

ŚLĄSKIE VOIVODESHIP

„ŚLĄSKIE 2020”
DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
OF THE ŚLĄSKIE VOIVODESHIP

- general outline -



Silesia. Positive energy

Katowice, 2010



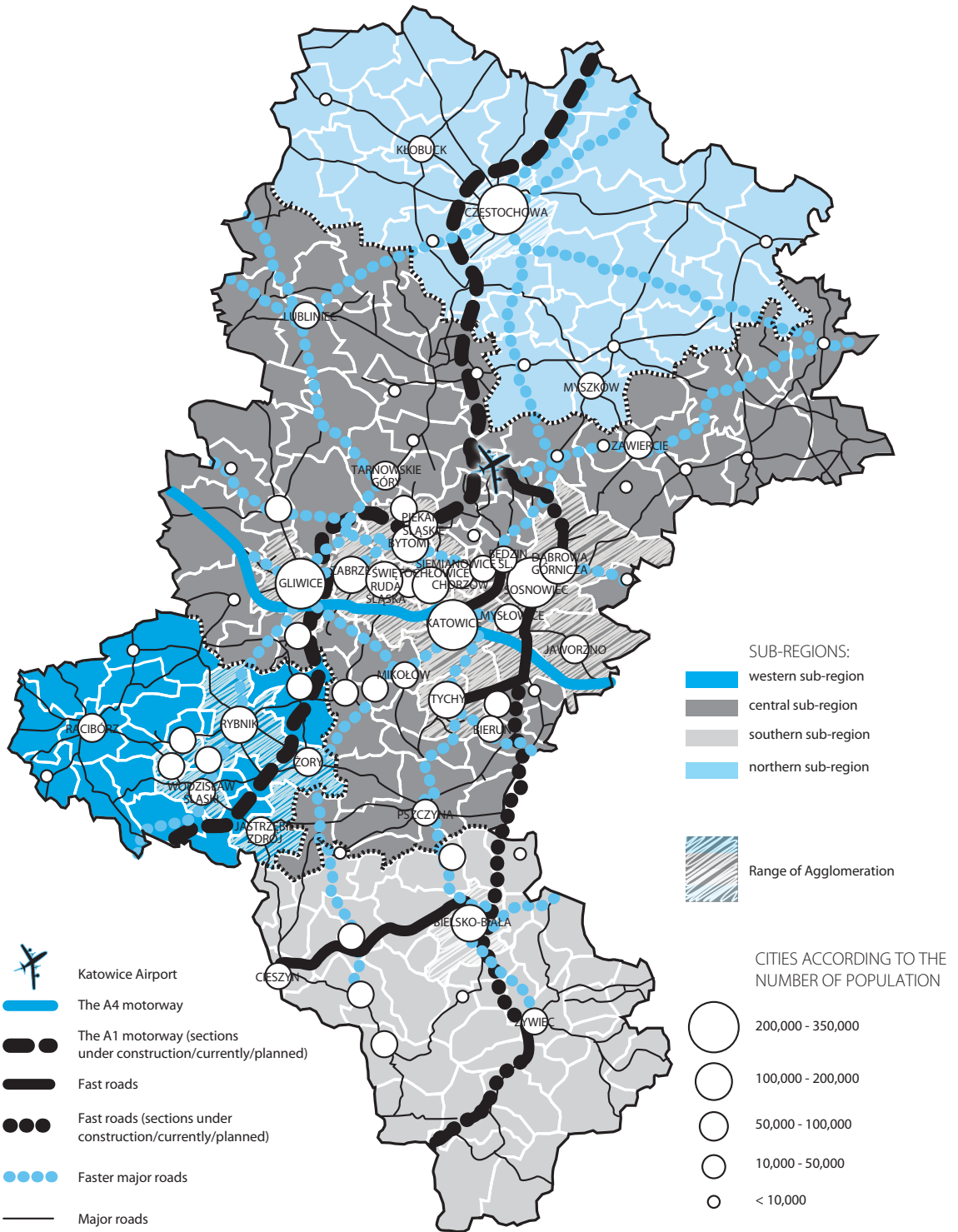
The Śląskie Voivodeship is the region located in the southern part of Poland in the upper basin of the three largest rivers in Poland: the Vistula, the Odra river and the Warta river. The area of the voivodeship is marked by diversified countryside encompassing: Kraków-Częstochowa Upland (Wyżyna Krakowsko-Częstochowska), Silesian Upland (Wyżyna Śląska), Oświęcim-Racibórz Valley (Kotlina Oświęcimsko-Raciborska), Silesian Lowlands (Nizina Śląska), West Beskid (Beskid Zachodni) and Silesian Foothills (Pogórze Śląskie).

In terms of spatial and functional structure, the Voivodeship is divided into 4 sub-regions (the so-called development policy areas): the northern sub-region (with area of 3,050 km²), the southern sub-region (2,354 km²), the central sub-region (5,577 km²), and the western sub-region (1,353 km²). The central sub-region - the largest in terms of area – is inhabited by 2,835,000 people (i.e. 61% of the total populace of the region), over 4 times as many as in other sub-regions of the Voivodeship. With the populace of 650,000 people, the southern sub-region is the second most populated sub-region and is followed by the western sub-region, inhabited by 637,000 people, and the northern one – with the populace of 533,000 people. The region borders with the Opolskie, Łódzkie, Świętokrzyskie and Małopolskie Voivodeships, as well as the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic from the south. Six European capital cities are situated within the 600-kilometre radius of Katowice: Berlin, Bratislava, Budapest, Prague, Warsaw and Vienna. The administrative structure of the Voivodeship is composed of 167 boroughs (gminas) grouped into 36 poviats: 17 land poviats and 19 city poviats (cities with poviat rights). The 167 boroughs comprise 49 urban communes, 22 mixed urban-rural communes, and 96 rural communes. The region covers area of 12,334 km², i.e. 3.9% of the total area of Poland, which makes it the 14th largest region in terms of area – before the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship and Opolskie Voivodeship. The settlement system of the Śląskie Voivodeship is made up of 1,396 towns or villages, including 71 cities, constituting a network with density of 58 cities/10,000 km², twice as large as the national average (29 cities/10,000 km²). As per the Spatial Development Plan for the Śląskie Voivodeship, four urban agglomerations, i.e. the Upper Silesian Agglomeration (an Agglomeration of European importance) and the Bielsko, Częstochowa and Rybnik Agglomerations (agglomerations of national importance) – are the main constituents of the settlement system of the Śląskie Voivodeship.

The Śląskie Voivodeship is inhabited by nearly 4.7 million people, i.e. 12.2% of the total populace of Poland, it is one of the most urbanised regions in Poland (the urban populace accounting for 78.4%) and has the largest population density in Poland (377 people/km², the national average being 122 people/km²). The Śląskie Voivodeship is second most populated voivodeship in Poland after the Mazowieckie Voivodeship (13.6%).



MAP 1. THE SETTLEMENT



Source: Own study based on the materials of the Regional Geodetic and Cartographic Documentation Resource Centre (Wojewódzki Zasób Geodezyjny i Kartograficzny) and the Śląskie Voivodeship Spatial Development Plan.

VISION OF THE ŚLĄSKIE VOIVODESHIP IN 2020

Leading development ideas

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| SUSTAINED VALUES | The strong Christian faith rooted in the families, and culture and tradition connected with it; intergenerational and family bonds; life and career aspirations of the communities; work ethics; young people's activity and entrepreneurship; a high sense of affiliation and identification with "small nations" in the conditions of global "cross-borderness"; spiritual and material heritage of the region | CONTINUATION |
| DENIED VALUES | Inadequate territorial cohesion and integrity of the region; poor integrity of the transportation and public transport system; large diversification in the access to the infrastructure; the entitlement mentality and conservative and xenophobic attitudes in certain socio-professional groups and local communities; social exclusion, including "digital exclusion"; mental barriers and passive attitudes in aspiring to modernity | INDUCING CHANGES |
| ABSENT VALUES | Social integrity; development of creative and innovative attitudes, capacity to work in a network based on the principles of partnership an openness; organisation of important cultural and artistic events of European importance; and development of new spaces and venues for high culture, tourism and leisure | CREATION |

The Śląskie Voivodeship will be a region ensuring a high standard of public services, having a modern and technologically advanced economy, and a significant partner in the process of European development.






Achievement of the so delineated development vision by utilising and reinforcing the present positive values, elimination of the barriers to development, and creation of new values, means that the Śląskie Voivodeship will become a region:

Providing all inhabitants with opportunities for development and providing for a sense of public, health and social security;

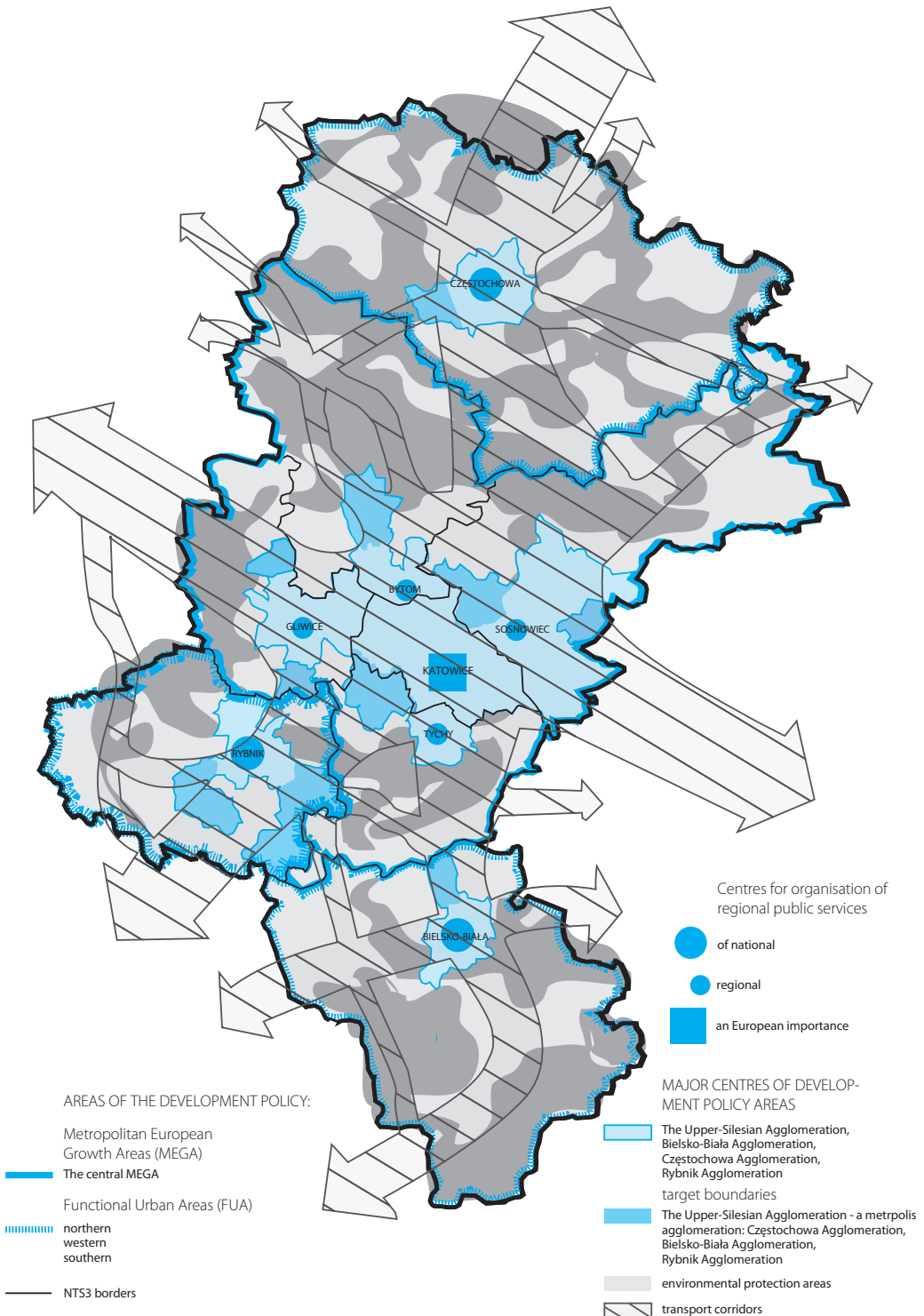
Inhabited by people characterised by openness, tolerance, social solidarity, entrepreneurship, high skills, the capacity to adapt and create; professional mobility; a well-rooted cultural identity and a high degree of identification with the region;

With a well-developed educational system which is broadly available on all levels, ensures high quality of education and is suited to the labour market needs;



-  With a well-established, positive image instilled in the Europeans' consciousness;
-  Open to the collaboration on the national and international scale, also within the framework of the Euroregions;
-  Organising development processes and effective collaboration of the local communities within economically and administratively well developed and organised areas of development policy; shaping and supporting the development of the metropolitan functions of urban agglomerations;
-  In which modern economy, development of entrepreneurship, education and culture facilitate retention of the region's position as one of several centres of civilisation development in Poland and Europe;
-  Based on the knowledge; creative and innovative;
-  Developing new products by utilising region's achievements in the field of innovation and inventions and the capacity to market technologies and innovative solutions;
-  With a diversified, modern economic structure effectively contributing to the national economic growth;
-  "Clean" within all environmental areas; providing for preservation of the spatial bio-diversity; providing for conditions for a healthy life and pursuing the principles of sustainable development;
-  Possessing natural, cultural and landscape assets, as well as tourism and leisure assets; with a diversified range of opportunities of spending free time.

MAP 2. DEVELOPMENT VISION OF THE ŚLĄSKIE VOIVODESHIP




Source: Own study.

| PRIORITY A: The Śląskie Voivodeship is a new economy region developing and absorbing technologies in an effective manner | | |
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| SUPPORT AREAS | | |
| Services in the knowledge-based society | Infrastructure of the new economy | Technological innovations |
| STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: A.1 A high level of inhabitants' education and skills | STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: A.2 A developed infrastructure of the new economy | STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: A.3 Innovative and competitive economy |
| DIRECTIONS OF ACTIVITIES: | DIRECTIONS OF ACTIVITIES: | DIRECTIONS OF ACTIVITIES: |
| A.1.1 Improvement in the quality of education A.1.2 Development of skills and services of the information society A.1.3 Improvement in in- habitants' employability and professional activity | A.2.1 Improvement in the region's investment con- ditions A.2.2 Financial and orga- nisational support for the business A.2.3 Development of the IT and telecommunica- tions sector A.2.4 Extension and mo- dernisation of the energy and transmission systems | A.3.1 Supporting the implementation of new technologies and de- velopment of the R&D sector A.3.2 Support in econo- mic restructuring and adaptation A.3.3 Modernisation of farming and provision of support for economic transformations in rural areas |
| PROJECTS | | |

PROJECTS – PRIORITY A

The śląskie voivodeship is a new economy region developing and absorbing technologies in an effective manner

 P.A.1. Extension of the Regional Spatial Information System (Regionalny System Informacji Przestrzennej)

 P.A.2. Creation and development of THE SILESIAN TECHNOPOLIS

 P.A.3. Establishment of regional broadband network

 P.A.4. Establishment of a regional Internet platform for public e-services

 P.A.5. Creative region

 P.A.6. Technological redevelopment of the energy system




 P.A.7. Medical engineering technologies



| PRIORITY B: The Śląskie Voivodeship - the region providing for a broad access to the high-quality regional public services | | |
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| SUPPORT AREAS | | |
| Social services | Services and the infrastructure of the ecological safety | Housing issues; regional public spaces and tourism |
| STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: B.1 The healthy and safe inhabitant of the Voivodeship | STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: B.2 High quality of natural environment | STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: B.3 Attractive housing conditions and the high-quality space |
| DIRECTIONS OF ACTIVITIES: | DIRECTIONS OF ACTIVITIES: | DIRECTIONS OF ACTIVITIES: |
| B.1.1 Improvement in the availability of high-quality medical services B.1.2 Popularisation and promotion of the active and healthy lifestyle B.1.3 Raising effectiveness of the social policy B.1.4 Providing for public safety B.1.5 Reinforcing social activity | B.2.1 Establishment of a system for formation and use of water resources B.2.2 Improvement in the quality of air B.2.3 Noise protection B.2.4 Improvement in general organisation and implementation of the waste management system B.2.5 Revitalisation of degraded lands B.2.6 Preservation and recreation of bio- and geodiversity B.2.7 Development of permanently sustainable and multi-functional forestry management | B.3.1 Development of the city centres and degraded districts B.3.2 Improvement in housing conditions B.3.3 Extension and modernisation of the municipal infrastructure B.3.4 Development and modernisation of public transport system within urban areas B.3.5 Development of rural centres B.3.6 Raising tourist attractiveness of the region |
| PROJECTS | | |

PROJECTS – PRIORITY B

The śląskie voivodeship – the region providing for a broad access to the high-quality regional public services

 P.B.1. A platform for public security cooperation P.B.2. Regional Railway Transport System (Regionalna Sieć Transportu Szynowego) P.B.3. Regional network of leisure public spaces P.B.4. Development and implementation of a regional waste management system P.B.5. Regional protected areas system P.B.6. Catchment-based management model for the Śląskie Voivodeship P.B.7. Regional system of revitalisation of the post-industrial and degraded areas

| PRIORITY C: The Śląskie Voivodeship - a significant partner in the development of culture, science and European space | | |
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| SUPPORT AREAS | | |
| Metropolitan infrastructure | Regional and international significance | High culture, science and cultural tourism |
| STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: C.1 Great importance of the metropolis and region in the European space | STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: C.2 High position of the region in the process of European development | STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: C.3 Strong cultural and scientific centre |
| DIRECTIONS OF ACTIVITIES: | DIRECTIONS OF ACTIVITIES: | DIRECTIONS OF ACTIVITIES: |
| C.1.1 Supporting the development of metropolitan areas C.1.2 Further development and integration of the transportation system C.1.3 Organisation and participation in the projects international significance | C.2.1 Development of inter-regional, transnational and crossborder collaboration C.2.2 Intensification of intra-regional collaboration C.2.3 Creation of a positive image of the region | C.3.1 Setting conditions for development and reinforcing the potential of higher-education colleges and research centres C.3.2 Increasing inhabitants' participation in culture and reinforcement of creative communities C.3.3 Extension and modernisation of the regional cultural infrastructure |
| PROJECTS | | |

PROJECTS – PRIORITY C

The śląskie voivodeship – a significant partner in the development of culture, science and european space


 P.C.1. A multimodal passenger-transport centre - MPL Katowice Airport

 P.C.2. Road system of the Śląskie Voivodeship

 P.C.3. An integrated transportation and communications system

 P.C.4. Organisation and promotion of events of international importance

 P.C.5. Regional high-culture venues

 P.C.6. Establishment of and support for the Silesian Science Foundation (Fundacja Nauki Śląskiej)



Full text of the „Śląskie 2020” Development Strategy of the Śląskie Voivodeship, including annexes, is available on the website of the Marshal Office of the Śląskie Voivodeship **www.slaskie.pl**.

