and bottom-up approaches, locally-oriented initiatives with local, regional, national and European level policy/strategy development ?*

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4. Timeline - the pilot is expected to run for a period of up to three years

Phase one: spring 2021

- Kick off 20 January
- 18. February – meeting with other PA, EU Presidency (Portugal) and ESPON
- 16th March – Interact – Bringing territoriality into Interreg
- 23rd March – NTCCP-meeting – update
- 25th March – EU Presidency – Rural Vision Week
- 26th March – Submitting application for the European Week for Regions and Cities in Brussels
- 21st April – 2nd Partnership meeting – developing a partnership template and homepage for results dissemination
- 14-18 June - Participation at the ESPON Week in Portugal

Phase two: autumn 2021

- September 3rd meeting in the Partnership
- October - Participation in European Week of Regions and Cities – Workshop
- November/December ESPON-Week

Phase three: spring 2022

- January - 4th meeting in the Partnership
- April - 5th meeting in the Partnership

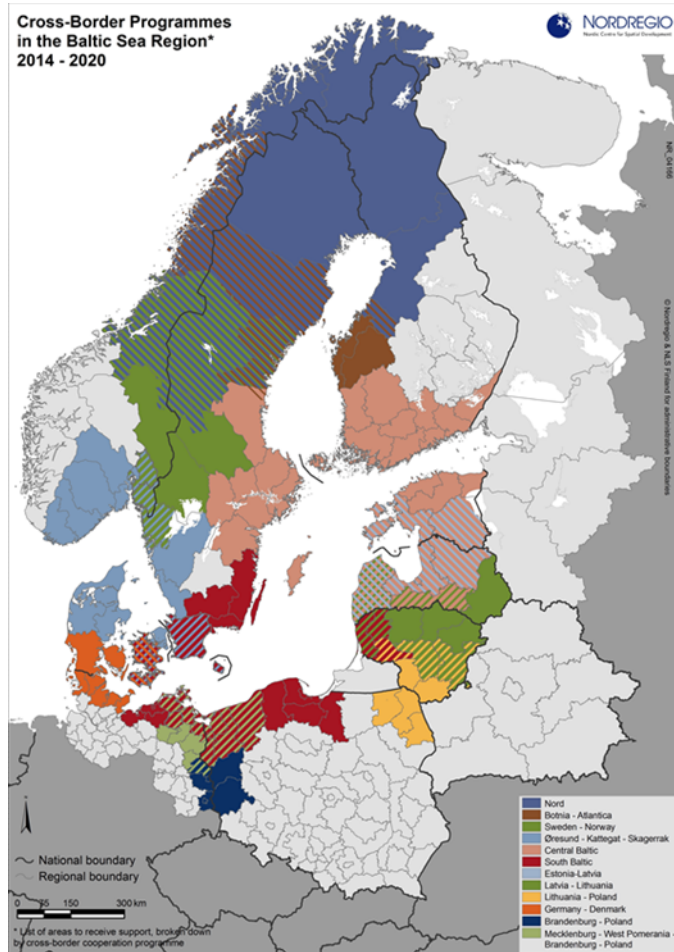
Phase four: autumn 2022

- September – 6th meeting in the Partnership
- October - Participation in European Week of Regions and cities
- November/December ESPON-Week

Phase five spring/autumn 2023

- Finalisation

Interreg – Sweden/Norway Cross border programme



Territorial Agenda 2030 and Interreg Sweden – Norway 2021 - 2027

Interreg Sweden-Norway 2021-2027 program in a TA 2030 rationale



- **Integration and functional border regions**
- **Sustainable rural development in border regions**
- **Green deal**
- **Circular Economy**
- **Small places matter**
- **Sustainable cities and regions**

Interreg Sweden/Norway – SITE project



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