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#### **ROOTS OF SURF:**

Interreg IIIB project URBAL (LP province Overijssel)

- promotes a better management of the URBAL area in the North Sea region
- supports practical actions leading to a balance in space
- One of the projects within URBAL: the quality of the urban fringes



#### INTERREG IVB, PRIORITY 4

LP: Enschede (strongly supported by province Overijssel)

#### **OLD PARTNERS:**

Overijssel (NL), Enschede (NL), Almelo (NL), East Flanders (B), Härryda (S), Hamburg (G), Knutepunkt Sørlandet (N)

#### **NEW PARTNERS:**

Aberdeen (UK), Bradford (UK), Leeds Metropolitan University (UK), Hengelo (NL), Saxion Universities (NL), South Denmark European Office (D), IFUL (D), Kolding (D), Toerisme Scheldeland (B), West Flanders (B), West Vlaamse Intercommunale (B)



#### WHY SURF?

- Pressure on urban fringes in city regions:
- Suburbanisation
- Unattractive functions
- Unused potentials
- Little useful knowledge for developing urban fringes



AIM OF THE PROJECT

Promotion and development of management instruments

Sustainable urban fringe development higher on political agenda of local, regional, national and European levels



#### HOW?

- Analysis
- Testing and implementation
- Guidelines and tools
- Awareness



#### **ACTIVITIES**

- Events
- Brussels statement
- Peer reviews
- Management tools
- Policy papers
- Scientific network



**RESULTS FORMER APPLICATIONS:** 

Second call: rejection

-> application structure not logical, unclear

Third call: rejection

-> especially material investments too local



#### **FUTURE**:

- Fourth call: ?
- We have an enthusiastic group of partners, so .....



Europe, here we come!

