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Welcome and Opening Remarks

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Role of MoRD in Territorial Development

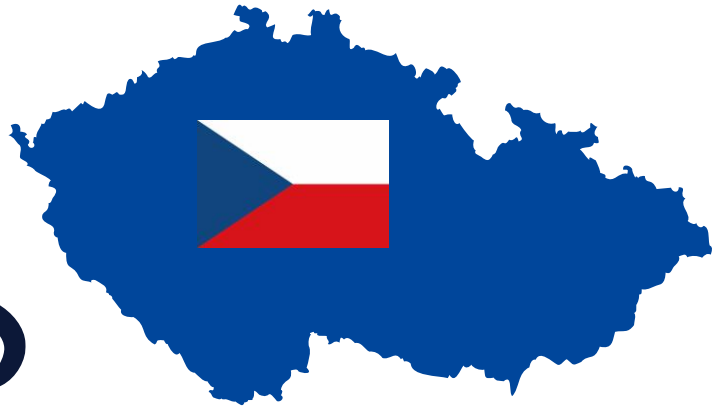
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What is the role of the MoRD?











MoRD as a coordinator of territorial development

Three key roles:

Set direction

- National strategies and policies
- Legislative and methodological guidance
- Coordination of public investments

Connect actors

- Ministries and public authorities
- Regions and metropolitan areas
- Cities and municipalities
- Academia, business and civil society

Enable implementation

- Funding opportunities
- Capacity building and training
- Exchange of knowledge and good practices

Why does coordination matter?

- Czech public administration is a **highly decentralised system**
  → **Regions and municipalities are responsible** for a significant share of public service delivery and territorial development
  → Most policy implementation **takes place at the regional and local levels**

Decentralised implementation requires strong coordination and capable local actors.



How do we do it?



Coordinate priorities

- National Standing Conference
- Regional Standing Conferences



Build capacities

- Conferences, Workshops
- Thematic Task Force Group
- National Contact Points



Facilitate cooperation at territorial scale

- Integrated Territorial Investments (ITI)
- LAGs/ CLLD
- Communities of Municipalities
- Euroregions, Cross-border Cooperation

Strategic coordination: Reduce the gap between policy design and territorial reality



National & Regional Standing Conferences

Partnership-based preparation of strategic documents

- Key platform for consultation and stakeholder engagement

Connecting national and territorial levels

- Strategies, legislation, programmes and methodologies discussed with territorial partners

Two-way communication

- Feedback from regions and municipalities to the national level
- Identification of territorial needs, barriers and development priorities

Capacity building: Cities need not only funding, but also knowledge, partners and implementation capacity



Conferences

Forum for Cities − national platform for dialogue between cities and the national level, fostering the exchange of experience and good practices.

URBIS Smart Cities Meetup − platform connecting municipalities, businesses and innovation partners to share solutions and develop smart city projects.

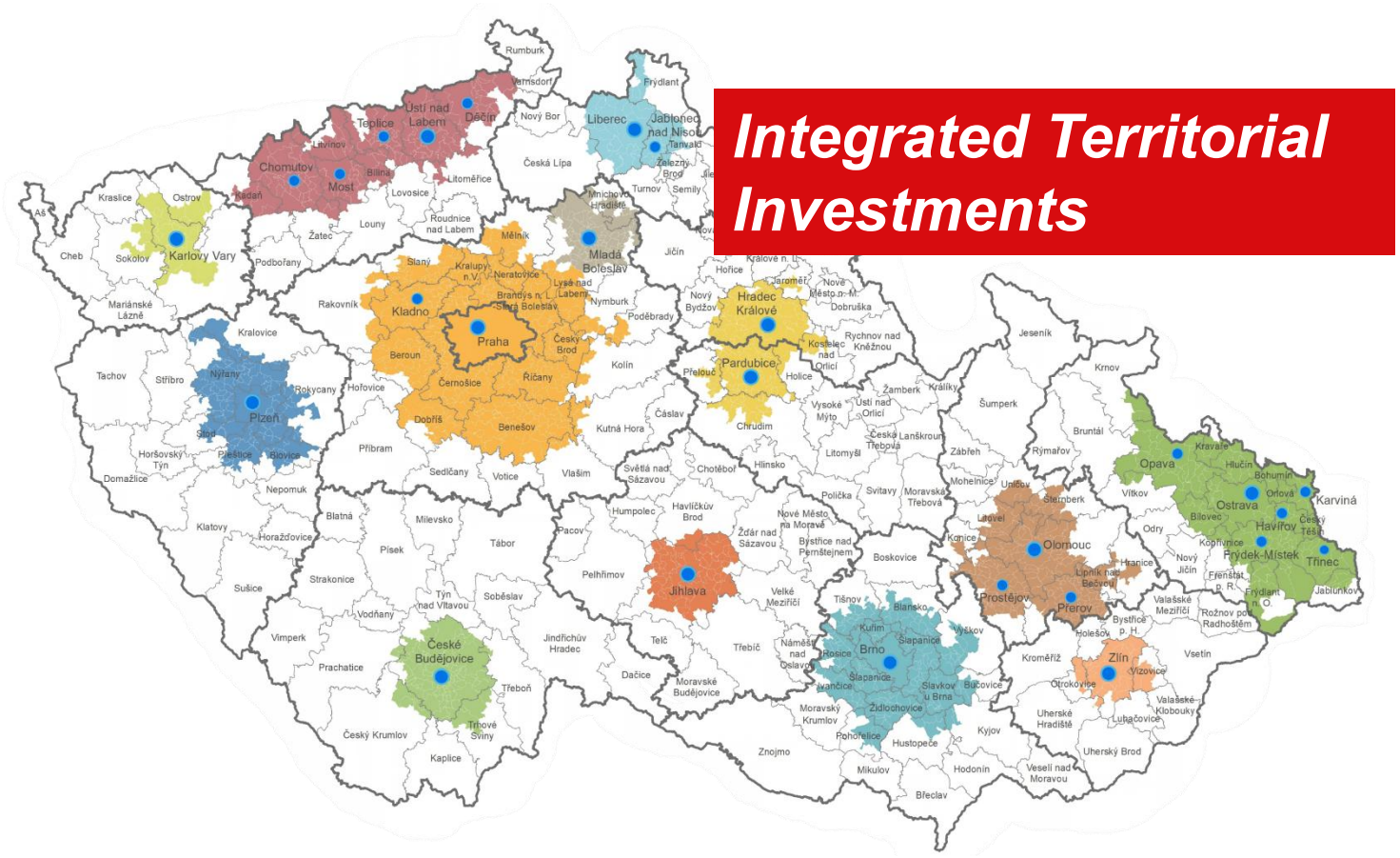


Workshops & Task Force Groups

National Contact Points − EUI and URBACT supporting cities in accessing European networks, funding opportunities and international cooperation.

Workshops on climate neutrality − providing practical guidance on innovative financing, partnership building, international projects and the implementation of urban solutions.

Territorial partnerships: Many urban challenges do not stop at municipal borders



- ITI support cooperation in **metropolitan areas and agglomerations**
- Enables municipalities to cooperate beyond administrative boundaries
- Supports **integrated planning** and implementation of territorial development projects
- In rural areas, cooperation is fostered through **Local Action Groups**

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Thank you for your attention

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