

Sustain basic services

Unbalanced service provision between urban, peri-urban and remote rural areas creates inequalities in living conditions and increases mobility between major towns and their hinterlands. With regard to the recommendations of accessibility and mobility (see [Accessibility & Mobility](#)), and those to strengthen the settlement hierarchy (see [Strengthen small- and medium-sized urban centres](#)), it is important to act in favor of maintaining and providing basic services (or Services of General Interest, SGI) in remoter areas. A major aim is to facilitate equal opportunities for the local population in its social, cultural and economic development. The [ACCESS](#) project provides best practices from pilot regions in this regard, e.g. experiences with sharing facilities, alternative service offer (e-services) and governance approaches to the joint planning of service offer.

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