

Challenges and solutions for the development of small and medium sized cities within the European Union

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Abstract: An important part of the EU population lives in medium sized (20.000 – 500.000 inhabitants) and small towns. These towns, which play an important role in land planning, have not always benefited from sufficient attentions from the planners. In the past, they had a role in providing administrative and other basic services to the surrounding areas, especially rural areas and contributed to a more balanced territorial distribution of the population and economic activities.