

Urban-rural Connectivity in Non-metropolitan Regions (URRUC)

Targeted Analysis Activity

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Concepts and objectives



Why URRUC?

- Project started June 2018
- Motivated by stakeholder needs related to transport connectivity and accessibility in remote and comparatively under-developed non-metropolitan regions
- New regional economics built on transport costs (Glaeser & Kohlhase, 2004)
- Decline in transport costs over a century central to economic growth and success
- Connectivity allows regions embed in regional, national and global economies, offering access to key services and employment opportunities
- Improving accessibility by investing in Euro transport and digital infrastructure has reduced deficiencies in rural areas and less developed regions (EC, 2014)

Aims and Objectives

- Contributes to improving transport policy and transport systems related to urban-rural connectivity in four non-metropolitan areas;
 - Scarborough Borough, UK (Lead stakeholder)
 - Marina Alta, Spain
 - Regione Liguria, Italy
 - Västerbotten County, Sweden
- All 4 are coastal territories with common issues related to remoteness and accessibility
- Project will improve urban-rural mobility and accessibility through knowledge transfer activities
- Learnings will prove applicable to other comparable non-metropolitan areas across the EU

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Urban-rural connectivity



Non-Metropolitan regions

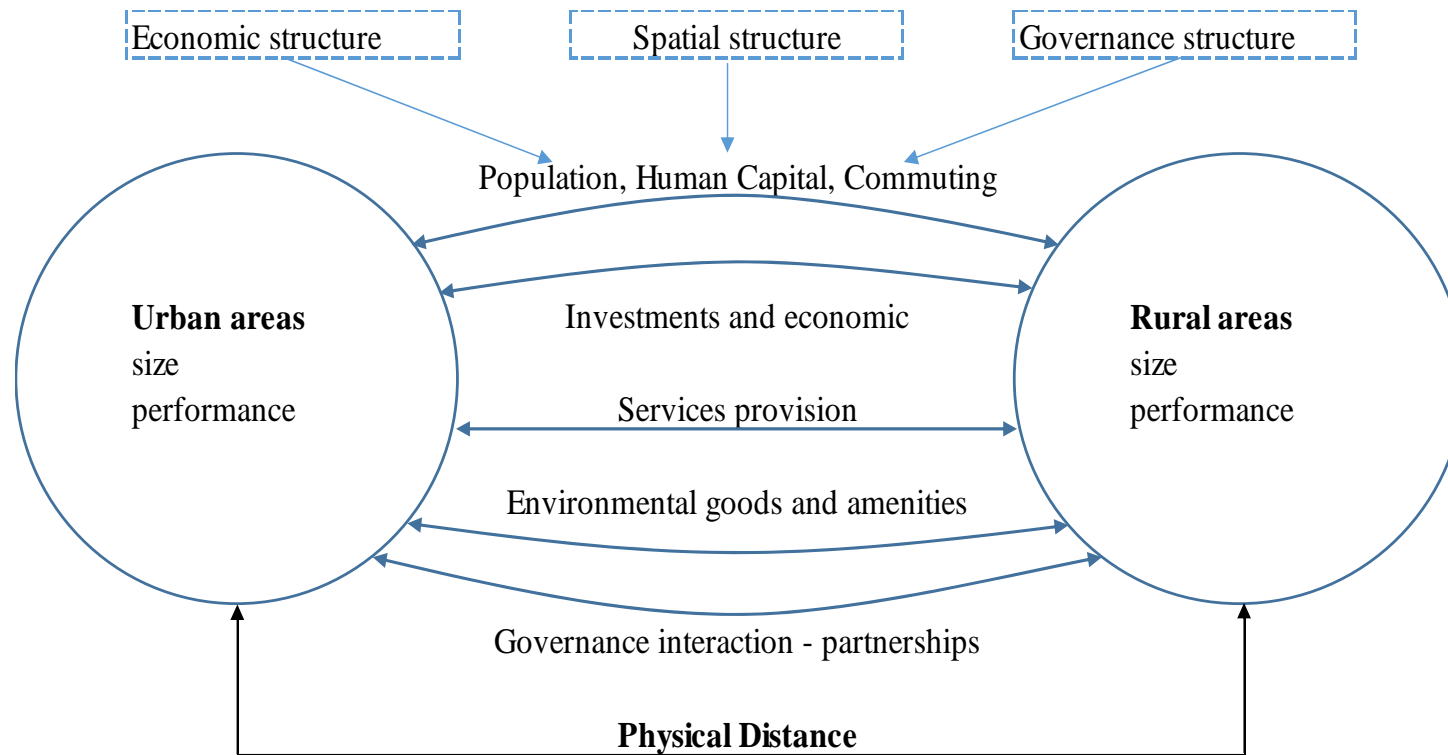
- Metro regions (NUTS 3/Groupings) urban areas of more than 250,000 inhabitants
- Non-metropolitan regions < 250,000; not attached to metropolitan area
- Large differences in levels of development are a common phenomenon
- E.g. firm composition is frequently notably different (resource/local rather than traded)

Improving transport accessibility and connectivity within non-metropolitan regions will stimulate economic development and advance well-being for those in isolated, remote areas.

Urban-rural interactions

- Urban-rural interactions represent a range of increasingly interconnected community types
- Growing focus on developing these linkages along sustainable economic, social and territorially cohesive lines
 - European Spatial Development Perspective
 - Territorial agenda of the European Union
 - Europe 2020 strategy

Urban-rural Linkages

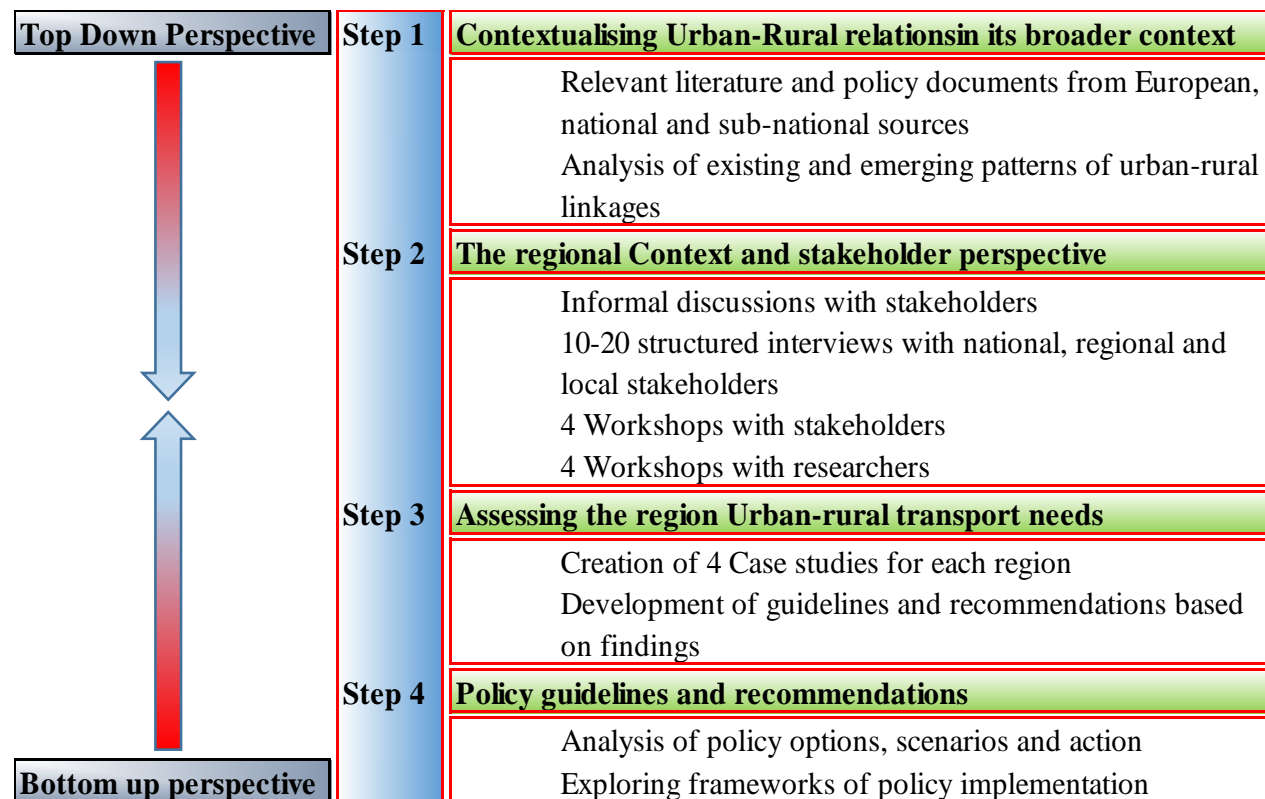


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Methodology



Methodology for improving connectivity



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Outputs



Work Packages

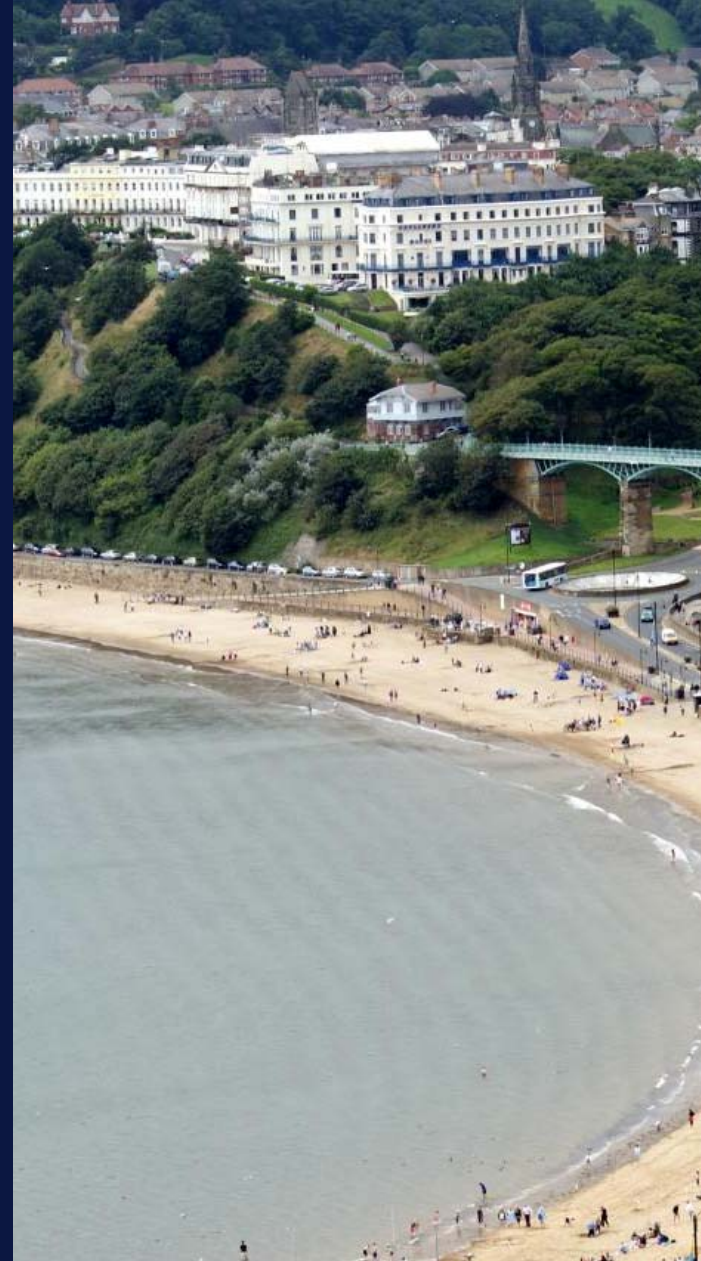
Work Packages (WP)	WP	Sub WP	Lead(s)	Partner(s)	Contribution to Tasks (supports)
Coordination	1		Coventry University	-	
methodological framework	2.1		Coventry University University of Valencia	-	Task 1
		2.1 (a)	Politecnico di Torino	University of Valencia	
		2.1 (b)	Coventry University	-	
		2.1 (c)	Coventry University Nordregio Politecnico di Torino University of Valencia	- - - -	
urban-rural linkages	2.2		Nordregio - -	Coventry University Politecnico di Torino University of Valencia	Task 2 (Task 3) (Task 4)
Case-studies	2.3		Coventry University - -	Nordregio Politecnico di Torino University of Valencia	Task 3 (Task 4) Task 4
Policy guidelines	2.4		Politecnico di Torino - -	Coventry University Nordregio University of Valencia	(Task 5)
EU Cohesion Policy support	2.5		Coventry University - -	Nordregio Politecnico di Torino University of Valencia	Task 5
Dissemination	3		Coventry University Nordregio Politecnico di Torino University of Valencia		

Project Team

- ESPON EGTC
- Coventry University, UK (coordinator)
- Nordregio, Sweden
- Politecnico di Torino , Italy
- University of Valencia, Spain

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Timeline



Timeline of activities

		T0	T+1	T+2	T+3	T+4	T+5	T+6	T+7	T+8	T+9	T+10	T+11	T+12
Work Packages	WP1: Co-ordination													
	WP2.1: Development of a conceptual & methodological framework													
	WP2.2: Analysis of existing and emerging patterns of urban-rural													
	WP2.3: Case studies in the four stakeholder territories													
	WP2.4: Development of policy guidelines based on analysis													
	WP2.5: Proposals for potential support by EU Cohesion Policy													
	WP3: Dissemination of findings													
Deliverables	D1: Inception Report													
	D2: Interim Report													
	D3: Draft Final Report													
	D4: Final Delivery													
Meetings	Stakeholder Meeting 01: Inception - Scarborough Borough, UK													
	Stakeholder Meeting 02: Marina Alta, Spain													
	Stakeholder Meeting 03: Västerbotten County, Sweden													
	Stakeholder Meeting 04: Regione Liguria, Italy													

Thank you

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