

Title

Urban-Rural Governance & Policies (WP7)

Summary

Land use planning decision making processes are often complex and require a wide set of interaction and dialogue formats between different stakeholders such as local communities, scientists, and several layers of public authorities bound by different legal and policy frameworks. Therefore, WP7 aims at identifying and better understanding existing actors and policy approaches targeting the management of urban-rural interfaces in the case study region of Huangyan-Taizhou and beyond. To do so, WP7 aims to map the local (Huangyan-Taizhou Municipalities), regional (Zhejiang province), and supra-regional (Prefecture-level city Taizhou) policy landscape. This mapping exercise will reveal gaps and needs for new policy approaches, and provides a crucial input for the conceptual refinement of proposed methods for strategic governance at the urban-rural interface (WP9) as well as the selection and consolidation of local transformation laboratories (WP8) throughout the definition phase.

In parallel, the mapping of local and regional stakeholders and national actors will identify the key municipal and governmental institutions and decision makers relevant for management processes of the urban-rural interface in the Huangyan-Taizhou region. The mapping will be conducted in close exchange with the organisation, preparation and moderation of three science-policy dialogues (WP 10.1) to be carried out during the definition phase. This aims at extending and strengthening URA's network to municipal and governmental institutions and decision makers. As such, it will enhance the conceptual development of a trans-disciplinary communication strategy with a special focus on Sino-German stakeholder engagement to be further built upon during the R&D phase. The definition phase deliverables of WP7 are:

- 1) Mapping of the policy landscape relevant to urban-rural linkages in the Huangyan-Taizhou region
- 2) Mapping of the actors relevant to the urban-rural linkages in the Huangyan-Taizhou region

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