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## **New Urban Agenda in Action – Case Studies from a German Perspective**

The study "New Urban Agenda in Action – Case Studies from a German Perspective" is understood as part of a German contribution to the debate on the tools and instruments necessary for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. The focus of the study is on the creativity and openness with which many German municipalities, urban regions, and urban networks face current and ever more complex transformation challenges. The looming changes to actor and process-oriented dialogued planning culture in Germany is shown through case studies.

The understanding of planning and building culture as a "process quality" increasingly focuses on the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders from government, civil society, business and industry. The case studies show that spatial planning is not a static system, but that planning approaches, instruments and projects must be allowed to dynamically evolve. At the same time, it must be made clear that existing spatial planning principles and instruments in Germany already provide a good framework for addressing the urban-spatial challenges currently facing German cities and municipalities.

In this sense, this publication should invite communities and planners around the world to a dialogue on process quality while also identifying specific tools and instruments that are transferable to other urban contexts.

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