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Urban Issues in Polish Strategic Documents

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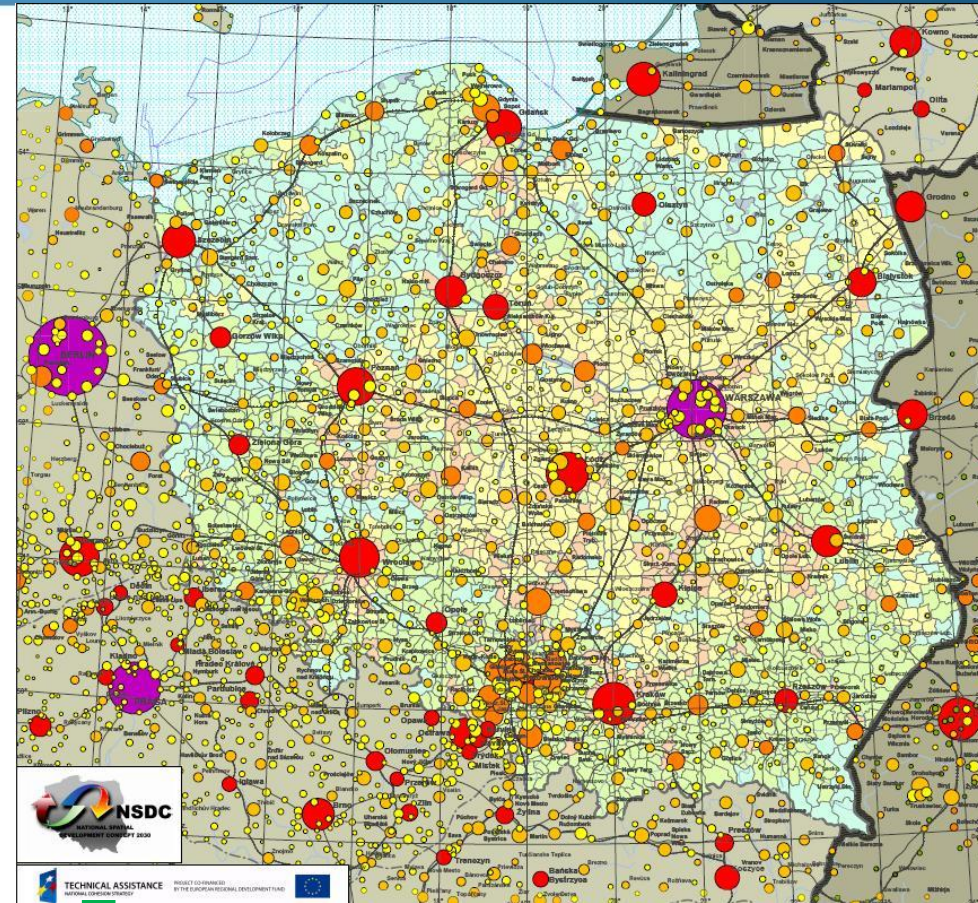
Cities and urban areas in Poland

74% of the Polish population **lives in urban areas** (based on the functional criteria)

Polycentric spatial and **functional** structure of the settlement system:

- regular distribution of cities of similar size
- small predominance of the capital city over other regional centres, compared to other European countries
- distribution of towns, in particular small and medium towns, is even
- the polycentric system facilitates achievement of sustainable development objectives

In total: 919 cities in Poland



Three levels of administrative divisions:

Voivodeships (Regions) - **16**

Poviats (Counties) – **314**

Gminas (Municipalities) – **2478**

Ensuring coordination – strategic documents

Long-term National Development Strategy 2030



National Development Strategy 2020



Nine integrated development strategies, including:

National Strategy of Regional Development 2010-2020



supra-regional strategies

 Strategy for Eastern Poland



Southern Poland

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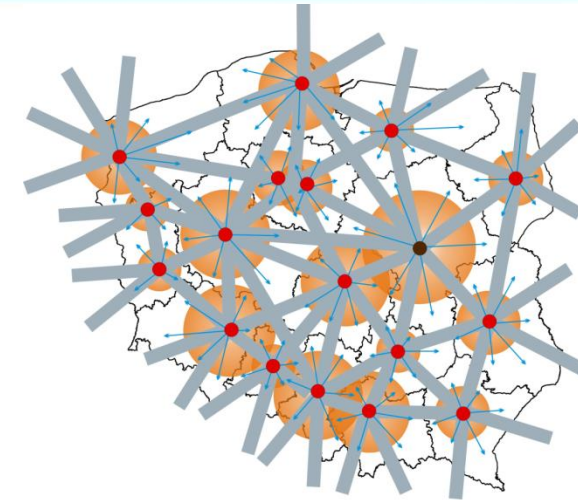
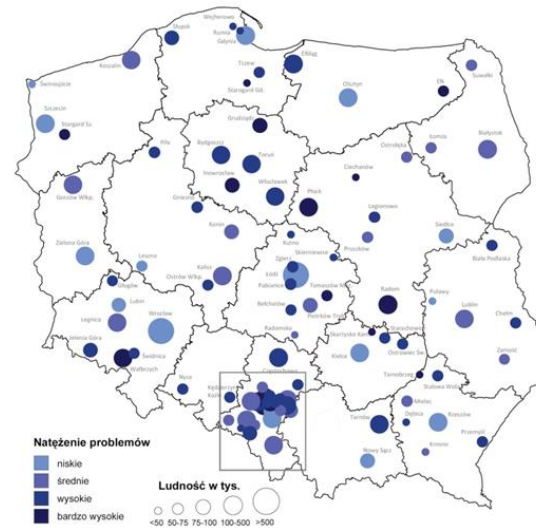
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development strategies



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Urban Areas in Polish Strategic Documents – NSDR

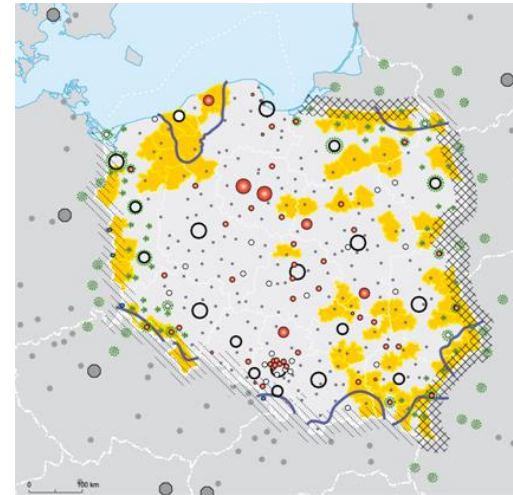
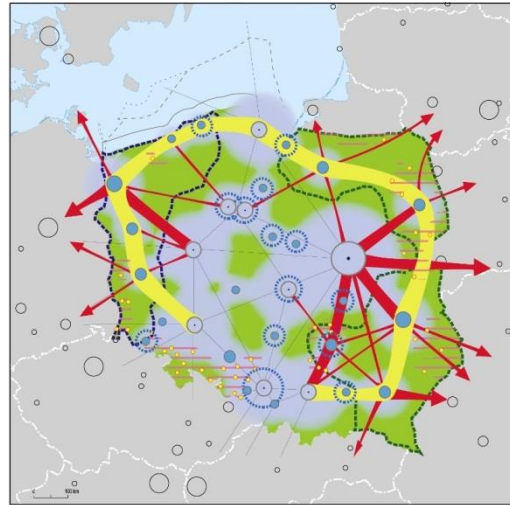
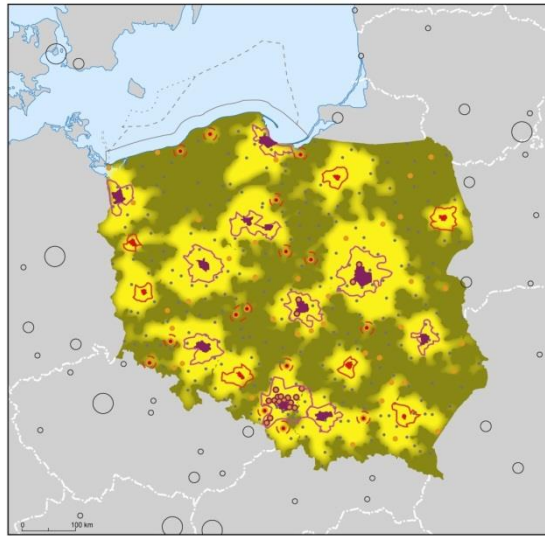


Regional policy – key role of cities in the development processes:

- Cities as main **centers of regional development**, enhancing development possibilities of surrounding areas, specially smaller cities and rural areas, through the functional integration.
- Supporting growth of competitiveness of regions, above all, refers to the **areas of strategic intervention** of regional policy, which first of all cover the most significant urban areas.
- Establishment of the **territorial cohesion** and **preventing marginalization** in problematic areas, among others refers to: the restructurisation and revitalisation of cities losing their previously fulfilled socio-economic functions; increasing transport accesibility to voivodeship centres situated within the areas with the lowest accessibility.

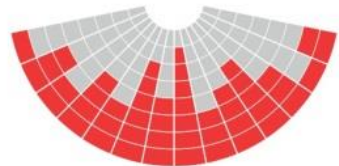
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2011 – 2030



- Improving **competitiveness** of major urban centers through **functional integration** (economic, social, cultural, research, transport and information)
- Improving national **internal cohesion** (access to services and jobs) and **territorial accessibility**
- **Supporting** cohesion in specific **problematic** areas
- Functional areas, among others: **urban** and rural
- Developing functional **linkages** between **peripheral** areas
- Creating conditions for **spreading** of **development** factors from major urban centres to **smaller cities** and **rural** areas

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2015 – 2023

- setting out the planned **activities of government regarding urban policy**, taking into account the objectives and directions set out in the medium-term national development strategy and a national strategy of regional development
- **territorially targeted development policy**, corresponding to the specific needs of the territories

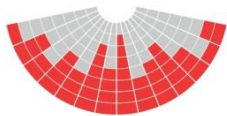
Actors

- ✓ government institutions
- ✓ local government units
- ✓ citizens
- ✓ business, science and non-governmental entities
- ✓ government corporations and bodies representing the functional urban areas (unions, associations, etc.).

increasing the efficiency,
comprehensiveness and
complementarity of
activities

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City which is

- ✓ competitive
- ✓ strong
- ✓ coherent
- ✓ compact & sustainable
- ✓ efficient



Strategic goal

strengthening the capacity of cities and urban areas to create sustainable growth and jobs and improvement of quality of life of inhabitants

Sets

- directions
- best practices
- recommendations
- actions
- regulations
- “online urban toolkits”



Action Plan for Urban Policy



- Promoting **innovation** and supporting cities in **building** their **economic potential**
- Developing and strengthening multi-level **cooperation in FUA**
- **Set of actions** aimed at counteracting uncontrolled **suburbanization**
- Enhancing efforts towards a comprehensive and effective **urban regeneration** (social, economic, infrastructure and environmental components)
- Improvement of **Cohesion Policy instruments** – increasing the **role of cities** and their involvement
- Strengthening the capacity of cities through their networking and dissemination of good practices – the use of **URBACT**

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5 pillars of the economic development of Poland

Strong Polish economy

1



Reindustrialization

- Partnership for the strategic branches of the economy
- National Intelligent Specializations
- Clusters and industrial valleys
- Foreign investments

2



Development of innovative companies

- New „Business Constitution”
- Friendly legal environment
- Review of research institutes
- Start In Poland

3



Capital for development

- Growing savings
- European funds
- Polish Development Fund
- Juncker’s plan, EBOR, EBI, AIIB

4



Foreign expansion

- Export Support Division at PDF
- Financial offer
- Strong Polish brand
- Review of business diplomacy

5



Social and regional development

- Comprehensive demographic programme
- Pact for rural areas
- Effective regional policy
- Education



Efficient state

- e-Administration
- Intelligent public procurement

- End of „departmental Poland”
- Energy – security, availability, price

Specific Objective II – social and territorially sensitive development

Horizontal support for urban areas:

- strengthening **economic potential**, preventing: unemployment, depopulation, aging, social exclusion
- support for degraded areas (**urban regeneration**)
- improving **management** and strengthening cooperation between local governments in **FUA**
- strengthening public **participation**
- increasing **energy efficiency**, **environmental** protection, adaptation to **climate change**, **urban mobility** and **efficient public transport**
- inclusion of **smaller cities** in the development processes and releasing their resources that were not used so far
- eliminating differences in the **access to public services** and **labour market**,

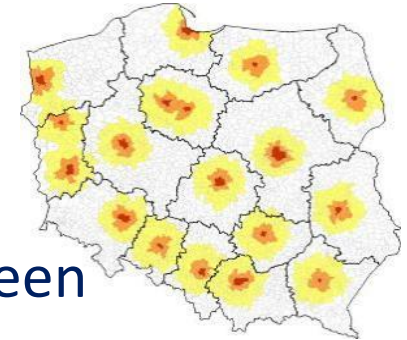
Specific Objective II – social and territorially sensitive development

Territorially concentrated support:

- **Urban agglomerations**
- **Medium-sized cities**, losing their socio-economic functions
- Areas at risk of **permanent marginalization**



URBAN AGGLOMERATIONS



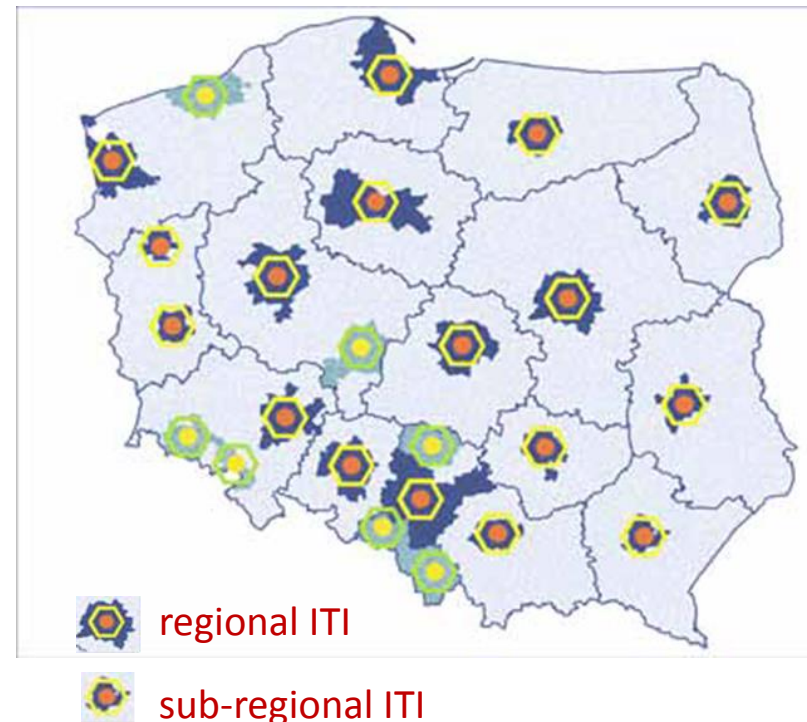
- exchanging and promotion of **knowledge** between cities
- **urban regeneration** – support for model and complex projects
- **instruments** and actions for urban agglomerations
- increasing efficiency and the **development of the ITI concept**
- works on the amendments of the **Metropolitan Act**

Integrated Territorial Investment (art. 7 ERDF)

- **17 ITIs** dedicated to **17 FUAs** of regional capital cities
- **additional 7 ITIs**, dedicated to **7 FUAs** of other big cities in 4 regions (**individual decision of MAs for ROPs**)
- **merging of ERDF and ESF** resources within various priority axes in ROPs (in total ca. **3,8 bln EUR** + **2,4 bln EUR** from complementary projects financed from NOPs)

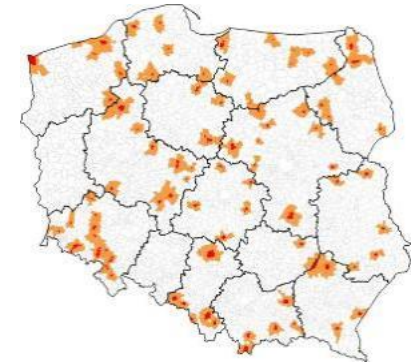
Objectives

- Fostering cooperation and integration in **functional urban areas** (particularly regional capitals)
- Implementation of **integrated projects** responding comprehensively to the needs and problems of cities and their functional areas
- Increasing the **influence of cities** and their functional areas on the shape and implementation of actions financed from Cohesion Policy on these areas.





MEDIUM SIZED CITIES LOOSING THEIR SOCIO-ECONOMIC FUNCTIONS



- optimizing the delivery of **public services** and tackling issue of **shrinking cities**
- *Cities Partnership Initiative*
- **economic activation**
- **fight with poverty**
- **building social capital** – participation, cooperation, multi-level governance

HOW TO IMPLEMENT PACT OF AMSTERDAM AND URBAN AGENDA FOR THE EU?

- **Active participation** of Poland and Polish cities in the **partnerships** of the **Urban Agenda of the EU** – **increasing number of cities, taking part and possibly charing one of the coming Partnership**
- Cooperation, **implementation** and **monitoring** of actions implemented through the **Urban Agenda for the EU**
- **Urban Agenda for the EU** – **important part of V4 countries cooperation** during Polish Presidency in V4



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