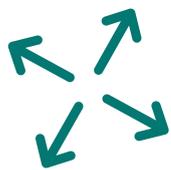


INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF URBAN AND RURAL REGIONS

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Settlement area? Open Space? Agriculture?



In the REGERECHT project, partners from science and practice will work together over the next five years to develop solutions for reducing the conflicts between the city, urban areas and rural regions and to establish new ways to balance differing interests. The focus is on the various land use demands and the associated resources and infrastructures. For example, the controversial development of settlements and the protection of agricultural land and forests.

The project uses an approach that combines science and practice right from the start. Through transdisciplinary cooperation, the various actors and their perspectives are involved as early as possible in the development and testing of solutions for land use conflicts.

These will be initially developed in a regional context in the vicinity of Schwerin, and subsequently transferred to other regions in Germany featuring cities of the same size and similar challenges.

At the beginning, various forms of urban-rural exchange and regional cooperation will be analyzed. This will be followed by a regional dialogue on land-use related urban-rural interdependencies. As a result, new forms of land governance are created that can also be used in other regions. They take into account regional interdependence models and concepts of justice.

The project explicitly targets local and regional governance, state and federal policy makers, companies, and non-governmental organizations.

Rural and urban regions are often seen as opposites. However, a sustainable land use planning or the development of transport infrastructures and educational opportunities depend on cooperation. In September 2018, the project »REGERECHT — Integrative development of a fair balance of interests between the city, suburban area and rural region« funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research was launched.

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