

European integration and spatial planning

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Context

- League of Nations
- United Nations
- 'United States of Europe'-speech
- Council of Europe
- NATO
- common denominator: dual containment

Steps towards Union

- European Coal and Steel Community
- European Economic Community
- expansion to 9, later 10 & 12 members
- Single European Act
- Treaty of Maastricht
- expansion to 15, 25 & 27 members
- Treaty of Amsterdam and of Nice
- Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe
- Lisbon Treaty ???

Institutions of the EC/EU

- Commission of the European Communities: no executive!
- European Parliament: elected, but no legislature!
- Council of Ministers: no initiator!
- European Council
- European Court of Justice
- Coreper; EESC, CoR, ECB....

International Spatial planning outside EC/EU

- Benelux: Structural Outline Sketch I & II
- Council of Europe:
 - European Regional/Spatial Planning Charter 1984
 - Guidelines for the Sustainable Development of the European Continent 2000/2002
- bi-or multilateral cross-border planning, e.g.:
 - NL-B
 - NL-D (commission)....
- Nordplan/regio....

European Union spatial planning

- Structural Funds: programmatic approach
- a DATAR initiative and 'Europe 2000'
- ministerial meetings and the CSD
- German misgivings about planning from Brussels
- 'Europe 2000+' and the ESDP
- ...and: the 'Territorial Agenda', the Green Paper...

Prospects

- Europe a spatial project
- informal vs. formal planning?
- intergovernmental vs. communitarian?
- 'coherence' between CAP, environmental policy, TENs, Structural Funds?
- long march ahead into uncertain future!