

Overall resilience performance

The aggregate resilience index measures the performance of all subsystems included in each thematic group. The steps followed in designing the aggregate resilience index are similar to those described in the methodology corresponding to the thematic indices. Nevertheless, the aggregate index only includes a selection of the indicators used in the computation of thematic resilience indices.

As already described in the previous sections, the projection of average for each of the indicators in part helped us to delimitate the periods corresponding to both resistance and recovery (see the table below).

System/ subsystem	Indicator name	Source	Shock considered	Resistance	Recovery
System/ subsystem		Source	Shock considered	interval	interval
Macroeconomics	GDP per capita	ARDECO	Economic crisis	2008–2009	2009–2011
Macroeconomics	Investments	ARDECO	Economic crisis	2008-2009	2009–2015
Macroeconomics	GVA construction	ARDECO	Economic crisis	2008-2013	2013–2017
Business	Firm survival	Eurostat	Economic crisis	2008-2011	2011–2017
Labor market	Productivity	OECD	Economic crisis	2008-2009	2009–2010
Financial-banking	Banking system default probability	World Bank	Financial crisis	2008–2017	-
Financial-banking	Credit to government and SOE	World Bank	Financial crisis	2007–2012	2012–2017
Institutions	Voice and accountability	WGI	Economic crisis/ European integration	2007–2017	2017–2018
Institutions	Trust in the political system	Eurostat	Economic crisis/ European integration	2008–2012	2012–2016
Governance system	Government	Fraser Institute	Economic crisis / European integration	2006–2010	2010–2017
Society	Risk of poverty	Eurostat	Economic crisis /	2007–2013	2013–2018
Society	Count on to help	Gallup	Economic crisis	2010–2013	2013–2016
Individual	Life satisfaction	EC Europa	Economic crisis	2007–2013	2013–2014
Democracy / Social	Organized crime	WEF	Ukraine crisis / refugees crisis	2010–2018	-
Democracy / Social	Political stability	WGI	EU Enlargement	2006–2009	2009–2013
De mocracy / Social	Press freedom	Freedom House	EU enlargement / Financial crisis	2007–2018	-
Democracy / Economic	Property rights	PRA	Ukraine crisis / refugees crisis	2010–2015	2015–2018

Assessing the overall resilience performance: indicators used and periods considered

After setting the time intervals, the slopes were estimated for each of the indicators over the periods considered in the previous step. The normalization and aggregation of the components of the index rely on the principal component methodology described by Nardo et al. (2008). The table below shows more details about weights used in index construction.

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Resistance performance index	Component	Resistance	Recovery	Resilience
GDP per capita	Resistance	0.057		0.041
Investments	Resistance	0.047		0.024
GVA construction	Resistance	0.067		0.037
Firm survival	Resistance	0.058		0.045
Productivity	Resistance	0.070		0.025
Banking system default probability	Resistance	0.059		0.016
Credit to gov. and state - owned enterprises	Resistance	0.057		0.035
Voice and accountability	Resistance	0.087		0.042
Trust in the political system	Resistance	0.069		0.047
Government investment	Resistance	0.063		0.028
Risk of poverty	Resistance	0.058		0.033
Count on to help	Resistance	0.078		0.047
Life satisfaction	Resistance	0.024		0.031
Organized crime	Resistance	0.046		0.016
Political stability	Resistance	0.069		0.025
Press freedom	Resistance	0.037		0.028
Property rights	Resistance	0.056		0.023
GDP per capita	Recovery		0.103	0.022
Investments	Recovery		0.084	0.037
GVA construction	Recovery		0.069	0.035
Firm survival	Recovery		0.074	0.028
Productivity	Recovery		0.079	0.037
Credit to gov. and state - owned enterprises	Recovery		0.079	0.034
Voice and accountability	Recovery		0.067	0.022
Trust in the political system	Recovery		0.079	0.035
Government investment	Recovery		0.024	0.037
Risk of poverty	Recovery		0.048	0.021
Count on to help	Recovery		0.030	0.026
Life satisfaction	Recovery		0.078	0.050
Political stability	Recovery		0.095	0.037
Property rights	Recovery		0.092	0.038
Sum		1.000	1.000	1.000

Assessing the overall resilience performance: indicators used and weights

Note: For the indicators which did not display a tendency to recover in the aftermath of shocks, we considered that the recovery period covers the entire post-shock period.



Multishock resistance - a random spatial pattern

The overall resistance (including multiple shocks) displays a non-homogenous spatial pattern, with important differences among regions belonging to the same country. At the same time, one cannot notice a general pattern at EU level. The least resistant regions are concentrated in most of Spain, Hungary and Ireland, with several spots in the Great Britain. The most resistant regions are also randomly located, with a concentration tendency in the Eastern Europe, where the explanation may reside in a lower exposure to shocks.

Overall recovery



North-South and East-West divide

Compared to the resistance index, the recovery index create a more concentrated spatial pattern: North-South and East-West divides are noticeable. Differences in performance are more present between countries than between regions, as the recovery is highly related to the quality of the response, which is mainly shaped by the national policies. While France displays a rather unexpected low recovery, the higher values are concentrated in the Central, Northern and Western parts of the Europe. At the same time, Eastern and Southern Europe recorded low or medium values of resistance index.



Multishock resilience – a clustered spatial pattern

The resilience index, which integrates both resistance and recovery, creates some interesting spatial clusters at the level of Europe. Overall, the least resilient regions are concentrated in Spain, Portugal, in the eastern part of France, as well as in Poland, Hungary and Ireland. At the same time, the most resilient regions are concentrated in the Central Europe, including Slovakia, Czech Republic, Austria and most of Germany (especially the southern part) as well as in Belgium and Estonia.



Many high resistance-low recovery regions – a need for timely responses

The final resilience typology based on multiple shocks displays a quite similar spatial pattern to that illustrated by the map on the left. Nevertheless, some different nuances can be spotted. One interesting difference compared to the previous map is recorded by the regions with low resistance, followed by high recovery: eastern part of Spain and Madrid region, Paris Region, Great Britain, Ireland, Sweden, Lithuania as well as many regions in central Europe.

While the most resilient regions according to the previous map record both high resistance and high recovery, the last intermediate category (high resistance – low recovery) displays an interesting pattern. This situation is specific to a wide range of regions and countries: eastern countries (Poland, Romania, Bulgaria); southern countries (Portugal, Italy); several regions in Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands as well as the entire Finland. For this category of regions, the quality and the timing of the national or regional response is crucial for the resilience performance to future shocks.