



Inspire policy making by territorial evidence



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**Progress on European territorial evidence  
by ESPON  
Applied Research**

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## Objectives - Applied Research

1. Provide comparable regionalised information for benchmarking in the European context on territorial phenomena
2. Address territorial development potential and challenges for regions and cities
3. Support assessment of territorial impacts of policies
4. Support identification of potential synergies and/or conflicts among different policies and territorial assets
5. Building new facts and evidence about European regions and cities related to territorial structures, trends, perspectives and policy impacts



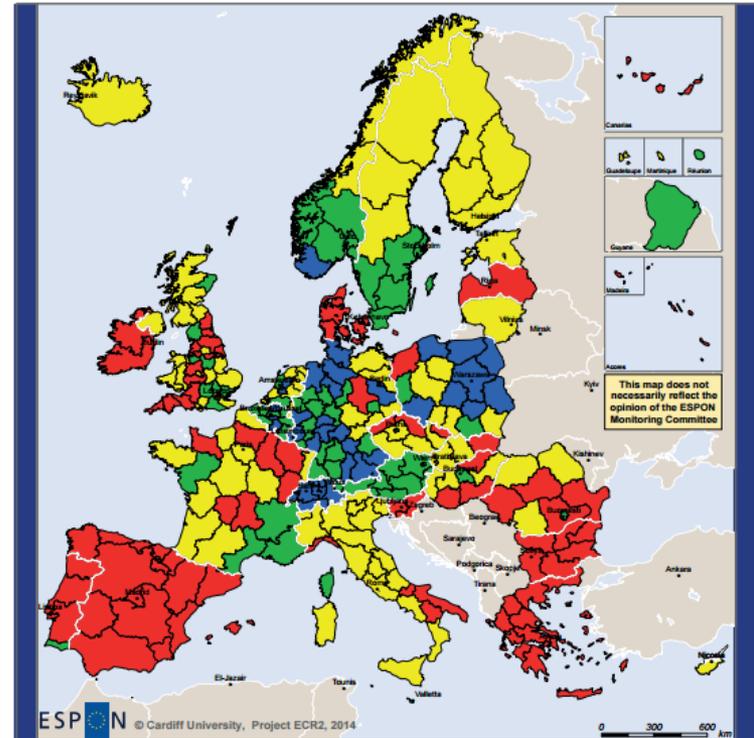
## Facts and Figures

1. Number of calls launched	6
2. Number of proposals submitted	98
3. Number of projects	25
4. Number of research partners	181
5. Number of experts involved in sounding boards	50
6. Case studies	191

# Economic Crisis & Resilience - ECR2

- Identify the territorial impact of the economic crisis
- Explore why some regions are more resilient to crisis than others
- Identify appropriate territorial policy responses to promote economic resilience.
- What can regional policymakers do to complement macro-economic measures stimulating at economic recovery?
- How can policymakers enhance the resilience of the regional economies for future economic downturns?

Distribution of Regional Employment Resilience  
(Peak Year to 2011)



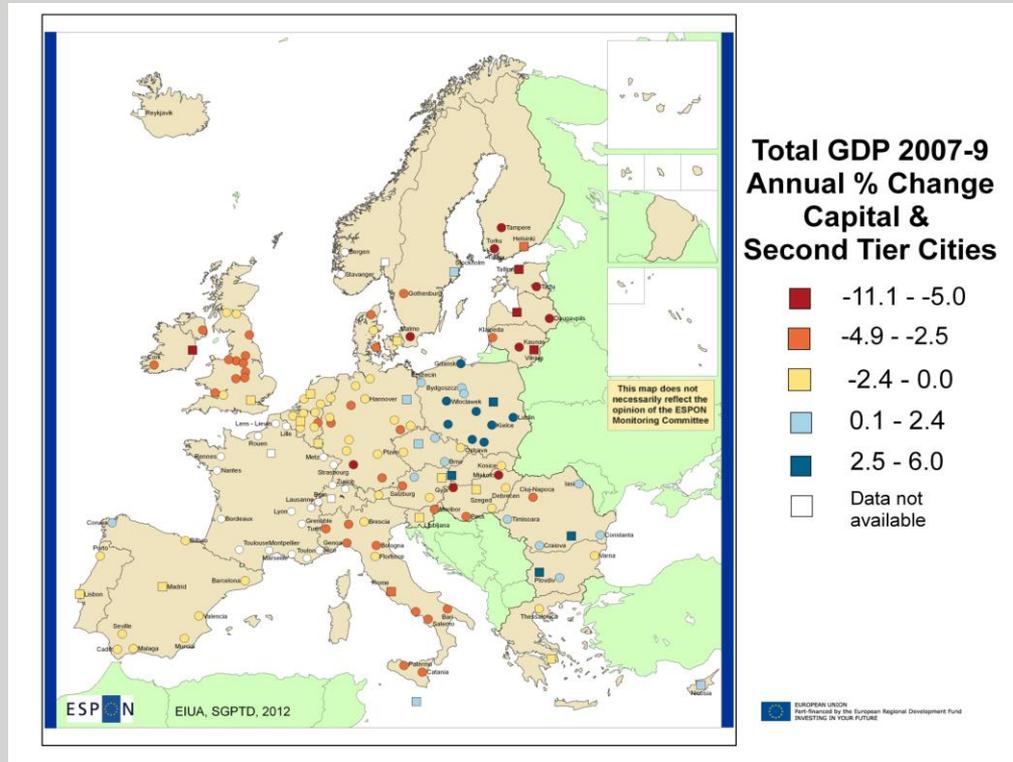
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Regional level: NUTS2  
Source: ESPON Database, ESPON ECR2 project, Cardiff University, 2014  
Date of data: Exposed, Eurostat, Various dates  
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# Secondary Growth Poles - SGPT

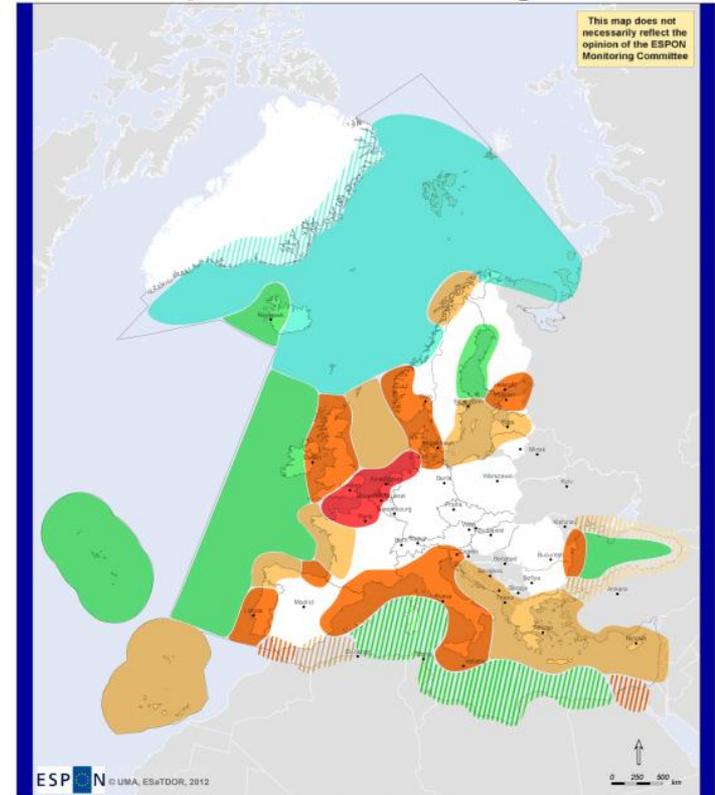
- Review of policy towards secondary cities at EU level and in individual Member States
- (i) Which secondary cities are performing well across the different parts of Europe? (ii) Why? and (iii) how much has policy affected their performance?
- Policy case studies for secondary cities that will identify tangible lessons and focus will be on understanding the dynamics of places



# Seas - ESaTDOR

- Map the different types of sea use across Europe and develop a typology of coastal/marine regions.
- Identify developmental opportunities (and constraints) for different coastal/marine regions.
- Explore best practice in terms of terrestrial-marine governance.
- Provide guidance and advice on how these critical assets can be effectively and democratically managed
- Suggest further areas for research to maximise opportunities, but minimise human impacts on marine assets

## European Maritime Regions



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Regions derived from typology map

- European Core
- Regional Hub
- Transition
- Rural
- Wilderness
- Typology influenced by lack of data

*This schematic typology map shows Europe's coastal and maritime regions classified based on the intensity of land-sea interactions (economic activities, flows of goods, people and information, environmental pressures). These interactions are greatest in the Core and at their lowest in the Wilderness.*

## Lessons learnt

- Applied Research has considerably enhanced the Pan-European territorial evidence base
- More focused project specifications within an overall policy narrative and more coherent structure
- Shorter timeframe for deliveries and greater use of interim results presented in concise policy relevant messages
- Deliverables made easier for policymakers to digest – swift transfer of concrete results to policy arenas, helping to shape the policy agenda
- Project Support Teams to actively track projects and provide policy steering
- Greater in-house scientific capacity in the ESPON EGTC to peer review and ensure high-level of consistency
- 50% of the ESPON 2013 research budget - provides the foundation for all other priorities.