

The ILS LEDA bibliographical guide to respond basic questions about Local Economic Development

This document is structured around nine basic questions, to which the major experts of territorial economic development virtually respond, through a bibliography selected by ILS LEDA.

The text is used in numerous training courses realized in collaboration with UN programs, and a new edition will be published by a Colombian editor.

The questions are as follows:

1. How can an area be defined?
2. Why territory is so much important as a factor of development?
3. What is the real root of the territorial development best practices?
4. How can spatial development strategy combine efficiency and equity, while attracting external resources and satisfy internal stakeholders?
5. How can all this be translated into better outcomes and value added production?
6. How can marginal territories compete in the global economy?
7. How can complex territorial systems be managed?
8. How can the local economic and social development work?
9. What is the role of public authorities?

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