Policy options for preservation of historic town centres in Germany

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Challenges

- Financing

- Integrated Approach

- Involvement
  (Participation / Identification)

- Development vs. Preservation

- Long-term strategy vs. Short-term policy
Institutional Settings

Federal Republic of Germany
- Setting Frameworks (Leipzig Charta e.g.)
- German Regional Planning Act (Raumordnungsgesetz-ROG)
- Urban Development Policy
- Fundings, budgets, financing

Federal States
- Land Use Planning Act (Landesplanungsgesetz)
- State development framework
- Setting priorities
- Funding, budgets, financing

Municipalities
- Urban planning
- Development plans / Zoning plans
- Setting priorities in coordination with all stakeholders
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Approach

- All of the future challenges are cross-sectional-topics!
- Therefore we need an integrated approach and an integrated funding system
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Outputs
Lessons learned

- We need an integrated urban development approach to compile a **common understanding** of cities and their needs.

- We need **content** and options for actions to focus on short-term solutions which unfold into **long-term effects**.

- Without participation of **all** stakeholders there will be no widespread impact and no sustainable development.

- **Sustainable** and integrated urban development is **unprofitable**.

- **Public money needs to be spend for public interests** (infrastructure, public space, mobility e.g.). These public investments **trigger** private investments.