

Access to basic services in rural/urban communities

Dimension - Social Developments

Associated Key Factor:

Social policy and cohesion standards

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The indicator:

Access to basic services such as work, education, commuting, leisure and shopping in both the rural and urban areas.

Description

The accessibility issue is governed by many factors - spatial planning (urban and regional planning) and transport planning (public and private). Thus this indicator could help in understanding the way the spatial planning and transport planning are influencing access. This also increases in importance in the rural areas where most of the commuting is undertaken by cars.

How is it measured?

There is no standard measure for access to basic services. But average length of journey by purpose can be used as a proxy. The purpose of the journey can be shopping, leisure, commuting, education. Another proxy are subjective assessments in surveys (of individuals).

What are the disadvantages of the Indicator?

There are no comparative surveys with consistent quantitative measures. More research is still needed to elaborate a useful methodological framework.

What is the policy relevance of the indicator?

Regional policy and social policy. Basic services

The Indicator is relevant for the following pathways of the FORESIGHT FOR TRANSPORT exercise:

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