

ESPON | Territorial impacts of Covid-19 and policy answers in European regions and cities

The project : a) analyses the geographical patterns of the Covid-19 pandemic in European regions and cities to support the design of targeted territorial recovery strategies;
 b) collects and evaluates initiatives taken at regional and local levels. <http://www.espon.eu/geocov>

The **objective** of this activity is to receive answers to the following key questions:

- What does the geographical pattern of the Covid-19 pandemic (in terms of e.g. fatalities, hospitalisations) look like across European regions and cities and how has it evolved since the beginning of the pandemic?
- Which factors (e.g. population density, intensity of flows and social interactions, green areas/open space) explain best the level of exposure of cities, regions and functional urban areas to the Covid-19 pandemic?
- To which degree have poverty, social inequalities and social exclusion been affected by the pandemic and subsequent lockdown measures? Have European cities and regions been hit differently in that respect?
- Which 'proactive' policy approaches to coping with the pandemic during and after the first wave have proved to be working well for European regions and cities?
- How important has multi-level and cross-sectoral governance been in responding to the pandemic?
- How can territorial cooperation frameworks, tools and resources for cross-border regions be strengthened in times of crises?

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