

# Accessibility

"Accessibility refers to the ease of reaching destinations. In addition to physical accessibility through transport infrastructure, connectivity through advanced telecommunication systems contributes to improving the intangible accessibility of areas. Accessibility depends upon the extension and quality of transport infrastructure and services. People living in places that are highly accessible can reach many destinations quickly, while people in inaccessible places can reach fewer places in the same amount of time. The progress of telecommunication systems has created a new form of intangible accessibility which plays a significant part in territorial development potentialities. The level of accessibility is a very important factor for territorial development, especially in the present context of globalisation."

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