

# Governance and Functional Urban Areas

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## FUA: various definitions

### KEY ASPECTS: CITY & COMMUTING AREA

- ➡ The area occupied by a large city and its surrounding areas for which it is the main labour market and the source of specialised services;
- ➡ A system of complex administrative, settlements and complex economic structures

The key for future  
integrated urban  
development



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## Europe

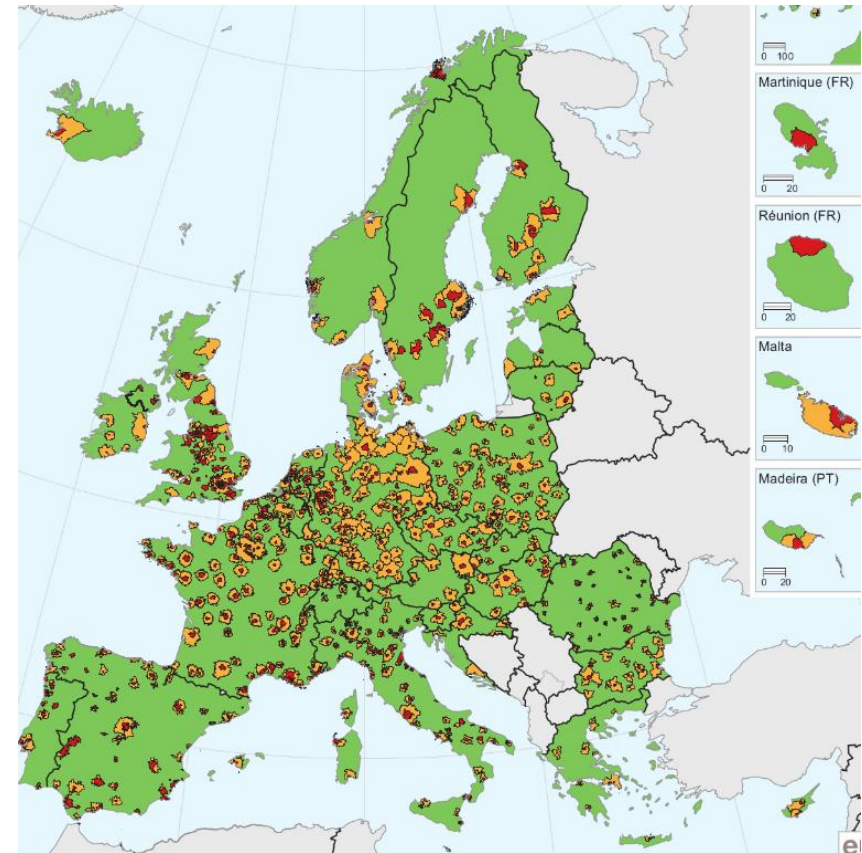
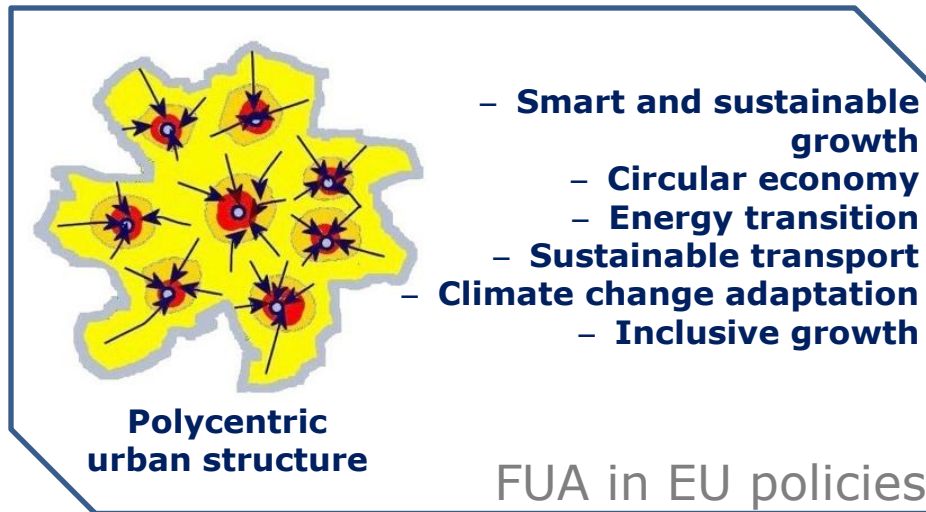


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## Tools and Instruments to realise good governance



EU supported programmes  
and knowledge creators in FUA topic:

**URBACT**

**ESPON**

**H2020 Research**

**METREX**

**OECD**

**Interre**

**EUROCITIES**

...

➡ **Knowledge**

➡ **Informal planning**

➡ **Innovation**

➡ **Formal planning**

➡ **Strategic cooperation**

➡ **Support**



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## Europe-example 1

### Rhein-Neckar Metropolitan Region, DE



- No new administrative levels, but new forms of cooperation
- Overcome administrative borders
- Flexible cooperation of actors from economy, research, politics and administration
- Variety of governance arrangements: different regional conditions, historical development and socio-cultural factors



Co-operative E-Government  
in Federal Structures



Innovative Network  
2016 Award



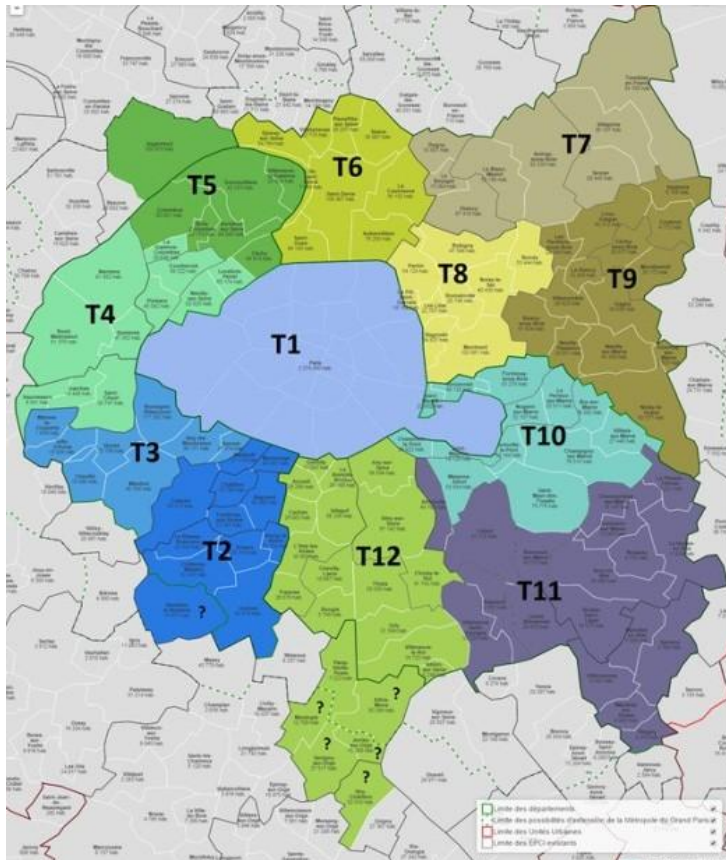


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## Europe-example 2: Grand Paris



- Produces more than 25% of national GDP
- Aimed at organising relations between Paris and the territorial entities of the larger urban area to develop a sustainable urban, social and economic model at the metropolitan region level.
- Creation of a dual level of inter-municipality : the Grand Paris metropolis and twelve “territories”.
- The metropolis level and the territory level are responsible for distinct (sometimes shared) policy areas and have their own governance structures.



T1- Paris
T2 - Sud Hts de Seine
T3 - GPSO
T4 - La Défense
T5 - Boucle Nord 92
T6- Plaine Commune
T7 - Territoire des aéroports
T8 - Est Ensemble
T9 - Grand-Paris Est
T10 - "ACTEP"
T11 - Plaine Centrale-Haut Val Marne - Plateau Briard
T12 - Val de Bièvre - Seine Amont - Grand Orly



Joint Association *Forum  
Métropolitain du Grand Paris*



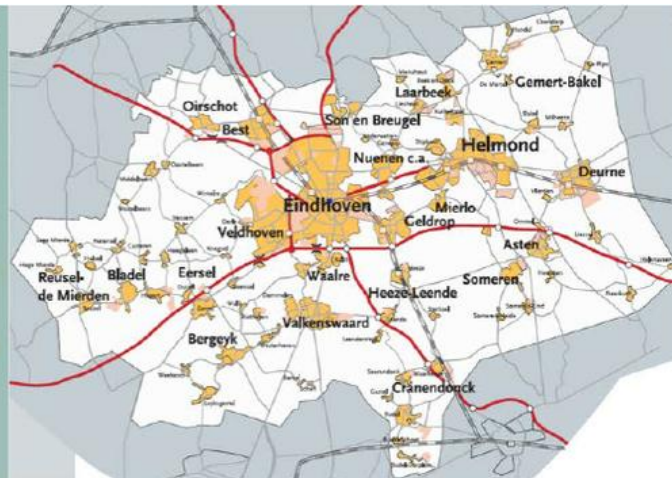
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## Europe-example 3

### Eindhoven knowledge city-region, NL



- Bottom-up voluntary regional association with a legal base (allowed by Dutch law)
- Strengthening the economic structure of the area
- Cross-border strategic cooperation with Belgium, Germany, and France (supported by national level)



Brainport foundation  
Action programme-city making strategy



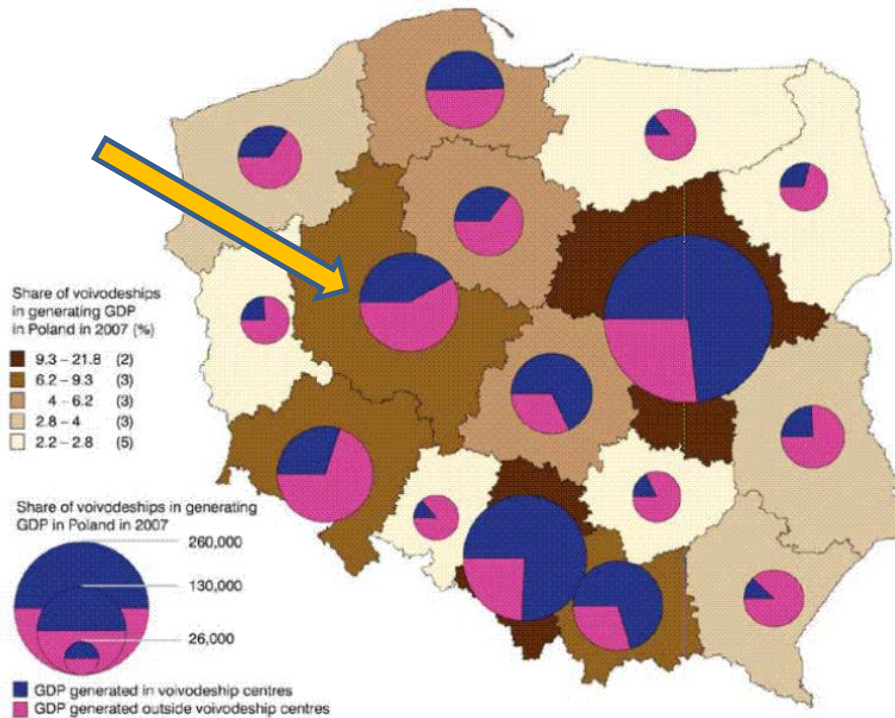
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## Europe-example 4

### Poznan, PL



- FUA actors taking part in Polish NUP
- FUA growth and jobs creation, and sustainable development are also NUP challenges
- Special national technical programme to support new actions for the FUA.



## Integrated Territorial Investment ITI instrument

European Commission



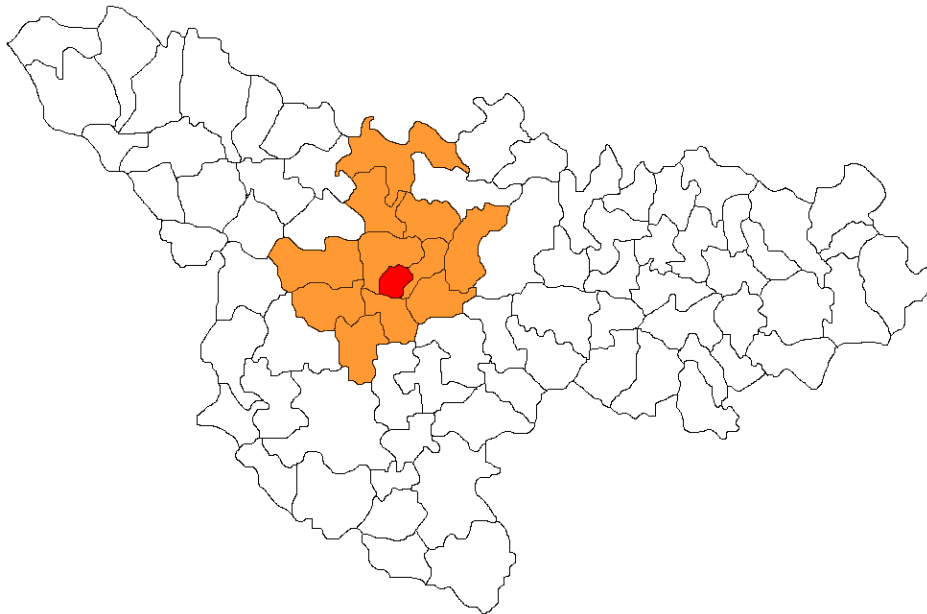


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## Example 5

An experimental model of an EU metropolitan initiative

### Timisoara, RO



➡ Romanian growth-pole model  
TOP DOWN INITIATED  
METROPOLITAN COOPERATION

#### THE GROWTH POLE

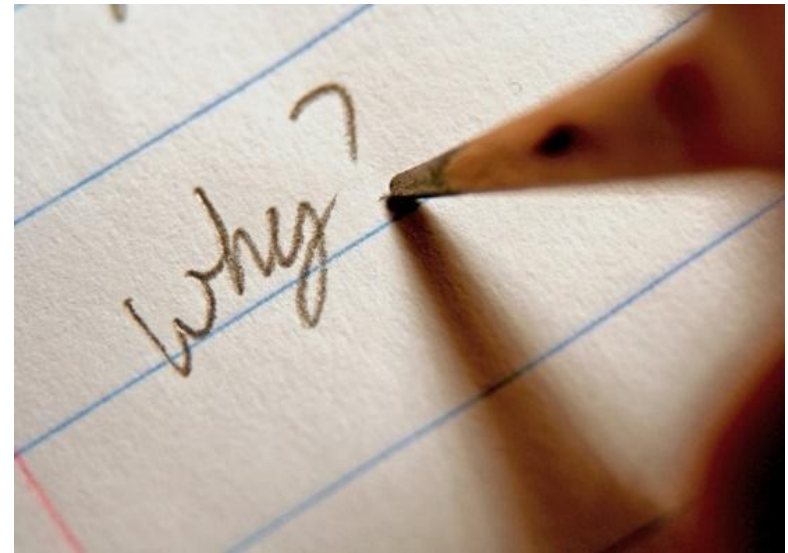
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14 villages  
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the county council

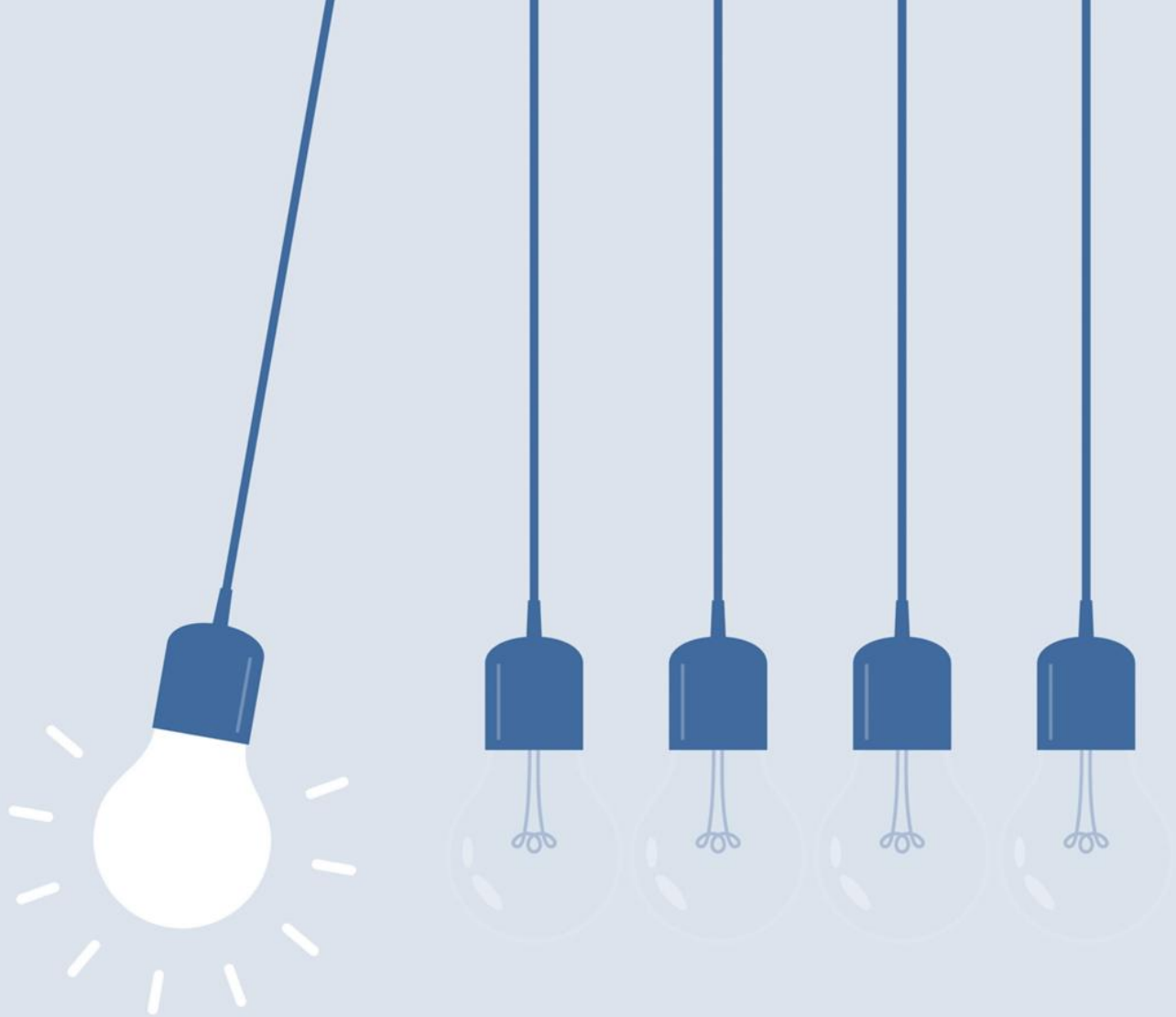
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## Strategies to focus on the daily urban system

### B E N E F I T S

- **Build on the power of regional networks**
- **Improve access to services**
- **Improve connectivity and cooperation**
- **Enhance visibility and boost city branding**
- **Serve new markets**
- **Make more efficient use of land**
- **Enhance efficient energy consumption**
- **Boost social innovation and participation**
- **Explore diversification and complementarity**
- **Promote new forms of a regional identity**





**Vision and Leadership are key**

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