Innovative governance

Innovation comes from governance, but there are not intrinsic rules for governance. Governance is like architecture: it depends on each type of culture, and this is where we will find innovation.

Innovation is collective intelligence and governance is part of this collective interaction.

Cities are in worldwide competition without national affiliation. Urbanity is not nationality. Thus, this is a new triangular relationship between State, World and City.

How to create innovative governance in this new global relationship?

Cities have to take risk to reach the gap between the innovative services which have to be put in place and what it exists now. In this condition, we need strong local leadership, networks as INTA, EUKN, and information diffusion through education...

There is the unanswered question about the size and the coherence of innovative territories for a good governance.

Could small territories be innovative? Which size of territory is coherent to support a sustainable development which needs new way of governance in a worldwide cities network? How counties can work together to have a common strategic vision of the City?

Which level of leadership: municipalities, counties, regions? How to share the power?

Bogotá: new town Usme, innovative governance project. Intervention to control illegal construction and ensure governance of the south of the city. They try to apply reforms which existed but which were not used before. Objectives of the project are:

- Use capital gains generated by the project to finance the works of urban planning. Financial challenges, PPP
- Test the institutional capacity of the district: implementation of policies of soil, housing and habitat
- Bet on the participation of resident communities
- Consolidation of the edge rural/urban

Kaohsiung: With HSR Taiwan becomes Taipei’s hinterland. Kaohsiung needs regional governance to be part of the Taiwanese metropolis. Policy network and partnership are the best form of collaboration for KKP (Kaohsiung City, County and Pingtung County): spatial partnership. The goal is to create a bigger regional niche by interaction and collaboration mechanism.

Brisbane: Brisbane is the biggest city in Australia. The new mayor did his campaign on infrastructures and roads, but after his election he did a citizen consultation about the change of the city. He gathered 1500 inhabitants for a brainstorming to establish a vision for Brisbane 2026. They created a charter of principles about what innovative city Brisbane’s inhabitants want.