



EU and the Role of place-based policies and development strategies

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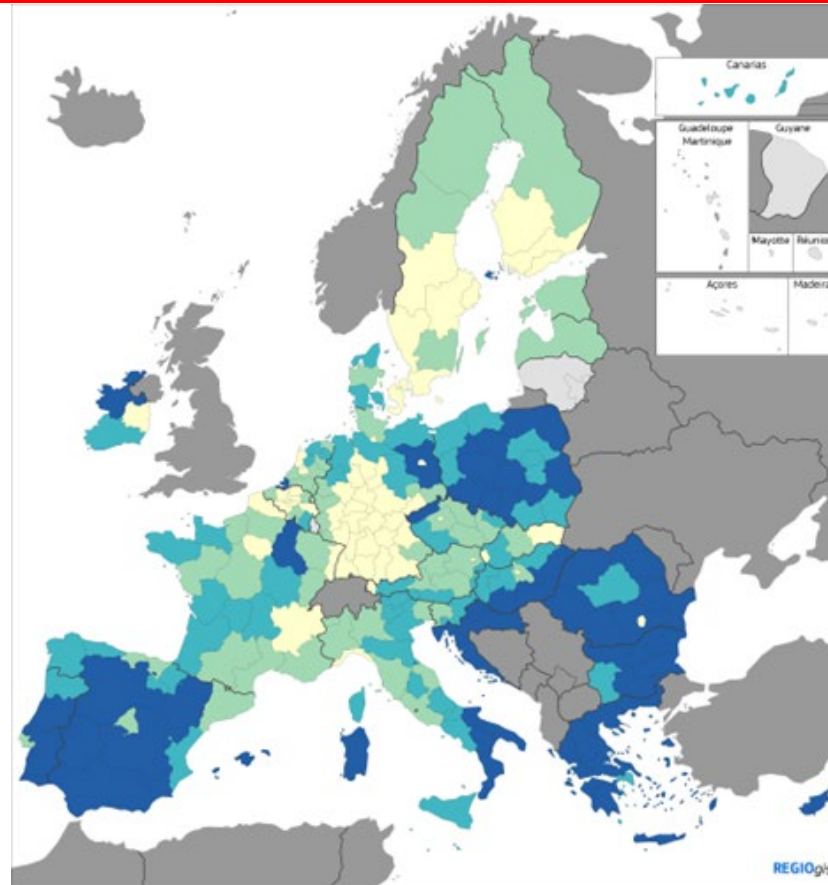
Cohesion as a bridge to a united and fairer Europe

What specific added-value role will Cohesion policy play in the sustainable future European growth model?

“Cohesion is in the heart of EU. Cohesion is about equal opportunities of all people, no matter their place of origin or any individual qualities. Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something - and in Europe we do not leave anyone behind.”

The green transition and cohesion

- **T**he green transition will ultimately deliver considerable benefits
- **B**ut many EU regions are highly vulnerable to the transition itself
- **M**ost of these regions are either less developed or already vulnerable
- **A** disregard for its impact on vulnerable regions could derail the green transition

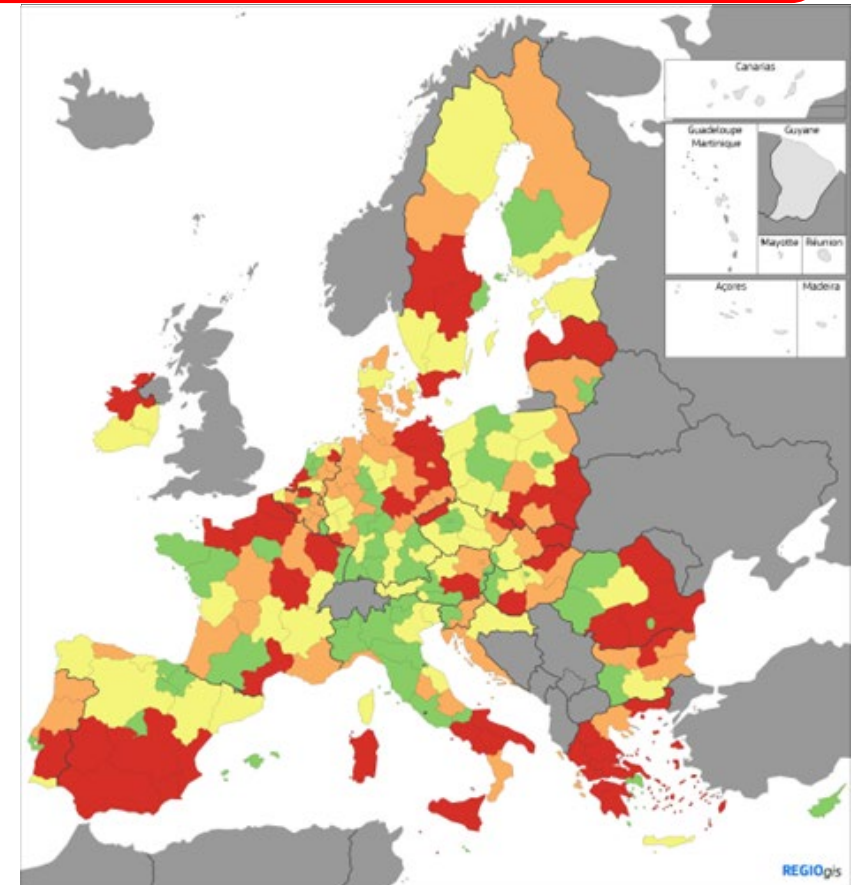


Regional Green Transition Vulnerability Index



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Green transition readiness



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Do no harm to cohesion

“small cities play a really important role in the transition”

Zusammenheit

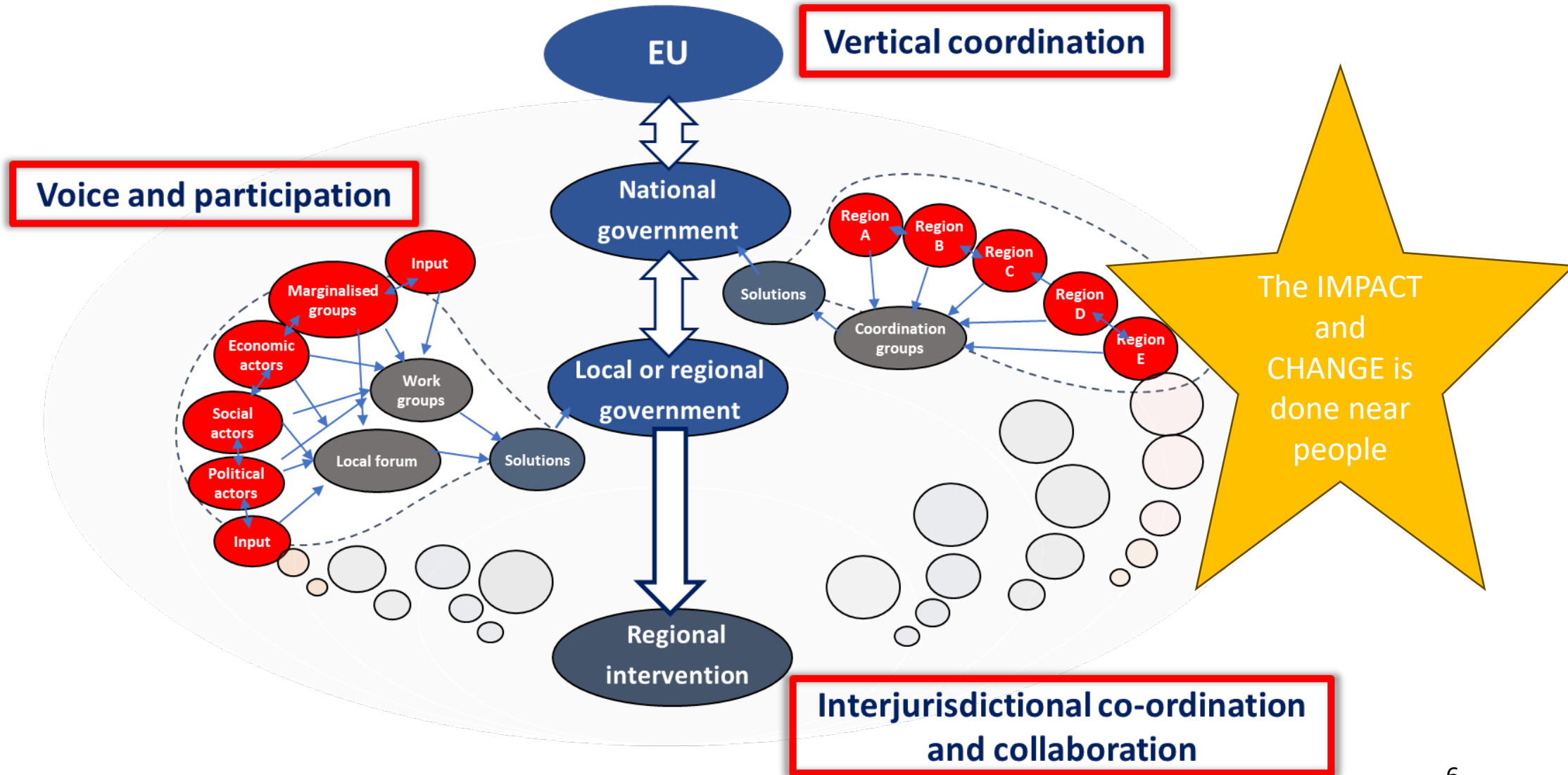
Single market – the other side of the coin

Europe needs everyone on board

- Cohesion as cutting through
- Triple transition: Green, digital and demographic
- Levels of decision-making - EU, Member States, regions, cities and municipalities
- What is close, what is common?
- Uneven distribution of skills and competences
- The importance of good governance
- The position of agriculture and rural areas
- EU enlargement
- Security in a broad sense - preparedness!
- Performance based development



Improving governance - and impact



Forging a sustainable future together: Cohesion for a competitive and inclusive Europe

REPORT OF THE HIGH-LEVEL GROUP ON THE FUTURE OF COHESION POLICY



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