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# ENGAGING CITIZENS FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE IN COHESION POLICY

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# « THE WHY »

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# Cost of not engaging citizens in Cohesion policy

## 1. Inefficient policies

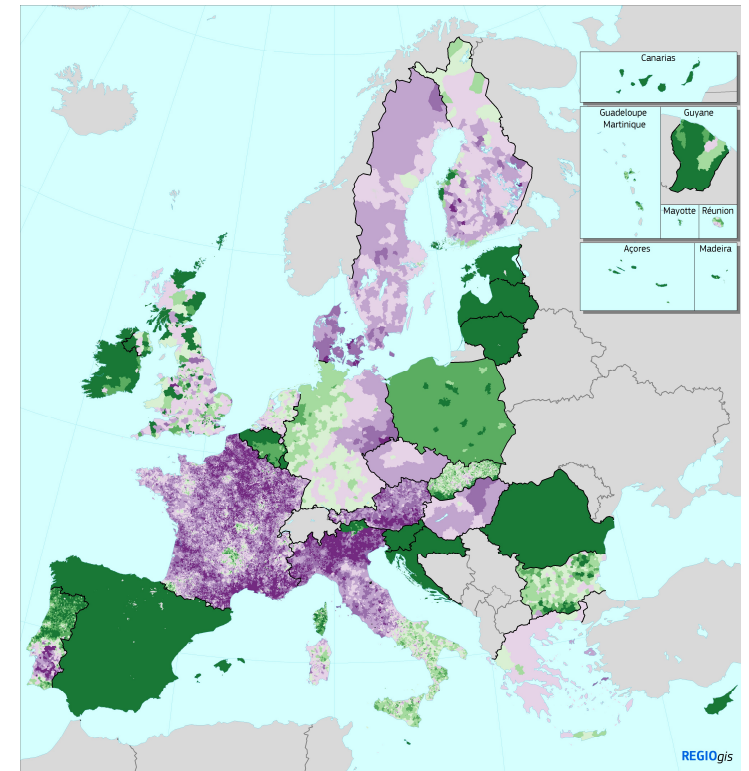
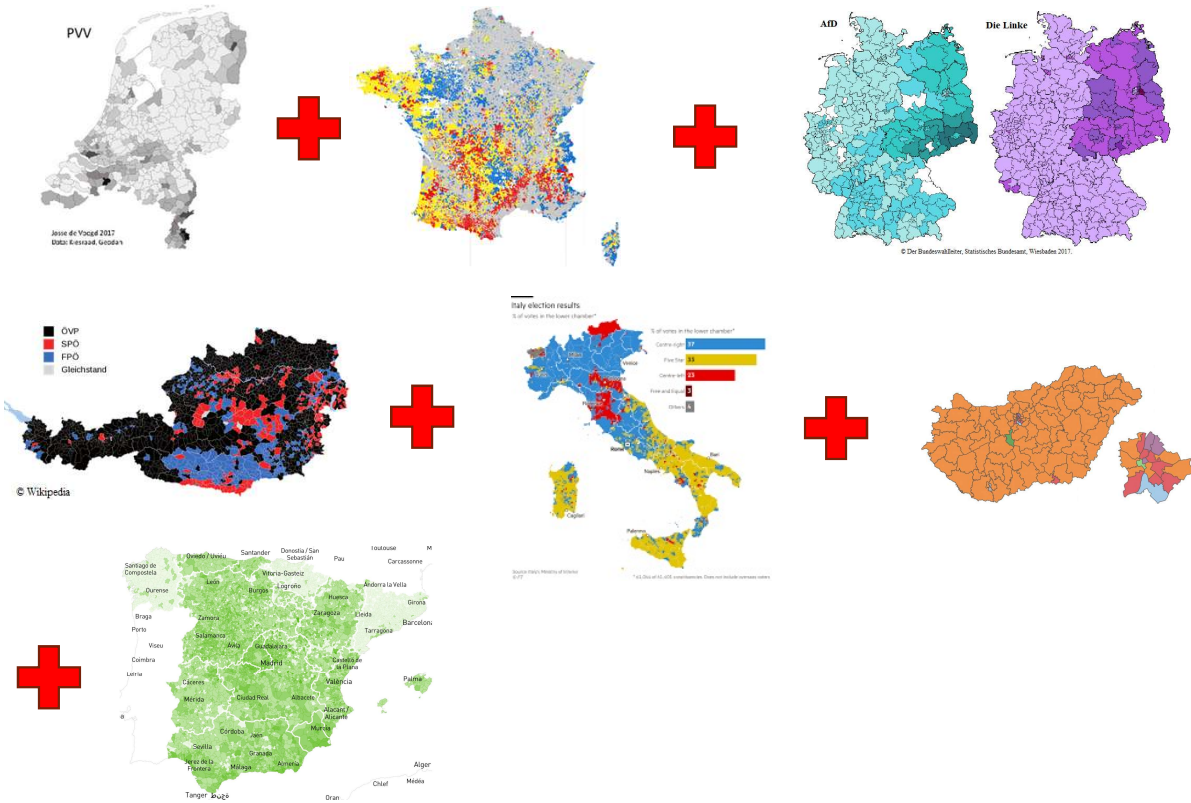


	>80€	>100€	>120€	>150€
Increase in structural fund expenditure	1.93	1.68	1.59	1.50
Increase in quality of government	6.94	6.93	5.63	6.89

**Cohesion policies work better with better institutions, i.e. engaging citizens**

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## 2. Low returns, discontent and resentment



Minimum share of votes for parties (strongly) opposed to European integration, 2013-2018

% of valid votes	
0.0 - 3.0	13.5 - 20.0
3.1 - 6.5	20.1 - 27.0
6.6 - 10.0	27.1 - 35.0
10.1 - 13.4	35.1 - 100.0

Sources: national authorities, CLEA, Chapel Hill Expert Surveys 2014 and 2017, EuroGeographics, DG REGIO  
 Election years:  
 2018: IT  
 2017: BG, CZ, DE, FR, MT, NL, AT  
 2016: IE, ES, HR, CY, LT, RO, SK  
 2015: DK, EE, FI, PL, PT, FI, UK  
 2014: BE, LV, HU, SI, SE  
 2013: LU  
 EU-28 average = 13.4%

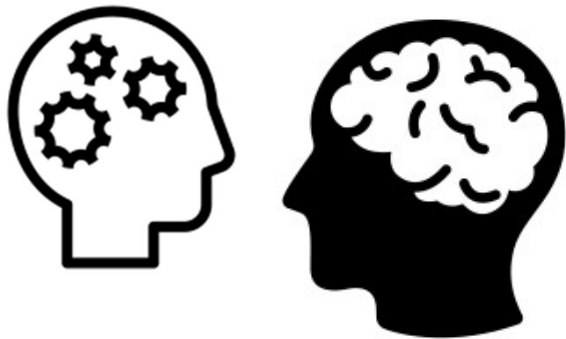
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# The Facts

## 3. Overlooking interventions that are most likely to quell discontent

More likely investments to quell the rise of Euroscepticism

Human resources



RTD



Social infrastructure

