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TERRITORIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR EU POLICIES

In the coming years, the European Union (EU) will increasingly face the impacts of ageing and demographic decline, as well as territorial inequalities along multiple dimensions, exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and global geo-political instability. Addressing these challenges is key to building a fairer and more resilient society, strengthening links between citizens and the democratic institutions that serve them. There is a need to provide data and knowledge to support the design of future-proof policies that could counter the effects of increasing economic inequality across EU territories. Territorial and sectoral dimensions are a fundamental dimension of designing, monitoring and assessing the impact of policies, while territorial impact assessments are a key element of the Better Regulation Package.

The portfolio aims to:

Provide analyses of EU policies, while preserving the highest level of coherence and comparability of the analytical framework and adopted tools

Help achieve a coherent framework for monitoring and impact assessment of policies across territories and economic sectors with the highest level of detail

Integrate multidisciplinary research, such as modelling, data science, and econometrics, to provide evidence for EU policies with a territorial dimension

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- ▶ monitoring and evaluating internal and external EU policies and funding programmes through the territorial dimension (place-based strategies),
- ▶ assessing relevance of the interplay between territories and economic sector, as well as broader domains, such as labour market conditions, employment dynamics, health, education and youth, the environment and climate change, and their relations with sustainability,
- ▶ targeting territorial impact assessment of EU funds in their multi-dimensional policy aspects.

Time frame

This portfolio has a **medium- and long-term approach**, by supporting multiple, collaborative activities on long, multi-annual objectives. Through various analytical tools and methods, it will carry out (ex-ante, mid-term and ex-post) evaluations of EU funding programmes, provide impact assessment for forthcoming legislation and support the monitoring of Sustainable Development Goals for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Main partners

Partner DGs

AGRI, CNECT, ECFIN, EMPL, ENV, ESTAT, GROW, HOME, INTPA, MARE, REGIO, RTD, SG

Selected stakeholders

CoR, EIB, OECD, World Bank

Territorial impact assessment

Territorial dimension

Urban policies

Regional policies

Sustainable development

Rural development

Tourism

COVID-19 recovery

Recovery and Resilience Plan

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