ESPON QoL – Quality of Life Measurements and Methodology
QoL

Why this project?

- QoL is important for people and places. QoL has a territorial dimension. Important to measure quality of life at sub-national regional levels.

- QoL aspects should be better integrated in territorial development strategies at different geographical levels and in relation to a place-sensitive distributed development policies (PSDDP).

Key policy questions:

- What are the territorial dimensions of quality of life? How does quality of life relate to economic growth, environment, governance, social aspects? What territorial patterns can be identified?

- How can we measure people’s quality of life at different geographical levels?

- How can quality of life be better integrated in Cohesion policy at European level and in territorial development strategies at national, regional and local levels?
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- Inception delivery, 29 April 2019
- Interim delivery, 02 December 2019
- Draft Final delivery, 27 April 2020
- Final delivery, 27 August 2020

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- University of Eastern Finland, FI
QoL – the big picture

- Territorial evidence and knowledge at regional level about challenges, achievements and development trends of European regions and cities in relation to quality of life.
  - Developing and mapping QoL composite indexes at NUTS3 level covering the whole ESPON territory
- Guidance for local, regional and national level policy makers to promote the integration of quality of life in the development and implementation of territorial strategies.
  - Guidance on a place-based QoL measurement frameworks and policy strategies based on lessons learned in selected case studies.
  - Policy recommendations to enhance the role of citizens-centric quality of life measurements in the EU agenda towards a Sustainable Europe by 2030 and in cohesion policies.
QoL – innovative outcomes

- Framework for measuring Quality of Life and implementing citizens-centric QoL development strategies in the European Territories
- Synthetic QoL index at NUTS3 level
- Design and pilot application of ‘factfulness tests’ to assess the perception of QoL trends

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