

High Speed Rail and Territorial Cohesion along the design process

From requirements to assessment framework and digital tools

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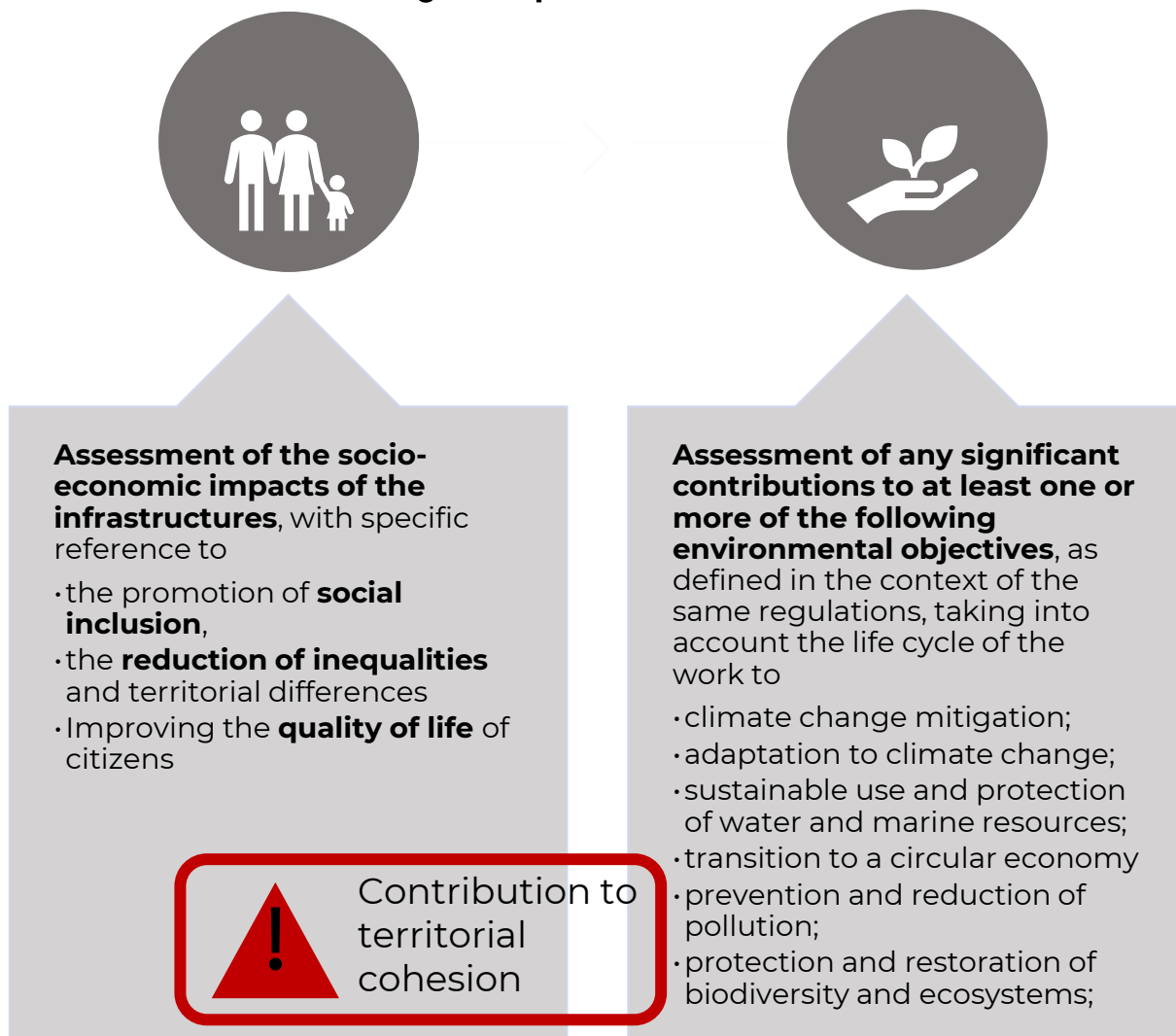
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01. Research question

The Sustainability Report



References

PNRR Guidelines

for the elaboration of the technical and economic feasibility project to be considered at the base of public work tenders of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan and Complementary National Plan

New Italian Procurement Code

With the publication in the Official Journal of Legislative Decree No. 36 of March 31, 2023, the new Public Procurement Code is applied to public tenders for works, services, and supplies launched from July 1, 2023.

02. Goals, methodology and phases

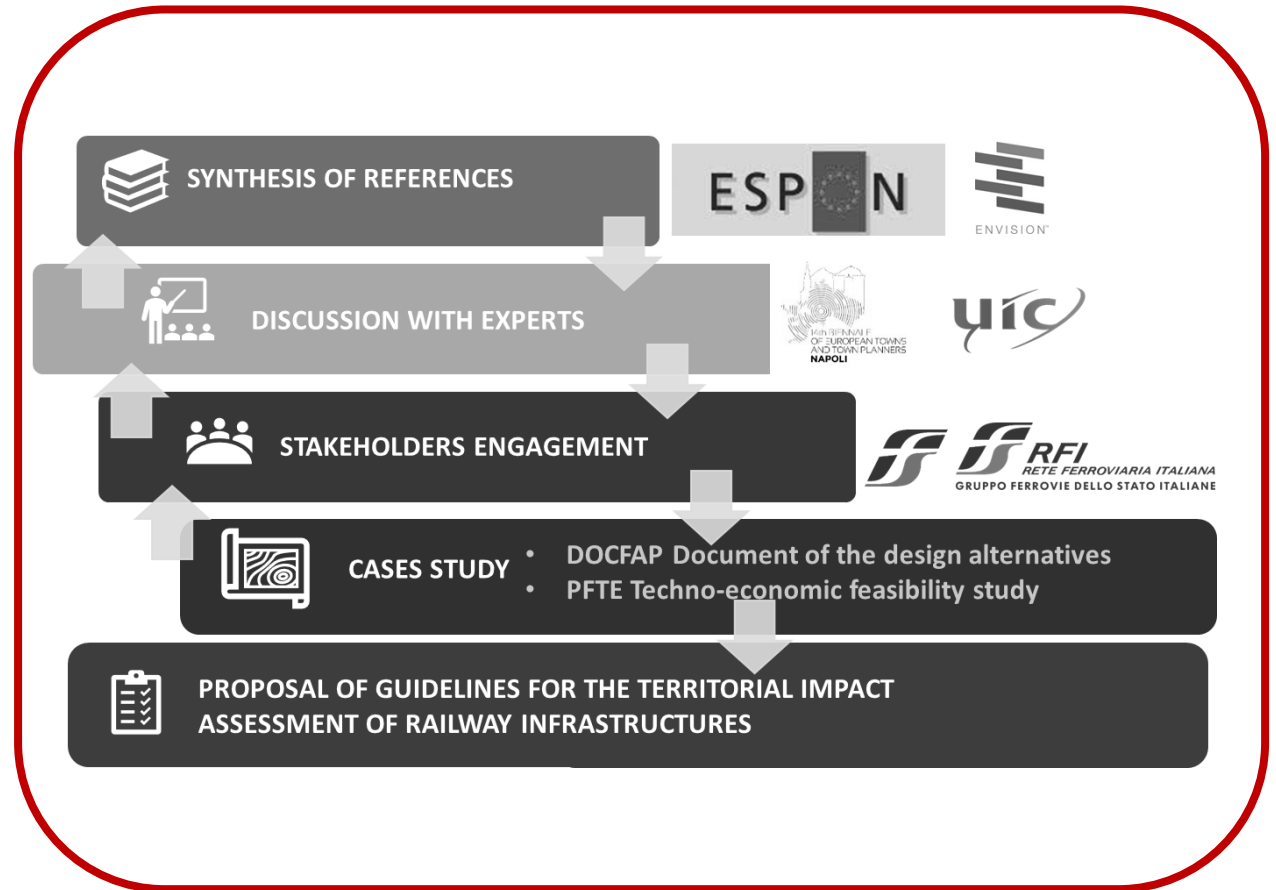
Goals

The Guidelines for the Territorial Impacts Assessment of Railways are aimed at **guiding designer, clients and policy makers in the evaluation of railway project contribution to territorial cohesion**, building a bridge with key sustainability performance indicators.

Methodology

The study considers the **concept of territorial cohesion, interpreted as “the territorial dimension of sustainability”** (Camagni, 2006a), focusing on the Territorial Impact Assessment method (Medeiros, Camagni, Prezioso) and, in particular, on the pioneering Tequila methodology developed by Camagni (Camagni, 2006a).

Phases



03. Synthesis of references and framework proposal

State of the art

An Integrated Approach for the Territorial Impact Assessment of High-Speed Railways



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Keywords High speed rail · Territorial impact assessment · Territorial cohesion

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03. Synthesis of references and framework proposal

A proposal

SUSTAINABILITY REPORT (MIMS, 2021)	PILLARS	INDICATORS	METRIC	TERRITORIAL BENCHMARKS/SENSITIVITY PARAMETERS (regional value)	Sources
REDUCTION OF TERRITORIAL IMBALANCES	Territorial Efficiency	Railway infrastructure safety (reduction of interference)	Pedestrian crossings addition (no.) Rail crossing reduction (n.)	Deaths in railroad crossings (number)	RFI - Rete Ferroviaria Italiana
		External accessibility (to national and international infrastructure nodes)	Reduction of access times to HS stations, Ports and Airports (minutes)	Number of inhabitants in peripheral municipalities according to National Strategy for Inner Areas (n. of inhabitants per Region)	Agenzia Nazionale per la Coesione
		Density of Infrastructural equipment	Increase of railway equipment per area (km of railways per km ²)	Regional railways density per area (km/km ²)	RFI - Rete Ferroviaria Italiana Eurostat
		Safety of people (reduction of accidents)	Modal shift (Additional % of railway modal share in relation to car share)	Regional motorization rate (cars/inhabitants)	Eurostat
		Expense for work purposes	Value of the increase in traffic for work reasons due to the additional business expense (euro/year)	GDP per capita (euros/inhabitant)	ISTAT - Istituto Nazionale di Statistica
		Expense for tourism purposes	Value of the increase in tourist traffic due to the additional tourist expense (euro/year)	Tourism expense per year (euros/year)	CNR - Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche
PROMOTION OF SOCIAL INCLUSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE	Territorial Identity	Accessibility an enhancement of historical-cultural and naturalistic heritage	Reduction of distances from HS stations to regional and national parks or Natura 2000 network (km)	Number of natural parks, cultural sites and itineraries reachable by train stations (number)	RFI - Rete Ferroviaria Italiana
			Reduction of distances from AV stations from archaeological areas (km)		
			Reduction of distances from high-speed stations, cycle paths and cultural and tourist itineraries (km)		
	Territorial Quality	Development of sustainable and resilient territorial visions	Compliance with the objectives shared by the Regional Planning in sustainable infrastructure (n. doc or goals)	Mobility demand in Sustainable Strategies (level of demand)	Regional Strategies for Sustainable Development
		Increase in spaces for collective use	New spaces for social uses (n. or sqm)	Access to services (BES range)	ISTAT - Istituto Nazionale di Statistica
			Regeneration of abandoned or degraded spaces to communities (n. or sqm)		
REDUCTION OF POLLUTION, MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND TRANSITION TOWARDS A CIRCULAR ECONOMY	Territorial Quality	Accessibility to urban and metropolitan services	Reduction of access times at urban and metropolitan levels (minutes)	$TI = \sum_{i=1}^n (\Delta c_i \cdot \theta_{c_i} \cdot Src_i) + \dots + (\Delta c_n \cdot \theta_{c_n} \cdot Src_n)$ $C_{(i=1,2,\dots,n)} = \text{All the Criteria/Indicators of the Framework}$ $\Delta c_i = \text{Indicator value Score}$ $\theta_{c_i} = \text{Criteria/indicators weight } (0 \leq \theta_{c_i} \leq 1)$ $Src_i = \text{Sensitivity of Regions } (0 \leq Src_i \leq 1)$	ISTAT - Istituto Nazionale di Statistica Open Polis Ispra
		Mitigation of the effects on climate change	Climate-changing gas emissions avoided (tCO ₂ e)		
		Air quality	Reduced polluting emissions (t)		
		Energy saving and renewable energy	Percentage of energy used from renewable sources (%)		
			Energy savings resulting from the modal shift (%)		
		Soil	Volumes of excavated land reused (mc)		
			Renaturalisation and/or reclamation of soil and vegetation (sqm)		

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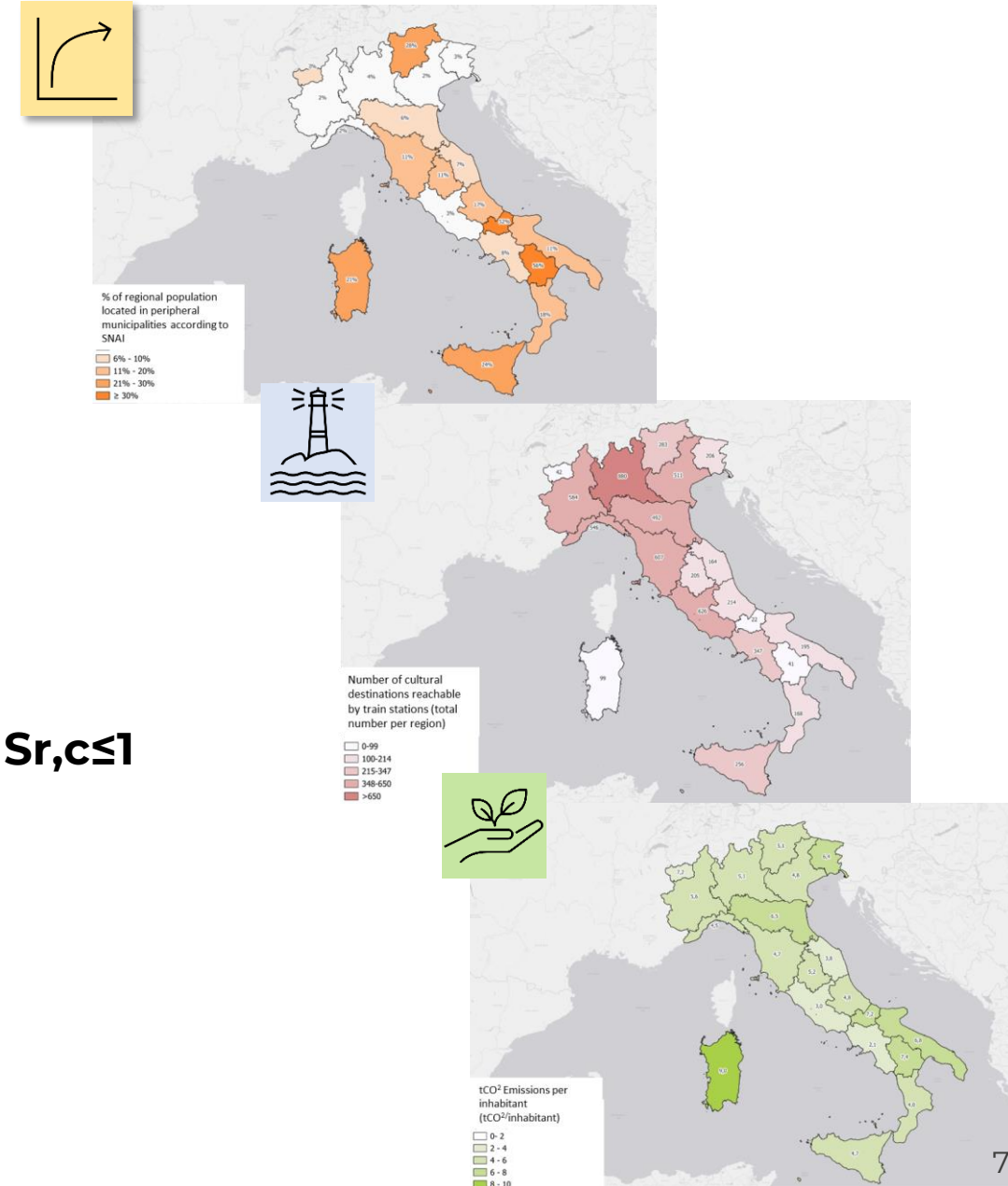
Territorial sensitivity

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can be described as the degree to which a territory (region) is directly and indirectly affected, either adversely or beneficially by change, in relation to **“how single territories/regions are subject to specific fields, due to their socio-economic and geographical characteristics and to the social values and territorial stakeholders they are likely to show”**, taking into account possible benefits of infrastructure on functional organization, environment and communities (ESPON, 2012).

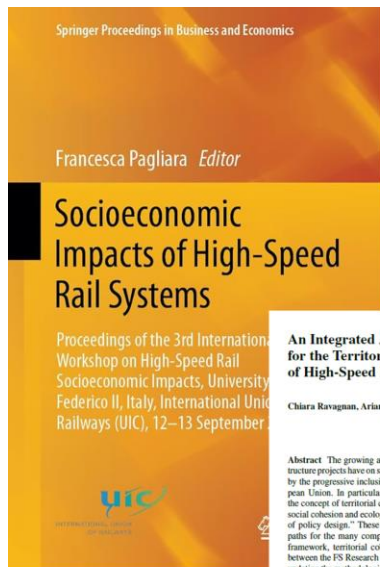
$S_{r,c}$ = regional sensitivity to the criteria/indicator c $0 \leq S_{r,c} \leq 1$

>>> Articulation in 5 ranges



04. Discussion with experts

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Mapping the Potential Territorial Impact of Railways. High Speed Rail and Territorial Sensitivity of Italian Regions

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Abstract The Italian Sustainability Unit and the FS Research Centre of the Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane Group have been developing an integrated set of pillars and indicators for the Territorial Impact Assessment of railways, taking into account the state of the art related to the evaluation of the socio-economic and environmental impacts of infrastructure.

The approach has been developed along a research path involving experts' discussions and applied experimentation in several railway projects as mandatory ongoing steps to achieve the definition of *Guidelines for the Territorial Impact Assessment of Railways*, for the Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane Group and other interested stakeholders.

In fact, professionals, academia and policy-makers increasingly acknowledge the need to consider possible territorial effects of new policies and projects in the field of territorial cohesion, with reference to large EU infrastructure projects, pointing out the diversity of impacts in European regions.

Furthermore, practice shows that these impacts are sometimes felt at regional/local level instead of having a global impact for the entire European territory, due to the "sensitivity of regions".

Territorial (regional) sensitivity can be described as the degree to which a territory (region) is directly and indirectly affected, either adversely or beneficially by change, in relation to: "these single territories/regions are subject to specific fields, due to their socio-economic and geographical characteristics and to the social values and territorial stakeholders they are likely to show", taking into account possible benefits of infrastructure on functional organisation, environment and communities.

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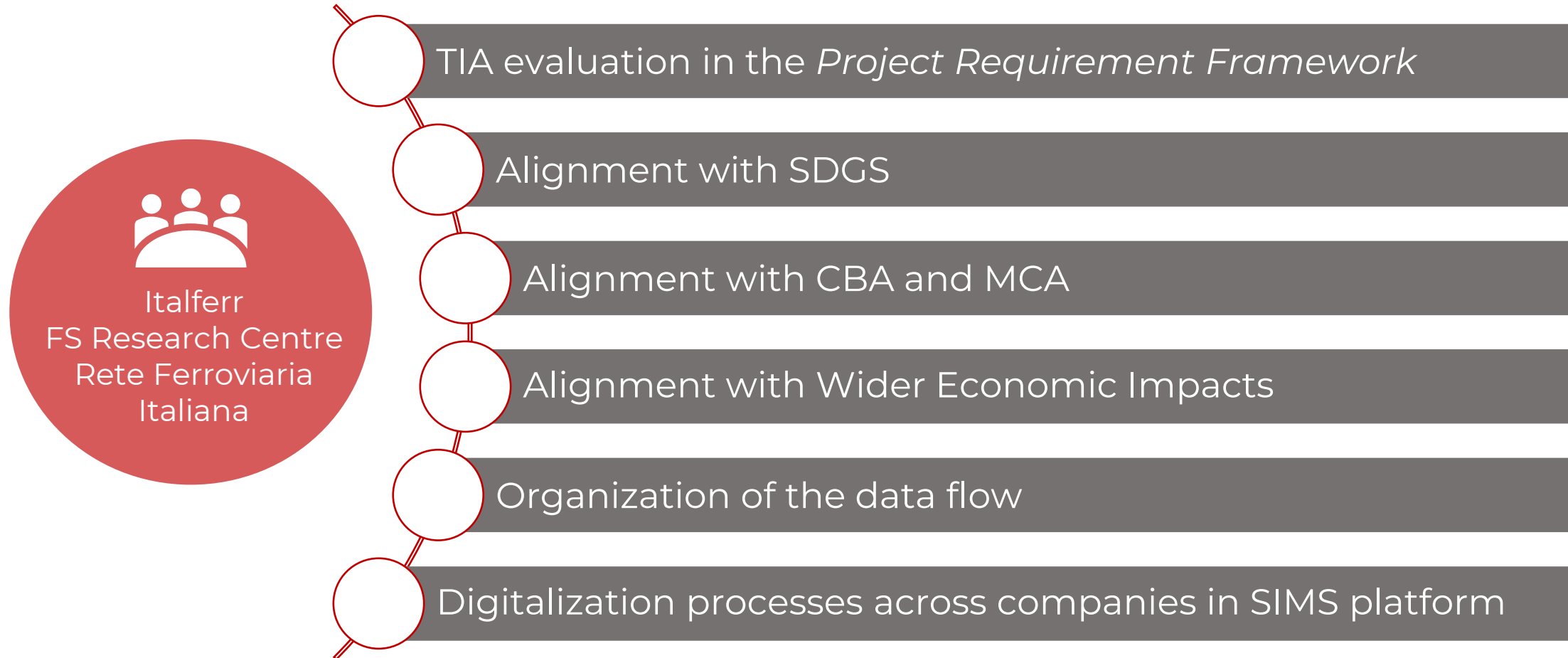
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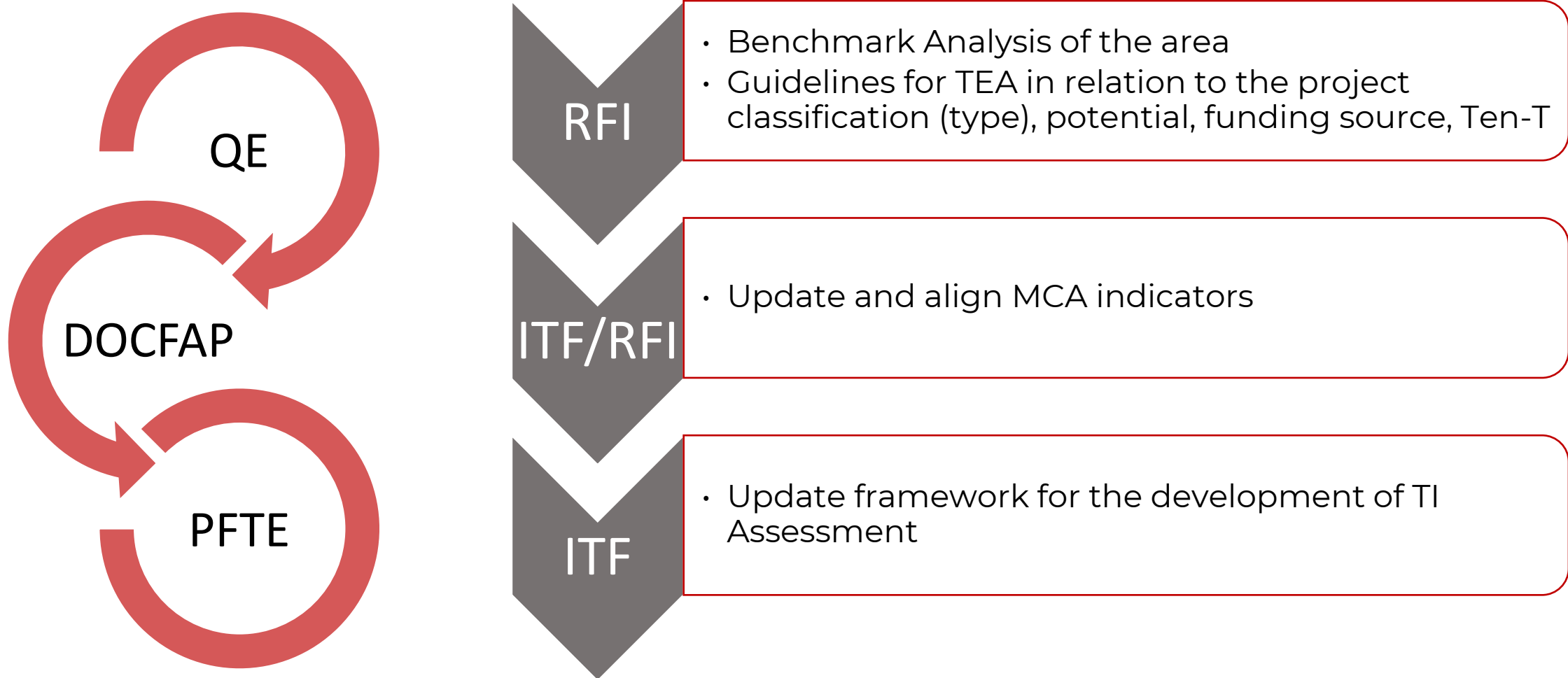
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The updated framework



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The Quadro Esigenziale – *Requirements framework*

The **QE** specifies the needs of the community and the client in relation to the project to be carried out and identifies the objectives to be pursued in a strategic vision of sustainable development.

Key drivers of sustainability



- TEN-T connectivity
- improved accessibility to rail transport;
- reduction of territorial inequalities;
- modal shift, reduction of climate-changing emissions.

The added value of TIA



The QE includes a knowledge layer for the socioeconomic characterization of the area affected by the intervention, which includes governance, demographic, economic, environmental, and other indicators. At this stage, territorial sensitivity analysis can provide a **useful contribution** to the **representation** of benchmarks for identifying indicators that **lag behind national levels**, highlighting any critical issues and determining the relevance of the intervention to reduce territorial disparities.

Possible integration into QE



Sensitivity analysis of TIA

provides a benchmark in the areas of :

- Consistency of the project initiative with territorial governance
- Socio-economic analysis of the intervention area
- Analysis of the environmental and landscape system



Determine whether the reference territory shows a gap compared to the country

05. Stakeholder engagement

DocFAP – Document of feasibility of design alternatives

DOCFAP develops a comparative analysis of design alternatives based on the requirements and objectives outlined in the QE to identify the best alternative.

Key drivers of sustainability

- Conservation of natural resources and biodiversity;
- Reduction in environmental costs;
- Active and integrated governance;
- Enhancement of the landscape and fabric of society;
- Connectivity, access to services and opportunities.

Current situation has been analyzed, in terms of which TIA's indicators are currently used in:

- Transportation studies
- Costs Benefits Analysis
- Multi-Criteria Analysis.

For the same studies, integration proposals have been developed, where it was felt that added value could be brought.

Multi-criteria analysis would be the analysis tool with the greatest integration of some TIA indicators



Key considerations for the category indicators:
Territorial Efficiency and Territorial Identity

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	PILLARS	INDICATORS	PILLARS	INDICATORS		SdT	AMC	ACB	Note	SdT	AMC	ACB	Note		
REDUCTION OF TERRITORIAL IMBALANCES	SUSTAINABLE GROWTH	Risk	Territorial Efficiency	Risk Reduction	Railway infrastructure safety (reduction of interference)	x		x	The costs of carrying out the repair works and the benefits related to the reduction of deaths/injuries and the time saved on the road and rail for users are being evaluated.		x			If attribute not invariant among design alternatives	
		Multimodal accessibility		External accessibility and interregional integration	External accessibility (to national and international infrastructure nodes)	x			We typically estimate accessibility through transportation analyses, based on project characteristics. Rarely do we specifically assess international accessibility.	x	x	x	Depending on the project: through the SdT, we estimate the reduction in access/egress time and the impact on the number of people benefiting from this reduction. Through the CBA, we monetize this benefit, evaluating its economic feasibility. In terms of territorial cohesion, this indicator could be included if the quantification of the attribute itself differs among the project alternatives.		
				General accessibility	Infrastructural equipment						x		If the quantization of the attribute itself turns out to be different		
		Unequal distribution of regional income	Territorial Identity	Internal Connectivity	Regional internal connectivity										
				Relative share of public transport and absence of congestion	Safety of people (reduction of accidents)	x		x	We usually estimate modal shifts in the SdT and the related accident savings in the ACB, monetizing the benefit.				For TIA: the number of accidents could be used as a metric instead of the modal shift		
				Development of regional GDP and reduction of income inequalities	Expense for work purposes						x		If attribute not invariant among design alternatives		
	Expense for tourism purposes									x		If attribute not invariant among design alternatives			
	CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES	Territorial Identity	Visibility and enhancement of cultural heritage and landscape resources	Accessibility an enhancement of historical-cultural and naturalistic heritage						x	x		In terms of territorial cohesion, this indicator could be included if the quantification of the attribute itself is different between the project alternatives.		
			Development of territorial "scenariness" and "visions"							x	x		In terms of territorial cohesion, this indicator could be included if the quantification of the attribute itself is different between the project alternatives.		
PROMOTION OF SOCIAL INCLUSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE	CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES	Territorial Identity	Territorial Quality		Territorial leadership and stakeholder engagement										
				Quality of life and access to public facilities	Increase in spaces for collective use							x		In terms of territorial cohesion, this indicator could be included if the quantification of the attribute itself is different between the project alternatives.	
					Accessibility to urban and metropolitan services	x		x	We usually estimate modal shifts in the SdT and the related time savings between o/d, monetizing the benefit.	x	x		In terms of territorial cohesion, this indicator could be included if the quantification of the attribute itself is different between the project alternatives.		
				Mitigation of the effects on climate change	x		x	We usually estimate the savings in vehicle kilometres and CO2 emissions in the CBA, monetising the benefit.	x	x		We usually estimate the savings in vehicle kilometres and CO2 emissions in the CBA, monetising the benefit.			
					Air quality	x		x	We usually estimate the savings in vehicle kilometers and polluting emissions in the ACB, monetizing the benefit.	x	x		We usually estimate the savings in vehicle kilometers and pollutant emissions in the CBA, monetizing the benefit.		
				Self Sufficiency Energy	Territorial Quality	Protection, saving and regeneration of environmental resources	Use of renewable energies				x	We usually evaluate climate change and polluting emissions in the CBA by considering various energy supplies from increasingly renewable sources over the years (ES source), monetizing the benefit.		x	
	Saving and reusing resources								We are used to using indicators in AMC for earth movement, specifically to date not on the reuse of excavated earth.		x		This indicator could be inserted if the quantization of the attribute itself is different between the design alternatives		
	REDUCTION OF POLLUTION, MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND TRANSITION TOWARDS A LOW-CARBON ECONOMY	SUSTAINABLE GROWTH	Territorial Quality	Territorial Quality											
CO2 emissions															
					Air										
Waste															
Self Sufficiency Energy					Territorial Quality	Protection, saving and regeneration of environmental resources									

05. Stakeholder engagement

The **PFTE** - *Technical and Economic Feasibility Project*

The **PFTE** is a design document that assesses the technical and economic feasibility in the context of public works. It includes studies, analyses, and evaluations to define the project's characteristics, costs, and benefits, and to ensure its sustainability and compliance with regulations.

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REDUCTION OF TERRITORIAL IMBALANCES	SUSTAINABLE GROWTH	Multimodal accessibility	Territorial Efficiency	External accessibility and interregional integration	External accessibility (to national and international infrastructure nodes)	Variation of access times to HSR stations (active mobility)	SNAI Periphericity
				Internal Connectivity	Regional internal connectivity	Reducing the distance of territories from HSR stations or new HSR stations	Existing and projected Ten-T network
				General accessibility	Infrastructural equipment	Increase of railway equipment per 10.000 inhabitants (km of railways per inhabitant)	Regional railways density per capita compared to national and european average
				Traffic Reduction	Traffic congestion reduction	Modal shift (Additional % of railway modal share in relation to car share)	National and regional motorization rate compared to the European average
				Safety	Interference Minimisation	Rail crossing reduction (n.) Pedestrian crossings addition (no.)	Accident rate compared to the European average
		Life expectancy		Development of regional GDP and reduction of income inequalities	Expense for work purposes	Value of the increase in traffic for work reasons due to the additional business expense (euro/year)	Regional GDP per capita compared to the national and European average
					Expense for tourism purposes	Value of the increase in tourist traffic due to the additional tourist expenditure (euro/year)	Added valute of tourism per capita compared to the national and European average
		Unequal distribution of regional income			Territorial Identity	Enhancement of cultural heritage and landscape resources	Reduction of distances from HS stations to regional and national parks or Natura 2000 network (km)
		Reduction of distances from AV stations from archaeological areas (km)		National accessibility of archaeological areas			
		Reduction of distances from high-speed stations, cycle paths and cultural and tourist itineraries (km)		National accessibility of the Cycleways			
PROMOTION OF SOCIAL INCLUSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE	SUSTAINABLE GROWTH	Cultural opportunities	Development of territorial "vocations" and "visions".	Regeneration of landscape		Regeneration of degraded landscape (n. of actions)	BES Landscape satisfaction index
				Development of sustainable territorial visions	Compliance with the objectives shared by the Regional Planning/Programming in terms of sustainable infrastructure (n. doc or goals)	Presence of programming and planning documents based on sustainable mobility	
					Cultural opportunities	Quality of life and access to public facilities	Increase in spaces for collective use
		Accessibility to urban and metropolitan services	Reduction of access times at urban and metropolitan levels (minutes)	Provision of services at municipal and provincial level			
		CO2 emissions	Territorial Quality	Protection, saving and regeneration of environmental resources	Mitigation of the effects on climate change	Climate-changing gas emissions avoided (tCO2e)	Regional emissions in relation to european average
					Air quality	Reduced polluting emissions (t)	Regional emissions in relation to european average
		Self Sufficiency Energy			Use of renewable energies	Percentage of energy used from renewable sources (%)	Use of renewable energies at national and regional level
		Waste			Saving and reusing resources	Volumes of excavated land reused (mc)	Regulation threshold
						Energy savings resulting from the modal shift (%)	Regulation threshold
						Renaturalisation and/or reclamation of soil and vegetation (sqm)	Regulation threshold

Alignment with other methodologies



SDGs



WEI -Wider Economic Impacts



BES - Sustainable and equal wellbeing KPI



EIA - Economic Impact Assessment

06. Guidelines



1. Objectives and scope of application of the Guidelines

- 1.1 Objectives of the guidelines. The contribution of infrastructure projects to territorial cohesion
- 1.2 Scope of application. Sustainability assessments



2. Technical-scientific and regulatory references and setting of the methodological structure

- 2.1 Territorial Impact Assessment TIA
- 2.2 The SDGs
- 2.3 The 2021-2027 Cohesion objectives
- 2.4 The Envision Protocol
- 2.5 Setting of the methodological structure



3. Methodological references for the assessment of the territorial impacts of railway infrastructures

- 3.2 The pillars of territorial cohesion
- 3.3 The indicators of territorial impacts
- 3.4 The sensitivity of the Regions
- 3.5 The methodology for the project TIA



4. Attachments

- The reference documents
- The case study application

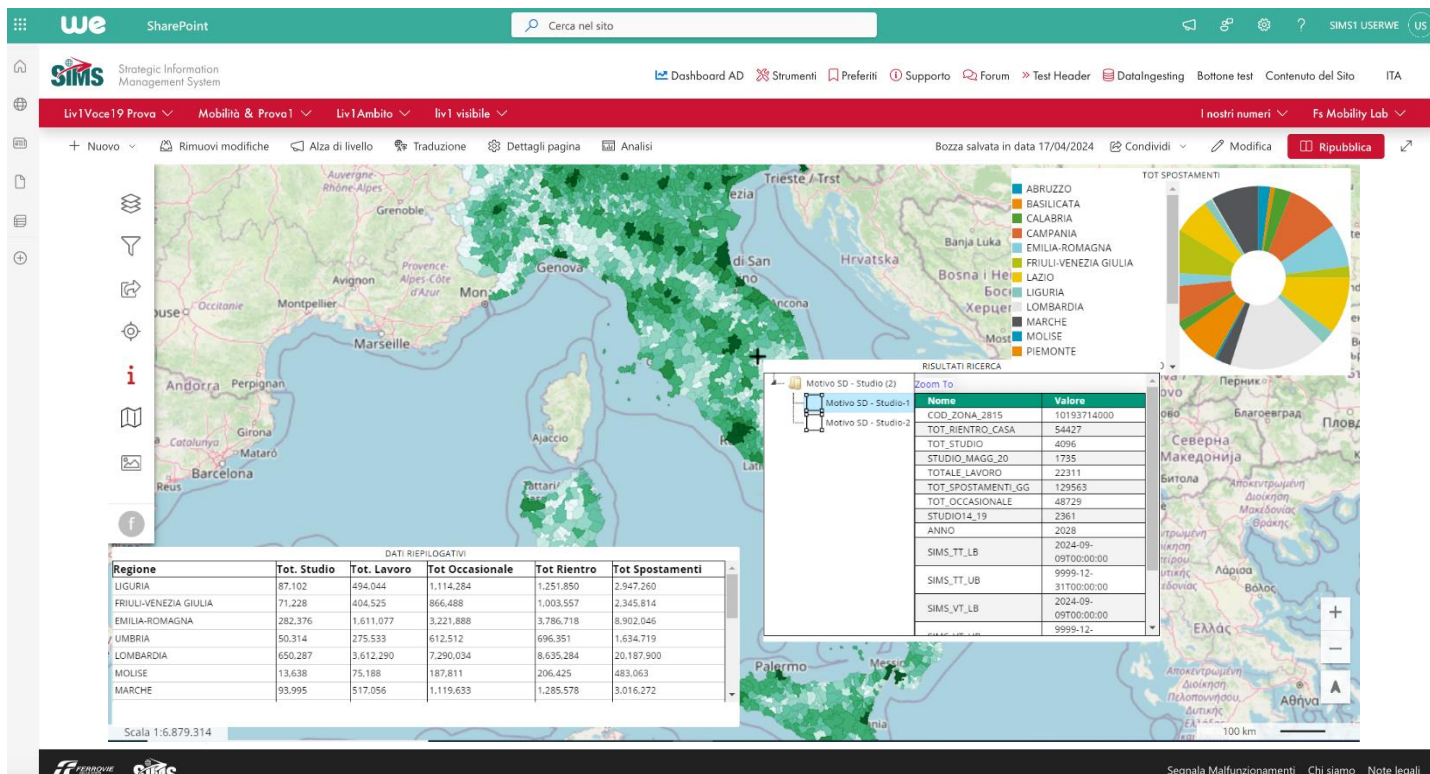
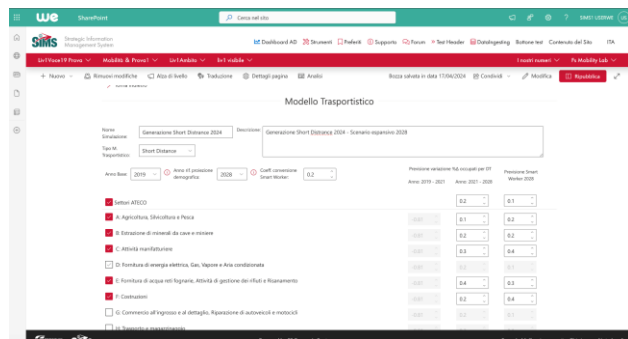
07. TIA & SIMS

The Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane Group has adopted and continues its roadmap for the implementation of a **Strategic Information Management System (SIMS)** aimed at supporting the strategic decision-making processes of the Holding Company FS Italiane and the other FS Group companies and at the collection, storing and processing of official Group data according to the “Process of Supply and Management of Official Data of the FS Italiane Group”.

The purpose of the SIMS is to support the collection and supply of data, information, and information tools through appropriate analysis tools and through the creation of a Data Warehouse.

The Data Warehouse of SIMS and its application and presentation layers based on the Geo-Business Intelligence paradigm guarantees the segregation of data and representations (WebGIS and Geo-BI apps) by profiling of users.

SIMS is, therefore, the perfect container for enterprise-level distribution of TIA framework in a groupware and collaborative environment.



08. Conclusions and future developments



Development of **new KPIs**: Urban planning compliance



Development of **dynamic benchmark maps**: TEN-T network map



Possible **integration with EIA** framework developed by FS Research Centre



Involvement of **external stakeholders** in the discussion, including UIC, ISTAT (National Statistic Institute), INU (National Urban Planning Institute), ISPRA (Environmental Protection and Research Institute).



Release of the **Guidelines** for Railway Projects



Development of the **TIA digital tool** in FS «Strategic Information Management System»



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