The Role of National governments in Spatial planning: OECD’s perspective

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Urbanisation alone is not enough for economic development
Labour productivity growth: What role can cities play in leveraging national economy?

**Productivity paradox:**
- ↑ technology
- ↑ skills
- ↑ integration (GVC)
Shifting towards ‘Functional Urban Areas’

- Cities expand beyond the administrative boundaries

Source: OECD calculations based on population density disaggregated with Corine Land Cover.
### “Getting cities right”: OECD’s approach

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OECD’s potential contribution to the SPP

- OECD National Urban Policy Review

- Functional Urban Areas (1 197) and Metropolitan Database (281) in OECD countries

- OECD project “A territorial approach to the SDGs” (2018-20)

- National Urban Policy Programme (NUPP) (2016 - )
THANK YOU

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