



## RELOCAL

### Overview

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# What we have done?



The aim of fairness with regard to availability of services of general interest has become increasingly difficult and expensive to achieve

- Raises the issue of reforming cohesion policies in order to develop more adequate responses to these social and territorial challenges

Public services have special connotations in each European country

- Consequence is that there is no consensus at the community level about the public services

The European Social Model reflects on values shared by the concept of social justice

- Territorial cohesion is based on principles of spatial justice, it is also aimed by the provision of SGI

Urban areas form one extreme and rural/sparsely populated areas the other extreme

- Social exclusion and thereby the demand/supply of public services is in many cases more related to region's characteristics



# What did we learn?



- Place-based policies aimed at enhancing social/spatial justice and inclusion have a significant impact
- Place-based policies and tailored public services need to have a broad understanding on the role of local actors
- Crucial question is how to combine cohesion policy and national level public service provision
- Where demographic development is too challenging as a policy target, an adaptation policy may pursue to compensate for shrinking by concentrating on implications for wellbeing