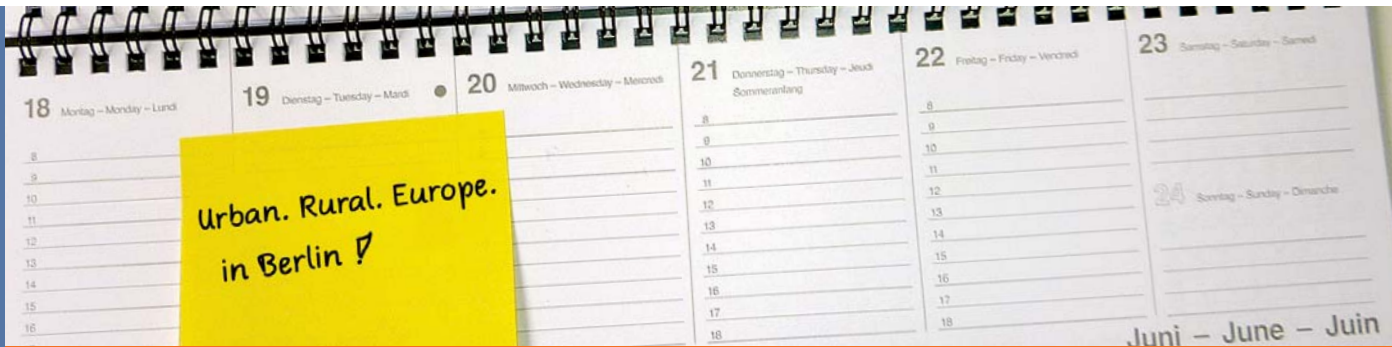




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Dear Sir or Madam,

Cooperation between urban and rural areas provides a crucial impetus to the structural development of regions – more than 40 spatial planning pilot projects in eight cooperation areas in Germany have demonstrated this impressively. Cities and towns, their urban hinterland but also peripheral regions are making their individual contributions to the development of balanced and fair partnerships.

Currently, urban-rural partnerships are becoming increasingly important also in the European debate. The Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development is taking this as an opportunity to discuss the issue with a wide range of European stakeholders. The

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will look at urban-rural partnerships against the background of the “Europe 2020” growth strategy and the draft proposals for the European structural funds from 2014. Federal Minister Dr Peter Ramsauer, further high-ranking representatives of different Member States as well as of the European Parliament and the European Commission will reflect on the issue from a political perspective. European examples of best practice will be used to demonstrate how cooperation between urban and rural areas is functioning. In a concluding panel discussion, regional representatives as well as players from government, industry and academia will discuss the contribution made by urban-rural partnerships to territorial cohesion in Europe as well as their possibilities for receiving European assistance.

Please mark the date in your agenda. An official invitation and the detailed programme will be sent out soon.

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