

Involvement of local and regional authorities in the preparation of RRPs

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Evidence-based messages

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

Nov 2020 – January 2021. 25 associations, covering 19 Member states.

 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 RRPs 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 RRPs dealt with coordination with Cohesion Policy. All interviewees concerned about recentralisation and suboptimal results.
- = lack of involvement in RRPs, emphasized by follow-up interviews

Recommendations to the RRF WG

- European Commission assessment of the involvement of cities and regions in all RRPs + 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 RRPs



Thank you!

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