

List of Projects

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Study on value-added exposure estimates to assess spillovers and competitiveness

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Current models based on input-output tables are prone to various weaknesses and challenges. First, input-output tables are released with a considerable time lag (publication lag), which might lead to inaccurate estimates in the times of fast-changing economic conditions. Second, input-output tables are typically available in nominal terms only, as opposed to real terms (or more exactly, chain-linked volumes) as is the case with National Accounts data. The aim of this study is to advance DG ECFIN's input-output modelling framework in several respects. Specifically, this project will produce a tool enabling researchers to update and forecast input-output data to the extent possible. This will allow DG ECFIN to undertake spillover assessments (both for demand and price shocks) in a forward-looking manner within the economic surveillance framework.

The spatial impact of EU policies

European Commission, DG Regional Policy

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The objective of this study is to assess the impact of the EU initiatives and policies, such as the Common Agricultural Policy, the Common Fisheries Policy, the European Research and Innovation policy (Horizon 2020), the EU Emissions Trading System etc., on economic and social cohesion in the EU. The results of the study will contribute to the current discussion on the reform of EU Cohesion policy by providing insights into: • potential cohesion trade-offs, synergies and complementarities between EU Cohesion policy and other EU policies and initiatives • how to further develop the “do no harm to cohesion” principle and • how Territorial Impact Assessments can be further developed to improve policy coordination. These aspects will be explored not only through the lens of territories, but also that of social groups, thereby investigating whether the reduction of inter-regional disparities goes hand-in-hand with the reduction of intra-regional inequalities. The consortium under leadership of wiiw will also analyse funds disbursed under regional State aid, with a particular attention to the amounts of aid channelled to EU regions under this regime to enhance regional development.

Regionale und räumliche Trends im Donauraum und diesbezügliche Integrationsentwicklungen

Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management

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Implikationen für kooperative Ansätze in der europäischen und nationalen Raum- und Regionalentwicklungspolitik - eine österreichische Perspektive - Im Rahmen dieser Studie wird eine Synthese der aktuellen raumentwicklungspolitisch relevanten Trends und Integrationsentwicklungen im Donauraum erarbeitet, die sich auf die Implikationen für großräumige Kooperationsprozesse konzentriert. Die Analysen sollen Potenziale für grenzübergreifende Kooperationsansätze im Donauraum aufzeigen, aber auch ein aktuelles Bild der Herausforderungen für eine kooperative Raum- und Regionalentwicklungspolitik bzw. Kohäsionspolitik in den Bereichen a) Stabilität und Sicherheit (Wirtschaft und Migration), b) Globalisierung und technologischer Wandel (Innovation, Wettbewerbsfähigkeit und Qualifikation) und c) Grüner Wandel (ökologische Transformation von Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft) liefern.

Challenges for Cohesion: Looking ahead to 2035

European Commission, DG Regional Policy

September 2022 - April 2024

This European research project focusses on the challenges emerging from globalisation, demographic change, digital and green transitions and their impact on the economic cohesion of European regions until 2035. The research includes the development and analysis of vulnerability indices related to each challenge. One macroeconomic (CAM) and four well-established regional economic models (GEM-E3, E3ME, MASST-5, EU-EMS) are employed to assess how the three challenges might affect EU regions' potential future growth patterns and thus also regional cohesion until the year 2035. The study also includes detailed qualitative work on the regions' adaptive and mitigating capacities with respect to these challenges. The results of this research project are important contributions to the European debate on the future of EU Cohesion policy. The project is a collaborative venture of seven leading European research institutes and is coordinated by the Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw).