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EUI Capacity Building Event on Territorial Impact Assessments

Bridging policies and places: Advancing Sustainable
Urban Development through Territorial Impact
Assessments

EU-wide workshop

15 October 2025, Brussels, Belgium



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CONTEXT

Within the framework of the European Urban Initiative (EUI) capacity building activities, the EUI Permanent Secretariat plans to deliver a capacity building event dedicated to improving the capacities of cities in Territorial Impact Assessment methodologies. This note aims at sharing an overview of the event concept with DG REGIO, the Hauts-de-France Region and Lille European Metropolis to facilitate strategic thematic inputs to the event content development.

EVENT SPECIFICATIONS

Title: Bridging policies and places: Advancing Sustainable Urban Development through Territorial Impact Assessments

Objective strengthening the capacities of cities in Territorial Impact Assessment methodologies to improve the design and delivery of Sustainable Urban Development strategies

Timing: 15th of October

Duration: 0.5 days

Location: Brussels

Languages: English

Target audience:

- **Primary target:** Functional Urban Areas, metropolitan bodies, urban authorities interested in TIA approaches
- **Secondary target:** regional authorities and national authorities

Expected number of participants: 35 to 45 participants

EVENT OUTLINE

Territorial Impact Assessments (TIAs) are tools used to evaluate how proposed policies, strategies or projects may affect different regions or territories. They help identify potential regional and local disparities and ensure balanced and sustainable urban and territorial development.

The workshop brings together national, regional and local authorities to discuss how to advance sustainable urban development by tailoring policy frameworks to local needs.

Participants will discover the tools, methodologies and resources developed by EU institutions, partners and programmes on this topic. In practical workshops, participants will map out the challenges, potential solutions and capacity building needs for cities interested in doing territorial impact assessments to feed into European Urban Initiative activities. The workshop will contribute to the ambitious Policy Agenda for Cities.

Discussions will especially focus on the transferability and replicability experiences to other interested authorities.

RESOURCES AND CASE STUDIES

The curriculum for this event is built on several resources (policy documents, studies and handbooks) and European best practices.

Case studies

The workshop will focus on two main levels for TIA: the regional level and the city level. Two case studies were identified and are described below. All case studies have yet to be confirmed.

Western Pomerania, Poland.

The case of Western Pomerania will focus on the SPATIA methodology developed to assess their ERDF fund strategy in the Region.

Cross-border Ostbahn project, Germany-Poland

The case of the Ostbahn project will focus on adapting TIA methodologies to local city/regional context.

Resources

Handbook of Sustainable Urban Development Strategies, Fioretti, C., Pertoldi, M., Busti, M. and Van Heerden, S. editor(s), EUR 29990 EN 30285 EN (Exec Summ), Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg, 2020, ISBN 978-92-76-13673-6 (main) 978-92-76-20300-1 (exec summ), doi:10.2760/32842 (main) 10.2760/750233 (exec summ), JRC118841.

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AGENDA (OUTLINE)

Timing	Content
15th of October 2025	
12:30 – 14:00	Networking lunch 09 rue Guimard, Brussels. Representation of Hauts-de France Regional Office in Brussels
14:00 – 14:15	Opening of the Session (Plenary) Welcome by Haut-de France, Director of the Representation Welcome from Representative of European Commission

Part A: Introducing European Practice Examples on TIA

Part A should illustrate interesting practice examples, where Territorial Impact Assessment methodologies and approaches have been applied on two different spatial levels. The examples will be complemented by an overview

14:15 – 15:15	<p>Applying Territorial Impact Assessment approaches on different spatial scale: (Plenary)</p> <p>Territorial Impact Assessment Tools on Regional Level The SPATIA methodology. Example from Western Pomerania ERDF Funds Patrycia Artymowska, Polish Ministry for Regional Development</p> <p>Territorial Impact Assessment on Local Level Adapting TIA to a local context. Example of the Ostbahn pilot project Roland Gaugitsch, ÖIR</p> <p>Supporting Instruments, Tools and Information on TIA available Simona Cavallini, EUI Expert</p>
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15:15 – 15:30	Coffee break
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Part B: Interactive Discussion in Parallel Working Groups

Part B will provide a more in-dept discussion in parallel working groups. The results of the discussion should increase the knowledge and capacities for the participating stakeholder on TIA approaches. The results and interests of the stakeholder could be used to re-fine the curriculum for future TIA oriented Capacity Building Events.

15:30 – 16:30	<p>Parallel Discussion in two groups (Break-out)</p> <p>Parallel Discussion in two groups (with possibility to change after 30 minutes):</p> <p>Group 1: in-dept discussion on the national/regional example Group 2: in-dept discussion on the city example(s)</p> <p>The Focus of the Discussion will follow three conceptual questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How to get TIA started (<i>e.g. what was the purpose and who was the initiator of the TIA process?</i>) 2. How does the TIA example work in detail and which parts are transferable to other cities/regions? 3. How to best fit the TIA process into the local, regional or national policy agenda? (<i>what is the right timing for a TIA, how to get the relevant stakeholder involved, how to include decision maker?</i>).
16:30 – 17:00	Feedback and wrap-up (Plenary)
17:00-18:30	After Workshop Reception

