

# Resilient Cities

Why have some regions been more resilient to the recent economic crisis than others? This project investigates how successful European regions have been in diversifying their economies and developing new growth opportunities, and whether economic resilience goes hand in hand with higher social well-being.

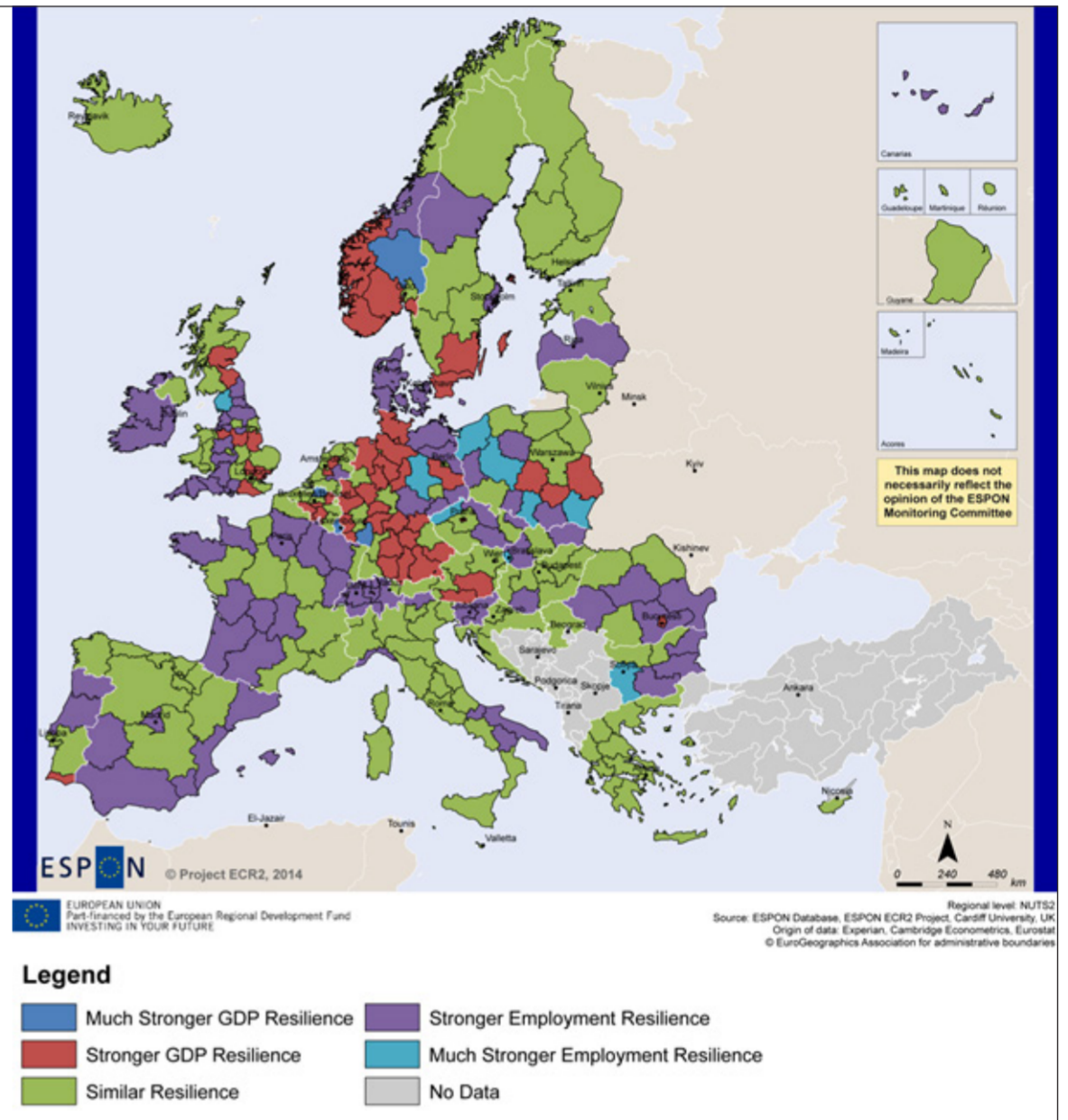
We focus on both the place-based economic and institutional conditions that shape resilience, and network dependencies in terms of trade, foreign direct investments and knowledge competences. Regions that are strongly linked with other regions can be tapping into additional resources for diversification, growth and social well-being, but also losing these to others.

We show that place-based policies of competitiveness and resilience need to be complemented with network- and people-based policies.

• Over half of European regions showed equal resilience in GDP and employment, suggesting the two elements are strongly linked.

• Export-oriented, innovative and diversified regional economies performed and recovered better and became more competitive after the crisis.

Source: ESPON (2014)



## Aim/objective

- Analysing urban economic and social resilience
- Analysing the place-based and network determinants of resilience
- Examining policy implications regarding the effectiveness of interventions such as place-based programmes

## Approaches/methods

- Conceptualising resilience as an evolutionary process
- Using quantitative analysis of urban regions in EU27 and comparable US regions to robustly identify causal effects
- In-depth analysis of policies in 6 regions

## Expected results and impacts

- To provide researchers and policy-makers with robust analysis of resilience measures and contextual policy effects
- To improve our understanding of resilience in order to achieve societal goals such as competitiveness and social well-being

## Involved cities

- Rotterdam, the Netherlands
- London, UK
- Patras, Greece
- Warsaw, Poland
- La Coruna, Spain
- Linköping, Sweden

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