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## THE COHSMO PROJECT PROVIDES

- ✓ Recommendations on sustainable economic growth, as well as spatial and democratic development to policy-makers and authorities at local, regional, national and international level.
- ✓ Scientific and professional communities with comparative knowledge of the links between urbanization, demographic change and territorial inequalities, as well as a conceptual further development of the European Social Model.
- ✓ Citizens and citizen organizations with improved participation in planning and implementation of political strategies to increase the quality of life of citizens
- ✓ The opportunity for experts from businesses, science and public institutions to share their experience and knowledge with the project, as well as national and European committees.

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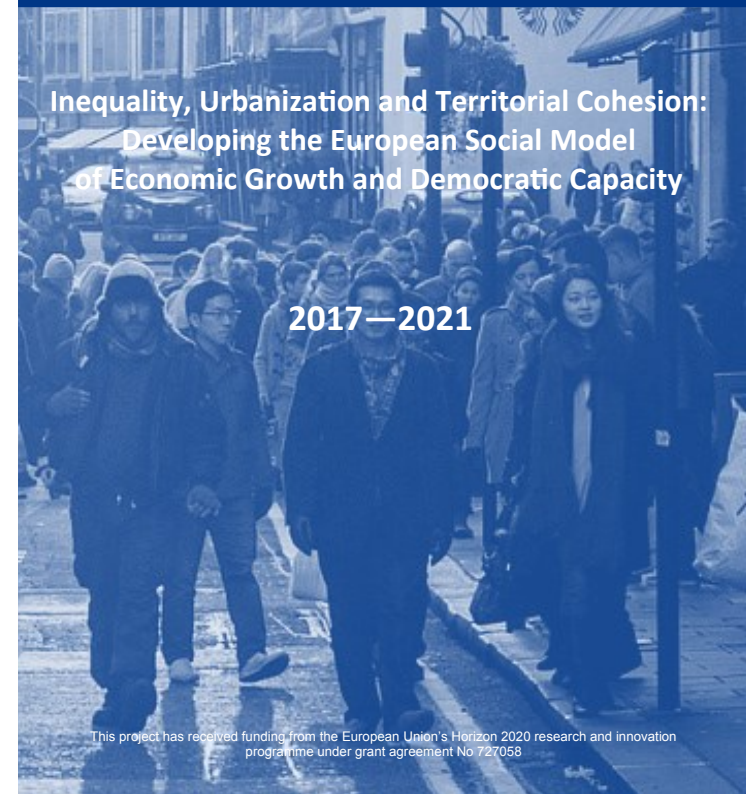
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# COHSMO

**Inequality, Urbanization and Territorial Cohesion:  
Developing the European Social Model  
of Economic Growth and Democratic Capacity**

**2017—2021**



## WHAT IS COHSMO?

**COHSMO** is a comparative research project combining quantitative and qualitative methods of data collection and analysis, while integrating local contexts. The goal is to understand the interplay between strategies, growth and local circumstances.

In seven EU countries, the COHSMO teams analyse and compare the impact of regional conditions on social, political and economic development.

**COHSMO** is the acronym for this trans-European research project on *Inequality, urbanization and territorial COhesion: Developing the European Social MOdel of economic growth and democratic capacity* launched on May 1st 2017. The project receives financial support from the EU Commission for a four year period from 2017—2021. The project is funded by the Horizon 2020 programme.



## WHAT IS COHSMO ABOUT?

Inequalities between various localities seem to be on the rise, differences that threaten the social cohesion at local, regional and national levels and even produce serious tensions between European countries.

A number of changes have influenced the position of many localities; globalisation and industrial restructuring have triggered a round of changes on the labour market, which have favoured especially larger cities. Intensified urbanization is taking place in many countries as a consequence, a process that includes migration of particularly younger people.

One outcome is that small towns and rural districts have lost a good deal of their population and the average age of the remainders is increasing. The same type of localities have large numbers of uninhabited homes, which slowly deteriorate while larger cities suffer from rising housing costs due to the growing demand.

**COHSMO** investigates the relation between socio-economic structures of inequality, urbanization and territorial cohesion, and how territorial cohesion at different European scales affect economic growth, spatial justice and democratic capacities.

## OBJECTIVES AND AIM

- Insights into the interactions of social policies, urbanization, increasingly social inequalities and territorial cohesion of different regions in Europe.
- Analyses of regional, spatial and economic policies in terms of their socio-economic impact on territorial cohesion.
- The identification of successful measures to promote socio-economic equity and socio-economic well-being at local and regional level.

On the basis of the results of **COHSMO**, policy recommendations related to sustainable economic growth, spatial justice and democratic capacity will be made for policy instruments at different scales—both in a national and European context. Because recommendations stem from local-sensitive and cross-national research, they will make it possible to further develop the European Social Model.

The aim of **COHSMO** is to improve:

- Life quality
- Equality
- Effectiveness of development strategies and cooperation

The logo for COHSMO, featuring the word "COHSMO" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The letter "O" is replaced by a white circle containing a blue compass rose. The logo is set against a dark blue background within a white-bordered box.

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INEQUALITY, URBANIZATION AND TERRITORIAL COHESION:  
DEVELOPING THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL MODEL OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEMOCRATIC CAPACITY