

Support for Regional Authorities

Regional Authorities and regional planners are the most important target group for the ESPON REGICO tool.

Whenever working in regional development comparing regions in relative terms is useful to understand the region's position. Looking at a region from different perspectives and territorial contexts is helpful to establish and adapt measures tailor-made to the region's needs.

For these regional stakeholders, the tool can be used for answering the following questions:

- How does my region perform as compared to the European level, the national level and its agglomerations?
- How can I create a map on the performance of my region as compared to others?
- How was the situation of my region within Europe ten years before and how is it now?
- How does my region perform regarding a particular indicator as compared to other regions, e.g. within an Interreg-Programme area, a macro region?
- Are there "peer regions" to my region showing similar performance within the European Union?
- How can I identify best practise regions regarding a particular indicator within my Macro Region/Europe, etc.?

Support for National Authorities

National Authorities can make great use of the ESPON REGICO tool, as indicators used for political decisions are mostly evaluated in relative terms. The ESPON REGICO tool can be used to compare the "own" regions in different regional settings, e.g. compared to the European Union, the national scale or administrative levels (e.g. NUTS 2).

The tool can be used to answer the following questions:

- How do different regions perform regarding a particular indicator?
- Are there advanced regions and regions lagging behind as compared to e.g. the European average or within an Interreg Programme?
- Which regions should be targeted with tailored measures in order to catch up with the general development?
- Which regions might serve as good practice example based on their indicator performance?

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At a glance

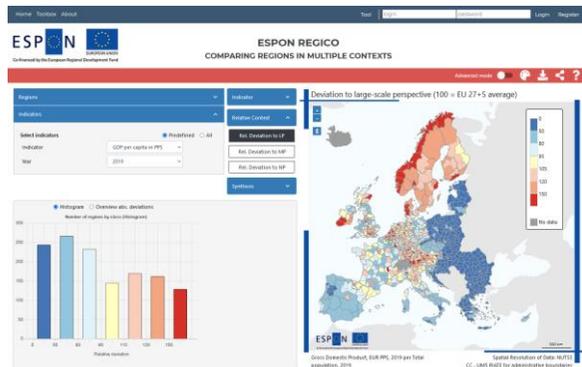
The ESPON REGICO tool

Regions in three different contexts

The ESPON REGICO tool is an interactive tool, designed to analyse regions based on a large set of indicators. Thereby ESPON REGICO allows to set the regions in comparison with three different regional contexts:

-  a Large-scale perspective (e.g. ESPON Space, Macro-region, Interreg Programme region)
-  a Meso perspective (e.g. NUTS-0/national context)
-  a Neighbourhood perspective (e.g. surrounding regions)

The ESPON REGICO tool uses a wide-screen interface with an attractive overview on all important functions.



Within the tool the user can switch between different indicators and time horizons as well as spatial contexts.

Comparing regions

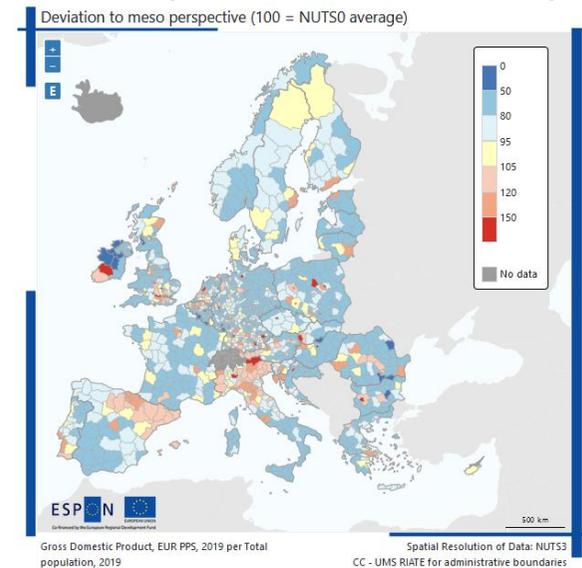
in different contexts

A set of different Maps

The ESPON REGICO tool generates maps visualising the input parameters of the ratio analysed (numerator, denominator, ratio). In this case: GDP (PPS), total population and GDP (PPS)/Total Population.

Using multi-scalar analysis, three maps are generated relating the regions to the three levels of regional context selected before.

The maps show, for example, the deviation of each region to the average value of a reference area, let's say the respective national value (Meso perspective). Thus, the map illustrates which regions are above the national average and which ones below this average.



Summarizing

results

Summarizing the results in one map

- Which regions are important economic centres at the national and neighbourhood level? See the light orange regions on the map? These have a GDP/capita above the national and the neighbourhood level.
- Which regions have regionally imported economic subcentres? → Look at the green regions which have a GDP/capita above their neighbourhood level.
- Which regions are above the ESPON-Space average? → Look at the reds in different shades – all of them (dark red, pink, dark and light orange) exceed the average value of the ESPON Space.

The tool provides even more maps, graphs and statistical information useful for spatial analysis.

