The Concept and the Measurement of Territorial Cohesion
(Definitions, Indicators, Evidences and first Assessment of Campania Region)

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Introduction to TC, shared definition based on scientific literature, discussions, documents, survey with stakeholders
Territorial Cohesion: introduction to concept and definition (1)

Starting Assumptions

✓ There is no definition of territorial cohesion in any official papers

✓ Territorial Cohesion is a policy objective that strengthens the competitiveness and the innovation of a Region (from Lisbona-Gothenburg to Europe 2020)

✓ Cohesion is the field in which conflicting political views are confronted (Sapir 2004; Barca 2009)

**Space-Blide vs Place-based**

✓ From core-periphery model to new theoretical framework based on diversity and complexity (SSSE, 1999), from sectoral policies to integrate policies

> “Cohesion as the capability of different (anthropich, natural and institutional) territorial components, to search and to achieve unity and unifying proposals, even in presence of centrifugal pushes” (Prezioso, 2006)
Territorial Cohesion: introduction to concept and definition (2)

Territorial cohesion goes beyond the notion of economic and social cohesion, … It is localized and localizable, measurable (Prezioso, 2008), and should be read and correlated to other basic concepts of European space policy, territorial diversity and territorial “capital”…

**TC is a rebalancing objective:** «Policy efforts should contribute to reducing the strong territorial polarisation of economic performance, avoiding large regional disparities in the European territory by addressing bottlenecks to growth in line with Europe 2020 Strategy» (Territorial Agenda 2020)

Survey with stakeholders …

…It’s place-based, it needs a multilevel governance, it strengthens the territorial capital, but especially…

“Territorial cohesion is *the relations between territories and human groups* that inhabit it. The community identifies and shares territory, intrinsic values, kind of life, socio-political organization, … with shared and accepted rules”
How is territorial cohesion measured?
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- Traditional indicators (like GDP) are not exhaustive to explain how wealth is distributed into regions.

- The choice of cohesion indicators (… unit of measurement and correlation) becomes a central issue (Eurostat, OCSE, ESPON, ISTAT…)

STeMA-TIA (2015), through 73 indicators and 4 Determinants, allows “to analyze a regional territory and its internal and external cohesion degree, to detect and to assess its resources and to relate inter-dependence connections”.

![Diagram](image-url)
RF 15 – Cohesion Funds used in Project

The main source of UE resources that finances Cohesion Policies is the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) but also Development and Cohesion Fund (FSC)

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RF 15 – Coesion Funds used in Project

- the **South** and the **Islands** have intercepted most of the resources.
- the use of funds in **Central Italy** appears to be less homogeneous.
- in the **North**, the border regions show an indicator low or medium-low; the others medium-high.
RF 15 – Coesione Funds used in Project

- in **Southern Italy** about 75% of the provinces are located in the high and medium-high range.
- in the **North East** most of the provinces are in the medium-high range.
- in **Emilia Romagna** and in the **North West** and **Central Italy**, only regional capitals are in the high-end.

**Legend**
- A Alto
- B Medio-alto
- C Medio-basso
- D Basso

Map created by Cristiano B. De Vito
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PRIN 2015 “Territorial Impact Assessment della Coesione Territoriale delle regioni italiane”
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Campania Region: evidences and first assessment

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POR Campania FESR 2014-2020  **Budget: € 4.113.545.843,00**
(€ 3.085.159.382,00 UE Funds - € 1.028.36.461,00 national and regional co-financing).

### 3 Strategic Fields

**Campania Innovativa:** strengthening the public / private research system and supporting competitiveness

**Campania Verde:** change in energy systems, agriculture, transport and maritime activities, new landscape design;

**Campania Solidale:** the welfare system (inclusion and participation) and the quality of life (health system, personal services, employment, social inclusion, education).

### 3 Programmatic Fields

1. **Smart Specialization Strategy**

2. **Major Projects**

3. **Quality of life, specialization of urban areas and contrast to the depopulation of internal areas through two Transversal Territorial Strategies**

#### Urban Development Strategy
- Sustainable Urban Development for 19 Medium Cities
- Financial reserve for Municipalities with a population less than 50,000 inhabitants
- Municipality of Naples, through the completion of the **Grandi Progetti**

#### Internal Areas Strategy

4 **Internal areas** and 5 fields:
- Protection of the territory and local communities;
- Enhancement of natural resources, cultural and sustainable tourism;
- Agri-food systems;
- Energy saving and local renewable energy supply chains;
- Know-how* and handicraft
**STeMA-TIA: a first reading of Territorial Cohesion in Campania Region (1)**

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| Smart Growth (C)  | **Education (C)**
                   | **Human Capital (C)**
                   | Innovative Dependency Index
                   | Population in life long learning
|                   | **Digital Society (C)**
                   | Available e-Government Institution
                   | Virtual Institution
|                   | **Innovation Status Quo (B)**
                   | Level of telecommunication development
| Sustainable Growth (C) | **Sustainable Competitiveness (C)**
                   | Identity of the production system
                   | Economic Interaction
                   | (Green Employees, Marks (Emas, ISO...), Internationalization)
|                   | **Climate change Adaptation** (C)
                   | State of air
|                   | **Infrastructure sustainability** (B)

- Low levels of Smart Growth specially in internal areas.
- High Level for State of Water and Waste; Excellent Caserta, Napoli e Salerno
### STeMA-TIA: a first reading of Territorial Cohesion in Campania Region (2)

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<td>Inclusive training capacity (B) NEET</td>
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<td>Inclusive Capacity of institutions (C) Public Partecipation in National Election Rate of cross-border cooperation</td>
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- Positive data in Inclusive Growth: Population with tertiary education and Outgoing students
- High level of Expenditure in Naples (A) in all indicators; lower level Expenditure in all the internal areas
Conclusions and policy suggestions ...
Status QUO and Policy suggestions

STFTs are "the sentinel of cohesion" capable of re-orienting the initial objectives of the POR/ROP to provide an adequate response to local political needs …

- **Naples** is part of the highest territorial functional system type (STFT1), with high spending performances in absolute value and an increase in TC at the urban level;
- **Salerno** (STFT 2) has recorded an increase in TC over time, indirectly benefiting from metropolitan advantages "by contact".
- The **territories of the internal areas** (Avellino, Benevento and Caserta) are urban influence systems, without specialized functions and with limited transnational functions (STFT 3), the spending capacity is at medium level but the lack of participation in cooperation projects mitigates the increase in the TC level.

- **to focus on internal areas and to work on emergencies** (waste, water, broadband, Transport and network, …)
- **to strengthen the production chain of excellence** (fashion, and agri-food, aerospace, automotive,) also through green investments
- **to encourage and support projects of cooperation**
Thank you

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