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Spatial Development across an International Border

Lessons learnt from BAUM - a joint initiative of Bratislava, Lower Austria and Burgenland

A cross-border city region of Bratislava has become a reality in the lives of people living on the Slovak-Austrian international border. One Burgenlandian and two Lower Austrian municipalities are just 7 kilometres or 10 driving minutes away from the historical centre of the Slovak capital. These three Austrian villages are closer to the city centre of Bratislava than half of the 17 administrative boroughs of the city itself. However, administrative borders and language barriers have been obstacles for the develop-

ment of this area for many years. There is a need for a cooperative landscape development, in order to utilise the potentials and opportunities of a shared region. *BAUM - Bratislava Územný Manažment / Bratislava Umland Management* is an initiative of the City of Bratislava and the federal states of Lower Austria and Burgenland. BAUM2020 is a platform of Bratislava and neighbouring Austrian municipalities dealing with issues of territorial development and initiating common projects.

