

WHAT IS WILCO?

WILCO is a EU-funded project aiming to examine, through cross-national comparative research, how local welfare systems favour social cohesion.

By contextualising innovations in local welfare, we have been more effective in understanding how they could work in other cities, for the benefit of other citizens.

WILCO helped to understand how the creativity and energy in European cities can be tapped into and used to its full potential.

WHO IS CONCERNED BY WILCO?

Researchers and academics interested in the emerging topic of social innovation from the perspective of welfare, civil society and social enterprise studies.

Practitioners, professionals and other citizens involved in social innovations from the various activity sectors included in WILCO.

Policy makers and public administrators, from the local to the European level, who are interested in supporting the development of social innovation.

General public and citizens who are aware of the challenges facing European society and interested in exploring some examples across Europe.

In all, everybody interested in how local social innovation emerges and can be replicated in different European contexts will find relevant information on the WILCO Project website.

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THE WILCO PROJECT

UNDERSTANDING INNOVATIONS IN LOCAL WELFARE TO STRENGTHEN SOCIAL COHESION AND LOWER SOCIAL INEQUALITIES



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Welfare innovations at the local level in favour of cohesion

Local welfare systems typology

Cluster of cities based on structural social indicators

| | Inclusive cities | Cities with a selective labor market | Vulnerable cities |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Complete universalistic policies | Stockholm Amsterdam a | Malmö Nijmegen Münster | |
| Employment-based policies | Geneva Bern Berlin b | Birmingham Lille Nantes | |
| Fragmented policies | | Milan Brescia Barcelona c | Pamplona |
| Residual policies | | | Zagreb Warsaw Plock d |

Local welfare policy models



Dimensions of innovation

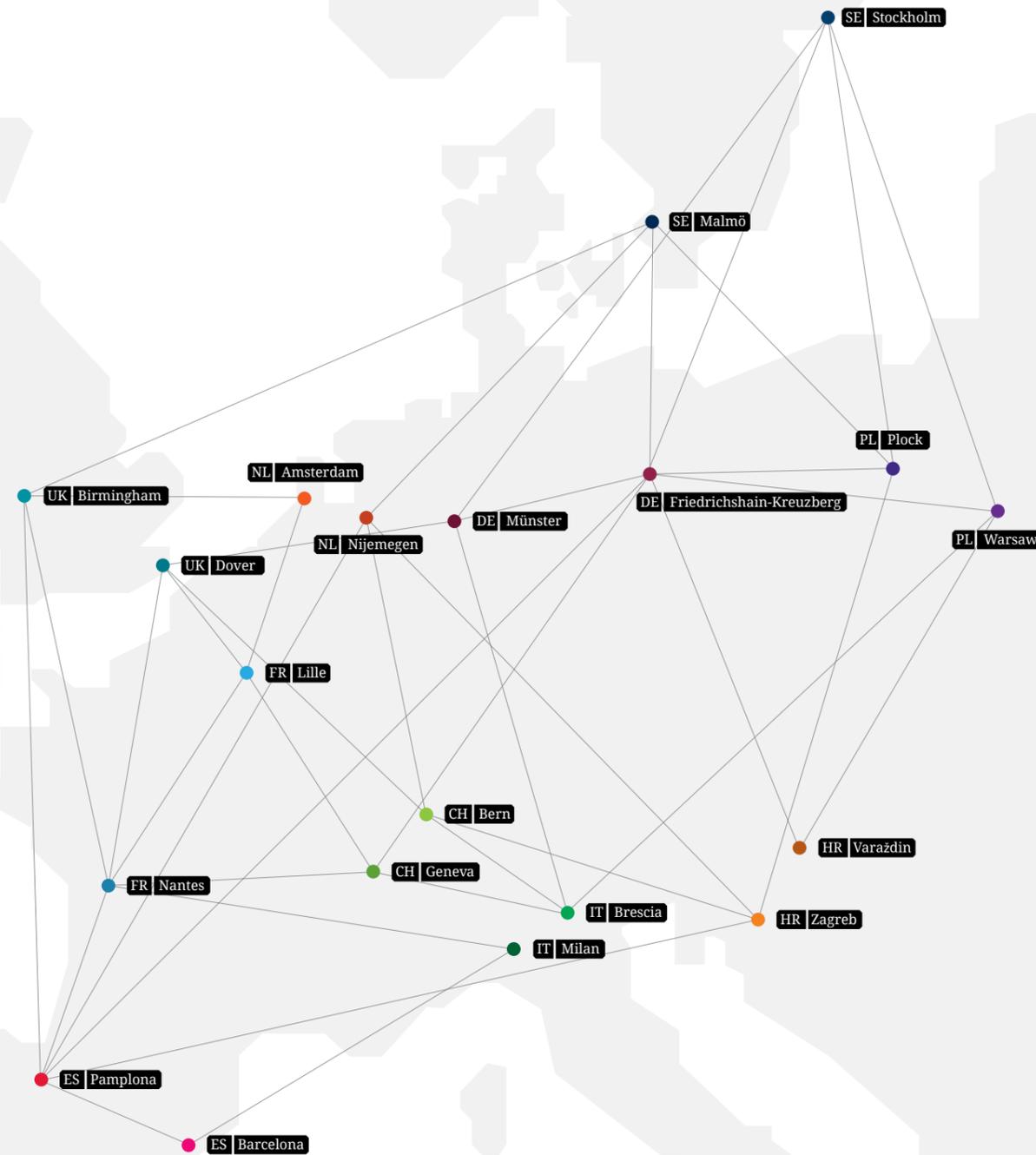
- Service innovations
- Innovations in regulations and rights
- Innovations in governance
- Innovations in working and financing
- Innovations in welfare systems

These five dimensions hopefully allow to integrate our findings into current debates as they can be found in the community of researchers on welfare and social policy but as well among researchers on urbanism and local policy.



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RESULTS

visit: www.wilcoproject.eu

The main results from the WILCO Project take the format of videos and various types of publications, there are also reports available from grassroots events and numerous participation in international events. All the results are available on the WILCO Project website.

Videos

A documentary divided in three individual video pieces was produced at the end of the WILCO Project featuring the challenges, the solutions via social innovation and the governance regimes implemented. In addition, the YouTube page of the project features the various videos created during the project.

- Social vulnerability in European cities.
- Social Innovations across Europe.
- Governance of innovation across European cities.

Publications



- 40 City reports (on innovation and governance)
- 10 National reports on local welfare systems
- 4 Comparative reports (some published as EMES Working Papers)
- 3 Policy briefs
- 2 Edited volumes: "Social vulnerability in European cities" (2014) and "Social Innovations in the urban context" (2015)
- 1 e-Book "Social Innovations for social cohesion"
- 1 Measures of Social Cohesion: Comparative Report

e-Book

The aim of this book is to present a detailed presentation of all 77 social innovations studied as well as an initial transversal reflection on patterns across Europe.



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