



ABSTRACT WORKING PAPER 5.21

QUALITY OF LIFE AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE

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The Task 5.6 of this Work Package is to examine the quality of life and local governance and especially the degree of social cohesion within the local community and the satisfaction with the institutions of national and regional governance by collecting and comparing indicators. The analysis of indicators, based both on subjective data (personal perceptions of interviewees) and objective statistical data, proved three main outcomes. Countries with high scores in national institutional quality present high trust in central and local government and their citizens are high satisfied with life. The second main outcome was that countries with highly satisfied citizens in life have also high scores of social cohesion. Thirdly, high scores of social cohesion coincide with national institutional quality and trust to government institutions.