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SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL FOR SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

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Policy learning tools at your disposal on the JRC Urban Data Platform plus

- **STRAT-Board**
a unique database providing an overview of urban and territorial strategies under cohesion policy 2014-2020
- **Handbook of Sustainable Urban Development strategies**
methodological support on specific policy challenges
- **Self-Assessment Tool for Sustainable Urban Development strategies (SAT4SUD)**



STRAT-Board

STRAT-Board is an interactive tool developed by the Joint Research Centre (JRC) and DG REGIO under the umbrella of the Knowledge Centre for Territorial Policies. It aims to provide a continuously updated state of play on how European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) support the integrated approach to urban and territorial development by offering a visual overview of Sustainable Urban Development (SUD), Integrated Territorial Investment (ITI) and Community-led Local Development (CLLD) strategies implemented across Europe within Cohesion Policy 2014-2020. The tool enables the exploration of investment strategies by different perspectives such as geographical unit, spatial focus, thematic concentration, size of population, funding arrangements and implementation mechanisms. Find out more in our methodological note.

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Handbook of Sustainable Urban Development Strategies

As a complement to the work of the Urban Development Network of the European Commission, the **Handbook of Sustainable Urban Development Strategies** provides methodological support to cities, managing authorities and other stakeholders involved in the design and implementation of urban strategies under Cohesion Policy by creating room for exchange of experience and policy learning. In particular, it refers to Sustainable Urban Development (SUD) as supported by the European Regional Development Fund during the programming periods 2014-2020 and 2021-2027.

[Go to the Handbook >](#)



Self-Assessment Tool for Sustainable Urban Development strategies

The **Self-Assessment Tool for Sustainable Urban Development strategies (SAT4SUD)** is intended to be used by Local Authorities and Managing Authorities of EU Cohesion Policy. It aims to support them when verifying to what extent the strategy builds on an integrated and participatory approach. The tool focuses on a self-assessment as an important learning practice and it helps to assess the strategy's completeness and quality, from its design and implementation, to its monitoring and evaluation.

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Self-assessment is all about learning

- What is self-assessment for?
 - > To reflect on the work done > To assess the results achieved > To identify areas for improvement, and implement revision
- Self-assessment is a **powerful mechanism for reflective practice**, which is the ability to reflect on an action, so as to engage in a **process of continuous learning**
- Examples of reflective practice for SUD:
 - > Metrolab Brussels - Bruxelles SUD strategy
 - > UDN peer reviews (EU, National and regional peer reviews for SUD strategies)
 - > URBACT Toolbox



SAT4SUD_Objectives & users

- A **voluntary online tool** for policy learning and knowledge sharing to
 - > help **Local Authorities** recognize strengths of their SUD strategy and identify those **elements that need to be strengthened** as well as opportunities for improvement
 - > promote **exchange among Local Authorities'** departments and between Local Authorities and other stakeholders, benchmarking, dissemination, working groups as well as **peer-reviews** (e.g. UDN peer-reviews, TAIEX-REGIO PEER 2 PEER programme)
 - > facilitate **feedback between Local Authorities and Managing Authorities**



SAT4SUD_ Main features



- Built around the **six building** blocks of the SUD Handbook
- Integrated approach decoded in **26 statements** that transfer SUD principles in daily practice
- Simple **scoring system**
- **Access point to strategy cases and tools** made available in the SUD Handbook - to clarify statements and provide guidance on how to score
- Space for record and **notes** for improving transparency
- **Visuals** to communicate your SUD strategy's performance

1. STRATEGIC DIMENSION

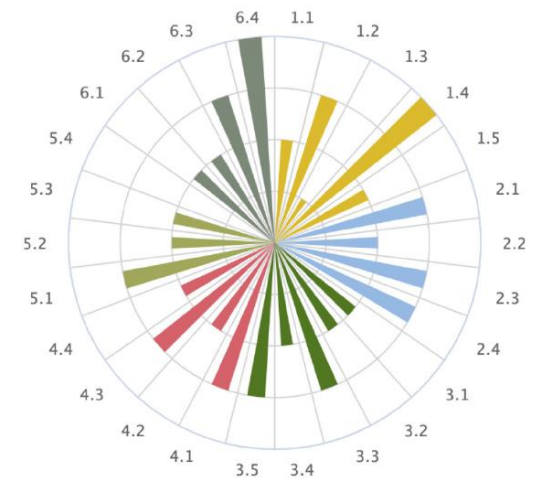
2. TERRITORIAL FOCUS

3. GOVERNANCE

4. CROSS SECTORAL INTEGRATION

5. FUNDING AND FINANCE

6. MONITORING



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SAT4SUD_How to get the most out of the tool

- **Self-assessment needs time**
 - > With the SAT4SUD, you can start working on it, stop and recover your draft later.
- **Self-assessment is a collective learning exercise**
 - > Involve colleagues/other contributors by sharing your draft and get their input. This will also encourage ownership of policy solutions.
- **Self-assessment is about being part of a EU community of practice**
 - > Share with JRC your results, even if your strategy scores low: results will remain anonymous but they will help tailor future policy support and capacity building activities.



- **Survey to Local Authorities** to collect 2014-2020 SUD implemented projects
- **UDN peer-review** for 2021-2027 SUD strategies
- **New Territorial Handbook** for 2021-27 strategies in non-urban areas supported by cohesion policy
- Better linkages with other networks and tools (e.g. Urban Innovative Actions, URBACT) to best **contribute to the European Urban Initiative**



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