

JRC DG-REGIO Peer-review

Integrated territorial development strategies

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THE PEER-REVIEW METHODOLOGY

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■ HISTORY

- The peer-review methodology was developed by the **S3 Platform** of the JRC (2012)
- The **UDN** has so far promoted SUD peer-reviews at EU level in:
 - Seville 2016, Ghent 2016, Espoo 2017
- And at national level in Spain, Greece, Cyprus, Latvia:
 - Cordoba 2016, Barcelona 2016, Athens 2017, Liepaja 2018
- The UDN peer review has been adopted by other bodies, including the **Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces (FAMP)**, which has organised three regional workshops between 2018 and 2019 for **Andalusian cities** involved in SUD.
- In April 2023 the JRC in collaboration with DG-REGIO developed a SUD peer-review in **Vicenza**
- The one in **Dobříš** will be the **first** ‘territorial’ peer-review



- **Which kind of strategies are considered in this peer-review?**
- Integrated territorial development strategies **in areas other than urban areas**. Such strategies are promoted by cohesion policy under the PO5 specific objectives 2 (ITI, CLLD or other type of territorial tools in non-urban areas) during the **2021-2027 programming period**.
- In the ERDF regulation such strategies are mentioned in Art.3, e, ii: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1058>





■ OBJECTIVE

Sharing / Exchanging / Integrating knowledge on non-urban strategies



- Allow strategies under-review to get involved into first-hand evaluation experience and use the peer-review outcomes to further **improve their own strategies**



- allow all participating cities to **discuss common issues and challenges** related to their current work on integrated sustainable urban development strategies.



- **allow networking opportunities** among peers, the European Commission staff, academic experts and others.



- **Who:** Representatives of strategies under-review + peers + experts
- **How:** 3 Representatives of the strategy (e.g. municipality, public utilities, university, etc.) present their work and what they consider challenging policy **questions**.



Through a **participative approach** all participants are encouraged to engage in dynamic and creative discussions and help (with examples, resources, suggestions) the city under-review to tackle the main issues.



- **Where:** In one of the three territories under-review



Who are the participants and what is expected from them?

	Who are they	What it is expected by them
Peers	Representatives of an integrated territorial development strategy in non-urban areas involved in its design and implementation..	They join the workshop and are asked to provide structured feedback (e.g. policy recommendations and examples) to strategies under-review. They learn from and exchange with the other participants.
Experts	Professionals in the field of strategic planning, experts in integrated territorial development strategies and EC representatives.	They support in the preparatory phase of the peer-review the authorities representing the strategy under-review, join the event and finally draft a feedback report.



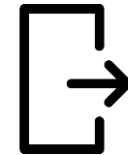
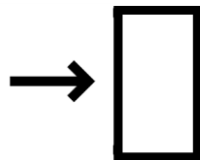
What the host local authority will do?

- The competent bodies hosting the peer-review workshop in their territory :
 - 1) **Organize**, together with the JRC, the two-day event within the area that the strategy covers
 - 2) **Provide a venue** to host parallel sessions for discussion
 - 3) Organize a **study visit** to projects planned by the 2021-2027 strategy or to projects implemented via a previous strategy funded by the cohesion policy.



What will the strategy under-review prepare before the workshop?


- 1) A **background document** following a template, explaining the socio-economic, environmental and spatial background of the strategy and the institutional and policy context (around 5 pages)
- 2) Re-fill the online self-assessment via the **SAT4TER** tool with the suggestion given by the expert
- 3) Prepare a **Power-Point** presentation following a template, describing the strategy and three main challenges (10/15 slides)



What they will receive

- 1) Feedbacks during the workshop
- 2) A Written report after the Workshop called **Feedback report**

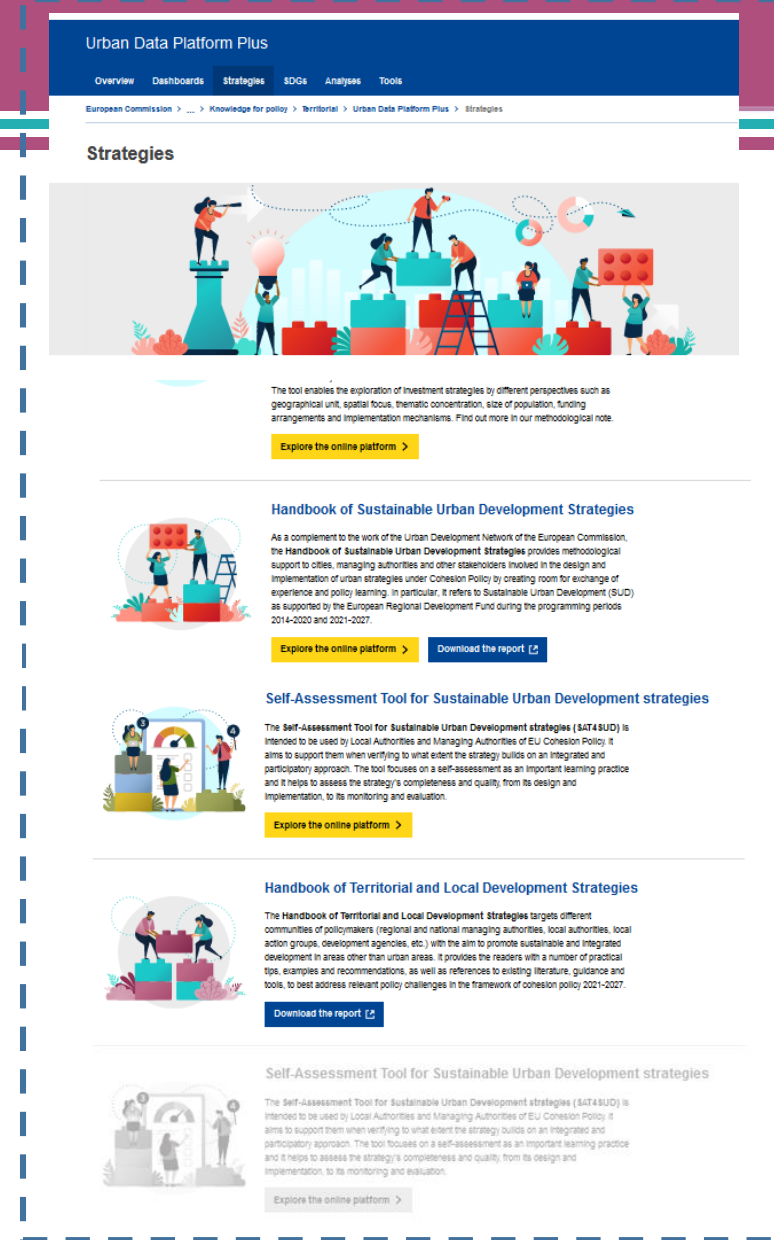
Urban Data Platform Plus



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Strategies



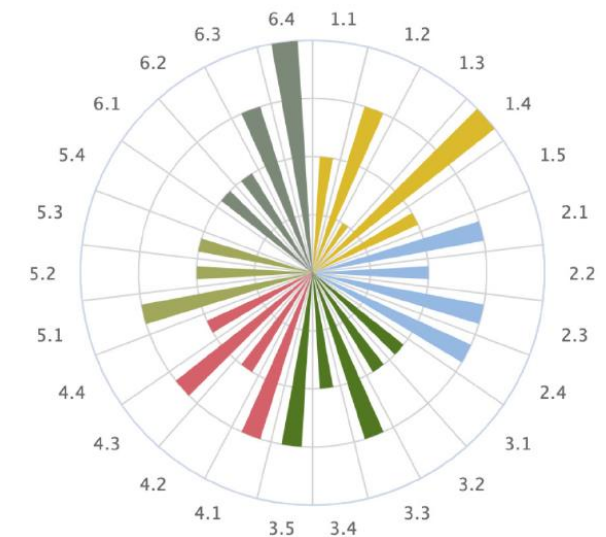
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<https://urban.jrc.ec.europa.eu/sat4ter/en>

- A **voluntary online tool** to help Local Authorities recognize strengths of their SUD strategy and identify those elements that need to be strengthened as well as opportunities for improvement
- Built around the **six building blocks** of the SUD Handbook
- Can be used in **all the steps of the policy cycles** (design, implementation, evaluation)
- It is linked to the **Handbook of Territorial and Local Development strategies** (challenges, examples, recommendations)





The tool

CLLD strategy Brdy Vltava

+ 1. STRATEGIC DIMENSION

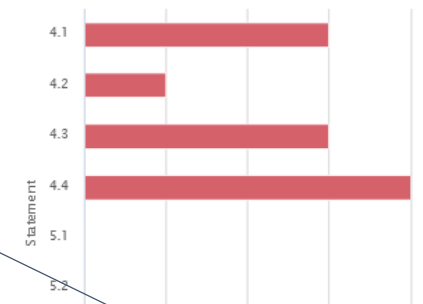
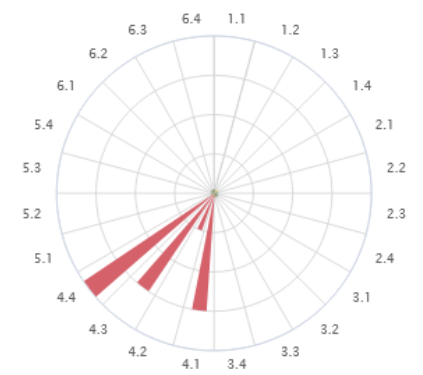
+ 2. TERRITORIAL FOCUS

+ 3. GOVERNANCE

- 4. CROSS SECTORAL INTEGRATION

N.	STATEMENT	SCORE *
1	The strategy envisages an integrated response considering the economic, social and environmental dimension of the challenges identified in the analysis of the targeted territory.	3
2	The integrated approach is strengthened by the combination of external and local knowledge, and by the use of innovation as a cross-sectoral catalyser for local change.	1
3	Cross-sectoral integration is pursued throughout the actions of the strategy triggering complementarities and synergies between them. Where possible, it promotes integrated projects.	3
4	The strategy takes advantage of contributions from different departments, agencies and stakeholders in order to overcome policy silos, while providing mechanisms for coordination.	4

* The scoring system goes from 1 to 4:
 1 = the statement is relevant for the strategy, but currently there are no or very few approaches to comply with it
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 4 = the strategy fully complies with the statement and can be counted as a good practice on this matter
 NA = the statement is not applicable to the strategy



Strategy name
 Insert the name of your strategy

Statements
 26 questions on which to reflect on, divided by Building Block

Scores
 From 1 to 4 plus NA

Additional resources
 Links to the TER Handbook, challenges and learning from practice to help improving the scores

Notes
 Useful to share reasoning with the others

Graphs
 Downloadable summarising the whole results – visual tools for discussion



Strategy factsheet

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SCORE *

3

1

4

2

The tool

CLLD strategy Brdy Vltava

- + 1. STRATEGIC DIMENSION
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- + 3. GOVERNANCE
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RESOURCES from the Handbook of Sustainable Urban Development strategies

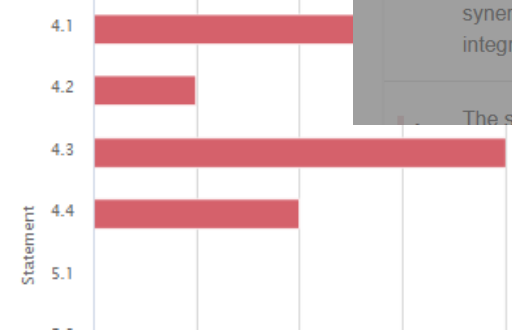
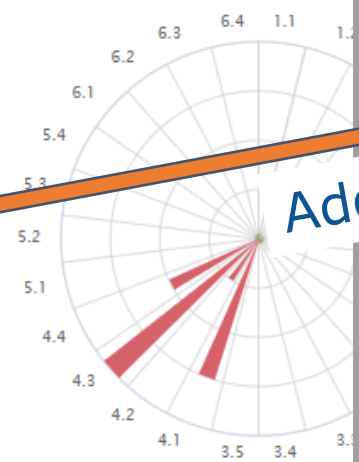
Statement 4.1: *The strategy envisages an integrated response considering the economic, social and environmental dimension of the challenges identified in the analysis of the targeted territory.*

Here you can find resources and recommendations to help you improve the scoring for this statement:

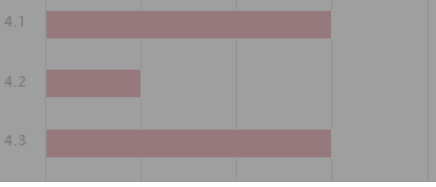
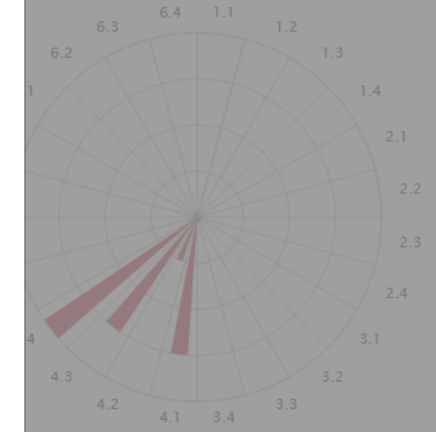
- [How to use the new EU cohesion policy framework to stimulate effective cross-sectoral integration in territorial strategies](#)
- [How to enhance strategic orientation through policy innovation](#)

Here you can find inspirational examples:

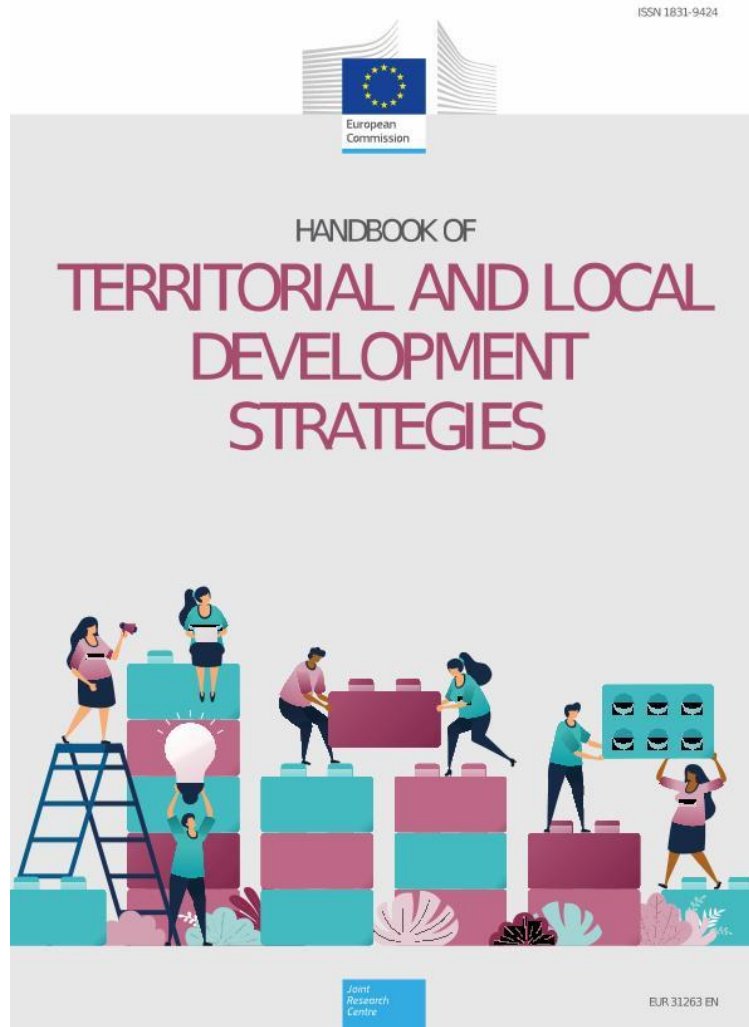
- [A Illa de Arousa](#)



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Additional info



It targets different communities of policymakers (regional and national managing authorities, local authorities, local action groups, development agencies, etc.) with the aim to promote sustainable and integrated development in areas **other than urban areas**.

It provides the readers with:

- a number of practical tips
 - examples and recommendations
 - references to existing literature, guidance and tools,
- to best address relevant policy challenges in the framework of cohesion policy 2021-2027.



Pertoldi, M., Fioretti, C., Guzzo, F., Testori, G., De Bruijn, M., Ferry, M., Kah, S., Servillo, L.A. and Windisch, S., Handbook of Territorial and Local Development Strategies, Pertoldi, M., Fioretti, C., Guzzo, F. and Testori, G. editor(s), EUR 31263 EN, Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg, 2022, ISBN 978-92-76-58444-5, doi:10.2760/133519, JRC130788.

THE PEER-REVIEW _ Vicenza 18-19 April Agenda



Monday 18 September	
19.00	Meet outside the Hotel – Penzion U tří statkářů, Náměstí svobody 2, Dobříš
19.15-21.30	Optional kick-off dinner place at Bistroréka Dobříš, Mírové nám. 1583, 263 01 Dobříš

Tuesday 19 September	
09.00-09.30	registration Plenary (intro)
09.30-11.00 (1hr30)	//// 10 min buffer to take seats ////
	09.40-09.50 (10 min) Mayor of Dobříš (<i>Pavel Svoboda</i>)
	09.50-10.00 (10 min) Czech Managing Authority (<i>Renata Kučerová</i>)
	10.00-10.10 (10 min) DG REGIO overview of the 2021-2027 programming period in non-urban areas (<i>Laura Hagemann</i>)
	//// 10 min questions ////
	10.20-10.45 (25 min) Agenda, peer-reviews quick background and methodology (<i>Giulia Testori -JRC</i>)
	//// 10 min questions ////
Break 11.00-11.30 (0hr30)	Coffee break
11.30-12.45 (1hr15)	Plenary (3 strategies under-review presentation)
	11.15-11.30 (20 min) Dobříš
	//// 5 min questions ////
	11.30-11.45 (20 min) Halland
	//// 5 min questions ////
	11.55-12.10 (20 min) Algarve-Alentejo
	//// 5 min questions ////
Lunch 12.45-14.15 (1hr30)	Lunch on site at KOMUNITNI CENTRUM

14.15-15.45 (1hr30)	WGI DOBRIS under-review 14.15-15.45 (1h30 min) workshop, all participants divided into 3 rooms
Break 15.45-16.15 (0hr30)	Coffee break
16.15-16.45 (0hr15)	16.15-16.45 (15/30 min) Plenary (one per table expert/or/moderator summarizes the key findings)
Dinner 19.00-22.00	Hotel – Penzion U tří statkářů, Náměstí svobody 2, Dobříš

Wednesday 20 September	
08.45-11.00 (2hr15)	Study visit starting from hotel (trail to be confirmed)
Break 11.00-11.30 (0hr30)	Coffee break
11.30-13.15 (1hr45)	WGII HALLAND under-review
	11.30-12.55 (1h25 min) workshop, all participants divided into 3 rooms
	//// 5 min move to the plenary ////
	13.00-13.15 (15 min) Plenary (one per table expert/or/moderator summarizes the key findings)
Lunch 13.15-14.15 (1hr00)	Lunch on site at KOMUNITNI CENTRUM
14.15-16.00 (1hr45)	WGIII ALENTEJO-ALGARVE under-review
	14.15-15.40 (1h25 min) workshop, all participants divided into 3 rooms
	5 min move to the plenary
	15.45-16.00 (15 min) Plenary (one per table expert/or/moderator summarizes the key findings)
16.00-16.30 (0hr30)	Plenary conclusions



3 PARALLEL ROOMS

For the three strategies



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1hr25

Question **one**



Question **two**



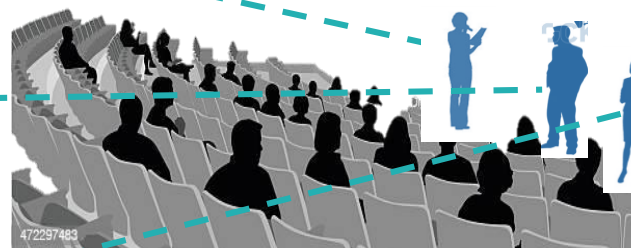
Question **three**



PLENARY



TOT
15min



FULL SESSION



TOT
1hr45



JRC

(moderates, keeps the time and fosters the discussion)

Experts and DG REGIO

(will give feedbacks, write the final three recommendations and expose them at the plenary)

Representative of the strategy under-review

(will re-pose the question, explain further details on the strategy if needed and there to grasp as much as possible from the discussion around their challenge)

Note-takers

(EC and experts will take notes that then will be passed to the experts writing the feedback reports)

Multiple **peers** from other non-urban CLLD/ITI strategies
(will give feedbacks)





0hr20

ROUND 1. Common understanding of the issue

**What is the issue at stake?
What the question behind the question?**

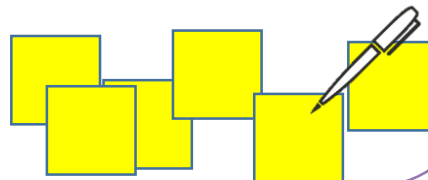
- **Purpose of this session: to go deeper with the question, make it sharper and workable**
- **Group exercise: discuss and agree as a group the new question behind the original question posed by the strategy under review**

0hr40

ROUND 2. Share and discuss policy suggestions

What can be done?

- **Purpose of this session: to identify possible solutions for the specific situation and to share good/bad practices**
- **Group/individual exercise: discuss and write on post-its the experiences and write down the recommendations**



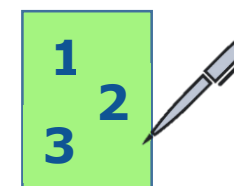
TOT
1hr25

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ROUND 3. Collective learning

What are the main lessons you'll take home?

- **Purpose of this session: identify the 3 key messages to support the strategy under review on how to tackle their challenge**
- **Group exercise: agree on and write down 3 collective lessons**





All peers write on post-its individual recommendations (e.g. policy approaches, best practices, things to be careful about, ...)



The peers place the post-its on the board and groups (e.g. by topic) the individual recommendations



The expert writes down the 3 main recommendation gathered during the discussion with a marker on the coloured papers

Each expert of the three simultaneous groups brings the recommendation “on stage”, places them on the board and illustrate them to the colleagues in the room



Thank you!

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