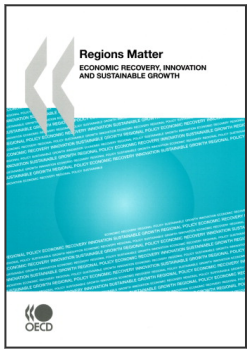
Acronyms

ASTER	*Associazioni Scienza i Tecnologia Emilia Romagna*
	Science and Technology Association of Emilia Romangna
CG	Central Government
CIDE	*Centro de Investigacion y Docencia Economica*
	Centre for Economic Research and Teaching
DATAR	*Délégation à l'aménagement du territoire et à l'action régionale*
	Interministerial Committee for territorial development and regional action
DIACT	*Délégation interministérielle à l'aménagement et à la compétitivité des territoires*
	Interministerial Committe for Territorial Development and Competitiveness
EDA	Economic Development Administration (USA)
EU-TEN	EU Trans-European Network
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FY	Financial year
HEI	Higher Education Institutions
ICT	Information and Communications Technologies
INSEE	*Institut national des statistiques et des études économiques*
	National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies
JPY	Japanese yen

LEADER	*Liaison Entre Actions de Développement de l'Economie Rurale*
	European Union initiative for rural development
MNEs	Multi-national enterprises
NRC	National Research Council of Canada
OLS	Ordinary Least Square
PISA	OECD Programme for International Student Assessment
PPP	Public Private Partnerships
PRODER	*Promocion y animacion de desarollo rural*
	Spanish/EU programme for rural development)
RDA	Regional Development Agencies (UK)
S&T	Science and Technology
SMEs	Small and Medium-sized enterprises
SPRI	*Sociedad para la Promoción Industrial*
	Association for the Promotion of Industry (of the Basque Country)
TL2, TL3	Territorial level 2 (similar to NUTS 2 regions), Territorial level 3 (similar to NUTS 3 regions)
WIRED	Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (US Department of Labour programme)



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