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Statistical analysis in support of territorial planning

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The Ptcp of the Province of Naples is a plan based on official data; for this reason, it has more opportunity to open a real debate in consultation rooms and adapt itself to the changing regulatory framework. This is especially true for the Province of Naples which is characterized by a peculiar complexity that has made the challenge of building effective statistical indicators more difficult but at the same time more attractive. In summary, three major groups of indicators and analysis on available statistics can be configured: - the economic data were used for the detection of the Sts (territorial systems development) and subsequent test of consistency of them with the aspects of the landscape. Particular attention was paid to data on the movement of commuters to measure the ability of some municipalities to attract workforce and create strong interrelationships with neighboring territories; - the structural data, both for people and businesses, were used for the analysis of the transport networks and for settlements planning in urban areas by intensifying the redistribution of urban functions in a general objective of polycentrism; - data about quality of buildings and theirs use, overlapped with socioeconomic data of the population, are used for the detection of social homogeneous areas with the highlight of the discomfort's areas which are particularly relevant in operating policies of development and improvement of the overall security of citizens and businesses.

The use of official statistics

is also a tool of implementing the strategic environmental assessment process assumed as a transparency and accountability recruitment in the comparison between measures of state, pressure and result. The use of multidimensional indicators, such as operative synthesis for strategic choices, allows to compare the various solutions. The use of indicators by statistical and geographical analysis, finalized to the identification of homogeneous areas of planning, has made possible a better characterization of the territory and has been an element of counterfactual test of hypotheses advanced by sectoral specialists. These tools enable the identification of the presence of latent variables (often complex and with intangible characteristics), influencing visible events for which it is easier to measure the quantitative characteristics. Therefore the social disadvantage can be measured by a composite indicator devised from a set of indicators measuring the economic conditions of families, the strength of education and culture, the dissemination of services and their accessibility, the structural characteristics of economic reference system, and the proximity of the workplace. In this way it is possible to create areas of weakness with specific characteristics which include: buildings in poor conditions with low graduated population; women who apparently choose to be engaged in exclusive role of housewife: inadequate frequency of preschool; excessive mobility for workers outside the town of residence; the disorderly admixture of places to live and to work.