Territorial Impact Assessment: better understanding territorial effects of public policies

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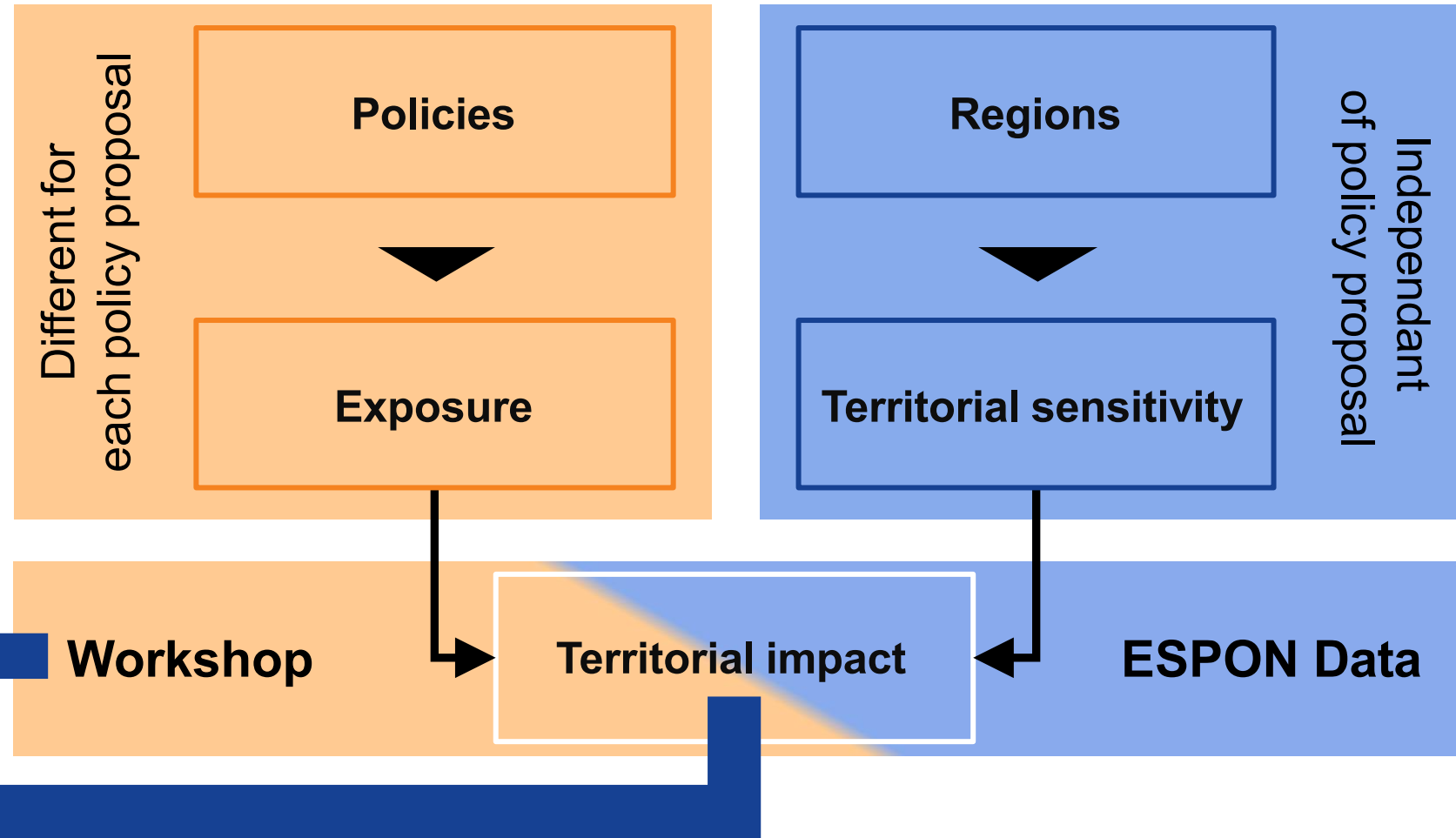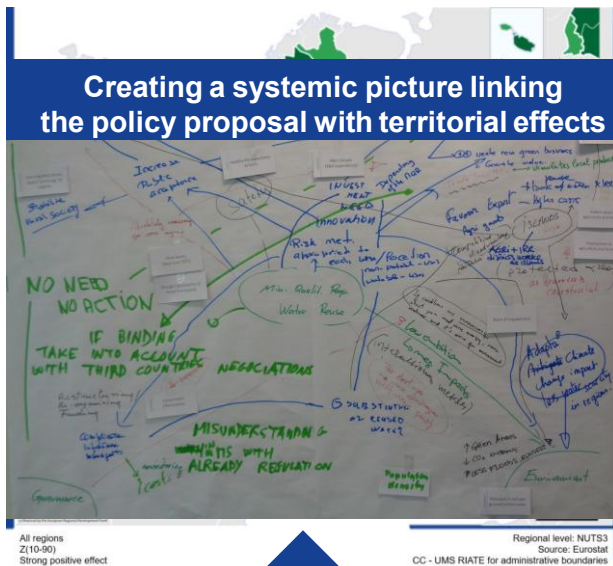# Territorial Impacts of (EU) policies

Challenge

- EU policy proposals influence development of different regions differently

- Regions react differently to policy effects based on their properties

- Cohesion: Explicit goal of the Lisbon Treaty
  - Reducing disparities among regions
  - Promoting overall harmonious development

Solution

- Assessing impacts at an early stage of policy drafting

- Explicitly cover the territorial dimension in impact assessments

- React in policy proposals when undesired unbalanced development is foreseen

The ESPON TIA Quick Check

The Vulnerability Concept

Creating a systemic picture linking the policy proposal with territorial effects

Different for each policy proposal

Policies

Exposure

Independant of policy proposal

Regions

Territorial sensitivity

Workshop

Territorial impact

ESPON Data

ESPON TIA Webtool

➢ **ESPON TIA tool** has five steps:

1. Set-up the TIA
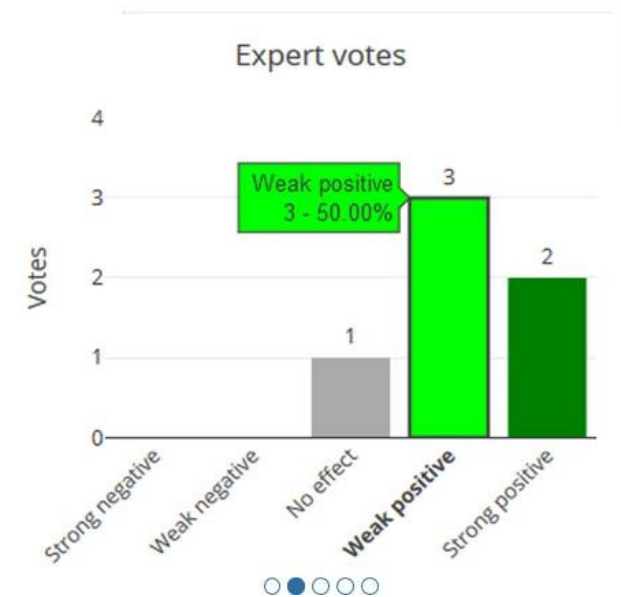2. Regions and exposure
3. Mapping
4. Aggregation
5. Conclusions

➢ **Types of TIA** possible:

▪ General TIA
  ▪ all regions, rural, islands, …
▪ Urban IA
▪ Cross-Border TIA
▪ TIA on a specific area
▪ TIA Necessity Check

➢ The tool is being used by the **CoR** to help prepare their opinions:

▪ CoR TIA webpage

Additional ESPON resources

Key ESPON projects relevant for rural areas
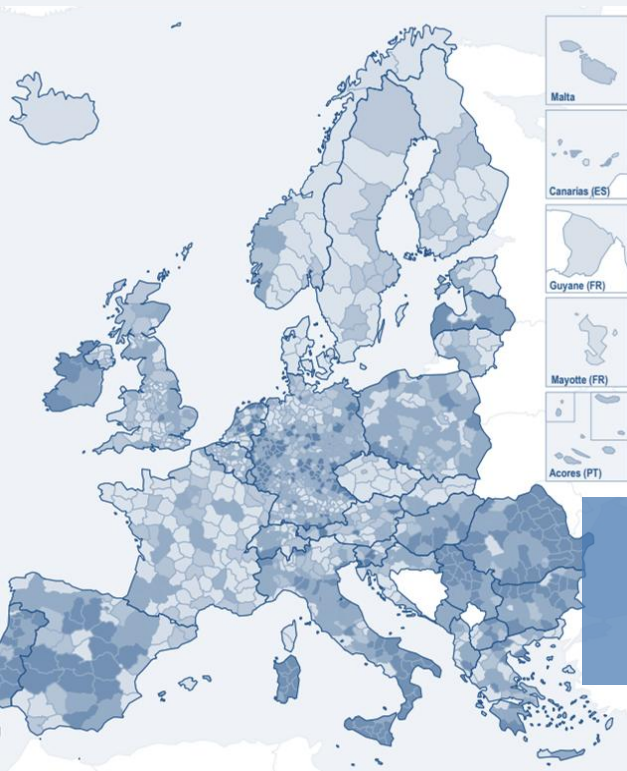### (European wide research, targeted analyses and territorial studies)

➢ [HOUSE4ALL] – Access to affordable and quality housing for all people

➢ [OVERLAP] – Overlapping crises (re)shaping the future of regional labour markets

➢ [NOSTAGEO] – Territorial governance of non-standard geographies

➢ RURALPLAN – Innovative planning in shrinking societies

➢ [DESIRE] – Provision of public services in lagging regions and areas with special needs

➢ [DEMODAT] – Demographic data: combining datasets and filling data gaps

➢ [BRIDGES data update] – Areas at risk of becoming Sparsely Populated

➢ [Paper] – Empowering small and medium sized cities for balanced territorial development

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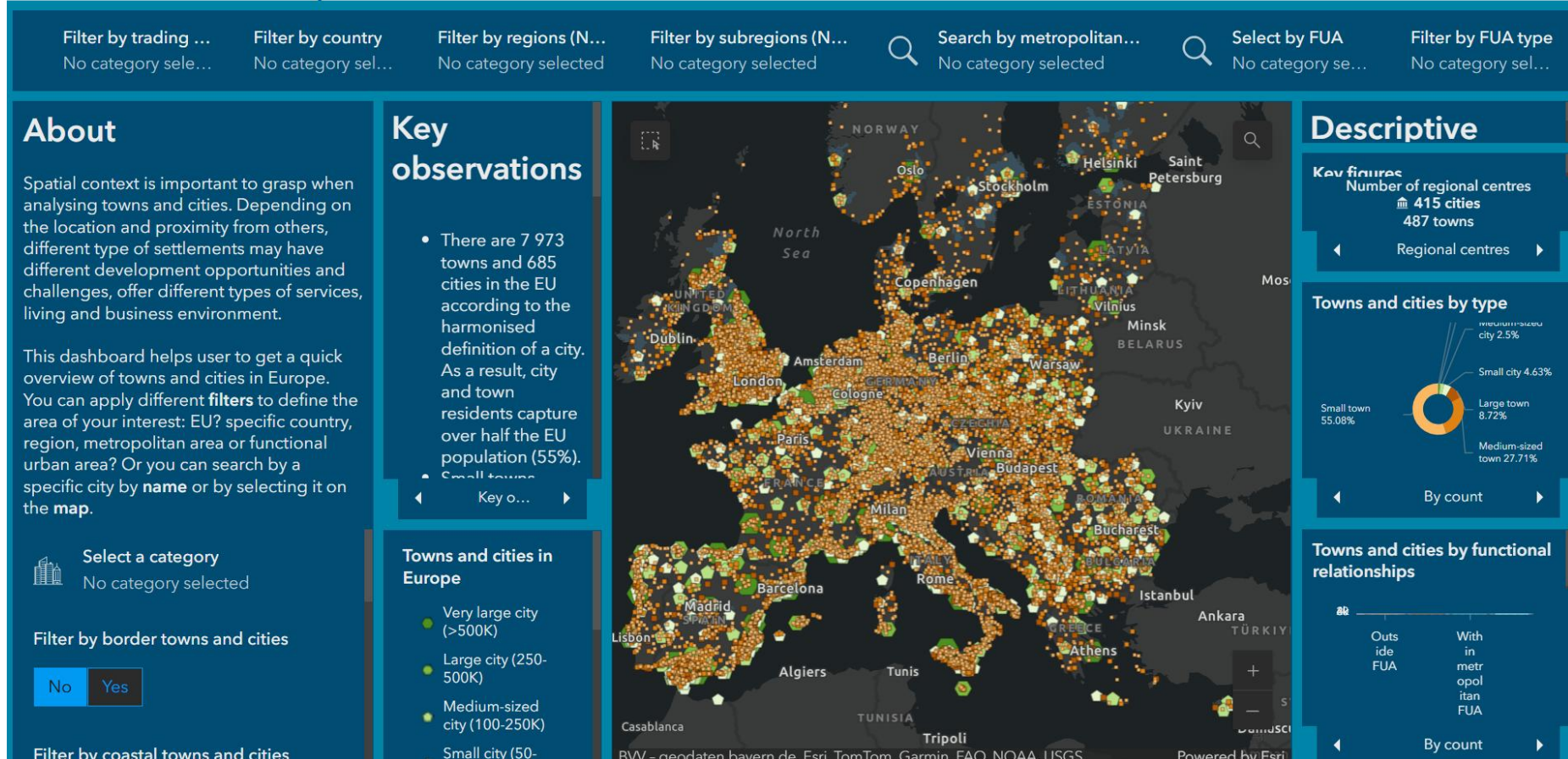**Open invitation to submit proposals for Targeted Analyses - 5th cut off date**

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Additional ESPON resources

ESPON Portal: datasets, web maps and data stories; applications and dashboards

https://gis-portal.espon.eu/arcgis/apps/sites/#/espon-hub

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