



# Documentation Regional development instruments

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General Data	
<b>Name of instrument:</b>	Regional Planning Association (= Planungsverband)
<b>Country / region:</b>	AT
<b>Spatial level:</b>	regional
<b>Type:</b>	Voluntary approaches and agreements / cooperation
<b>Subtype:</b>	Voluntary, but binding contracts
<b>Description:</b>	<p>Mandatory association among local authorities, promoting the cooperation concerning spatial planning on a regional level. The Regional Planning Associations are constituted by the representatives (mayors and members of the community council) of the constituted communes. They may employ own staff (planners, administrators). The objective is to harmonize the spatial planning on an intercommunal level.</p> <p>Most important instrument to reduce the traditional competition between neighbouring municipalities and the only way to enable a long-term optimized teamwork in the field of land take.</p>
<b>General objectives:</b>	Optimisation of regional development on the basis of regional plans and programmes.
<b>General Objectives keywords:</b>	inter-municipal cooperation ; land development ; planning principles ;
<b>Responsible:</b>	Local authority/Municipal council
<b>Responsible:</b>	regional authority
<b>Stakeholder Involved:</b>	Local authority/Municipal council
<b>Reference:</b>	<a href="http://www.tirol.gv.at/raumordnung/planungsverbaende/">http://www.tirol.gv.at/raumordnung/planungsverbaende/</a>
<b>General assessment of strength and weakness:</b>	<p>Strength: main focus on regional development; high decision-making authority; efficient work due to the small working team, consisting of people with high decision making power. efficiency due to the informal way of working;</p> <p>Weakness: efficiency can be at risk if ones personal interest comes to the fore</p>
<b>Metadata:</b>	<p>Date of entry: 23.03.2007</p> <p>Contact: Ifuplan, Schleißheimer Str. 156, 80797 München</p>
Implementation	
<b>Legal status:</b>	mandatory
<b>Extension:</b>	all municipalities

<b>Comment:</b>	The association for regional plannings can not be forced to work on practicable solutions. Some associations for regional plannings are very active, others are more reserved. Conclusions are made public but not how they were accomplished.
<b>Type of monitoring:</b>	none
<b>Best practise example (1):</b>	Association for regional plannings of Aldrans, Sistrans and Lans
<b>Example Abstract (1):</b>	Association for regional plannings of Aldrans, Sistrans and Lans with the establishment of a joint business park and the aim to settle high quality businesses.
<b>Period of validity:</b>	unlimited
<b>General comment:</b>	This organisational instrument is only existing since a year, but seems to be very successful in all areas of regional development and is based on a decree of the federal state.
<b>Assessment</b>	
Relevance	
<b>Status:</b>	strong direct relevance
<b>Ranking:</b>	4
<b>Remark:</b>	-
Acceptance	
<b>Status:</b>	-
<b>Ranking:</b>	0
<b>Remark:</b>	new instrument, implemented since one year, acceptance not yet assessable
Implementation	
<b>Status:</b>	-
<b>Ranking:</b>	5
<b>Remark:</b>	-
Feasibility	
<b>Status:</b>	Political will, legislation
<b>Ranking:</b>	4
<b>Remark:</b>	-
Effectiveness	
<b>Status:</b>	Acceptability, perpetuity
<b>Ranking:</b>	2
<b>Remark:</b>	Direction and type of effect depending on the interpretation of the role of the association