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**PROBLEMS AND PERSPECTIVES
OF URBAN-RURAL PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
IN KALININGRAD REGION**

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Urban-rural partnership environment in Kaliningrad region

1. Significant scientific heritage on urban-rural relations

* Urban-rural relations concepts:

- *Agri-industrial space* (“*Agropromyshlennaya*” *sreda*) (Zaslavskaya, 1975)
- *Colonising space* (“*Preodoleniye*”) (Valeev, 1986)
- *Urban-style modernisation* (“*Dogonyayuschaya [gorod] modernizatsiya*”) (Vishnevsky, 1998)
- *Multifaceted village* (“*Mnogolikaya derevnya*”) (Alexeev, 1990)
- *New agri-rural space* (“*Prostranstvo agroukladov*”) (Nefedova, 2003)
- “*Stranger*” *peasants* (“*Postoronniye krestyane*”) (Ekhalov, 1999)

* Urban-rural relations = perspective development of big cities

* Agricultural determinism



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2. UR relations rather than UR partnership

* UR relation logistics:

- Pendulum migrations of rural labour force to the city and contrarily (more rare)
- Urban resident recreation in the countryside
- Conurbation associated with housing in the suburb

* UR cooperation do not contribute to UR partnership:

- Lack of knowledge about the content of UR partnership
- Lack of “best practice” experience
- Low initiative of local and regional authorities



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3. Development of inter-municipal cooperation

- * **A new phenomena in Russia**

1980-1990s – development of the institute of the local self government

- * **Political context of municipal associations**

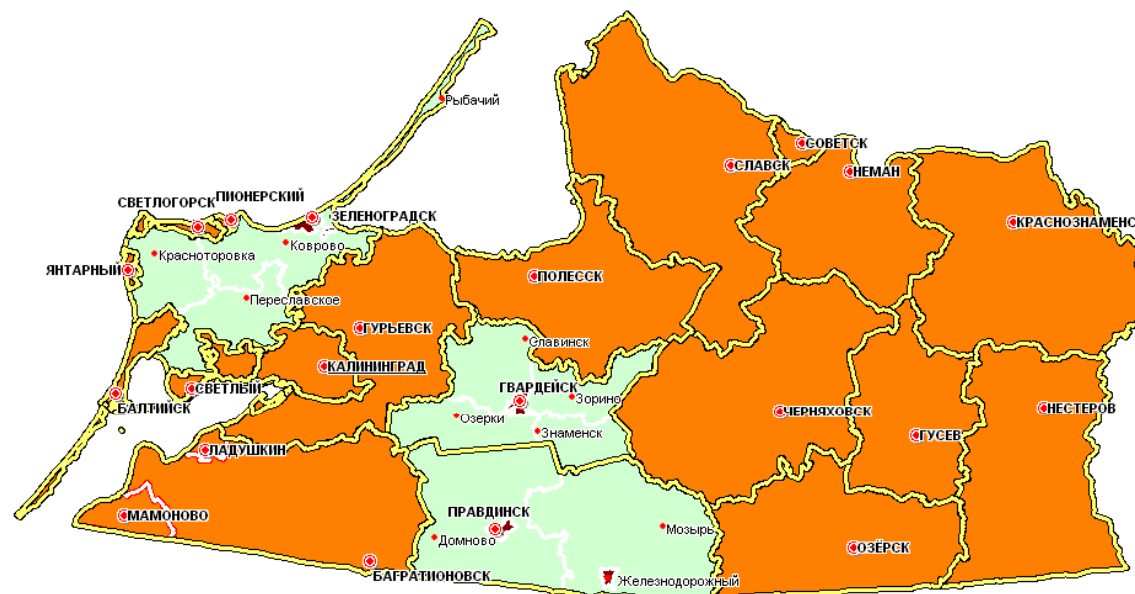


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4. Reformation of spatial structure of local self government

- * Settlements (populated locality) have no instance of authority
- * Invalid status of almost all urban districts
- * Inefficient municipal administration

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Current structure of the local self government:

- Urban districts – 19
- Municipal areas – 3, including 5 urban settlements and 11 rural settlements



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5. Agricultural determinism of rural areas functions in the context of systemic crisis of agricultural sector

* Spontaneous diversification of rural areas functions

- Industry development
- House building
- Location of municipal infrastructure
- tourism



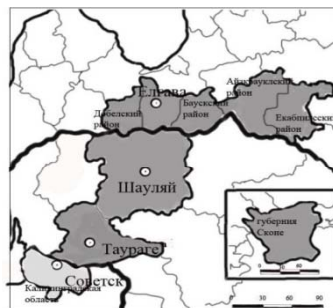
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6. Active participation of Kaliningrad region in cross-border cooperation

* A member of 5 of 8 euroregions with participation of regions of Russia



“Baltic”



“Saule”



“Neman”



“Sheshupe”



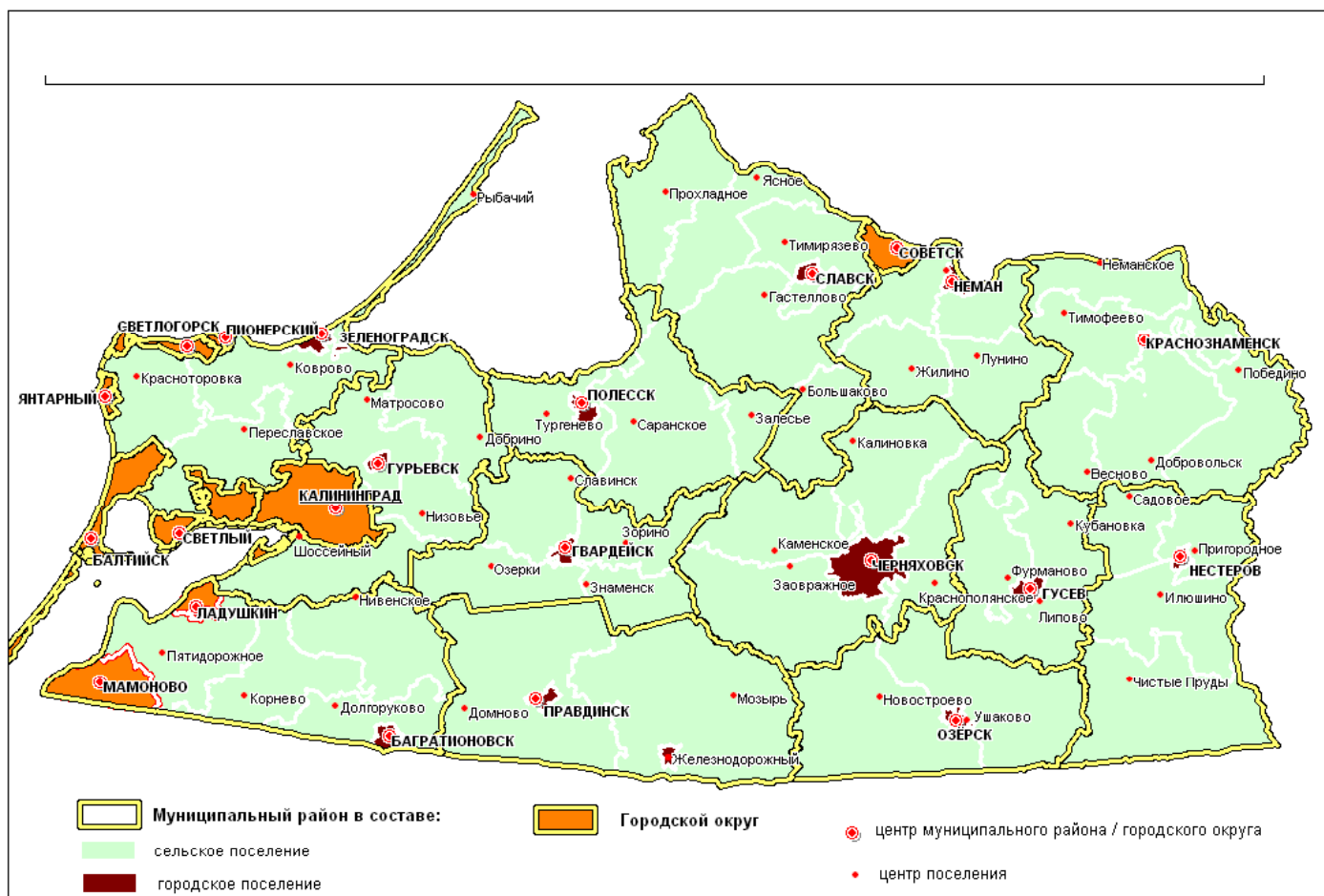
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* Addition development opportunities due to new knowledge and experience



Recommendation for introduction of UR partnership in Kaliningrad region

1. Completion of the reform of local self government





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2. **Development of territorial planning and inter-municipal cooperation as a basis of UR partnership**
3. **Introduction of “economic” or “management” kinds of municipal associations**
 - * **Broadening of Associations of municipalities of Kaliningrad region functioning**
4. **Introduction of UR partnership to regional strategy of agro-industrial sector development**
 - * **Agro-business development**



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5. Diversification of rural area functions in the context of UR partnership development

* Establishment of local industrial zones:

- manufacture and assembly of complex home appliance
- textile manufacture
- innovative manufacture
- woodworking and manufacture of furniture
- building industry
- food manufacture

6. UR networking development in the field of conurbation regulation

* Harmonization inter-municipal spatial policy



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- 7. Delegation of greater power on management of recreation areas development from federal, regional level to the municipal one**
- 8. Development of cross-border cooperation with neighbouring countries**
 - * development of transport-logistic complex**
 - * development of tourism and recreation infrastructure**
 - * agro-industrial cooperation**
 - * international marketing**
- 9. Development of inter-municipal cultural exchange**



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10. Enhancement of public service accessibility for the population

