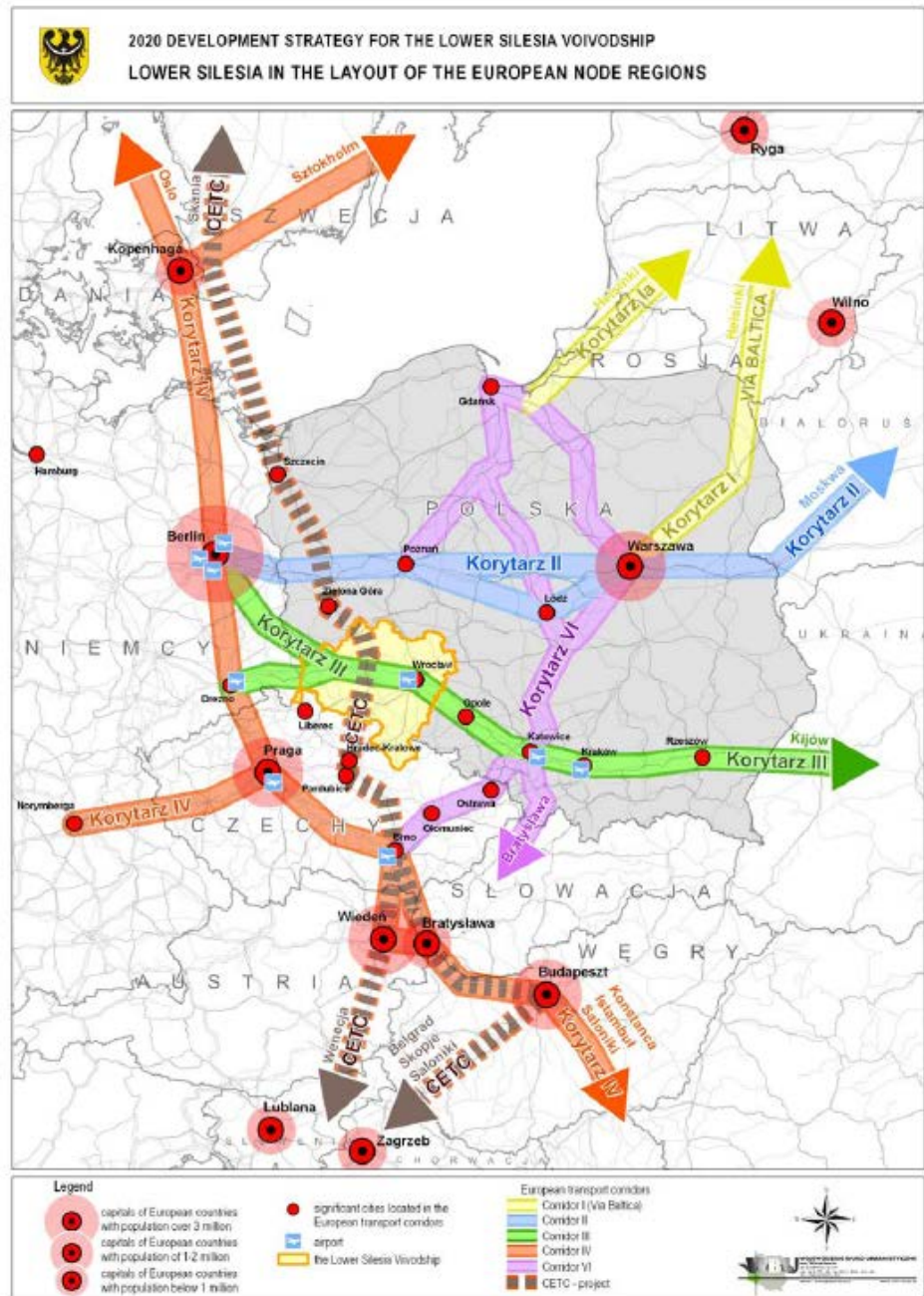


Lower Silesia

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2020 Development Strategy for Lower Silesia

The development strategy of a Voivodship is the most important document drawn up by the self-governments of the Voivodships, because it specifies the objectives and priorities of the regional development strategy. Moreover, a good strategy should also be of an integrative nature not only with respect to the inhabitants of the Voivodship, but also to non-government organizations and public administration units of all levels operating in a given area.



European context

Lower Silesia as a European node region

A node region is characterized with a high level of social-economic development and plays a very important role in the economy. It concentrates the latest manufacturing factors and stimulates economic activity. The basis for its delimitation is the presence of specific connections that reflect the mutual effect of the node (central area) and its environment. The potential of a node region comes from the reach of its centre with relation to its environment. The central area is an economic, but also administrative, cultural, educational and scientific centre.

Vision, objectives, priorities, actions

The former Development Strategy for Lower Silesia included a definition of the Mission of the region:

Lower Silesia is a region connecting Poland with Europe and of the Main objective, namely the creation of a complex of conditions making it possible to live in Lower Silesia in peace, in agreement with other people and in harmony with the nature. The path leading to the main objective was to include the implementation of five strategic objectives that identified the main directions of the self-government authorities' policy.

These objectives are as follows:

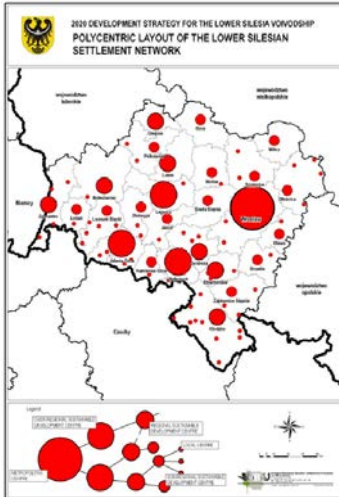
Lower Silesian integration,
Civilization renaissance,
Civic society,
Innovative economy,
Openness.

Superior objective

Increasing the level of life of the inhabitants of Lower Silesia and improvement of the region's competitiveness while respecting the principles of sustainable development.

SWOT analysis - Opportunities

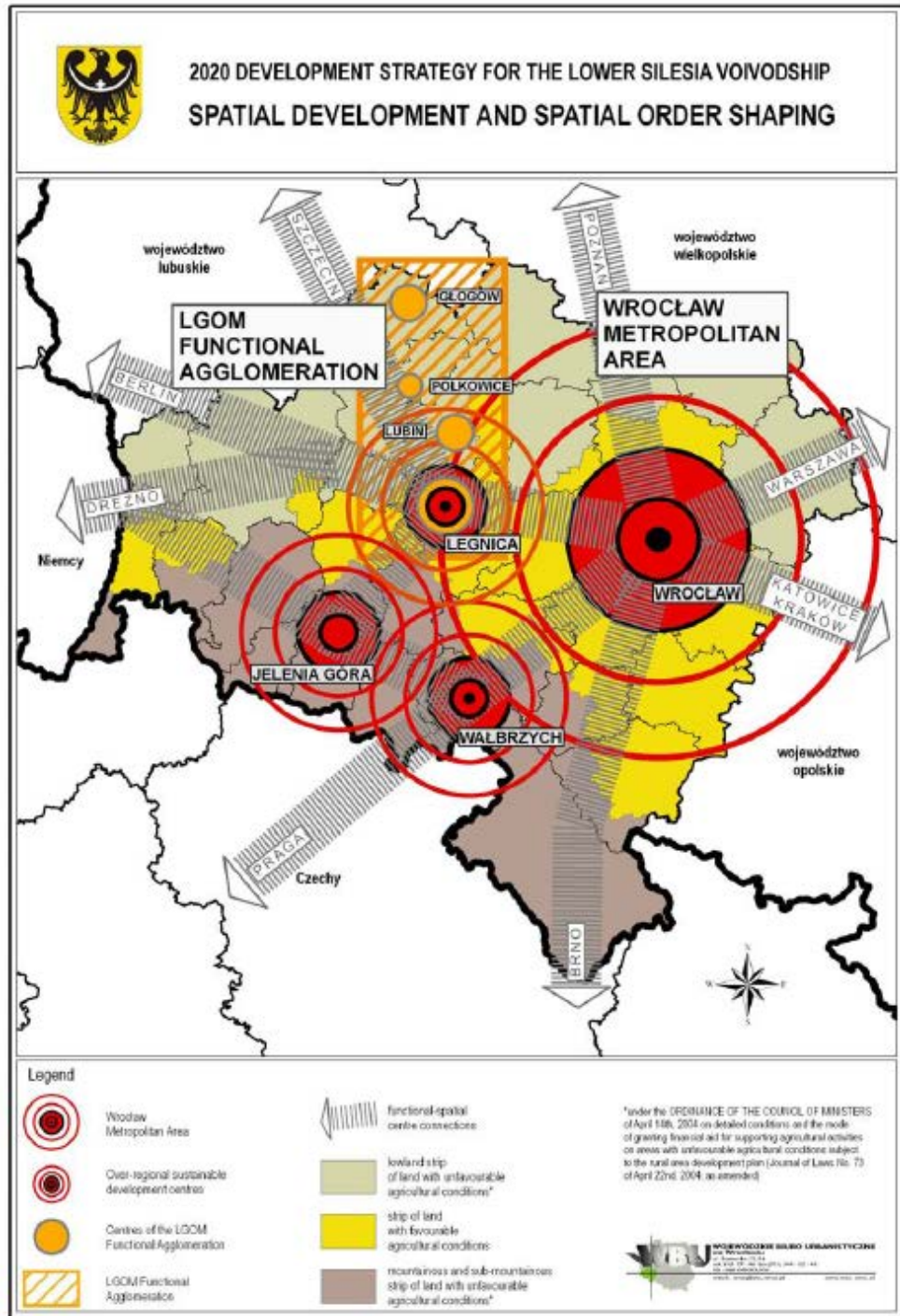
- Improvement of cross-border telecommunication connections.
- An increase in the number of border checkpoints.
- Development of cross-border connections as elements of the European transport network.
- Construction of a complete system of motorways and express roads.
- Modernization of the national railway network, infrastructure and rolling stock.
- Implementation of the Odra 2006 Programme in the scope of river transport maintenance and anti-flood protection.
- Promoting the direction of decreasing the amount of waste, increased usage of waste for economic and agricultural purposes.
- Successive development of the gas network.
- Usage of renewable energy sources (water and wind power plants).
- Creation of common cross-border tourist complexes (e.g. winter sports with the Czech Republic, Lusatian half-timbered architecture with Germany and the Czech Republic) and of a cross-border tourist rail (Ring).
- The region being included into the constructed Trans-European transport and communication systems.
- Intensified cooperation of the research and development sector with the industry in the area of environment protection, as well as effective commercialisation of environmental technologies.



Polycentric settlement network



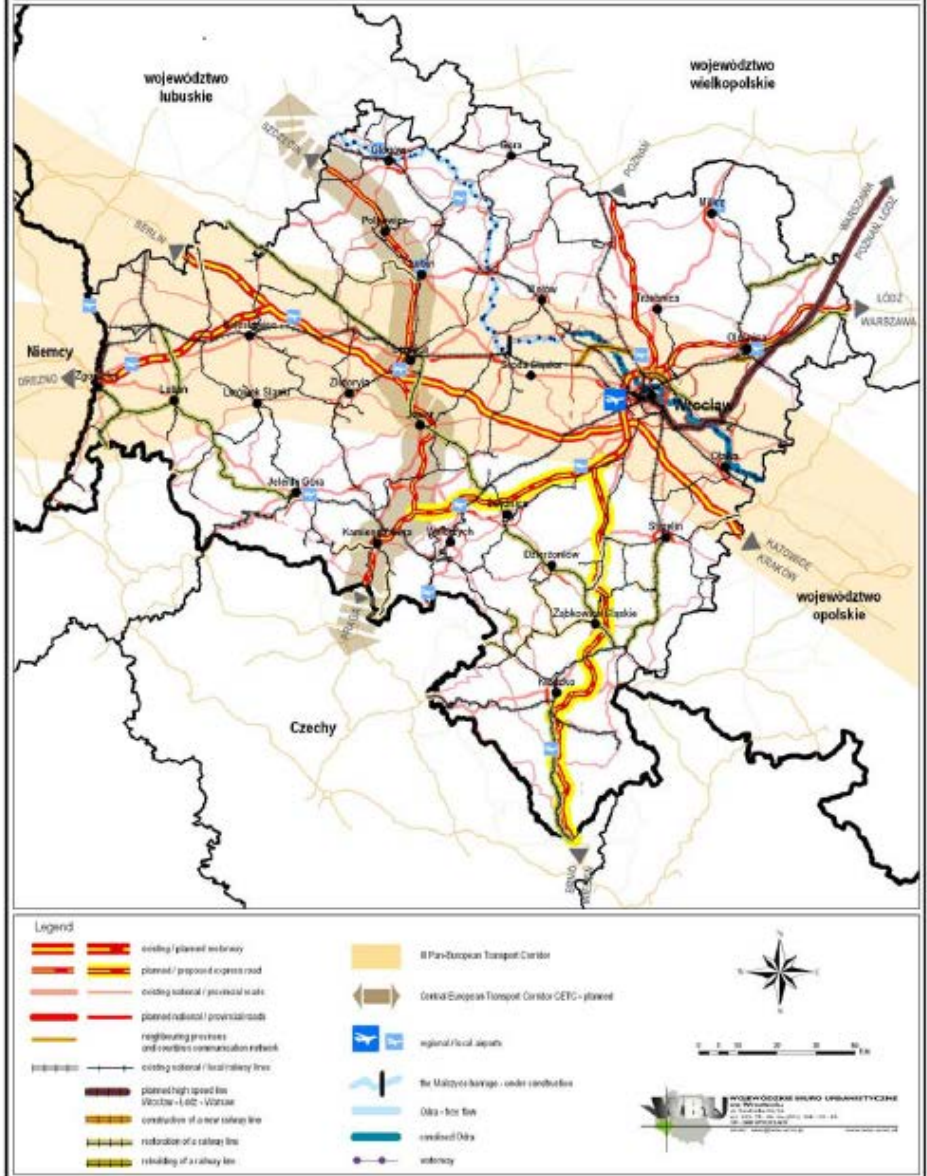
Natural protected areas



Spatial development



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Communications

See SWOT analysis for Communication opportunities