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REDECORON

Regional Development along Corridors and Nodes

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The **CADSES Programme** is, among the 13 transnational co-operation areas in Europe, the largest and most complex area. From the coasts of the Baltic Sea, through the mountains of the Central Europe and the Hungarian plains, through the Austrian and Slovenian alpine landscapes, CADSES stretches down to western Italy and Greece, thus grouping the Balkan regions, including Moldova and part of Ukraine. The CADSES area comprises regions belonging to 18 countries : 11 of them are EU-Member States (Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romain, Bulgaria, Slovak Republic and Slovenia) and 7 are Non-EU-Member states (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Federation of Serbia and Montenegro, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine).

The Redecon project provides a tool for supporting spatial planning and the management of localisation of economic activities as well as spatial conditioned public services planning within some regions belonging to the CADSES area and, in particular, to the Euro-Region composed by (AT, IT, SI, HU and HR).

First aim is quantification of the potential sustainable regional development in the selected regions as a base of spatial planning and spatial conditioned public services development.

A second objective is to strengthen the cooperation and integration within Euro-Region in the field of spatial planning and spatial conditioned public services development through the definition of common tools and information systems which can provide a standard methodology in the analysis and evaluation of different kind of policies.

Main Strategic Objectives

- Analysis of the spatial structure of the involved regional economic systems is based on the concept of Activities Location Quality (ALQ). This will entail the capability of transnational and regional ranking of locations according to suitable set of quality indicators;
- Delivery of details on the suitability of locations in order to support future decisions on land use for industrial and commercial areas;
- Implementation of pilot actions which will show results of concrete applications of the tool in three different thematic areas;
- Highlighting of problems and solutions likely to be faced in the implementation of the tool;
- Making Public Administration involved able to make use of an advanced computer-based tool for spatial planning and spatial conditioned public services development.

Expected Impacts

- Creation of a standard tool in evaluation of impacts generated by transport infrastructures as well as by demographic development on involved regional economies;
- Definition of a 'common tool for analysis' will allow an evaluation of spatial impacts of transnational projects, such as Pan-European Transport Corridors, on a homogeneous basis leading to an increase in co-operation and public acceptance;
- Definition of clear objectives for future policies will help spatial planning authorities to define land use strategies and spatial conditioned public services by objective criteria and to select efficient policy measures for improvement of quality of locations and services;
- Definition of territorial marketing policies in order to attract foreign direct investments.

Target Groups

- Spatial planning units at European, national, regional and local level;
- Transport infrastructure planning units, at the same levels;
- Private firms;
- Freight carriers and forwarders;
- Public transport companies;
- Public bodies concerned with financing of public transport;
- Organisation/institutions supporting private firms (Chambers of Commerce, Associations, Public institutions and Authorities concerned with spatial planning).

The Redecon System

The REDECON System makes use of OPEN GIS standards, which are applied on a regional level. REDECON is going to be the first implementation of a spatial planning and management system at trans-national level.

The system will improve the ability of regional and national authorities in the partner Countries to co-operate transnationally focussed on development of border crossing strategies. Partners in the New Member States will profit from Austrian and Italian Partners' experience in EU funded projects and in implementation of regulations and directives of the EU into national / regional "planning reality".

Results

It is expected that REDECON project's outputs, results and impacts will lead to an increased efficiency of investment into regional facilities and infrastructure due to its border-crossing approach. Long term objective is to provide the facilities and infrastructure required by a regions economy and population neglecting national borders and to enhance border-crossing division of the task to provide adequate facilities. It is the effect of the scale economies achieved through border-crossing optimisation of the location of facilities, that will increase regional competitiveness and cohesion. Additionally, increasing regions' ability in designing development strategies by using powerful computer-based strategic planning tool will lead to improved and efficient planning process. Providing fair access for all regions to distinctive markets on a local, regional, national, transnational and global level will strengthen the region's opportunities and reduce regional disparities.