European Committee of the Regions

Territorial impact assessment

Barometer of cities and regions

| **Working language:** English |

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Monday, 29 June
13:45 to 16:30

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14:00 **Introduction to the topic**

14:30 **Explanation of the ESPON Quick Scan TIA tool**

14:45 **Brainstorm and mind-mapping**

16:00 **Selection of relevant statistical indicators**

16:30 **End of the first part of the workshop**

Tuesday, 30 June
09:45 to 12:00

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10:00 **Discussion on the findings, results and hypothesis**

11:15 **Policy recommendations**

12:00 **End of the workshop**

Technical Information

This workshop will take place online, in one afternoon and one morning. To participate, you will need a computer with internet access and a microphone (a camera might be useful, but is not necessary).

We will use three online tools for this workshop: Webex (for the conference itself), Conceptboard for the brainstorm exercise (first day) and sli.do for the voting on statistical indicators.

Please write to igor.caldeira@cor.europa.eu to confirm your attendance and if you have any further doubts.

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This workshop will consist of a qualitative assessment of the the impact of COVID-19 on Europe's regions and cities.

It is part of a larger factual/evidence-based report on the State of the Cities and Regions in the COVID19 crisis (Barometer of cities and regions). This report will be a key input for the preparation of the CoR President's State of the Cities and Regions speech and an accompanying resolution for the October Plenary.

The *Barometer of cities and regions* report should be delivered by 4 September and include:

- Assessment of the impact of COVID-19 on Europe's regions and cities;
- Review of the EU's response to the crisis with particular attention to measures affecting the local and regional level;
- Policy recommendations, also based on the feedback collected via the CoR COVID platform;
- Reality check from the regional and local angle, and offer a LRAs perspective on how to improve EU legislation and measures;
- Particular attention to COVID impact and responses in the following areas: investing in social and employment; SMEs; education and youth; science policy and research.

The TIA Quick Scan methodology will be used to assess the likely impact of COVID-19 at regional level on key indicators or to identify key risks to the economy at regional level. Several sources of data will be used: existing data; preliminary results of the study and survey being done by the CoR's ECON commission; data gathered in the context of this file note.

The workshop's report will include conclusions from the data gathered and the expert advice on the territorial impact of the pandemic and, on that basis, policy recommendations.

Estimated timeline

29/30 June	TIA Workshop in the CoR
27 July	First draft circulated to the experts for comments
03 August	Final draft for revision
10 August	Publication CoR's website