# Atlas on the Territorial Agenda of the European Union

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## Foreword

With the Territorial Agenda of the European Union the member states agree on territorial priorities as the basis for future common activities and to face new challenges in the European Union. The mentioned political priorities shall support the sustainable economic growth and job creation as well as a social and ecological development and, therefore, further implement both, the Lisbon and the Gothenburg Strategies.

The territorial cohesion of the European Union is necessary as an essential prerequisite for implementing the European Social Model. In this context, it is an essential task to develop preconditions in all regions that offer equal opportunities for its citizens and development perspectives for entrepreneurs.

The present atlas is a contribution by the German EU Presidency heading to accompany and to illustrate the new territorial priorities for the development of the European Union against the territorial structure. In the light of the set of political priorities existing information of different sources outline territorial pictures on structures and developments of metropolitan regions and urban and their relationship to rural areas, transport and communication networks, natural and technological risks and natural and cultural resources. Scenarios, developed within ESPON, describe potential structures of a futures Europe and showing territorial alternatives

Spatial observation has made substantial progress since the presentation of the European Spatial Planning Perspective in 1999. The ESPON Programme 2006 made a significant contribution to overcome the information deficits identified at that time. ESPON results have been of fundamental part for the elaboration of this atlas. But still suitable targeted information in the context of the priorities of the Territorial Agenda is often not available. Sustainable development of regions and cities in the EU can only be achieved through an intensive dialogue between all stakeholders, which depends on evidence. The continuation of the research in close cooperation with the European Commission and the member states is a fundamental element.

The atlas as one of only few documents includes information for all 27 EU Member States and for Norway and Switzerland. It concentrates on a few selected aspects to illustrate the Territorial Agenda and its implementation to initiate further discussions on the analysis of territorial structures and trends in respect of the Agenda. By this it is thought to support and accompany the follow up process and the implementation activities of the Territorial Agenda in the future.

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## **I** Introduction

The Territorial Agenda of the European Union outlines the main political priorities to face the future territorial challenges for the continent and to point out existing potentials to meet the spatial demands.

The atlas presented is the document designed to illustrate the Territorial Agenda of the European Union and the Leipzig Charta.

The structure of the atlas is geared to the five political priorities formulated in the Territorial Agenda. Thus, main territorial differences existing in terms of economic and social opportunities as well as the quality of the environment on the European territory and in urban area are presented. First and foremost, the atlas is a document elaborated in the context of the German EU Presidency 2007. It also supports the evidence-based background document "The Territorial State and Perspectives of the European Union": The atlas is also designed to address a broader readership interested in European spatial questions in a comprehensible form.

The atlas is composed of three main chapters. Chapter II explains basic structures and trends of the European territory in a variety of relevant themes. The following Chapter III illustrates the priorities and main themes of the Territorial Agenda in their European territorial dimensions

giving an overview on urban and regional networks. rural-urban partnership and accessibility related to transport as well to digital exchange. Information on technological and natural hazards, ecological resources and cultural assets round off the spectrum of spatial information. The main last Chapter IV gives an outlook on possible future developments and structures in Europe. It summarises and illustrates spatial development trends in cartographic form based on results of the ESPON Programme 2006 scenarios taking cohesion and competitiveness aspects, potential economic trends, the importance of the urban system and the future of rural areas into account. The results of "Max-Plank-Institut für Metereologie"

in Hamburg within the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPPC) published in the Fourth Assessment Report (AR4) illustrate the effects of the climate change on the European territory.

Basic information sources especially for maps are the BBR spatial monitoring system, the results of the ESPON Programme 2006 research network and Urban Audit data related to cities. Detailed information on data sources can be found in Chapter V "References and Sources". Furthermore, an important foundation for the atlas was provided by the document "Territorial State and Perspectives of the European Union".

## **II Basic structures**

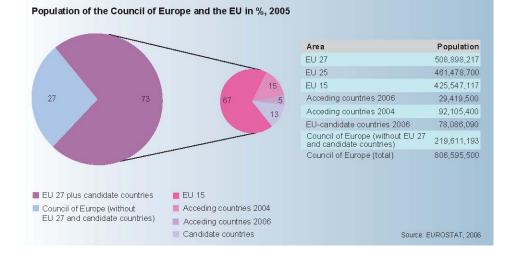
The European Union currently has 27 member states with about 500 million citizens who, in 2005, have produced a total gross domestic product (GDP) of about 11 trillion euros, which is about 23 % of the world's GDP.

The degree of integration on the European continent is quite different but obvious, the territorial divisions of the past have been overcome within the last decade. Nowadays, it is possible to describe Europe as a continent being on the same track in different speeds.

Altogether 46 European nations are members of the Council of Europe including all 27 member states of the European Union. Two countries are currently applying for membership to the Council. The three candidate countries of the European Union are already members of the Council of Europe.

The Schengen Agreement, which allows for the abolition of systematic border controls between the participating countries, is presently implemented by 13 EU member states and two Council of Europe countries.

The monetary union with the euro countries currently consists of 13 EU member states. Slovenia was the first of the 2004 accession countries which joined the euro zone in January 2007.



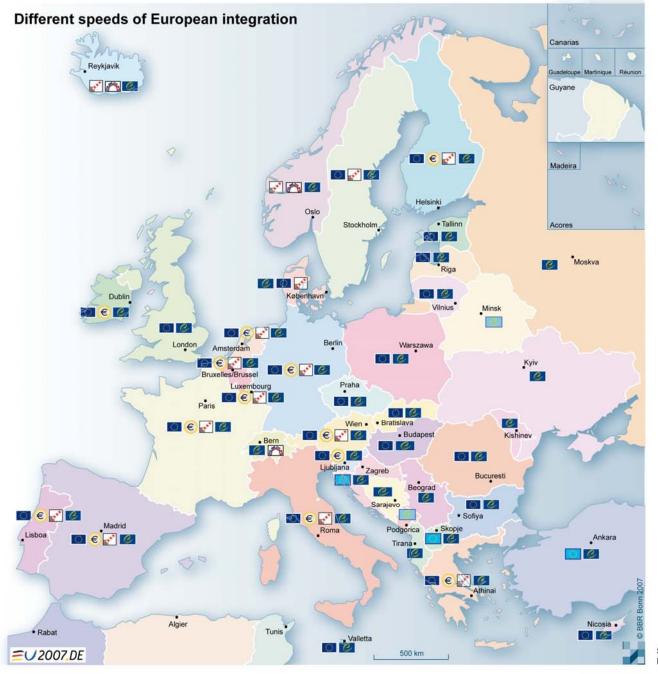
The European Free Trade Association (EFTA) consists of four countries which have strong economic relations to the EU.

Population development in Europe shows a heterogeneous territorial distribution of growth and decline. Many of the European national and regional birth rates have for some time been below the reproduction level. Due to changing age structures and partly to strong outmigration. population numbers have started to decrease. These trends of population decline, ageing and demographic change will accelerate in the future and will also affect regions which have been stable so far in terms of demography. Regional and urban population growth and decline can be found side by side and in all parts of Europe. Population growth or shrinking is not a matter of size. Some of the major European cities and capitals have shown considerable growth rates (in the period 1990-2005), for example many cities at the northern or southern periphery (including almost all cities of Turkey). Most of these countries show trends urbanisation and rural-urban of

migration. The opposite is true for many (smaller and larger) cities in old industrialised regions. Growing cities can also be found in many tourist areas, mainly at the coasts.

The average yearly growth rate of the gross domestic product (GDP) per capita as the average value of all goods and services produced by each inhabitant indicates the catching up process of the eastern countries. However, the more western areas, especially those forming the central areas of the "Pentagon", still have the highest share of GDP and were above the EU average in 2003. Many metropolitan regions show a per capita GDP of more than 125%.

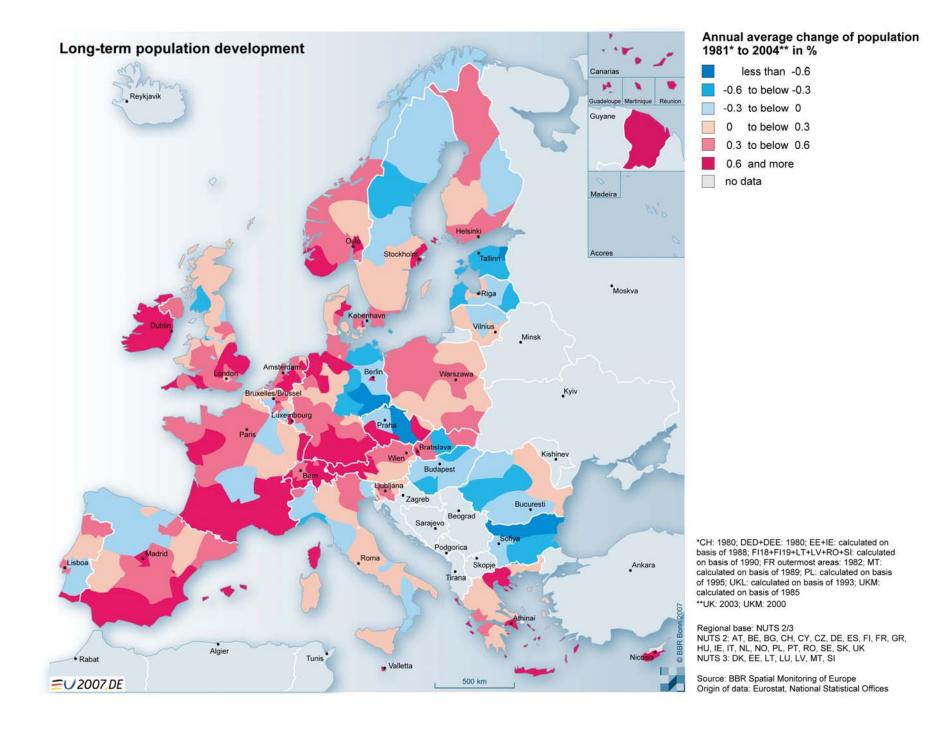
The different regional potentials are reflected in the statistical criteria of the EU Structural Funds. In particular, regions with less than 75% of the EU GDP per capita highly benefit as "convergence regions" from the Structural Funds support. These are mainly the new EU member states which joined in 2004 and 2007 but also the eastern German Länder and the southern Mediterranean regions.

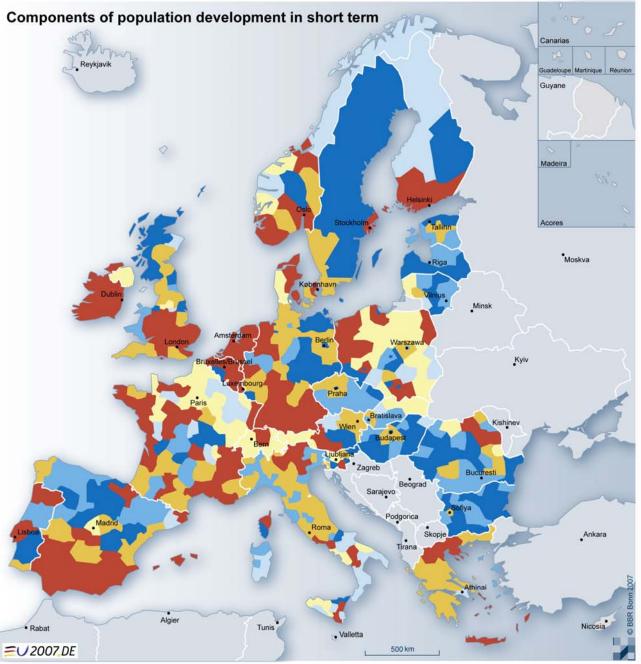


#### **European Integration**

- Member States of the European Union
   Candidate Countries of the European Union
   Euro countries
   Schengen countries
   Member States of the Council of Europe (including Andorra, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino not indicated by symbol and Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia outside the map extent)
   Candidate Countries of the Council of Europe
- Countries of the European Free Trade Association (including Liechtenstein not indicated by symbol)

Source: BBR Spatial Monitoring of Europe Reference date: January 2007





## Population development by components 1996-1999 Population increase with

positive migratory balance and positive natural balance
 positive migratory balance and negative natural balance
 negative migratory balance and positive natural balance

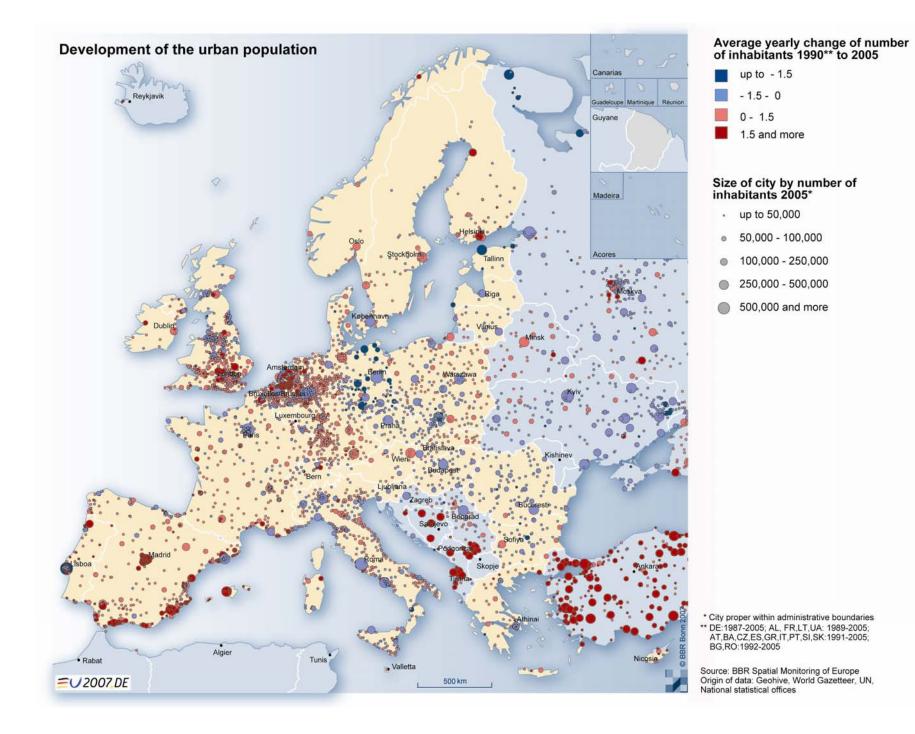
### Population decrease with

negative migratory balance and positive natural balance
 positive migratory balance and negative natural balance
 negative migratory balance and negative natural balance

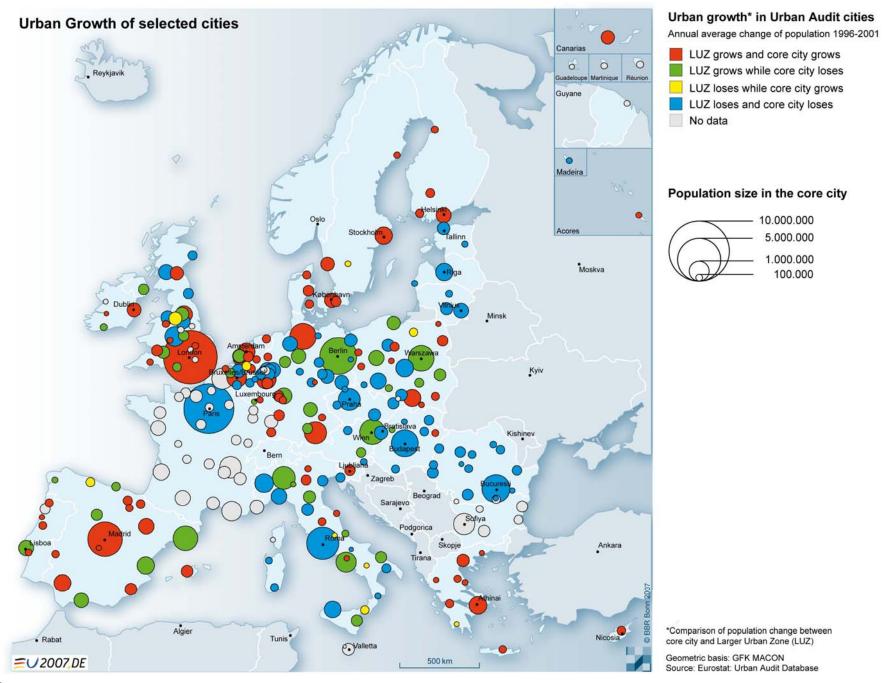
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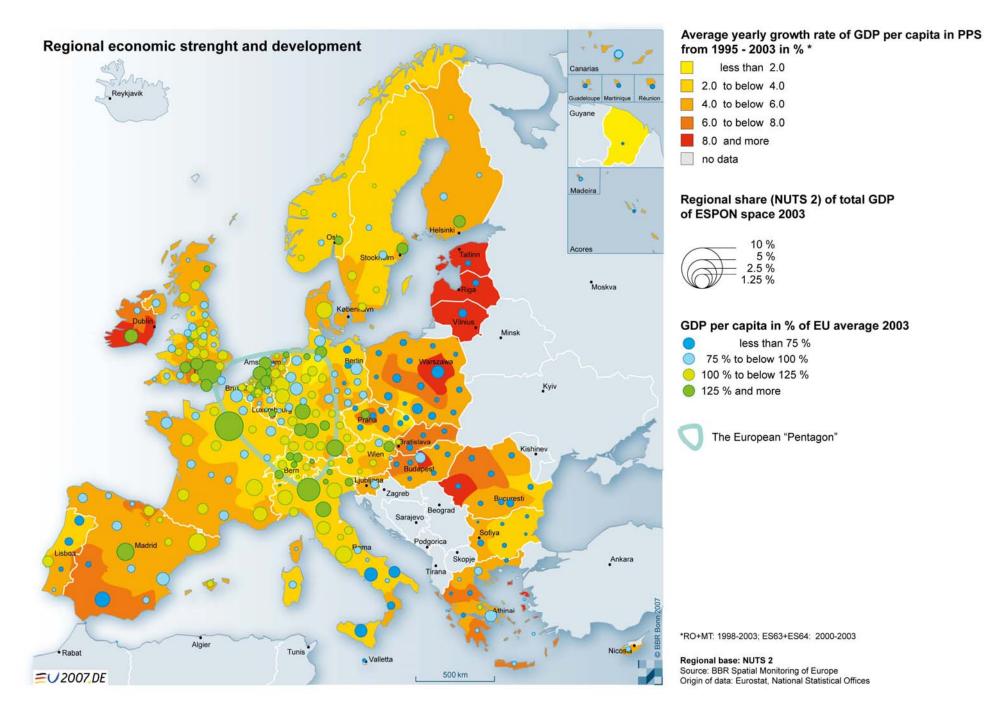
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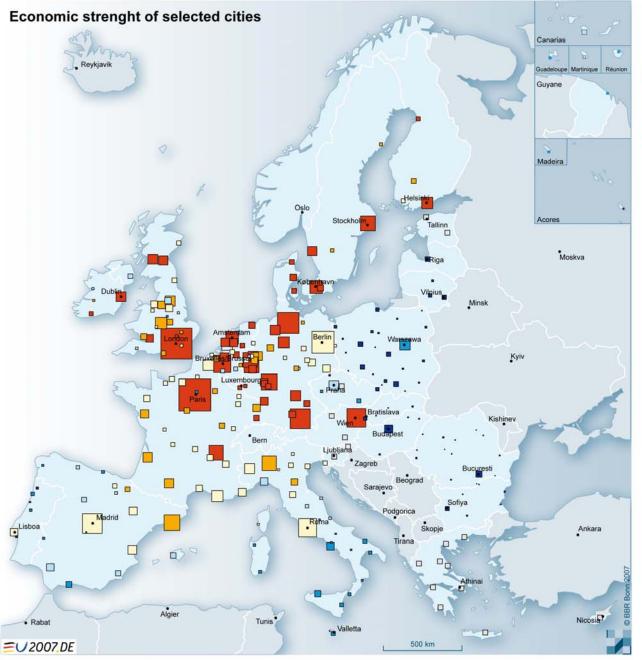
Source: ESPON Project 1.1.4











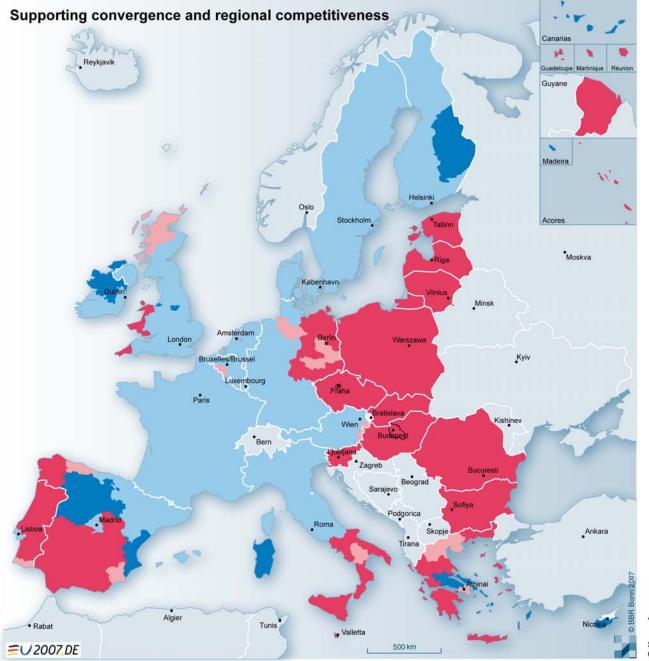


150.000 100.000

25.000

5.000

Source: Eurostat: Urban Audit Database



#### Structural funds 2007 - 2013: Convergence and regional competitivness objectives \*

Convergence regions Phasing-out regions Phasing-in regions Competiveness and employment regions

position as of October 2006

Source: BBR Spatial Monitoring of Europe Origin of data: EU Commission, DG Regio

## **III Priorities of territorial development**

# III.1 Strengthening innovative cooperative urban development of metropolitan regions, urban areas and regional centres

The way of Europe towards an innovative, competitive and sustainable networking of regions, urban centres and a strong rural balance is defined by the use of endogenous potentials and the support of networks and cooperation.

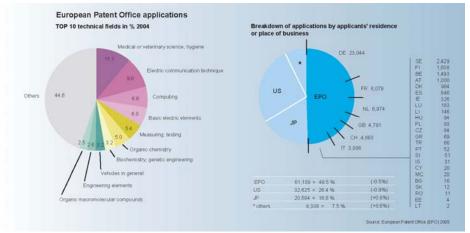
The importance is based on the identification and development of common regional development strategies, which use bottom-up approaches at lower regional scales to create transnational regions of innovation between business, science and administration outlining areas of responsibility in the global process of competition.

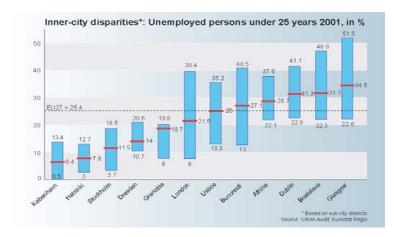
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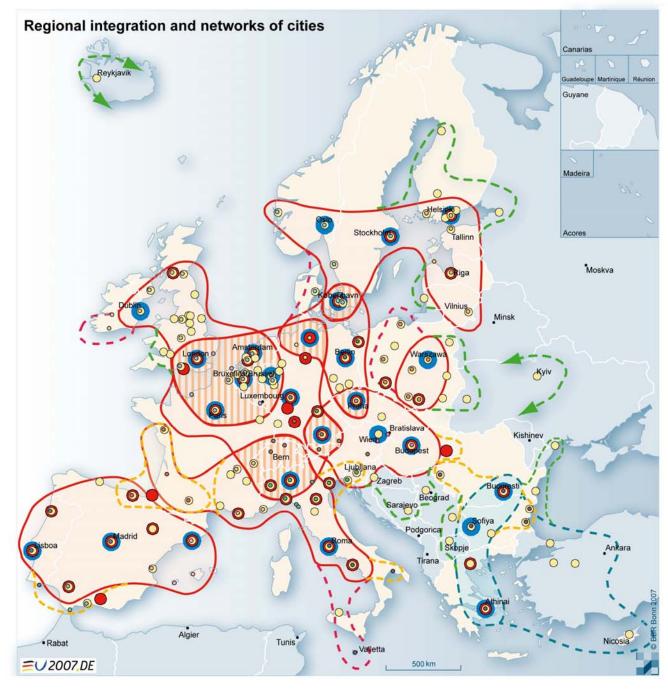
tory shows the highest activity concerning regional integration and networking The metropolitan regions (e.g. Functional Urban Areas (FUAs) and Metropolitan European Growth Areas (MEGAs) elaborated within the ESPON 2006 programme) form the best interconnected part of the territory.

The view on the interrelations outside the \*Pentagon" and the relations between the central areas and the territory outside envisages the existence of more active and attractive zones in a broader territorial setting. The structure changes from a monocentric to a polycentric continent of global integration zones, global integration hinge regions and potential global integration zones including their regional motors. These are the points of departure of territorial cohesion, a more balanced development and a good Lisbon performance. The cities and regions of the existing European networks can been seen as integral parts in this regional delineation with regard to the overall expansion but also to internal regional integration networks.

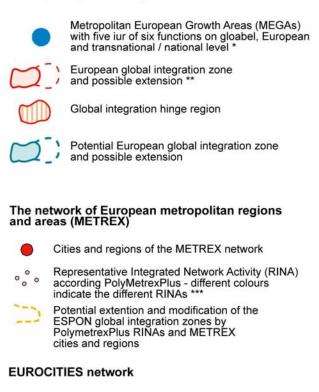
The growing importance of regions outside the central area is reflected by the regional importance in the light of the Lisbon Strategy. The best performing regions are not only concentrated in central, but western and northern parts of Europe. The European centres for financial and business services are also the centres of patent applications and the seats of the most important European enterprises. In this respect, Europe proves to be polycentric. City regions as potential regional focuses and motors of development can be not only identified in the core area of the continent. A sufficient level of education and the reduction of existing inner city disparities, e.g. due to unemployment especially of the youth, are some of the preconditions to tune potential motors within their respective regional surroundings.







#### European global integration zones



Full member and associate members of EUROCITIES

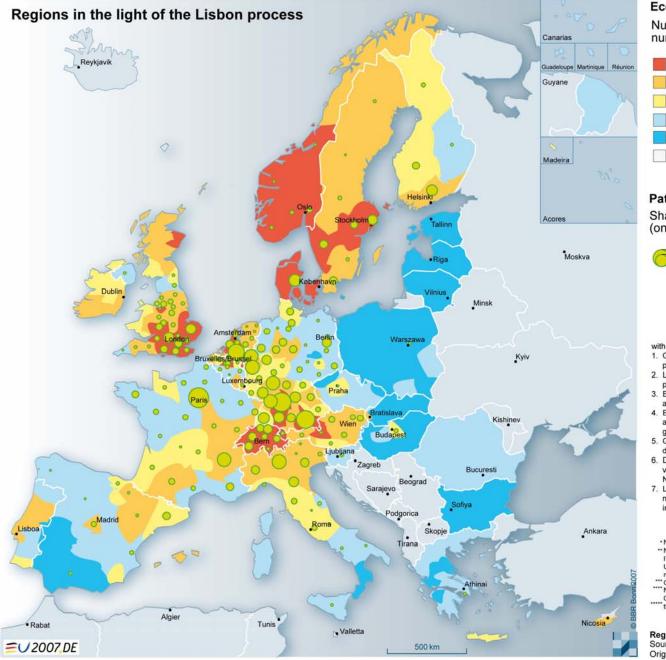
Potential extention and modification of the ESPON global integration zones enclosing EUROCITIES full and associate members

\* Decision making, administration, industry, tourism, transport, university

\*\* The European global integrations zones consists of a group of ESPON MEGAs with at least one with all six functions covering. They are defined by internal cohesion defined by transport and the connectivity between the enclosed MEGAs by a travel time of 1 hour by air

\*\*\* The PolyMetrexPlus study identified 18 RINAs. Please refer to the list in the Annex

Source: Espon project 2.4.2 and BBR Spatial Monitoring of Europe



#### Economic Lisbon indicators

Number of indicators in the upper quartile minus number of indicators in the lower quartile

> 3 Primarily high perfermance
1 - 3
0 Medium performance
-1 - -3
< -3 Primarily low performance</li>
no data

#### Patent applications

Share of total patent applications 2002, (only regions with at least 0.05 % of total patents)



with use of the following indicators:

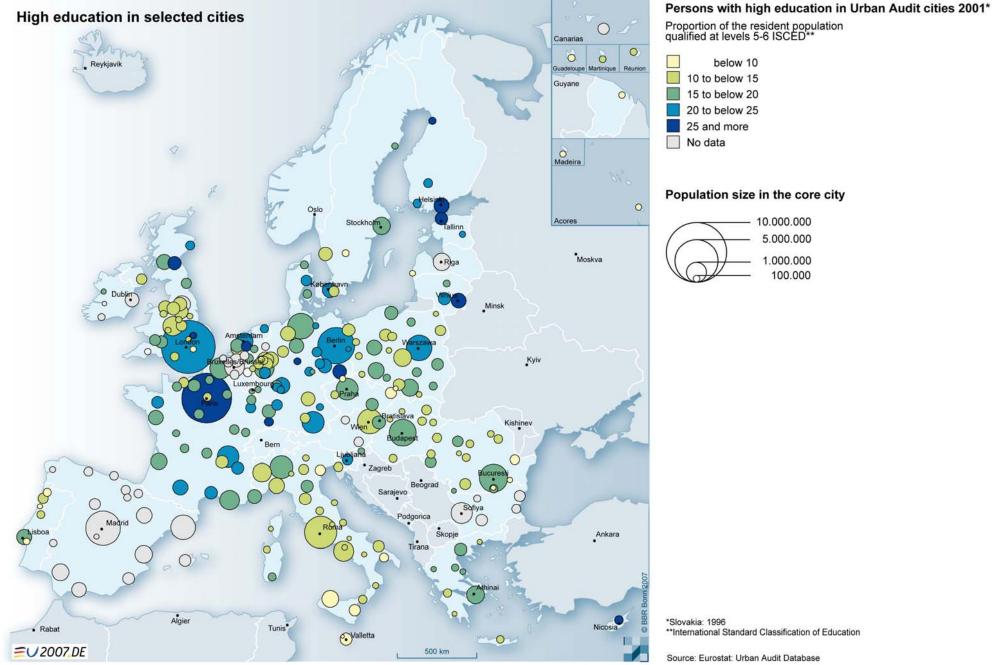
- Gross Domestic Product in purchasing power standards per inhabitant in 2000.
- Labour productivity: Gross domestic product as purchasing power parities person employed in 2000 \*
- Employment rate: employed persons aged 15-64 as a share of total population of the same age Group in 2000 \*
- Employment rate of older workers: employed persons aged 55-64 as a share of total population of the same age group in 2000 \*
- GERD: gross domestic expenditure on research and development as a share of GDP in 2000 \*\*
- Dispersion of regional unemployment rates: coefficient of variation of NUTS 3 level unemployment rates within each NUTS 2 region 2003 \*\*\*
- Long-term unemployment rate: persons unemployed for more than 12 months as a share of the total labour force in 2000 \*\*\*\*

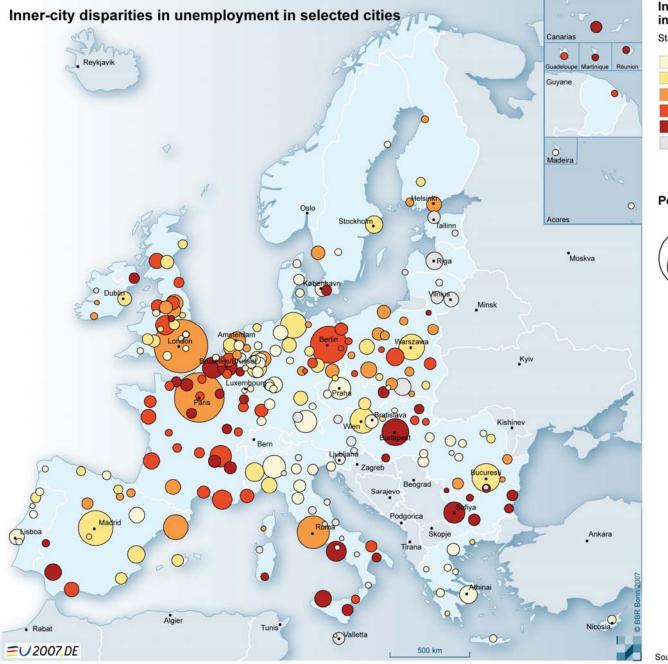
 NUTS1 for FR Département d'Outre Mer and DE Brandenburg "NUTS1 for FR Département d'Outre Mer and DE Brandenburg; IT Bolzano-Bozen, Trento disaggregated from old NUTS2 regions; UK disaggregated from NUTS1; BE, CH, IE, NO, SE on the national level; no data for Ceuta & Melilla "GB and PT regional variations on NITS0 level

\*\*\* GR and PT: regional variations on NUTS0 level \*\*\*\*NUTS1 for FR Département d'Outre Mer and DE Brandenburg; CH & NO on the national level; no data for Ceuta & Melilla the regions indicated in the map cover aproximately 98% of all patents

Regional base: NUTS 2

Source: BBR Spatial Monitoring of Europe Origin of data: ESPON Project 3.3, Eurostat



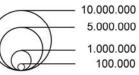


Inner-city neighbourhood unemployment disparities in Urban Audit cities 2001

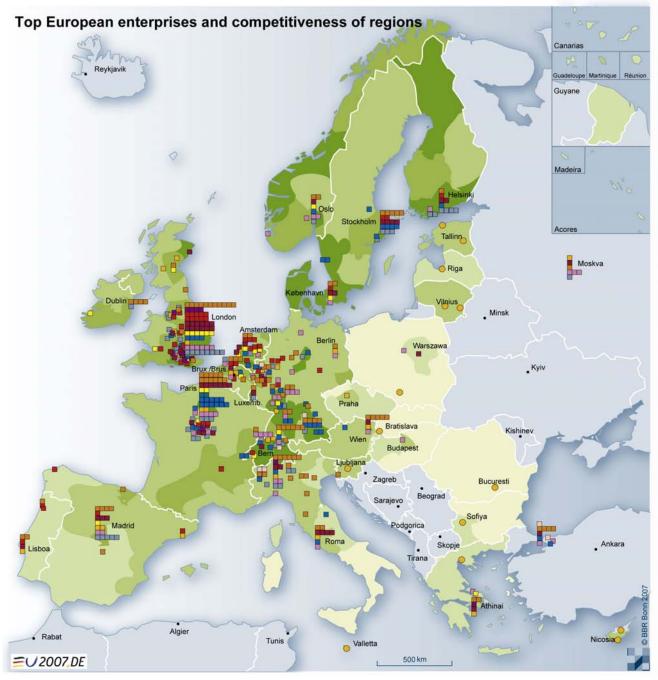
Standard deviation of neighbourhood unemployment rates

Very small neighbourhood differences
 Small neighbourhood differences
 Average neighbourhood differences
 Large neighbourhood differences
 Very large neighbourhood differences
 No data

#### Population size in the core city



Source: Eurostat: Urban Audit Database



# Regions according to degree of Lisbon performance related to the regional average \*

- Below-average
- Moderately below-average
- Average
- Moderately above-average
- Above-average
- No data

#### Economic sector of the Handelsblatt European top 500 enterprises 2004 (each square represents one enterprise)

- Conglomerate
- Banks, insurances, real estate
- Hotel, restaurants, tourism
- Retail, business-oriented services, medical supply
- Transport, telecommunication
- Food, tobacco
- Textiles, clothing
- Engineering, vehicle construction, electritical and precision engineering, computer,
- Energy and water supply
- Oil, gas, chemistry, pharmaceuticals
- Mining, construction, steal, paper, raw materials

Cities with divers seats of top 500 enterprises are grouped in lines by number of entreprises and in rows by sectors of activities without any spacing. The location of cities and entreprises in the related sourrounding areas may differ from the correct topographic positions due to reasons of cartographic representation.

Functional Urban Areas with decision making functions of European, transnational or national importance 0 without top 500 enterprises seat.

\*Degree of regionalised Lisbon performance as an aggregate of 5 indicators: – Productivity (GDP per person employed 2002) +

- Employment rate (employed population / population aged 15-64 2003) +
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   Expenditure on R&D (expenditure on R&D / total GDP 2001) +
   R&D Business Enterprise Sector (BES R&D personnel per 1.000 active person 2001) +
   High educated population (highly educated population / total educated pop. 2002) +

**Regional base: NUTS 2** Source: BBR Spatial Monitoring of Europe ESPON Projects 1.1.1; 2.4.2 for Lisbon performance Origin of data: Handelsblatt 2004

## III 2 New forms of partnership and territorial governance between rural and urban areas

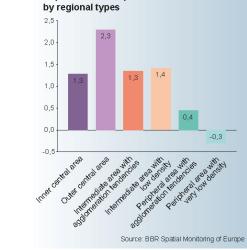
Europe is a highly urbanised continent. Around 34% of the population or 173 million people live in cities and urban regions of more than 100,000 inhabitants. More than half of them or 125.5 million people live in cities with more than 250,000 inhabitants. 27 city regions consist of more than a million inhabitants each, covering a population of approximately 65 million or 13% of the total number of people.

Urban and rural functions interfere with each other and grow together. Traditional definitions of the "urban" and the "rural" area as well as tradeoff relations change and get blurred. At the same time, the quandary concerning challenges and potentials in economic, social and ecological sustainable development becomes clear. Mutual efforts, partnerships and responsibilities of regions are a good solution to achieve more cohesion and economic growth.

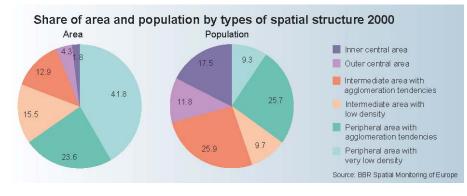
The spatial and settlement structure is among other things the result of developing areas with a transport infrastructure which determines the accessibility of the population and the economy. On a European scale it shows a strong centre-periphery picture with radial patterns. The centrally classified territory covers nearly the same area as those areas

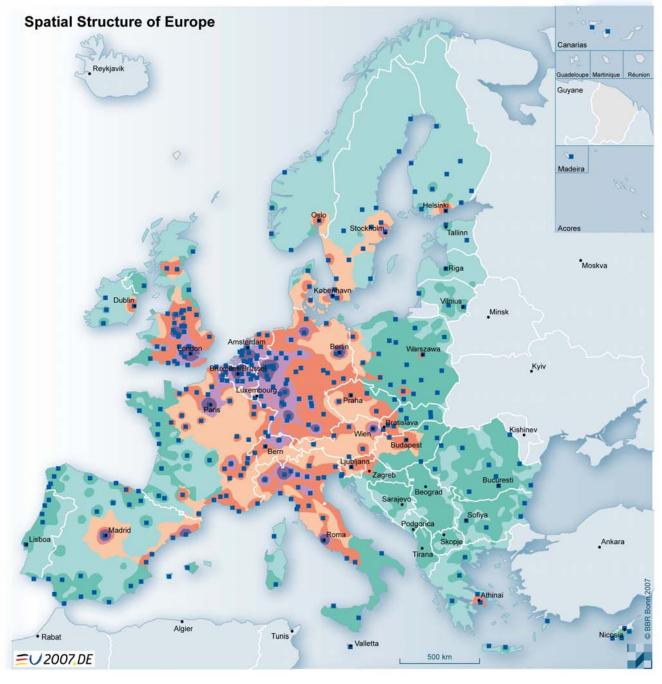
of high urban influence and high urban intervention. The core main area stretches from the south of England over the BENELUX countries to Paris, south-west and north-west Germany. Further spots of high population density and high accessibility can be found around Madrid, the northern Mediterranean coast, Milano, Vienna and Rome. In these European core areas 31 of the total 76 MEGAs identified in the ESPON 2006 Programme are located, 19 of them are to be found in the central and 12 in single core areas. Leaving these areas, the two pictures of the basic structure and of rural-urban Europe are not any longer congruent and especially the

distribution of urban areas with more human footprints gets blurred and scattered. Rural does not always mean to be located in the periphery like regions around Madrid or Vienna. However, regions like the south-east of Ireland, parts of Poland, Romania or the south of Italy, which are classified as intermediate or peripheral regarding the spatial structure, show high urban influence and many human footprints. Interestingly, the share of agricultural land use in all six types, apart from the most rural ones, is nearly constant for the urban-rural typology.



Population development 1995-2000 in %





#### European spatial structure based on population density and accessibility to all MEGAs

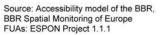
Inner central area Outer central area Intermediate area with agglomeration tendencies Intermediate area with low density Peripheral area with agglomeration tendencies Peripheral area with very low density No data Note:

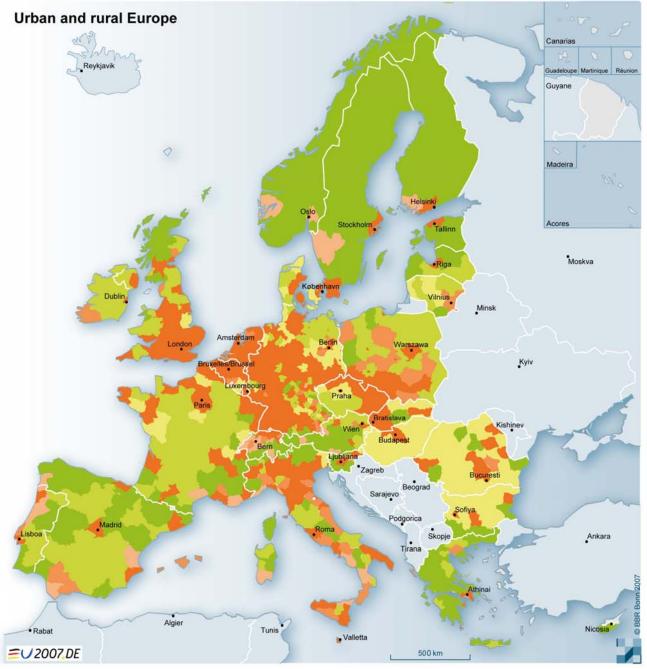
The typology of spatial structures based on population density and accessibility within a radius of 50 km.

MEGAs und transnational/national FUAs 

#### Note:

The typology of FUAs has been elaborated according to their functional importance of population, transport, tourism, industry, knowledge, decision-making and administration. Three levels have been identified: Metropolitan European Growth Areas (MEGAs), transnational/national Functional Urban Areas (FUAs) and regional/local FUAs.





# Urban-rural typology, based on population density, ranking of Functional Urban Areas and land cover\*

High urban influence, high human footprint
High urban influence, medium human footprint
High urban influence, medium human footprint
Low urban influence, high human footprint
Low urban influence, medium human footprint
Low urban influence, low human footprint
no data

\*For an explanation on the urban-rural-typology see annex.

Regional base: NUTS 3 Source: Espon Projects 1.1.1; 1.1.2; 3.3

## **III 3 Strengthening and extending Trans-European Networks**

Sufficient transport networks and the possibility to exchange people, goods and information in a fast, efficient, environmentally friendly and sustainable way play an important role in the future of the European territory

The European Pentagon, enlarged by some corridors stretching to northern England, central Italy, Catalonia, Gothenburg and Oslo, shows a high accessibility while the more peripheral regions are characterised by low levels of accessibility with indicator values often below 60% of the EU average. However, good accessibility is often accompanied by heavy traffic burdens and overloads. Challenges are therefore diverse between regions.

In order to relieve overburdened transport corridors, a better use should be made of other transport modes, for instance of short sea ship-

Top 10 of European airports by passengers 2005						
Rank	Airport	Passengers in 1,000				
1	London Heathrow	68,142				
2	Paris Charles de Gaulle	53,381				
3	Frankfurt/Main	52,566				
4	Amsterdam Schiphol	44,213				
5	Madrid Barajas	41,815				
6	London Gatwick	32,859				
7	Roma Fiumicino	28,804				
8	München	28,723				
9	Barcelona	27,041				
10	Paris Orly	24,850				
		Source: Eurostat				

ping, and multimodal transport systems should be further extended. Approaches do already exist in the form of nodes and gateways. These have to be further extended and developed, like e.g. the basic infrastructure of the dense network of ports.

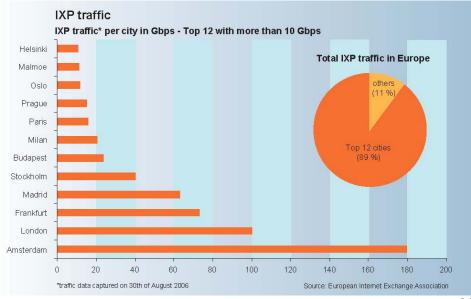
Digital data transfer and communication play an increasing role in economy, science, innovation as well as in the daily life of the population. They belong to the most important infrastructure of today's life but also show extreme centres and peripheries of distribution. Public Internet Exchange Points represent more than 50% of European Internet Exchange Points (IXPs). They are the key entrances and nodes of the technical infrastructure, which also connects private telecommunication providers. The structure of the public IXP network, their participants and network intensity

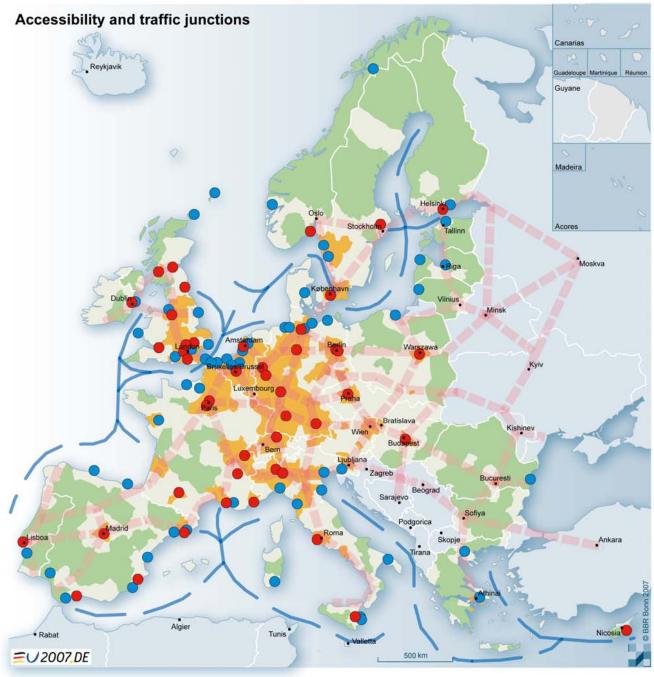
Тор	10 of European ports	s 2004
Rank	Port	Millions of tons
1	Rotterdam	330.9
2	Antwerp	135.5
3	Hamburg	99.5
4	Marseille	90.8
5	Bergen	75.6
6	Le Havre	71.9
7	Grimsby / Immingham	57.6
8	London	53.3
9	Algeciras	52.6
10	Amsterdam	49.9
		Source: Eurostat

by Internet Service Providers (ISPs) clearly concentrates on a core which consists of London, Amsterdam, Paris and Frankfurt. These locations have more than two or more IXPs, more than 100 participants, and the intensity of networking is high. These four locations (and Zürich as a fifth, smaller one) can be seen as the main nodes of the European part of the internet. All these locations are also significant banking, stock exchange and trade centres.

There are more IXPs which play an important role as national or regional nodes, with Stockholm being the most important one for Scandinavia, Madrid the one for the Iberian Peninsula, Wien for its eastern neighbouring countries and Milano for Italy.

A European wide network exists. What seems to be favourable for the further development of the European information society is the support of networking activities as well as the promotion of further public peering points in the periphery and the Member States which joined the EU after 2004. This is needed to ensure an inexpensive use, independence from upstream providers and a stable and safe data exchange.





#### Potential multimodal accessibility\* 2001

- Low accessibility with less than 60 % of the regional average of the 29 ESPON countries
- High accessibility with more than 100% of the regional average of the 29 ESPON countires

#### **Trans-European Networks**

- Trans-European transport corridors
- ----- Trans-European seaways

# Important entrance point to the mutlimodal transport network

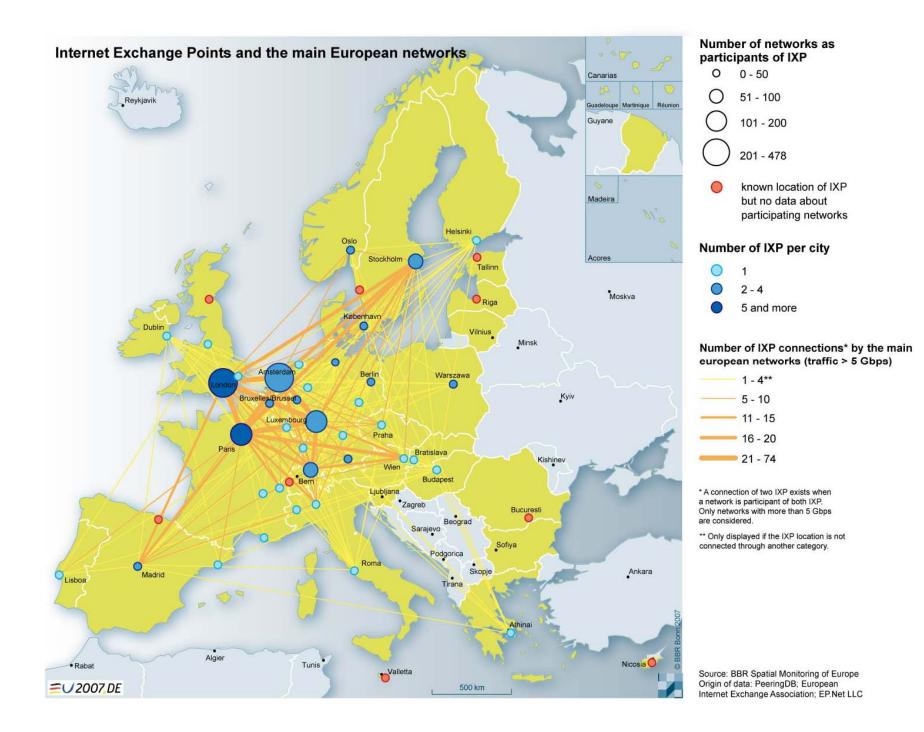
International and national airports with more than 5 millions passengers in 2005

#### Main connetctions to the highways of the sea

Commercial ports with more than 1.5 millions tonnes of goods in 2004

Potential accessibility describes the opportunities (population) to be reached in Europe, weighted by the time it takes to reach them. Multimodal accessibility expresses the combined effect of alternative transport modes, i.e. an aggregated picture of road, rail and air accessibility for a certain location

Regional base: NUTS 3 Source: ESPON Projekt 1.2.1, BBR Spatial Monitoring of Europe ; Eurostat Regio



## III 4 Promoting trans-European risk management

An increased number of hazard events and damages has raised the awareness for the consequences but also for the prevention of technological and natural hazards.

The topic is no longer only discussed on the local and regional level. The number of great natural catastrophes, especially storms, floods and temperature extremes (heat wave, drought or wildfire), is worldwide increasing.

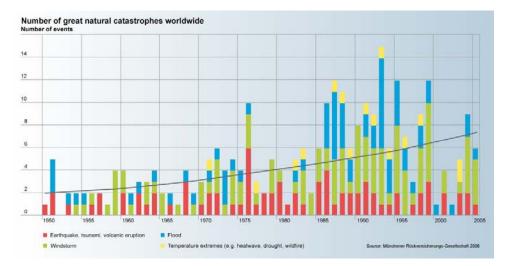
Territory, economy, ecology and social life of the European Union are affected, too. A look on the calculations on climate change reveals the degree and the complexity of perils.

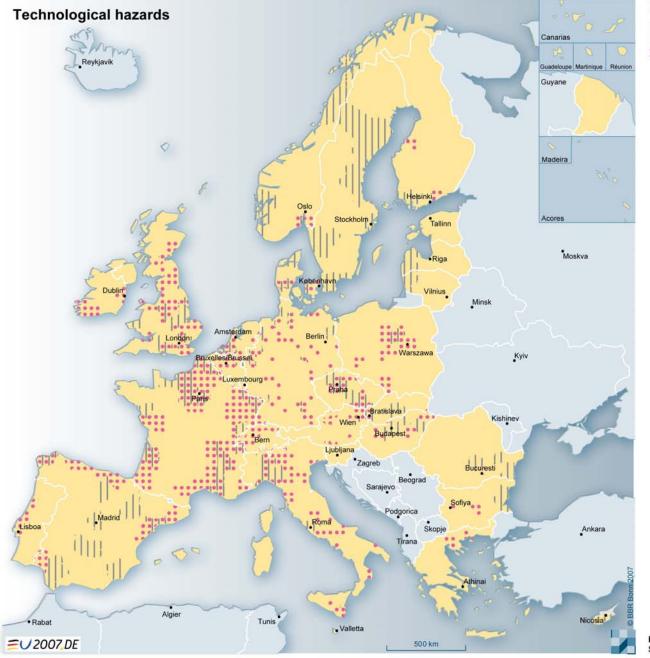
Only a few European regions show a very low level of natural hazard potentials. This is the case for parts of north-eastern Europe and for some scattered areas in Spain and France.

For the Mediterranean south of Europe forest fires play a predominant role. The Atlantic coast from the Spanish coast over the North Sea to the south-eastern Baltic Sea is affected by winter storms. The risk of avalanches appears in the majority of mountainous like the areas Carpathian Mountains, the Alps, the and the Scandinavian Pyrenees mountains. Especially regions of tourism important winter are endangered.

Above all in the central area of the territory, going from the west of England to the east of Romania, the settlement areas endangered by floods are scattered into bigger and smaller areas. Some spots are located on the Mediterranean coast. In general, urban areas seem to be more at risk than rural areas due to the influence of the vulnerability component on the overall risk. This is also true for technological hazards as most technological facilities as well as transport infrastructure the are situated in central urban regions.

Technological hazards are rather widespread on the European territory. The reason for this is mainly the distribution or location of hazardous industries and especially of oilprocessing or chemical plants as mentioned above. Only a few areas are less endangered by technological hazards, notably most of Greece, Slovenia and Estonia. Most of the territory has a medium value of aggregated hazards and a fragmented picture is given. Two main corridors can be identified. One of these corridors starts in Spain, crosses the BENELUX states going to the south of Scandinavia. Another starts in the south of Scotland, crosses England and BENELUX and continues to the south of France. A minor corridor is the one stretching from Prague over Vienna and Bratislava to Budapest. Smaller single corridors are to be found in the north-west of Italy, around Rome, in the west of Romania and Bulgaria, around Warszawa, around the Baltic Sea and a in a fringe stretching from central Sweden to the coast of central Norway.



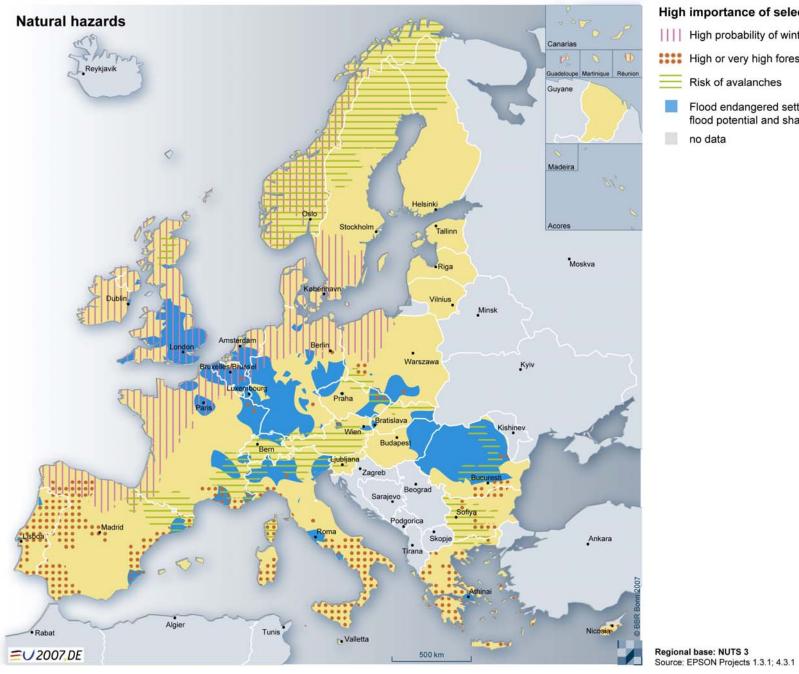


### High importance on selected technological hazards

- |||| high oil hazard potential
- high chemical plants hazard potential

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Regional base: NUTS 3 Source: ESPON Project 1.3.1



### High importance of selected natural hazards

- |||| High probability of winter storms
- High or very high forest fire potential
- Risk of avalanches
- Flood endangered settlement areas, considering flood potential and share of artificial area

no data

## III 5 Strengthening ecological structures and cultural resources as new development strategy

The European culture and nature are unique assets for the existence and development of the European territory and identity.

The culture promotes European integration and is a key tool to integrate the components of European societies in all their diversity. It is an important element to make European citizens accessible to the idea of European integration.

In the economic respect, the cultural and creative sector is growing with a contribution of 2.6% to the EU GDP and with a turnover of more than 654 billion euros in 2003. The same applies to employment with 5.8 million Europeans being employed in this sector in the same year and a growth

#### The productivity of the European cultural & creative sector\*

Value added / employ of the median values of			nmetical	average	9S
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Design	1.70	1.77	1.70	1.99	1.92
Architecture	1.37	1.32	1.32	1.37	1.43
Visual arts	1.96	1.94	1.99	1.94	2.04
Performances	1.66	1.98	1.41	1.46	1.72
Film and Video	1.75	1.77	1.68	1.76	2.02
Radio and TV	1.54	1.46	1.35	1.49	1.65
Advertising	1.50	1.59	1.46	1.47	1.50
Press and publishing	1.45	1.41	1.37	1.36	1.35
Heritage	1.24	1.22	1.80	1.78	1.21
Video Games	1.32	1.35	1.37	1.32	1.66
Music	1.97	1.74	1.62	1.77	1.43
Tourism	1.50	1.52	1.44	1.42	1.44

Source: European Commission, 2006; AMADEUS \*Productivity is here the ratio between value-added and employment costs. This indicator shows how much value is created for every Euro spent on employment costs (wages, salaries and social costs).

by 0.85% in 2002-2004 in the cultural sector alone.

The distribution of theatres and opera houses for the latter shows a clear concentration on a Central European strip going from England over northwest Europe, Paris and Germany to a less dense distribution of locations in the east, south, north and west. For theatres, the highest density of locations is still to be found in the abovedescribed area. The distribution is more balanced but shows larger distances especially on the Iberian peninsula or in the north of Scandinavia. concentrations of Higher opera houses and/or theatres are to be found in capital cities, metropolitan and economically strong areas with a certain amount of the population. The lower share of opera houses is primarily explained by the fact that they are more cost-intensive. Furthermore, they need a critical mass of audience. The existence of smaller locations often has historical reasons.

Like culture, nature is an essential asset for the European identity and development. Nature by its perception is boundless. Thus, a European cooperation concerning future use, sustainable treatment and protection is of high importance.

On the international level, protected areas, which are created based on national laws and international conventions and programmes and which are partly interconnected, are a major tool for conserving species and ecosystems. They offer a set of goods and services essential for the sustainable use of natural resources. The application of these tools considerably differs from country to country de-

European<sup>1</sup> protected areas concerning national designations, international conventions and programmes Nationally designated protected areas by IUCN<sup>2</sup> 2004 Share of protected areas in %



Habitat/species management area Protected landscape/seascape Managed resource protected area Site of special scientific interest Others

<sup>1</sup>Data refer to EU29-countries

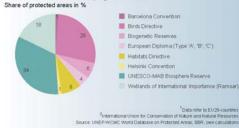
Strict nature reserve

Natural monument

Widemess area

National park

#### International conventions and programmes 2004

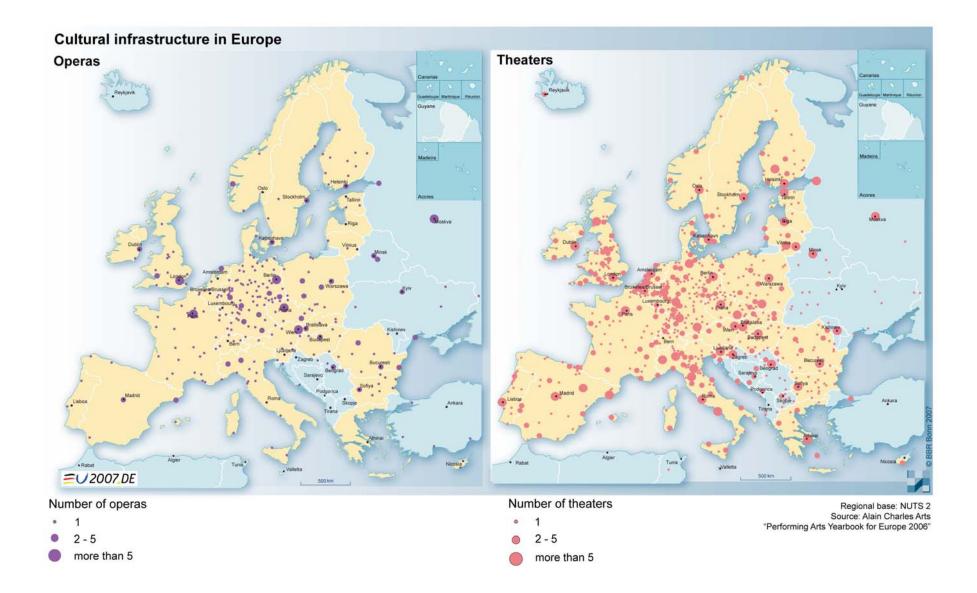


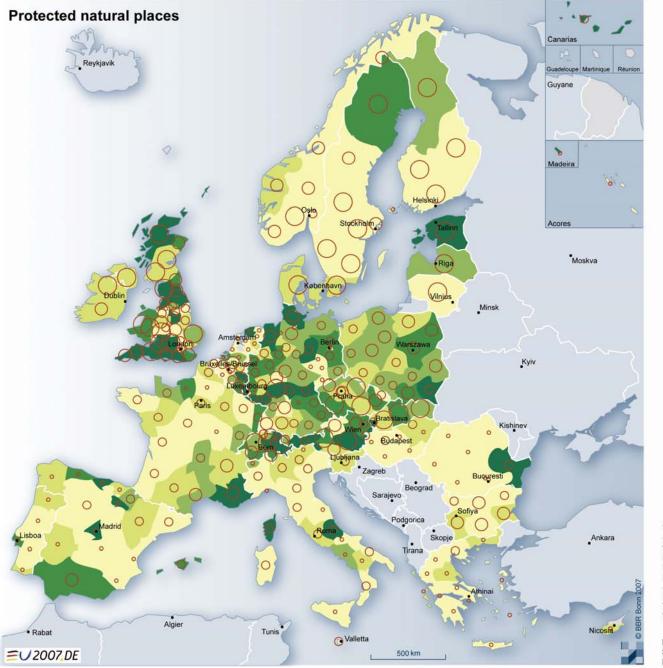
pending on national needs and priorities and on differences in legislative, institutional and financial support.

Europe shows a picture of countries with an extensive system of designated sites in a central strip going from the UK to the Alpine region and along the eastern boundaries of the territory. Apart from some exceptions, the north and the south of Europe show heterogeneous and altogether lower shares of protected areas. The most southern part of Europe in general has a lower amount of designated sites.

#### Protected Areas for biodiversity of the EU 25 Habitats Directive, 2005 as a percentage of total area

Austria	10.6	Latvia	11.0
Belgium	10.0	Lithuania	10.0
Cyprus	11.0	Luxembourg*	14.8
Czech Republic	9.2	Malta	12.5
Denmark	7.4	Netherlands	9.5
Estonia	15.9	Poland	4.2
Finland	12.7	Portugal	17.4
France	6.9	Slovakia	11.8
Germany	9.8	Slovenia	31.4
Greece	16.4	Spain	22.6
Hungary	15.0	Sweden	13.6
Ireland	10.2	United Kingdom	6.5
Italy	13.9	Source: EUROSTAT	





Share of protected areas\* in % of total 2004



\*protected areas according to:

 National Designations according to the definitions of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN):
 Strict Nature Reserve, Wilderness Area, National Park, Natural Monument, Habitat/Species Management Area, Protected Landscape/Seascape, Managed Resource Protected Area

 International conventions and programmes:
 Barcelona Convention, Birds Directive, Biogenetic Reserve, European Diploma Type A, B, C, Helsinki Convention, UNESCO-MAB Biosphere Reserves, Wetlands of international importance (Ramsar), World Heritage Convention

Regional base: NUTS 2

Source: UNEP-WCMC World Database on Protected Areas; BBR, own calculations

## IV The Europe of tomorrow

An accelerating globalization, geographical concentration and urban sprawl, the ongoing ageing of the population or considerable strains in transport affect the European territory in the global sense and will change the territorial picture. Advanced climatic changes will furthermore fundamentally change the economic and living conditions.

The results of the ESPON Programme 2006 scenarios on territorial development trends reflect a different territorial future. Three territorial scenarios outline the potential of Europe 2030 and show alternatives with regard to a more competitive or cohesion-oriented future of the continent.

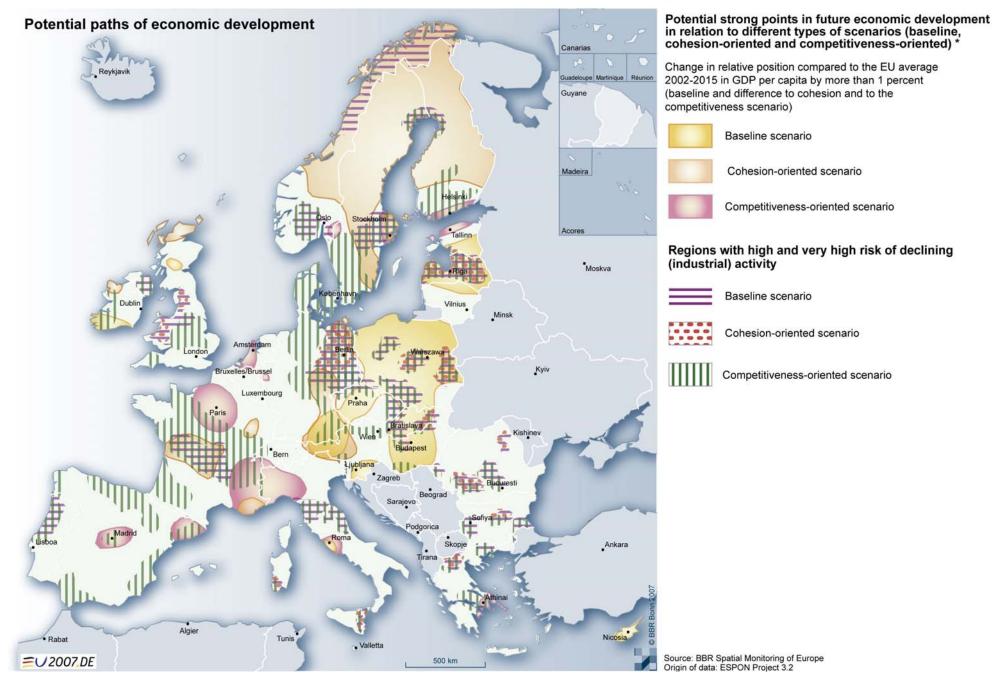
The trend scenario mainly refers to the impacts of the continuity of policies in a context in which new challenges emerge and add to already existing ones. The competitiveness scenario assumes more fundamental changes in the political system towards innovation, new technologies and accessibility. Finally, the cohesion scenario focuses on economic, social and territorial cohesion and not only on global competitiveness. In case of incompatibility between cohesion and competitiveness, priority will be given to cohesion.

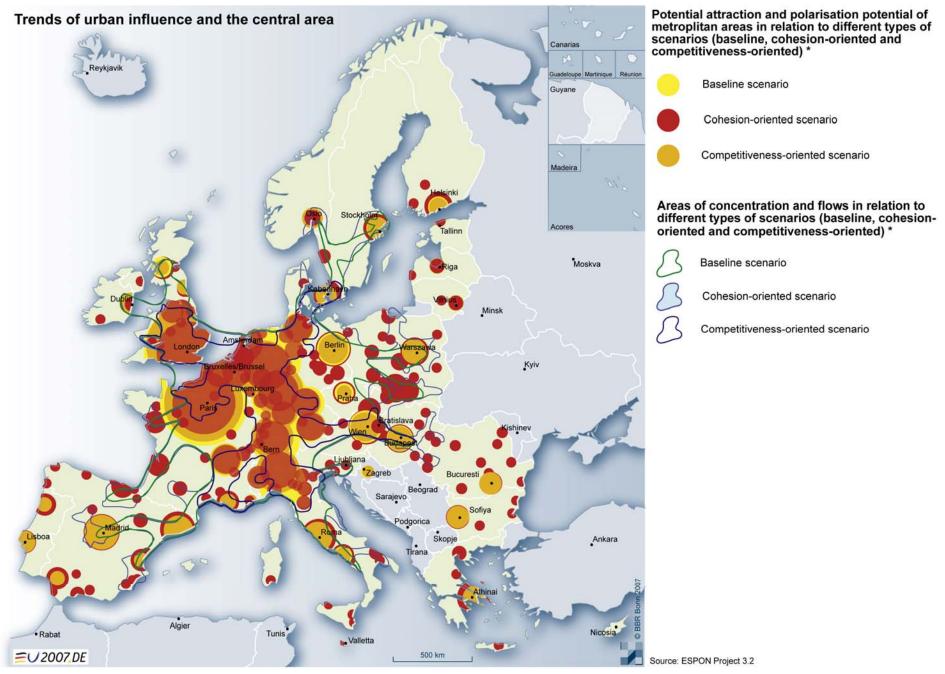
In the economic development, the trend scenario outlines the ongoing process of catching up with the eastern part of the Union. As in the western areas, the metropolitan regions have largely benefited from the globalisation process and from the related restructuring of the economy. The cohesion-oriented picture with a lower GDP growth for the EU as a whole underlines this process with stronger growth rates in the new member countries than in western Europe. However, the epicentre of growth has moved towards South-Eastern Europe. In the competitiveness scenario, the most developed regions in the Pentagon but also a number of competitive regions outside the Pentagon belong to this privileged category. The divide between Western Europe and Central and Eastern Europe has increased as growth has tended to concentrate in the central Pentagon and only in a few surrounding metropolitan areas. The risk of declining activities will severely affect most areas in Central and Eastern Europe. While the regional outline almost matches the baseline and the cohesion scenario, it will be larger in the competitiveness scenario and the intensity of risk will also be higher.

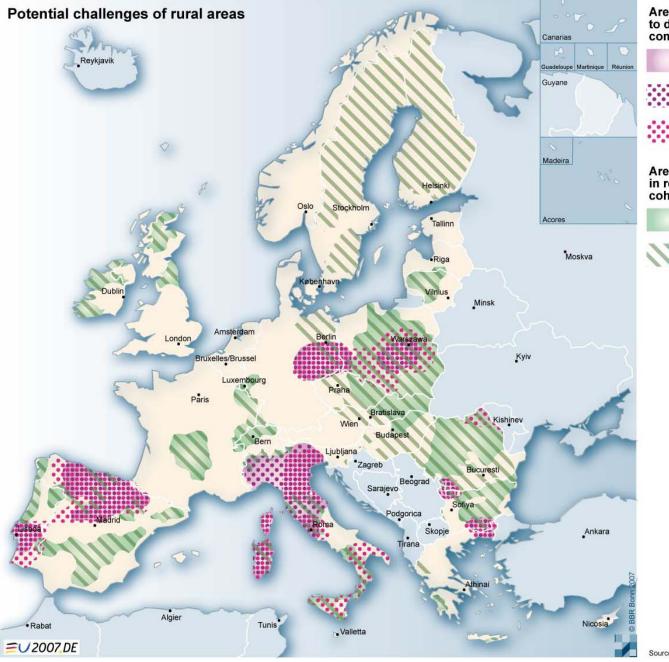
The baseline scenario goes beyond the "Pentagon", the central area of activities in Europe, along major corridors with significant metropolitan areas. In the cohesion scenario, this central area will obviously be even less concentrated and more spread and territorially balanced. The role of the urban system especially in the eastern and southern part of the territory increases. With more competitiveness-oriented policies the attraction and polarisation potential of metropolitan areas is particular strong and concentrated in the traditional Pentagon. Only a few metropolitan areas outside generate significant attraction and polarisation effects. The area of concentration of flows and activities is much more limited and only covers parts of the "Pentagon," although it stretches along a few major corridors.

The trend towards a marginalisation of various rural areas generally continues. The ageing of the population and even depopulation have reached a critical level. In the competitiveness scenario, the risk of rural marginalisation is much more intense and the number of areas with a severe ageing of the population is higher. In the cohesion scenario, this number of areas is comparable to that of the baseline scenario but their size is reduced and the intensity lower.

Climate change is expected to have a tremendous influence on the European territory. It will influence the natural and thus the economic basis of regions. Increasing temperatures in winter will especially affect mountainous regions and the northern areas and in summertime considerably determine the southern part of Europe. More precipitation in winter characterises the northern part of the continent whereas the summer will be dryer on almost the whole continent apart from the very north. Decreases in precipitation by more than 50% compared with Southern Europe might endanger the base of living of a large part of the European population.







Areas with tendency of severe aging in relation to different types of scenarios (baseline and competitiveness-oriented) \*



Baseline scenario

Cohesion-oriented scenario

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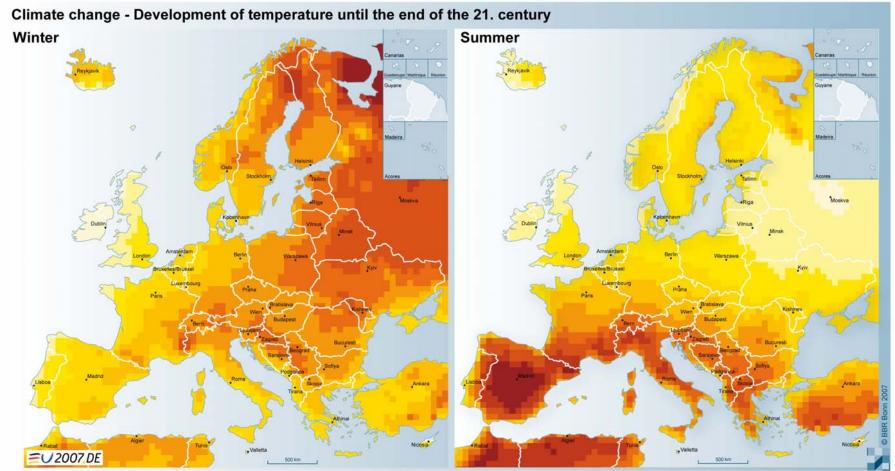
Competitiveness-oriented scenario

Areas with very high and high risk of marginalisation in relation to different types of scenarios (baseline, cohesion-oriented and competitiveness-oriented) \*

Baseline scenario

Competitiveness-oriented scenario

Source: ESPON Project 3.2, UMS RIATE

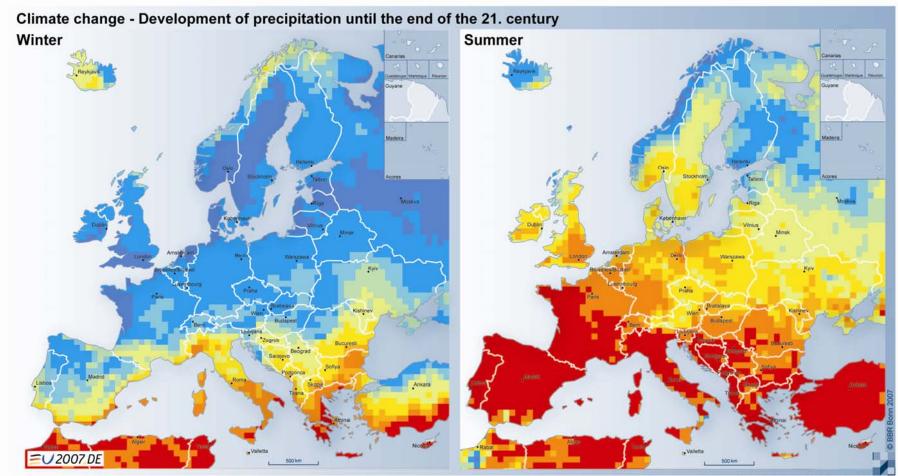


Change of temperatur near surface (2m) in the sceanrio A1B for winter and summer. Indicated is the difference of the 30 years averages 2071-2100 minus 1961-1990

Source: Max-Planck-Institut für Meteorologie Hamburg

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2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	5.5	6

The elaboreated scenarios within the IPCC proecess for the time priod of 2001 to 2100 base on different assumptions concenring the demographic, social, economic and technological chamge. The selected scenarios A2, A1B and B1 of the 4 progress report of the IPCC base on the following assumptions. Die A1 scenario familly decribes a furure world with a rapid economic growth, with a world population growing until the middle of the 21st century and decrease after this and with a quick intriduction of new and efficient technologies. The three A1 groups differs in their respect technological main focus: intensive use of fossil fuels (A1F1), non-fossil energy sources (A1T) and a balance across all energy sources (A1B)



Change of precipitation in the sceanrio A1B for winter and summer. Indicated are the relative changes (%) of the yearly averages 2071-2100 in rleation to 1961-1990

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1 PT>0 PM>0 PN>0 - In-migration and young population/"high" TFR. High sustainability both in short and long term. The most favourable case.

2 PT>0 PM>0 PN<0 - Out-migration and young population/"high" TFR. Short term – sustainability. Long term – eroding sustainability because of lopsided age structure (out-migration).

3 PT>0 PM<0 PN>0 - In-migration of people with low TFR. Natural population decrease because of lopsided age structure and/or low TFR. Dependent on in-migration. No sustainability in

long term - weak reproduction potential.

4 PT<0 PM<0 PN>0 - In-migration and old population/"low" TFR. In-migration of elderly people and/or singles, low reproduction potential. Dependent on in-migration. Low sustainability both in short and long run.

5 PT<0 PM>0 PN<0 - Out-migration but still young population/"high" TFR. Traditionally high fertility regions. Falling TFR -> low sustainability.

6 PT<0 PM<0 PN<0 - Out-migration and old population/"low" TFR, depopulation. No sus-

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Population density above the average of 107 inhabitants/km^2 in EU27+2 and/or at least a

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