“A continuous process with a strong vision and frame can deal with transformation and changes”

monitoring the spatial structure plan of the city of Ghent

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• geographic location
• desired spatial structure
• strategic core projects
• monitoring system
• consultation
• interim results
• conclusions
GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
• Ghent is a planning-minded city

• 2003 spatial structure plan

• 2003 - 2010 methodology to evaluate and measure the implementation of the plan

• a yearly monitoring system
• a set of criteria for the evaluation of planning efforts
• evaluate a series of quantitative goals

(number of additional dwellings, space for commercial goals, space for nature and woodland, new parks and stand-still concerning nature and green spaces)
STRATEGIC CORE PROJECTS | station Gent Sint-Pieters
STRATEGIC CORE PROJECTS | Kobra
STRATEGIC CORE PROJECTS | lichtplan: Breydel
STRATEGIC CORE PROJECTS | Arbedpark
focus on 12 ‘core projects’ that embody the structure plan in a qualitative manner

after 7 years the structure plan remains valid for most of the core projects

the implementation is often far more difficult
• quantitative analysis is build around 4 aspects:
  - measurement of a number of indicators (tasks)
  - systematic actualisation of indicators
  - testing of indicators in relation to the tasks
  - focusing on actions and measures to optimally fulfil the tasks

• good data collection supports the process
additional destinations in land use plans

annual tasks

MONITORING SYSTEM
• internal partners
• external partners
• wider public
Consulting structure for implementation of the strategic spatial structure plan (RSG) | 2008-2012

- Town council
- Board of Mayor and Aldermen

**Strategic consultation = Steering committee RSG**
- Heads of Department
- Heads of Administration
- Town development company
- Programme directors

**Group RSG**
- at least twice a year prior to budget
- initiative
- Administration of Town Development and Planning

**Thematic Group**
- (depending on need)

**GECORO**
- local spatial advisory committee

**Consultation with other government bodies**

**Consultation with private partners**

**Active communication**
- internal and external partners
- wider public
• addition of new strategic core projects
• refined list of priorities
• tasks: distinction between planning and implementation
• a number of aspects require clarification
• the managing role of the Administration of Urban and Spatial Planning is crucial
• annual screening is a strong and accurate way of monitoring
• adjusting the continued effects of a spatial policy plan in a transsector manner
• a good consultation structure and management are necessary
• quality control during the realisation of the strategic core project could be improved
• better communication?
• regard to the preparations for the review of the spatial structure plan after 2012