

### Environment, climate, energy : Challenges for spatial planning Joris SCHEERS ECTP/CEU – KULeuven - Flanders Region Budapest April 24 2015







### Spatial planning context Urban condition





### Context of the urban condition NW Europe



# Spatial context and urban condition

Planning too much focused on procedures, administrative issues, juridical battles, budgets, .... politics

... waste of energy

Get spatial context and urban condition clear !

## **Spatial condition**

To what extent urban and regional planning are able to provide future proof solutions ? Reduce vulnerability to natural disasters. Addressing key causes of climate change (floods, drought, heat islands, ...) and by carefully planning settlements so that fewer people are vulnerable to natural calamities.

Traditional solutions

Create environmentally-friendly cities. Public and non-polluting transport systems, sustainable buildings, strengthening environmental assets, more efficient and economical city forms, liveable neigbourhoods, ...

Traditional solutions

#### Spatial integration – Spatial synthesis Towards territorial cohesions



#### Traditional solutions

#### Regional Spatial Visions Metropolis Flanders in 2030

#### Resilient space

- Shockproof territories
- Sponge for climate change
- Green-blue veins through built-up and non-built-up areas
- Space for energy transition



# Transformative capacity

# Governance

Transformative capacity related to water bodies and river deltas







Urban planning coping with flood issues and adapted use (case Bayamo Cuba)



Key location between the left bank and the right bank and

between historic centre and northern area

Infrastructures:

- River
- Railway
- Aguilera Avenue

#### Does centrality go hand in hand with left bank expansion ?



## Flood area



#### Spatial analysis of the area



#### ACCESS

- River
- City
- Railway
- Historic centre

#### FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- Cultural area
- Sports activities
- Small disposal site
- Grazing area
- Crops
- Fishing

# **Existing Urban Agriculture**







### Vocation urban agriculture ?



Fertile soil Water presence (sustainable irrigation) Good accesibility (F. Aguilera Avenue) **Commercial Position** Relation with the Agro-market 'El Chapuzón'

Urban Agriculture defict in the North Zone and the Historical Centre

# Strategic spatial plan: general design



- 1. Recreation area near the river
- 2. Areas for grazing
- 3. Recreation
- 4. Urban Agriculture (vegetables and fruits)
- 5. Flowers orchids
- 6. Residential area

## Strategic spatial plan: detailed design





Transformative capacity related to urban mobility systems







Medellin Colombia 3 years time 220.000 citizens affected 20.000 m2 of new urban space Culture, security and mobility



































Transformative capacity of urban areas

## Concept of zero sum territorial development Transformative capacity

- Soil sealing reduction (Europe)
- Effect of soil sealing on:
  - Water
  - Biodiversity
  - Fod security
  - CO2-cycle
  - Urban heat island
  - ...



#### Zero sum development to 'space neutral region'

Transition path to max. 27 % built up area



One billion dollar question: At which scale?

- Region
- Metropolitan
- Port ?

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# Antwerpen (Flanders-Belgium) Park Spoor Noord







#### Antwerpen Spoor Noord - Park and urban development 24 ha in total

1/4 (6 ha) urban development and 3/4 (18 ha) public park



#### PPP – cooperation: leverage

	Private	Public	Total	Subsidy
Call 1 8 projects	227 mio	130 mio	357 mio	25 mio
Call 2 9 projects	314 mio	114 mio	428 mio	19 mio
Call 3 13 projects	417 mio	220 mio	637 mio	30 mio
Total	958 mio	464 mio	1.422 mio	74 mio











Transformative capacity of the hinterland: Energy landscapes

### Importance of Hinterland

Create space for food, water, biodiversity, recreation and... energy

Clear policy needed for Metropolitan fringe

Symbiosis non built area and metropolitan functions.

Residential pressure









# Energy landscaping

#### Regional and integrated approach





Güssing (Austria): land use, infrastructure and renewable energy technologies.



#### IBA-See

### Cows delivering energy in Friesland







#### Governance

- 'Governance force' (strike force) of local subregional and regional governments?
- Multi-actor approach solving specific spatial issues within a network of interdependent actors is particularly successful.
- Governance force monitor: measuring capacity, based on 19 indicators (quantitative and qualitative).

# Environment, climate and energy: Urban sustainable development ?

- Specific condition
- Set of complexities
- Density
- Diversity
- Need for coordination
- Many powerful players
- Integrated but above all creative approach



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