Involvement of local and regional authorities in the preparation of RRP

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Evidence-based messages

• CoR-CEMR survey of national associations of cities and regions at the start of the preparation phase.


• CoR study of 8 NRRPs, completed with interviews from local and regional stakeholders.

France, Italy, Spain, Croatia, Belgium, Poland, Germany, Romania.
Results: Involvement of local and regional authorities

- Preparation phase: 3 RRP(s) out of 8 as requested by the Regulation. PL, DE, BE. But superficial involvement except for BE.

- Territorial dimension: only systematic for BE

- Cohesion: 3 out of 8 RRP(s) dealt with coordination with Cohesion Policy. All interviewees concerned about recentralisation and suboptimal results.

= lack of involvement in RRP(s), emphasized by follow-up interviews
Recommendations to the RRF WG

• European Commission assessment of the involvement of cities and regions in all RRPss + qualitative check with the CoR’s help

• Dialogues with Member states - definition of the role of regions and cities in the implementation phase: Partners, not recipients or executors

• Better involvement of the CoR, regions and cities in the European Semester for evaluation and monitoring of RRPss
Thank you!