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## MOBI-TWIN | Unveiling research outcomes on spatial mobility development

The **MOBI-TWIN** project has accomplished a noteworthy milestone by completing its initial stage of research activities exploring the interactions between spatial mobility, its drivers, and the Twin Transition to understand how current spatial mobility flows can be changed or leveraged by left-behind areas across Europe.

During the first phases, the consortium studied the various types of spatial mobility that now exist and the key factors that influence them by conducting an extensive state-of-the-art analysis that provided a robust framework for the future phases of the project. Specifically, the analysis establishes the baseline for setting the basic types of spatial mobility (short-term, long-term, circular) to be examined and offers a comprehensive exploration of the factors acting as push and pull forces of spatial mobility to and from a region.

The impact of significant changes on spatial mobility, such as the Twin Transition, the COVID-19 experience, and Brexit, is another area of emphasis for the study. Additionally, it highlights the potential effects of spatial mobility on regional and rural development, transportation, and broader sustainability aspects. Special attention is given to the definition of left-behind and



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demographically declining areas, emphasising the importance of integrating these areas into policy development processes. This foundational theoretical framework will underpin the subsequent actions of the project.

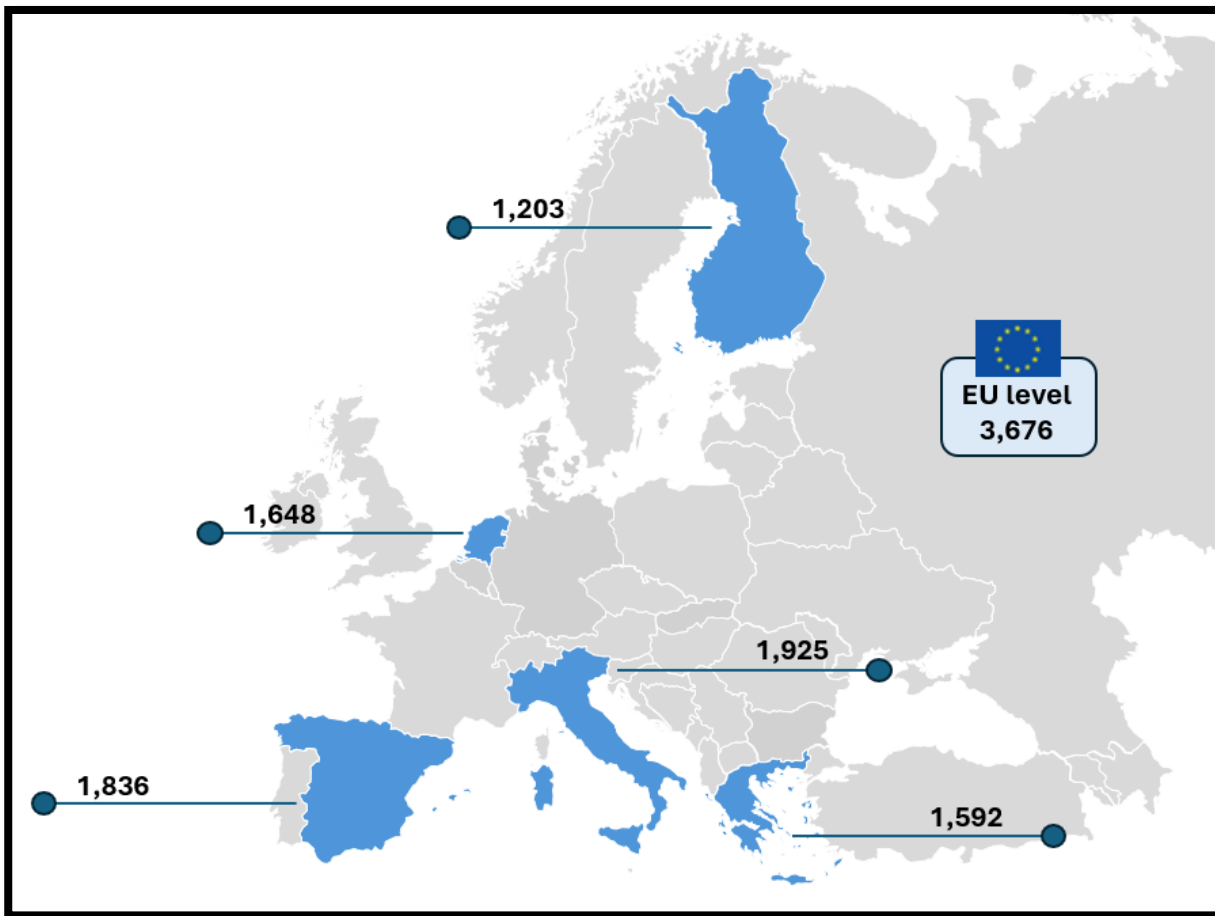
In addition to this research, MOBI-TWIN has undertaken a large-scale survey on citizens' perceptions and trade-offs regarding the drivers, forms, and effects of spatial mobility in relation to the concept of regional attractiveness. This survey aimed to create a concrete dataset for the project's following steps, providing a solid understanding of citizens' preferences and choices in the era of digital transformation and green transition.

The **survey reached a total of 11.880 participants across the EU** and incorporated online data collection methods to ensure representativeness in terms of individual characteristics. The consolidated data from the survey will be publicly accessible as an open dataset after the end of the project, facilitating further analysis in tasks related to identifying drivers affecting different forms of spatial mobility, investigating perceptions and trade-offs, and developing a Regional Attractiveness Index for EU regions in the digital era.



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The survey provides a comprehensive analysis of the diverse factors influencing mobility decisions. It investigates demographic influences, such as gender, age, education level, nationality, and minority status. Additionally, it explores work-related and commuting influences, including occupation, working arrangements, and commuting details. The survey also analyses the intentions to change residence in both short and long term.

Moreover, the survey navigated the digital and green landscape, examining how digitalisation factors, such as internet access and e-services, along with green amenities, including air quality and eco-friendly infrastructure, impact individuals' choices of where to live. Additionally, the research unveiled attitudes towards life satisfaction and corruption, offering insights into the broader societal context in which decisions about movement are made.



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This first phase serves as a foundational pillar for the MOBI-TWIN project. The insights gathered make a substantial contribution to understanding structural factors and individual behaviours and preferences in selecting places of residence. In addition, they pave the way for understanding the impact of the Twin Transition on these decisions and the consequences of these changes' equilibria at the regional level.

**MOBI-TWIN** aims to lead the way in research, offering valuable perspectives on the complexities of spatial mobility and its underlying drivers. The insights gained from this significant step forward will contribute to informed decision-making and policy formulation in the realms of regional and rural development, sustainability, and beyond.

For more information about the MOBI-TWIN project, please visit the project's website at [www.mobi-twin-project.eu](http://www.mobi-twin-project.eu) (currently under construction).

Follow MOBI-TWIN in its journey and stay updated with new developments and upcoming results by joining the project's community on Twitter ([@MobiTwinProject](https://twitter.com/MobiTwinProject)) and LinkedIn ([@mobi-twin-project-heu](https://www.linkedin.com/company/mobi-twin-project-heu)).

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