



# Key Insights from our Research Journey

## *Turning Knowledge into Action for a Fairer Europe*

### About the Project

ESSPIN is a **European research project tackling social, economic, and territorial inequalities across Europe**. Through data, analysis, and real-world case studies, it offers practical solutions to help shape fairer, more inclusive public policies. Its findings empower citizens, organisations, and institutions to collaborate across local, national, and EU levels.

### Why Inequality Concerns Everyone?

- **Inequality starts where you live:** in housing, education, and healthcare access.
- **Public services aren't equal for everyone:** ESSPIN highlights where and how to improve them.
- **Green transitions must include everyone:** fairness for all, not just a few.

### What ESSPIN Reveals

- **WP1 – Defining and measuring inequality across social and spatial scales: limits, thresholds, realities and perceptions**

Inequality varies across regions and groups. ESSPIN proposes flexible tools to measure it realistically, incorporating local contexts and people's perceptions—essential for understanding what truly works.

- **WP2 – The interconnections of pre-market drivers of inequality with other processes and their impact across social groups and spatial scales**

Crises like COVID-19 and climate change deepen inequalities. Yet, some communities show resilience thanks to inclusive local policies and accessible services. Digitalisation can help—but only if it's truly inclusive.

- **WP3 – The interconnections of in-market drivers of inequality with other processes and their impact across social groups and spatial scales**

Technological and environmental shifts bring both opportunities and exclusions. Economic concentration leaves regions and social groups behind. A fair transition must ensure no one is forgotten.

- **WP4 – The interconnections of post-market drivers of inequality with other processes and their impact across social groups and spatial scales**

Smart and green policies are promising, but risk excluding vulnerable groups if not designed inclusively. Public perceptions of inequality vary and shape support for policy. Understanding these views is vital.

- **WP5 – Learning from the dark side: Evaluation of proactive and reactive policy design and delivery to compact inequality in left behind social groups and places**

Policies work best when co-designed with communities. Case studies from 16 European regions show that citizen involvement is key to reducing inequalities effectively and sustainably. Local solutions can inspire global change.

### Our Key Message

**Inequality is not inevitable.**

With knowledge, collaboration, and courage, we can build together fairer, more inclusive, and resilient cities.



## Our Partners

The project is carried out by a consortium of 13 partners:



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## What You Can Do: Take Action And Be Part of the Change

### • For Citizens

- Join local initiatives for inclusion
- Collaborate with public bodies and NGOs
- Raise awareness about inequality

### • For Institutions

- Use ESSPIN data to design fairer policies
- Strengthen links between local action and EU strategy
- Actively involve communities in decision-making

## Get in Touch With Us To Contribute to Our Mission!

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