

A territorial approach to promote urban-rural partnerships

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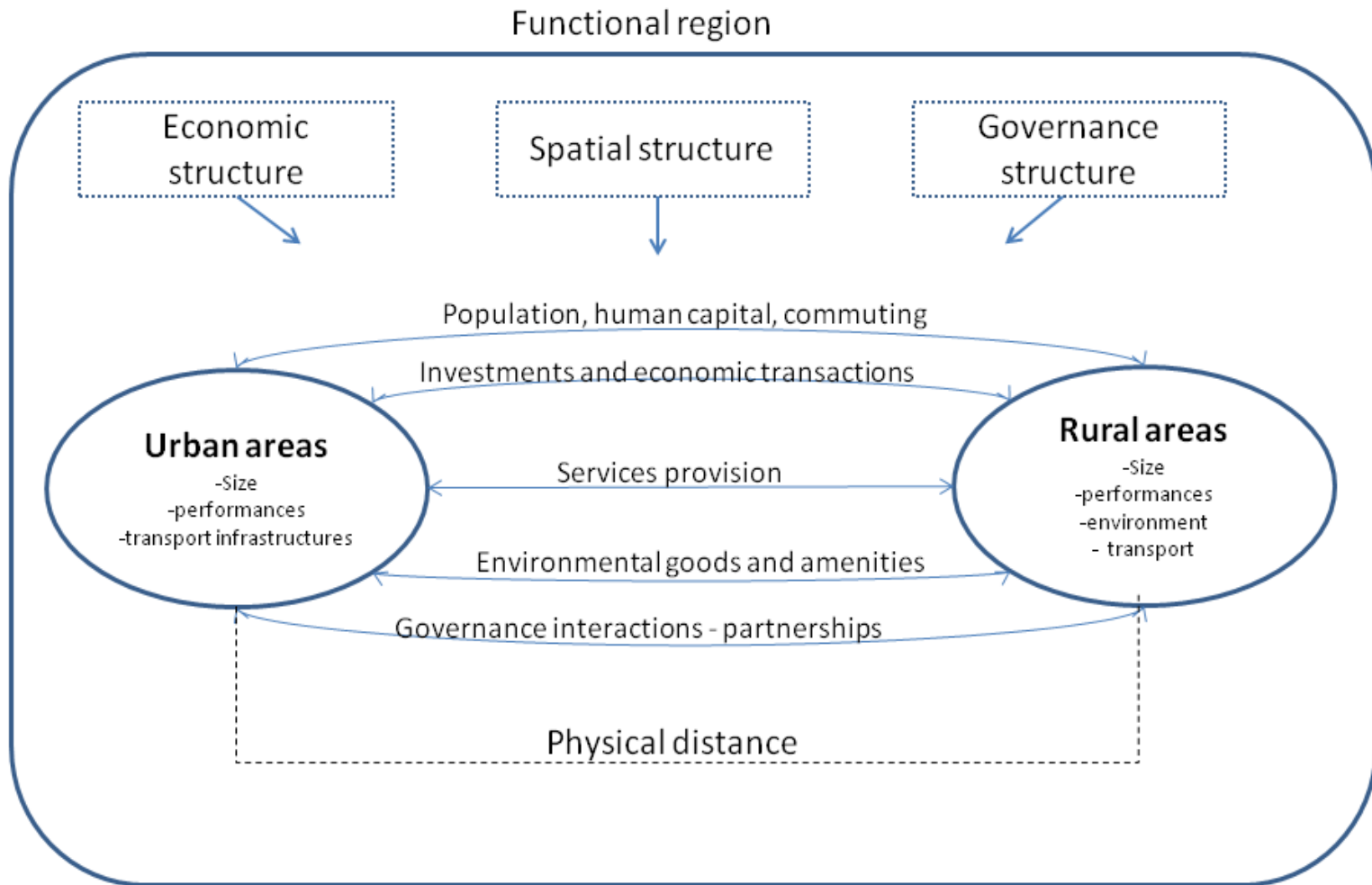
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Implications towards Livelihood Security and Poverty Alleviation***



Functional regions and rural-urban interactions

Functional regions → Geographical spaces where the bulk of local economic processes takes place. *They are increasingly different from administrative regions.*



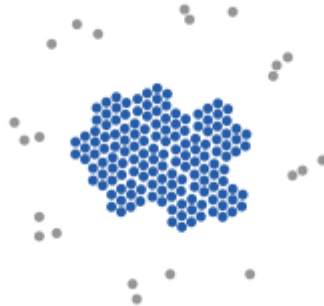


Three types of rural areas present different challenges

Rural inside the functional urban area (FUA)



Rural outside but in close proximity to the FUA



Rural is remote from the FUA



Type	Challenges	Opportunities
Rural inside a functional urban area (FUA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● loss of control over the future ● activities concentrate in the urban core ● loss of rural identity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● more stable future ● potential to capture benefits of urban areas while avoiding the negatives
Rural outside, but in close proximity to a FUA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● conflicts between new residents and locals ● may be too far away for some firms, but too close for others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● potential to attract high-income households seeking a high quality of life ● relatively easy access to advanced services and urban culture ● good access to transport
Rural remote	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● highly specialised economies subject to booms and busts ● limited connectivity and large distances between settlements ● high per capita costs of services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● absolute advantage in production of natural resource-based outputs ● attractive for firms that need access to an urban area, but not on a daily basis ● can offer unique environments that can be attractive to firms and individuals



A strategy for building effective and sustainable rural-urban partnerships

Matching
...the appropriate scale

1. Better understanding of Rural-Urban conditions and interactions
2. Addressing territorial challenges through a functional approach

Engaging
...stakeholders

3. Working towards a common agenda for urban and rural policy
4. Building an enabling environment for Rural-urban partnerships

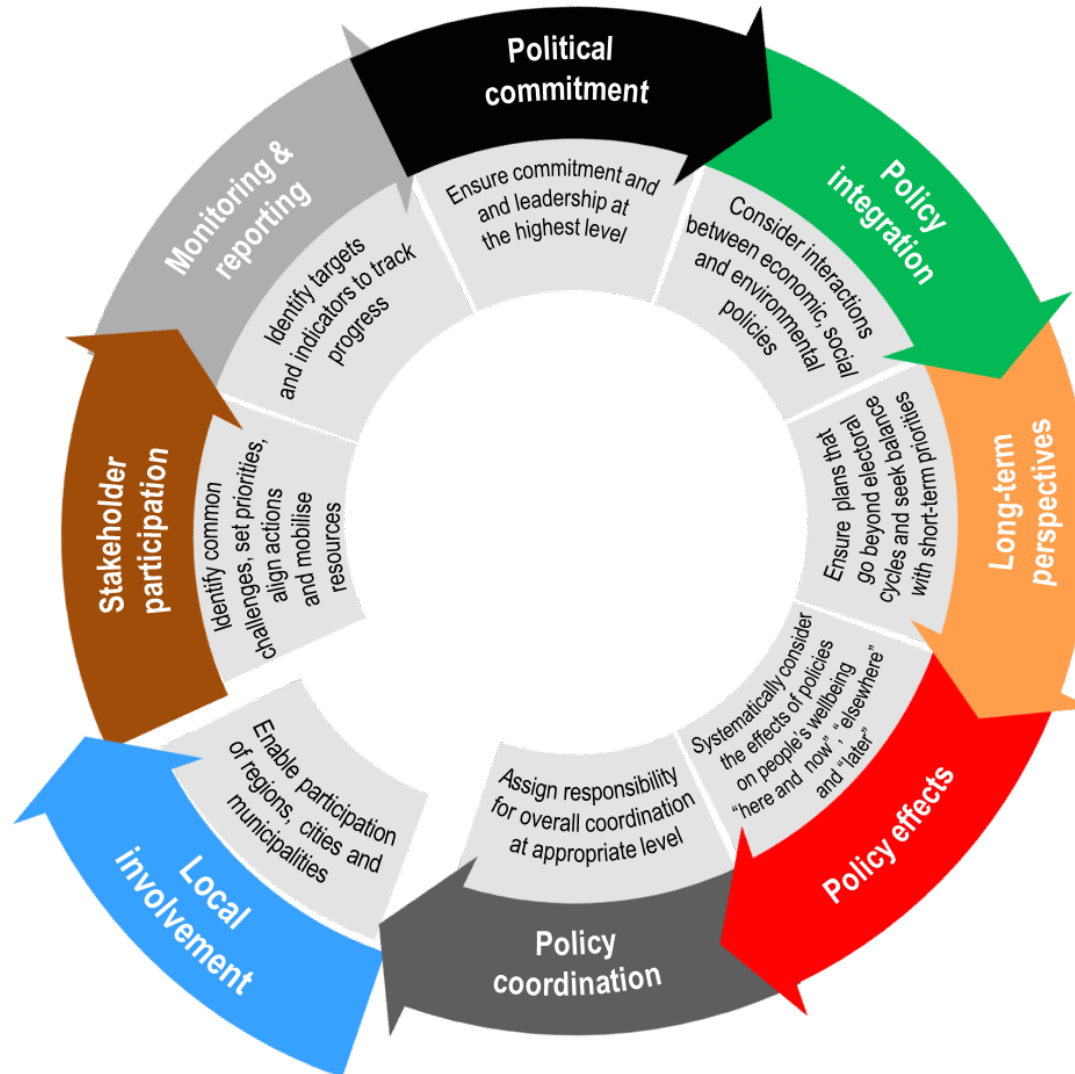
Learning
...to be more effective

5. Clarifying the partnership objectives and related measures

=> OECD Rural Policy 3.0



Policy coherence for sustainable development



Thank you!