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French Approach for Indicators on Territorial Cohesion

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- 1- Concepts and orientations related to Territorial Cohesion**
- 2 - A focus on inequities and disparities and on the scale of observation**
- 3 - New approaches for developing territorial indicators in relation to other important key challenges**

Concepts and orientations related to Territorial Cohesion (1/2)



- **How to deal with economical challenges and the right to equal opportunities on territories**
 1. Balanced territorial development involves reducing disparities of wealth, poverty, unemployment between territories, especially territories with specific handicaps
 2. Equal access to services of general interest (healthcare, education, highspeed Internet access ...)

Concepts and orientations related to Territorial Cohesion (2/2)



3. Helping regions to get factors of competitiveness (transport network, innovation, high level of education...)
4. Promoting cooperation and networking for projects between communities in the context of decentralization

A focus on inequities and disparities



- ❑ Question of unequal opportunities for territorial development in terms of access to the main infrastructures (connectivity)
- ❑ Inequities between citizens to get access to fundamental rights due to territorial localization
- ❑ Unequal opportunity of redistribution of financial resources and impacts of public subsidies

A focus on the scale of observation



- ❑ **Choosing the relevant scale for the indicators with the aim to outline challenges and disparities**
- ❑ **The case of fiscal income for social approach and cross-boarder territories**
- ❑ **The case of large spaces such as coastlines, mountains and the relation urban/rural,**
- ❑ **The difficulties of functional areas**

New approaches for developing territorial indicators in relation to other important key challenges



- ❑ New orientations to understand the specificity of regions : a required knowledge of paths of development and a longtime perspective
- ❑ Toward integrated development : not consider only economics when dealing with sustainable development and improving standard of living (demographic, social, educational and environmental issues)
- ❑ Dynamics and flows to reveal interdependancy between territoires



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