

The Design of an Urban Structure for Integrated Regional Development

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Abstract: Urban communities hold a very important place for the regional development policy in the European Union. Although the debate on the levels of actions corresponding to the direction followed continues, there is a general agreement on their role for the territorial organisation. Any assessments of the possible forms of urban structure development of the European territory and the recommendations for its future evolution have to consider the relative situations of these urban communities.