Intergovernmental Partnership,
Assemble together
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1. Shift in approach
2. Assemble together
Intergovernmental partnership,
Assemble together – Shift in approach

From a hierarchical approach
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Towards a network approach

Autonomy

Trust

Joining

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Ruimte Vlaanderen invests in an intergovernmental partnership and local administrative capacity:

➢ Learning network
➢ Fieldwork
➢ Framework
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Atrium learning network:

➢ Organising meetings of Flemish and local officials
➢ Exchanging knowledge and experiences
➢ Co-creating spatial policy
➢ Detecting local initiatives and problems
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**Atrium learning network:**

- Regular atrium system
- Atria on call (target group or theme)
- Virtual network
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Atria on call, e.g.: 
Gathering municipalities lacking a municipal urban planning official
➢ to promote the benefits of a strong (intermunicipal) official
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**Virtual network:**

- **Yammer:** ask questions and share information
- **Bottom-up:** streamline detected signals and policy suggestions
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RV cooperates in region-specific processes supporting and facilitating local initiatives

- To find synergies and trigger spatial development (T.OP)
- To feed the Flemish agenda (BRV-pilots)
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T.OP Limburg

- **Limburg Territorial Development Program** (closure of Ford Genk)
- **Bringing Flemish and local actors** (governmental and entrepreneurial) together
- **Goal**: coordinated agendas, shared vision, cost savings, joint actions ...
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Co-creating and testing the spatial policy plan for Flanders:

- Pilot projects BRV test vision
- Pilot project Antwerp urban region
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Goal-oriented subsidy policy (and other instruments):

- To stimulate intermunicipal cooperation
- To incorporate Flemish goals in local agendas (project call or subsidy promise)
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RV officials

proactively stimulate, cooperate and codirect from the sideline
e.g. cooperation between Visit Flanders and RV to address the problem of youth centres lacking the proper zoning permit
Intergovernmental partnership, Assembly together

1. Shift in approach
2. Assemble together
3. Conclusion
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In a decentralised spatial planning context:

We assemble together to realise a shared Flemish vision

Learning network – Fieldwork - Framework
Thank you.

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