

Sectoral analysis on the cohesion as an overall value and objective of the EU

Period of performance: 2020-2021

EU Cohesion Policy is often reduced to the cohesion funds in the public debate, but it is in fact one of the Union's overarching objectives. Against this background, the project examined the "cohesion spirit" of policies and legal matters outside the classical cohesion funds.

Individual Cohesion ← EU Cohesion Monitor → Structural Cohesion

► Experience

Citizens of other EU countries
Population living near EU border
Visited another EU country
Socialised with people from other EU countries
Press freedom
Participation in educational exchanges
Non-EFTA neighbours

► Engagement

Turnout in EP elections
Votes for anti-EU parties in EP elections
Votes for anti-EU parties in national elections

► Attitudes

Trust in the European Union
Image of the European Union
National interests in the EU
Perception of European identity
Satisfaction with democracy in the EU
Feeling of attachment to the EU

► Approval

Economic and monetary union
Common foreign policy
Common defence and security
Common migration policy

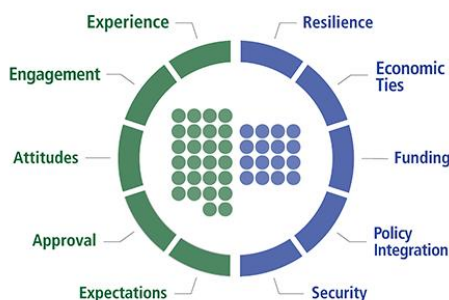
► Expectations

Life in general
Personal job situation
Household financial situation
Country's economic situation
EU's economic situation
Optimism about EU's future

The Monitor measures EU cohesion in two complementary dimensions:

Individual cohesion describes people's experiences, attitudes, beliefs, and well-being.

Structural cohesion describes countries' connections and practices within the EU.



► Resilience

Disposable income
Government debt
Poverty
Unemployment
Income equality

► Economic Ties

Trade in goods with the EU
Trade in services with the EU
Trade openness towards the EU

► Funding

EU spending in country
Contribution to the EU budget

► Policy Integration

Number of opt-outs
Single market transposition deficit
Single market infringements

► Security

Participation in multinational deployments
Multinational commands and forces
Multinational development and procurement

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ÖIR contributed to the project with methodological inputs to assess the "cohesion spirit" of the individual policies and legal matters. In a broad screening of public documents, policies were contrasted with the existing challenges of Cohesion Policy and conclusions about the effects were derived.

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<https://cor.europa.eu/en/engage/studies/Documents/Cohesion-as-an-Overall-Value-of-the-European-Union/cohesion-spirit.pdf>