



Demonstration projects as an instrument of spatial development

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MORO – Demonstration Projects of Spatial Planning

- Important instrument helping to achieve a more process-, action- and project-oriented understanding of planning and politics
- Actions and projects instead of programmes and plans
- German Federal Transport Ministry supports the practical testing and realisation of innovative action approaches and instruments of spatial planning in cooperation with players on-site, in regions



MORO – Demonstration Projects of Spatial Planning

Funds and supervises:

- fields of research
- studies
- model projects

The BBSR is in charge of the action programme:

- Choosing promising action approaches
- Supervising projects and providing specialist advice
- Deducing results
- Transferring them into practice
- Providing recommendations for amendments of legal frameworks

MORO – good examples: urban-rural partnership

- Urban and rural areas cooperate in carrying out concrete projects while representing the national territory's interests.
- Following a limited submission, a jury of experts chose the following five regions with their concrete projects to be supported as model projects.



Modellregionen des Forschungsfeldes

“Stadt-Land-Partnerschaften: großräumig - innovativ - vielfältig”

Datenbasis: MORO-Datenbank des BBSR, Stand: Januar 2012
Geometrische Grundlage: GFK MACON, Regionen NUTS 2

MORO – good examples: urban-rural partnership

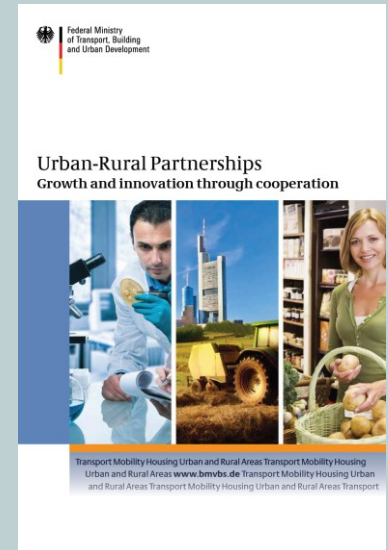
- Project initiated, pilot regions selected
- Project management for support and coordination
- Budget: > 1 million euros of federal subsidies and 1 million euros from pilot regions
- Publications, workshops, conferences
- Results analysed and political advice formulated (brochure)



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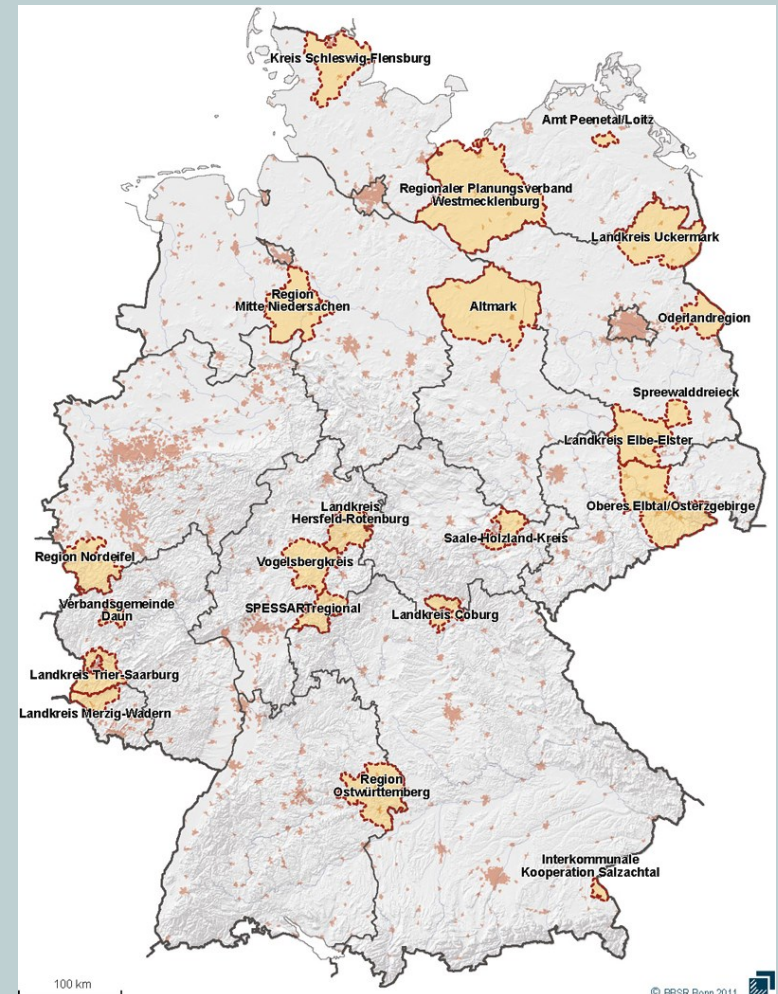
Results

- Key issues of research could be answered in more detail
- New topics formulated
- Urban-rural partnerships may contribute to economic, social and territorial cohesion among the EU member states
- New ways how to integrate regional enterprises in the partnership



MORO – good examples: action programme for the regional provision of public services

- So far most comprehensive Demonstration Project of Spatial Planning (MORO)
- 21 pilot regions
 - regional associations (6 regions)
 - counties (9 regions)
 - municipal associations (6 regions)
- Between 70,000 and 180,000 euros per region to develop a regional strategy for the provision of public services (2011 to 2013)
- Additional funding of follow-up projects implementing the strategy:
 - First phase projects (2012 to 2014), 30,000 euros per region
 - Second phase projects (2013 to 2015), about 150,000 euros per region. Jointly funded by the Federation and 8 German federal states.





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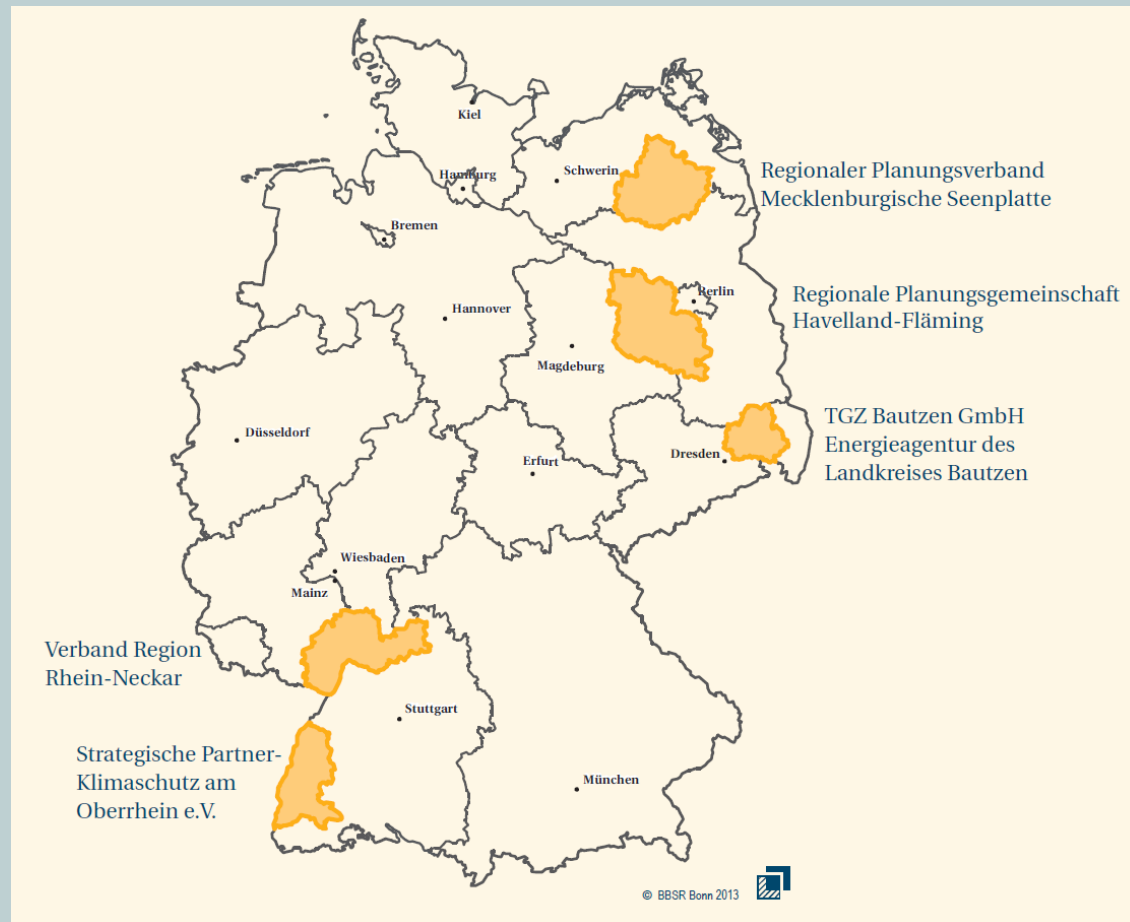
Features

- Long-term planning horizon (at least 20 years)
- Several subject areas concerning provision of public services per region
- Searching for solutions in working groups promotes the dialogue across institutional bounds and increases acceptance
- More freedom for experiments beyond legal provisions created
- Involving users
- Early initiation of follow-up projects
- Conceptual considerations (regional strategy) shall be secured by political decisions.



MORO – good examples: regional energy concepts as a strategical instrument of federal state and regional planning

- Supervising and analysing the 5 pilot regions when realising a regional energy concept



Demonstration projects as an instrument of spatial development

- Demonstration projects may not replace a formal adjustment and coordination of plans.
- However, they complete plans and, especially in the context of cross-border cooperation, they are very useful when it comes to promoting thematic work, mutual understanding and communication sustainably.