



WESTERN BALKAN NETWORK
ON TERRITORIAL GOVERNANCE

Territorial Agenda 2030: What does it bring to the Western Balkans?

4th Annual Meeting of TG-WeB, the Western Balkans Network on Territorial Governance

Virtual Event

3-4 June 2021

During the German EU Presidency, two key documents were adopted in late November and early December 2020: the New Leipzig Charter, providing a key policy framework document for sustainable urban development in Europe, and the Territorial Agenda 2030, underlining the importance of strategic spatial planning and calling for strengthening the territorial dimension of sector policies at all governance levels.

Due to its relevance for territorial governance, we propose to focus our workshop this year on the **Territorial Agenda 2030** and a set of **six pilot actions**, that were launched with it. As the pandemic threatens to further intensify spatial and social inequalities in Europe and to push important measures for sustainable spatial development into the background, the Territorial Agenda 2030 can provide important impetus for a future-oriented restart.

How is Territorial Agenda 2030 relevant for Western Balkans? How can this part of Europe take part in its implementation? Through this event we will:

1. **Share** our research, reflections or experience from our practice, relevant for the implementation of Territorial Agenda 2030;
2. **Discuss** how the Territorial Agenda 2030 can contribute to territorial governance in the Western Balkans;
3. **Formulate** the proposal on the role of the Western Balkans for the implementation of the Territorial Agenda 2030, to be presented to the Slovenian EU Presidency;
4. **Prepare** the proposal about the participation of the Western Balkans Network on Territorial Governance in the pilot actions of the Territorial Agenda 2030.

Due to an on-going COVID-19 pandemic this year's TG-WeB workshop will again take place virtually, organized by IPoP, Slovenia.

Agenda

Thursday, 3 June 2021

12:00 – 12:30: Virtual informal gathering, introduction to the meeting

12.30 – 13.45: Research, reflections, sharing of experience – Part 1

Edited Book Presentation - Governing Territorial Development in the Western Balkans, Challenges and Prospect of Regional Cooperation (Erblin Berisha)

The Territorial Agenda 2030: Towards a common language? A review of a conceptual framework (Sonja Dragović, Carolina Neto Henriques)

Results of the ESPON METRO project (Giancarlo Cotella)

Disaster Risk Reduction in Albania vis-à-vis the Western Balkans (Ledio Allkja)

14.00 – 15.00: Research, reflections, sharing of experience – Part 2

Presentation of the ESPON TEVI2050 project (Frank Holstein, Maria Toptsidou)

Reflections of EU Territorial and Urban Agendas in Serbia (Siniša Trkulja)

Response of the Serbian cities and municipalities in the first days of the COVID19 pandemic (Dragiša Mijačić)

The role of civil society for implementing TA 2030 and New Leipzig Charter (Marko Peterlin)

15 minutes + ca. 10 minutes of debate for each presentation

Friday, 4 June 2021

09:30 – 11:00: The role of the Western Balkans for the implementation of the TA 2030

Welcome by the representative of the Slovenian EU Presidency (tbc)

Introduction and brief overview of the pilot actions of TA2030

Open discussion

11:30 – 12:30: Workshop on the proposal to be presented to the Slovenian EU Presidency

12:30 – 13:30: Discussion on TG-WeB matters

New members

Annual Review of Territorial Governance in the Western Balkans

Projects to apply

Organisation of TG-WeB annual event for 2022

Other