

PLANEX Database

Quick Guide: Economic Development Resources



The UK's best database on economic and social policy...

PLANEX is a bibliographic database which offers a unique collection of quality resources on economic development.

It is produced in the UK and its content, abstracts and terminology are tailored to the interests of the UK's academic community.

PLANEX can help you keep up to date with the latest developments in this subject area and provides resources to support research and coursework.

Our economic development coverage looks at the issue from the European, national, regional and local perspective.

More specifically, the economic development coverage includes: city-led and regional growth, business development, social

enterprise and entrepreneurship, innovation and competitiveness, the labour market, skills development and lifelong learning, the low-carbon economy, knowledge transfer, town centre management, and local economic partnerships.

Our collection also covers key European programmes such as Horizon2020, LEADER, the European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund.

We also cover related topics, including regeneration and sustainable development.

The database has limited full text access to journal articles and links to your university's subscription content via link resolvers. It also provides quick and easy access to online research reports via links.



What's available?

Key Journals

We summarise material from a range of key economic development journals, including:

- [Economic Development Journal](#)
- [Economic Development Quarterly](#)
- [Entrepreneurship and Regional Development](#)
- [Regional Studies](#)
- [Cities](#)
- [Fiscal Studies](#)
- [Journal of Small Business and Enterprise Development](#)
- [National Institute Economic Review](#)
- [Local Economy](#)
- [Centrepiece](#)
- [Work, Employment and Society](#)
- [Journal of Urban Affairs](#)
- [Economic Affairs](#)
- [The Economist](#)
- [Environment and Planning A](#)
- [London's Economy Today](#)

Grey literature is one of the database's main strengths, and we source content from a range of organisations, including government departments, think tanks, charities, consultancies and university departments.

Here are some key organisations from which we source economic development research:

- > Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
- > National Institute for Economic and Social Research
- > New Economics Foundation
- > CentreForum
- > Centre for Cities
- > Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES)
- > UK Commission for Employment and Skills (UKCES)
- > Spatial Economics Research Centre (SERC)
- > Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS)
- > Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- > Centre for Economic Performance (CEP)

PLANEX also includes case studies and discussion of economic development policy and practice in other countries, especially within Europe.

What's in an abstract?

Our abstracts are written by our UK team, and keywords reflect economic development terminology in use in the UK.

Abstracts include the headline findings from research and recommendations for policy and practice, making it easier for you to identify material which is relevant to your research question.

Other useful resources for economic development information

- > [UK National Statistics: Economy](#)
- > [UK National Statistics: Labour Market](#)
- > [UK National Statistics: Business and Energy](#)
- > [UK Data Service: Labour Market Datasets](#)
- > [NOMIS \(official labour market statistics\)](#)
- > [Research Online \(labour market research and analysis\)](#)
- > [London Datastore: Business and Economy](#)

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You can also contact the university library for support and advice.