

Document analysis methodology

The analysis of spatial development documents produced a total of 182 different transnational needs. Most of these individual needs contain a detailed description of

- the transnational dimension,
- the added value that can be expected from respective improvements and
- obstacles that currently impede a transnational spatial development.

To be able to carry out a quantitative analysis of this data collection, we carried out two steps:

- Step 1: We indexed each individual entry with an individual keyword
- Step 2: We summarised related keywords to a keyword category.

As an example this stepwise approach looks like:

Original text reference in the spatial planning document, e.g. regarding the transnational dimension: Is a declination of the Community strategic guidelines for rural development (programming period 2007 to 2013) (2006/144/EC): "improving governance and mobilising the endogenous development potential of rural areas"

Individual key word applied: Rural areas' endogenous development potential

keyword category applied: Rural development

Approach, methodology and key findings of the document analysis

For a more detailed description of the approach, the methodology and key findings of the document analysis, please refer to [the Working Paper on Action 4.2 Transnational Needs](#).

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