An invitation to…

Imagining what a spatially just Europe might look like

Imagining futures for Europe's regions

Imagining new ways of tackling territorial inequalities

Imagining new methodological approaches

![imajine — Integrative Mechanisms for Addressing Spatial Justice and Territorial Inequalities in Europe]

- Societal Challenge RIA funded under Horizon 2020

- Five years from January 2017

- €5m between 17 partners

- One of three projects funded under call on territorial inequalities and spatial justice, with COHSMO and RELOCAL

- Inter-disciplinary and mixed-methods approach

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Why imajINE?

- Convergence of wealth across Europe a long term aim of the EU
- Territorial cohesion adopted as a principle in the Lisbon Treaty
- From 2007 territorial inequalities between EU regions increased
- Actual and perceived territorial inequalities contribute to regionalist and separatist movements
- Questioning of whether existing policies and strategies are appropriate and effective
- Considering different perspectives (scalar, sectoral)
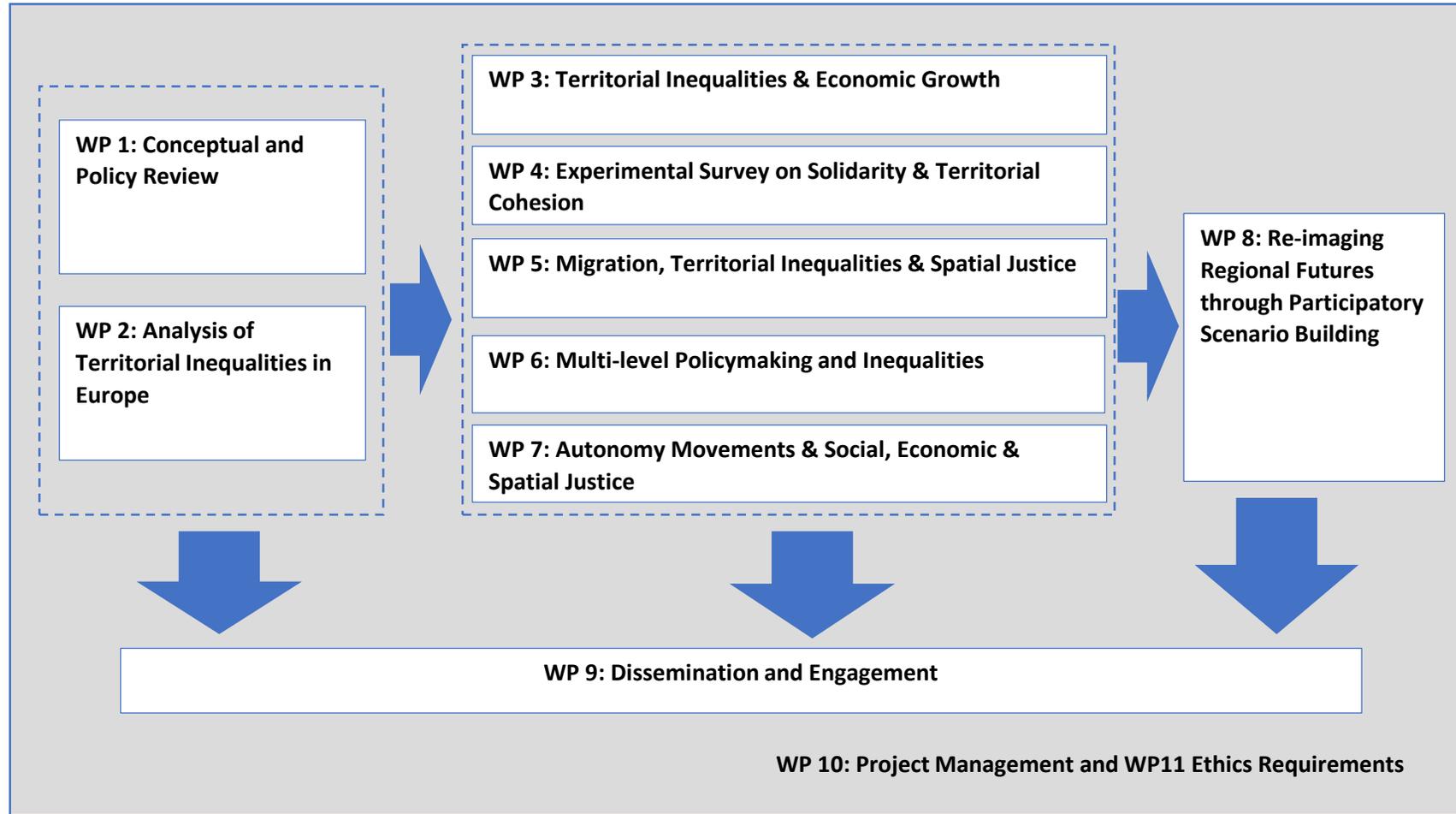- Starting from a spatial justice standpoint

What is spatial justice?

- Derives from work of Henri Lefebvre on the 'right to the city', but developed notably in urban geography, e.g. Ed Soja on urban spatial justice
- Emphasis on spatial distribution of (access to) resources, but also how inequalities in this distribution are produced and reproduced
- Spatial (in)justice can be perceived as well as actual
- Justice is qualitative whilst inequality is quantitative
- Just distributions of resources are not necessarily the same as an even distribution of resources
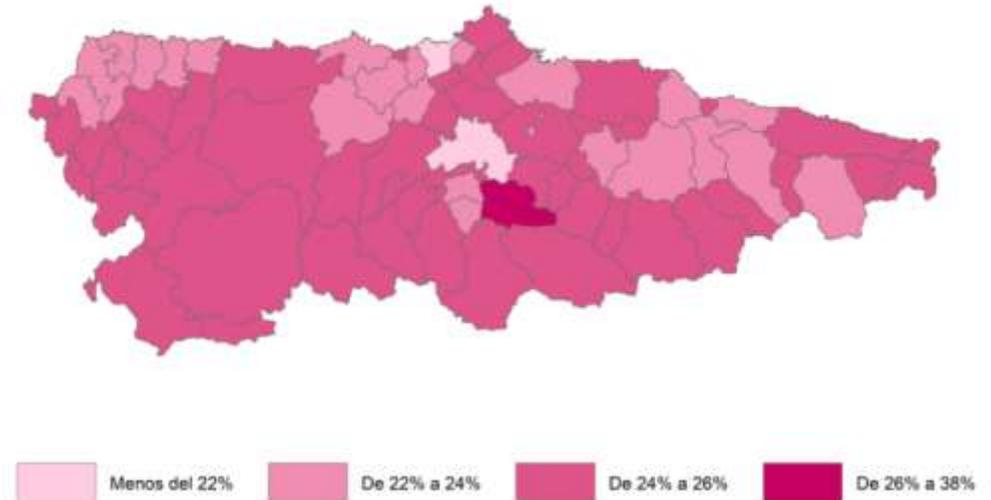- Spatial justice can be a normative concept

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The ImajINE approach

WP 1: Conceptual and Policy Review

WP 2: Analysis of Territorial Inequalities in Europe

WP 3: Territorial Inequalities & Economic Growth

WP 4: Experimental Survey on Solidarity & Territorial Cohesion

WP 5: Migration, Territorial Inequalities & Spatial Justice

WP 6: Multi-level Policymaking and Inequalities

WP 7: Autonomy Movements & Social, Economic & Spatial Justice

WP 8: Re-imaging Regional Futures through Participatory Scenario Building

WP 9: Dissemination and Engagement

WP 10: Project Management and WP11 Ethics Requirements

Using spatial disaggregation techniques to construct more nuanced localized patterns of territorial inequalities

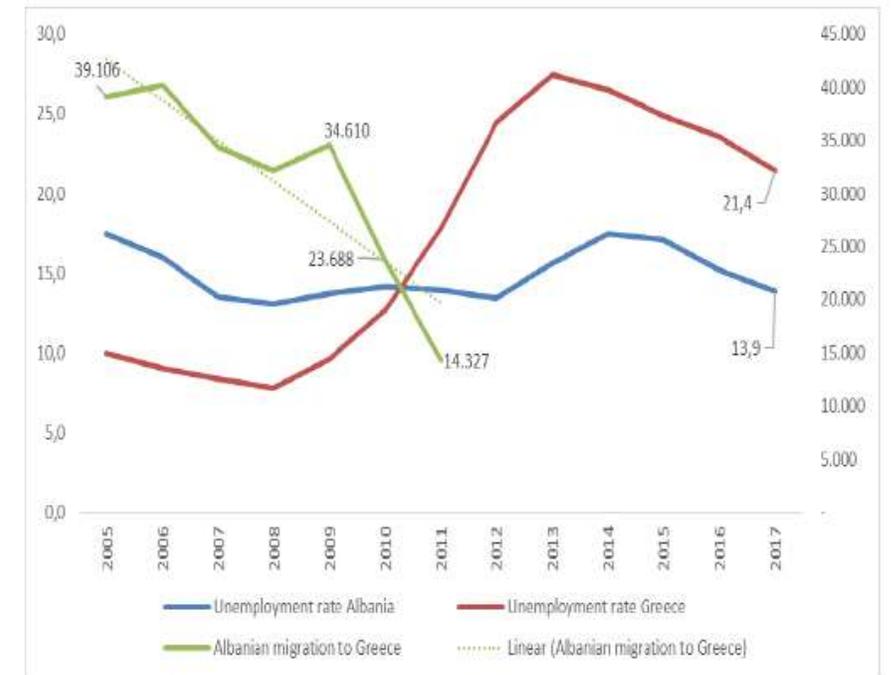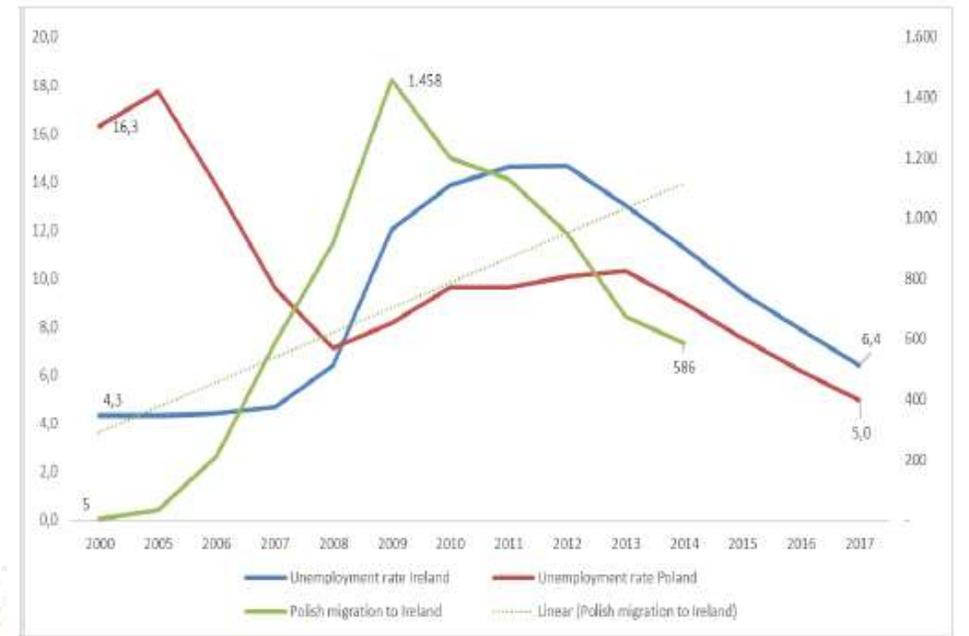**Mapa 2.** Porcentajes de población en riesgo de pobreza o exclusión por municipios en Asturias y conforme al indicador *AROPE* (2011)

Menos del 22%	De 22% a 24%	De 24% a 26%	De 26% a 38%

Experimental online public panel survey of perceptions of territorial inequalities and ideas of spatial justice
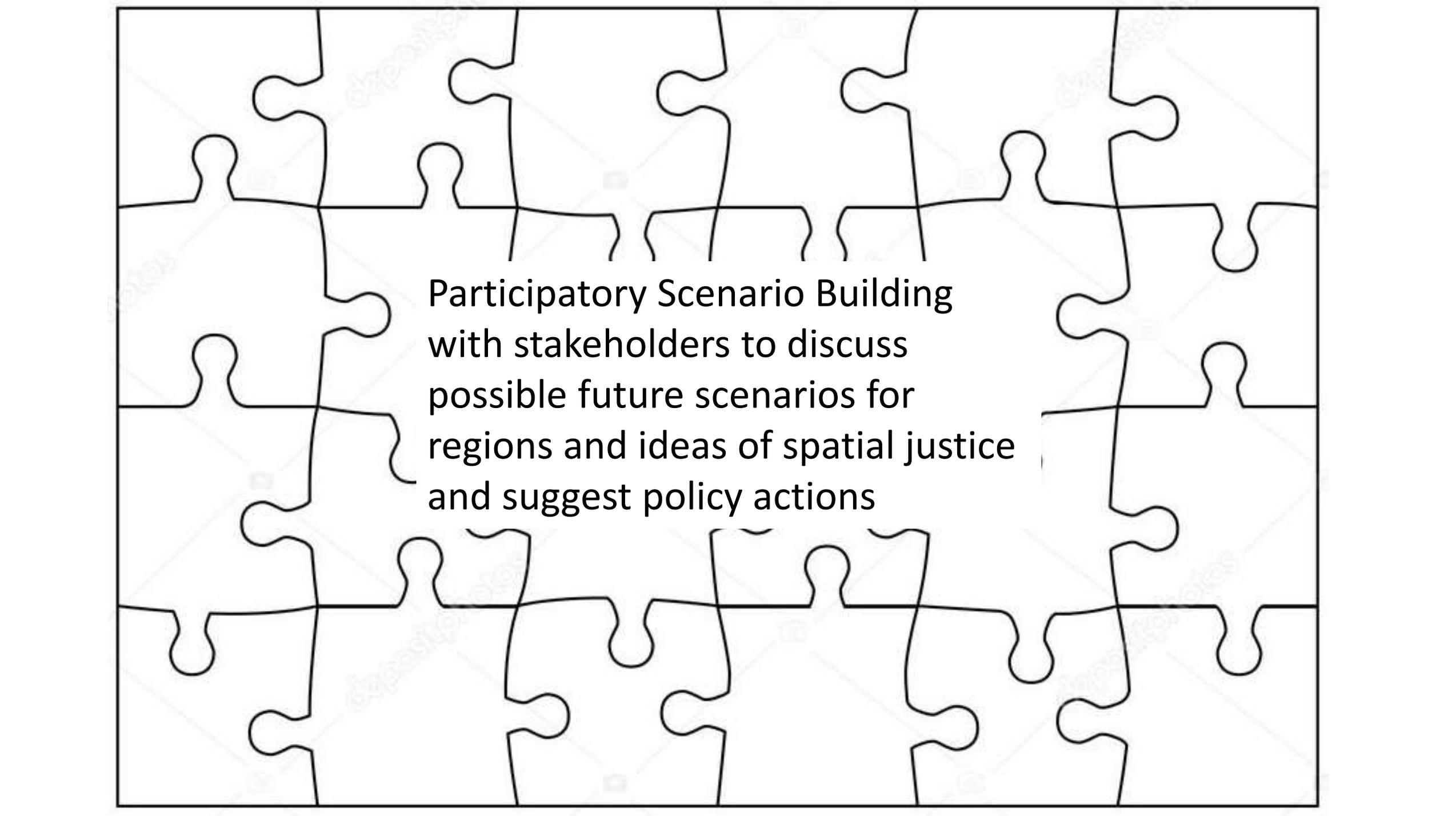
Relationships between migration and actual and perceived territorial inequalities

How discourses of territorial inequalities and spatial justice are used by regionalist and separatist movements

SCOTLAND

WALES

FRIESLAND

KASHUBIAN MINORITY

HUNGARIAN MINORITY

LOMBARDY

GALICIA

CORSICA

SARDINIA

Participatory Scenario Building with stakeholders to discuss possible future scenarios for regions and ideas of spatial justice and suggest policy actions

The aim of

"to formulate new integrative policy mechanisms to enable European, national and regional government agencies to more effectively address territorial inequalities within the European Union, and to imagine a future for European regions in which the distribution of resources is consistent with principles of social and spatial justice."

Challenges

- Selecting case studies and partners to represent different regional contexts in Europe

- Combining different inter-disciplinary perspectives

- Comparability of data and different conditions of access to data across EU states

- Are we speaking the same language?

- Working with non-academic stakeholders

- Constructing research questions that have scientific and policy-relevant outcomes

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