

# NEILA – Sustainable development through inter-municipal land management

## Stadt-Land-Plus: Achieving more together for strong urban-rural partnerships

### Motivation

Regional land management is one of the major challenges for regions with parallel processes of growth and shrinkage such as the region of Bonn/Rhein-Sieg/Ahrweiler. NEILA assumes that an improved balance of interests between cities, surrounding areas and rural areas can only succeed if instruments and measures to reduce land use conflicts are considered in an integrated manner and coordinated between municipalities.

### Goals and approach

Within the framework of an inter-municipal settlement development concept, NEILA aims to develop a system which – based on scientific evidence – balances benefits and burdens between municipalities. The ideas will be implemented successively in the region while their transferability to other regions is checked continuously. The focus is on a practical balance of interests between the rapidly growing core city, the surrounding urban areas and the rural areas.

### Expected results and transfer

NEILA strives to establish a system for longterm sustainable inter-municipal land management in the region, to anchor joint liabilities of the municipal partners beyond the project in legal, fiscal and organisational terms, and to collect and process scientific findings and make them usable for other regions. Comprehensive methodological and empirical findings are expected, which will be tested in practice and fed back into scientific theory development. At the same time, the region is a model for binding inter-municipal and transnational land management.



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