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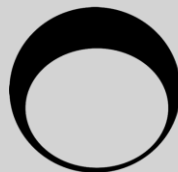
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ESPON Territorial Review

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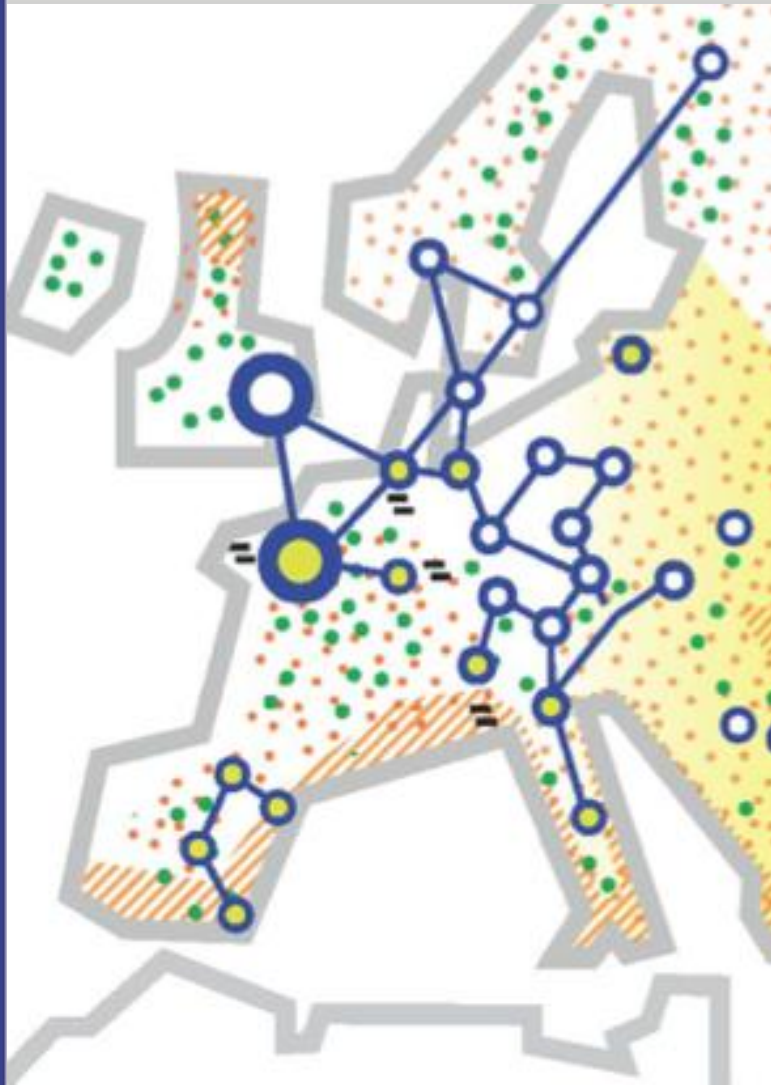
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Inspire policy making by territorial evidence



Key messages

Think functional areas & links

Functional areas of different size and character shape territorial development in Europe:

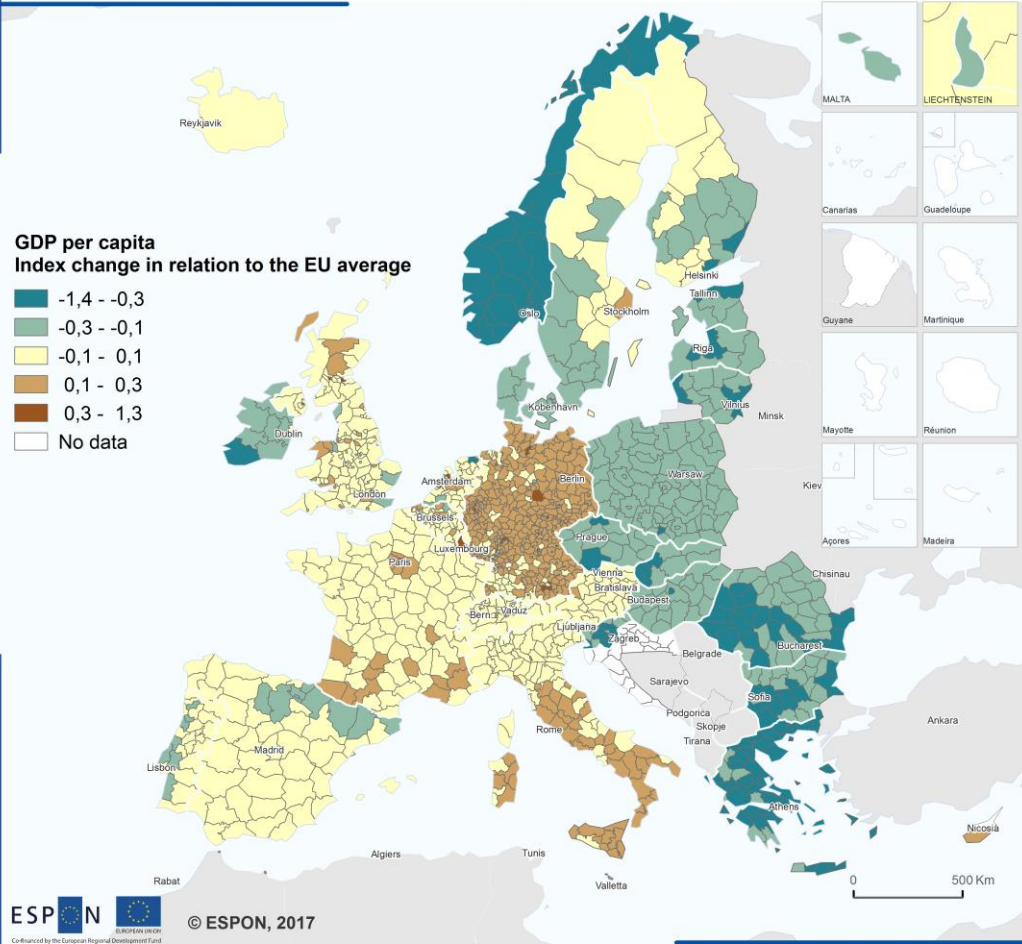
- Functional urban regions
- Functional rural regions
- Functional urban-rural partnerships
- Cross-border regions
- Transnational / macro-regions
- Europe
- Europe and its neighbourhoods

Links between functional areas are a lever to unlock potential and address challenges:

- Trade
- Migration
- Cooperation

European disintegration has no winners

Tentative cohesion effects of European disintegration 2030



Key messages for ESIF post 2020

Interdependencies of places shape Europe's development

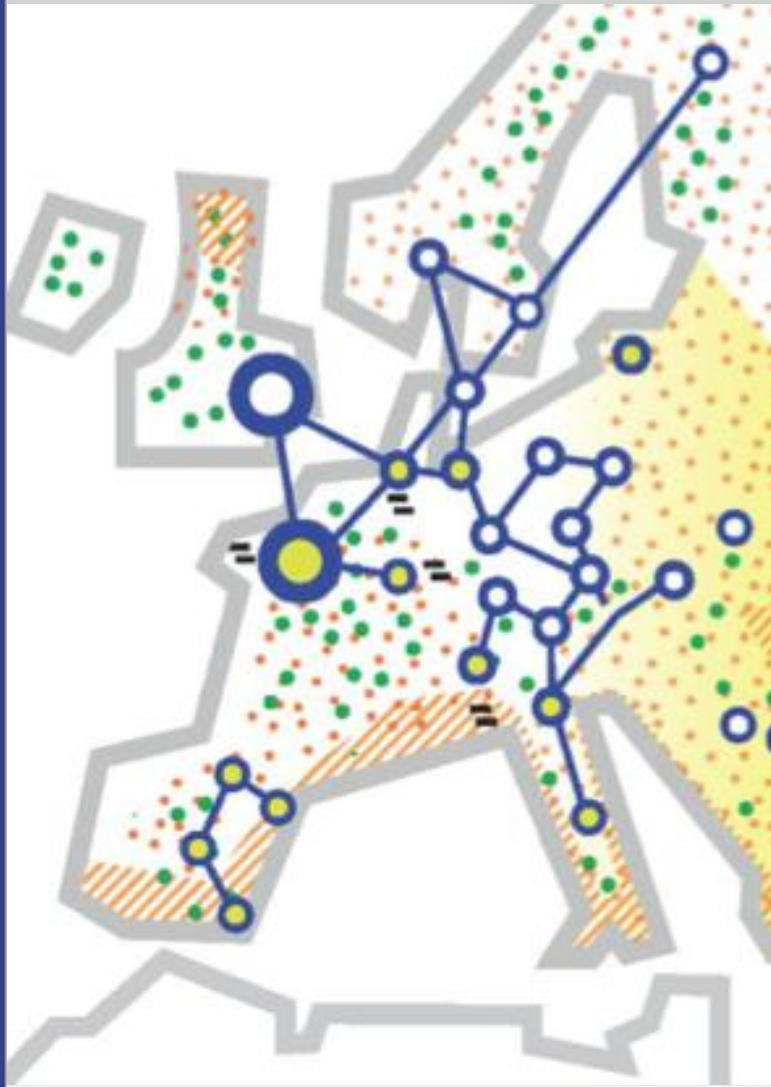
- Functional areas of different geographical size matter (functional urban areas, cross-border regions, macro-regions ...)
- European disintegration has no winners in Europe
- Challenges cannot be solved by territories individually
- For all development themes cooperation is a must, not a luxury

Policy pointers for Cohesion Policy post 2020

- All operations need a clear element of territorial cooperation
- All programmes need elements of territorial cooperation
- Plan and implement investment initiatives at functional area level

Mainstream territorial cooperation in the ESIF post 2020

- Think beyond Interreg



Territorial evidence

Territorial concentration trends

Territorial concentration of population

- Focus on western and northern Europe and metropolitan areas
- Sub-urbanisation processes
- Challenges in shrinking regions and (inner peripheries)

Increasing concentration of economic activities

- Concentration of GDP growth
- Metropolitan areas are performing better than other types
- Increasing social inequalities

Technology and innovation as potential game changer

- 4th industrial revolution accelerates territorial differences
- Urban areas in northwest Europe as innovation locations
- Circular economy innovation even more concentrated
- Decreasing agglomeration advantages and increasing sprawl

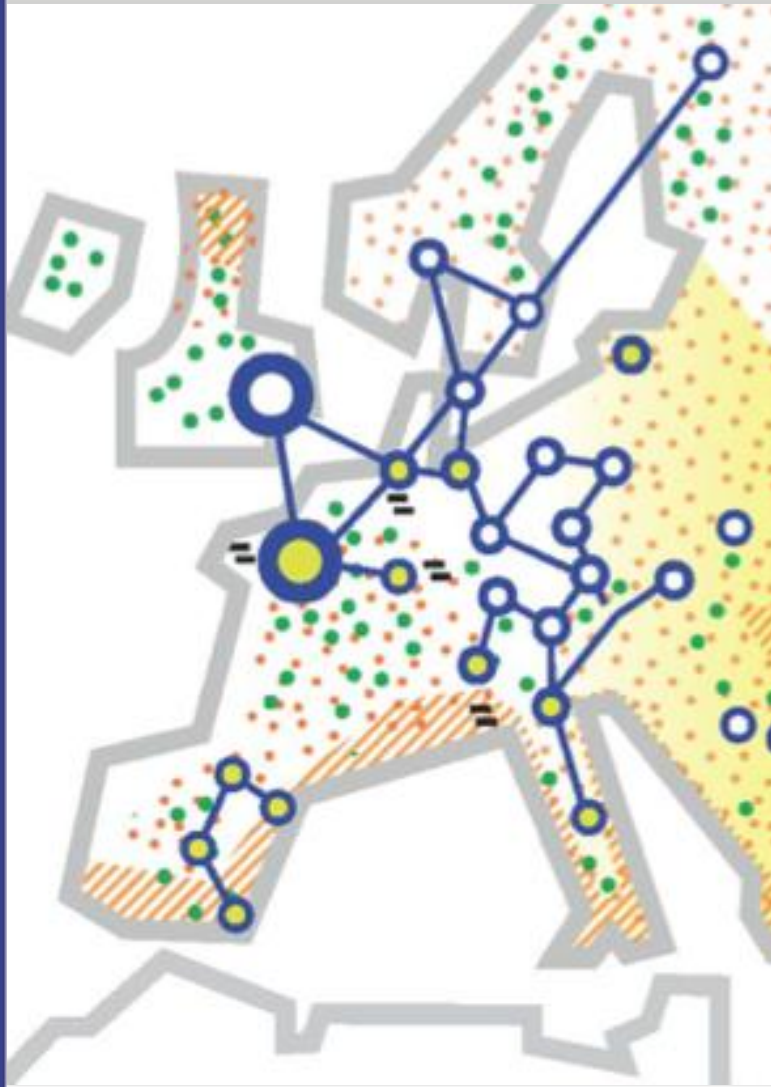
Territorial links and interdependencies

Flows to urban centres shape our daily routines

- SGI flows to regional centres
- Sharing economy, new types of flows mainly to urban centres

Flows to main hubs shape the boarder picture

- Knowledge – global network society
- FDI – impact highest in urban areas
- Freight – growing volumes and hubs
- Migration – accelerating territorial concentration trends
- Labour migration – ‘soft flow back’ dimension



Territorial cooperation needs

Cooperation needs

Functional urban/rural areas & cross-border regions

- Addressing aging and demographic change
- Integration of labour markets
- Strengthening the knowledge economy
- Providing governance frameworks allowing SMEs to grow
- Enhancing productivity spill over of FDI
- Boosting renewable energy production and consumption
- Reaching critical mass for boosting the circular economy
- Creating industrial symbiosis processes
- Transport services at the level of functional regions
- Provision of daily SGIs

Cooperation needs

Macro-regions / transnational regions

- Dealing with intra- and extra European migration
- Managing refugee flows across borders
- Cushioning territorial centralisation in the knowledge economy
- Finding the right complementarities between regions
- Ensuring transmission infrastructures for renewable energy
- Development of centralised structures for a circular economy
- Reaching critical mass for sectors boosting new technologies
- Provision of specialised SGIs, especially e-services
- Transnational ICT solutions

Cooperation needs

Need to map cooperation needs and efforts

- Detailed analysis of territorial interdependencies at European level
- European cooperation patterns and network analysis for territorial development

... there is more to it ...

**Pointers
for a
territorial
dimension of
ESIF
post 2020**

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Your tailor made Territorial Review

Tailor made report addressing topics of your choice

› Answering the following questions will allow you to compile a tailor made report addressing topics of your choice, based on a selected parts of the ESPON Territorial Review.

What topics are you mainly interested in?

- Select all
- Demography: People moving and people staying behind
- Employment in the knowledge economy: Highly skilled labour
- SMEs and FDIs driving economic growth in Europe
- Boosting renewable energy sources
- Circular economy: Moving towards resource efficient production & consumption
- Connectivity: The art of being physically and virtually connected
- Improving quality of life through good service provision

Are you more interested in characteristics of places, links between places, cooperation and/or policy pointers?

- Select all
- Places
- Links between places
- Cooperation
- Policy Pointers

What kind of information are you looking for?

- Select all
- Territorial analysis
- Examples of single territories

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Your tailor made Territorial Review

Tailor made report addressing territories of your choice

- Answering the following questions will allow you to compile a tailor made report addressing territorial types of your choice, based on a selected parts of the ESPON Territorial Review.

What types of territories are you mainly interested in?

- Select all
- Urban areas
- Small and medium sized town
- Rural areas
- Sparsely populated areas
- Lagging regions
- Islands
- Coastal areas
- Mountain areas
- Cross-border regions
- Macro-regions and transnational cooperation areas

What kind of information are you looking for?

- Select all
- Examples of single territories
- Policy Pointers

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