

Knowledge, Innovation, Territory

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Main aims of the project

- Identify territorial patterns of innovation in Europe and present spatial trends of the knowledge economy.
- Explain the territorial elements behind these trends.
- Measure the impact of patterns of innovation on regional economic performance.
- Develop policy actions able to support the most productive use of local research and local innovation capabilities.

Main research areas

- Patterns of innovation and knowledge economy in Europe.
- Spatial dimension of innovation and knowledge across different types of territories.
- Local economic resources, territorial settlement structures, social capital and its role in the innovation and knowledge economy.
- Territorial patterns for innovation and the exchange of knowledge among individuals.
- Analysing the role of innovative clusters and regions in enhancing territorial cooperation.
- Impact of innovation and the knowledge economy on the competitiveness, territorial development, cohesion and socio-economic development of European regions and cities.

Case Studies

The case studies analysed will be from three different countries, each differing in terms of institutional aspects and innovation and knowledge governance:

- UK
- Italy
- Slovakia

Main results envisaged

- Identifying spatial trends in knowledge and innovation across Europe.
- Recognising economic potential within different territories to support future development
- Measuring current performance levels of the innovation and knowledge economy and detecting ways to improve this performance.
- Building of a spatial development strategy for the innovation and knowledge economy by identifying strategies for future development.
- Identifying social, environmental and economic aspects of innovation and knowledge economy.
- Producing innovative results to support policy development and formulate policy recommendations for the development of a successful knowledge economy at regional level.

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