

# KoOpRegion – Municipal cooperation for sustainable land use

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

### Motivation

The region of Northern Black Forest is very heterogeneous in the development of its municipalities. High settlement pressure along the federal motorways contrasts with a trend towards out-migration in less well-connected parts of the region. In some cases, there are conflicts between the municipalities. This is where the “KoOpRegion” project joins in.

### Goals and approach

The project aims to show how urban and rural communities may benefit from cooperation and improvement in sustainable land use. The aim is to jointly develop a strategy at regional level that combines the following three levels of action in a practical way: land management, sustainability and inter-municipal cooperation. Therefore, opportunities for actions are to be developed by analyzing actor and conflict constellations, identifying obstacles and action needs, developing sustainability indicator sets and applying participatory methods.

### Expected results and transfer

The results will be processed in a guideline, which will include practical policy clusters, recommendations on process methodology, sustainability indicator sets and decision support tools. The results should enable decision-makers to compare options for inter-municipal cooperation and related sustainability effects and translate them into joint market and location strategies. It is planned to continue the project with a pilot project.



Urban agglomeration around the city of Pforzheim

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