

# EU COHESION POLICY

## A Multidisciplinary Approach

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*'The stakes for the European Union are now higher than ever. If it is to survive and thrive, it needs well-functioning policies. Few policies can contribute as much to the European project as the Cohesion Policy. But it needs to work well to help deliver a more efficient, cohesive, and resilient Europe. This edited volume by Dotti, Musiałkowska, De Gregorio Hurtado, and Walczyk provides a welcome and timely multidisciplinary reflection about how to improve the policy and help the EU brave the many challenges it currently faces.'*

– Andrés Rodríguez-Pose, London School of Economics, UK.

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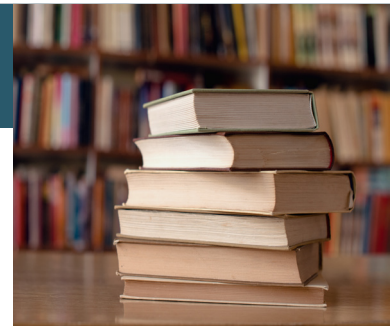
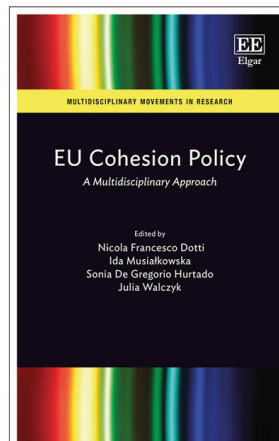
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