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BRIDGES – Territories with geographical specificities



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1. How could EU policies be more focused on improving governance in territories with geographic specificities?
2. How could regional and national programmes better account for geographical specificities?



Improving governance in territories with geographic specificities

Current position:

- Make it possible to design and implement 'territorial strategies'

Proposed further steps:

- Approach geographical specificities as social and cultural constructs
 - Use them as levers to bring actors from across Europe together
 - Make exchanges of experience and dissemination of good practice possible
 - Organise dialogues with sectoral actors at appropriate levels
- Promote soft, multilevel territorial governance

Account for geographical specificities in better ways?

- Strengthen territorially differentiated regional development discourse
 - What practices are sustainable, taking into account specific vulnerabilities?
 - What market failures occur in geographically specific areas?
 - Need for territorially differentiated intervention logics?
- Draw on European forums for exchange and dialogue:
 - Better awareness of opportunities and challenges
 - Identify possible solutions, acquire know-hows
- Reflect on how to organise regional partnerships:
 - Sub-groups? Thematic networks?
- Better coordination of 'regional' and 'territorial cooperation' programmes