Nomenclature of Territorial Statistical Units (NUTS) in the European Union

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Classification = organising, sorting, grouping

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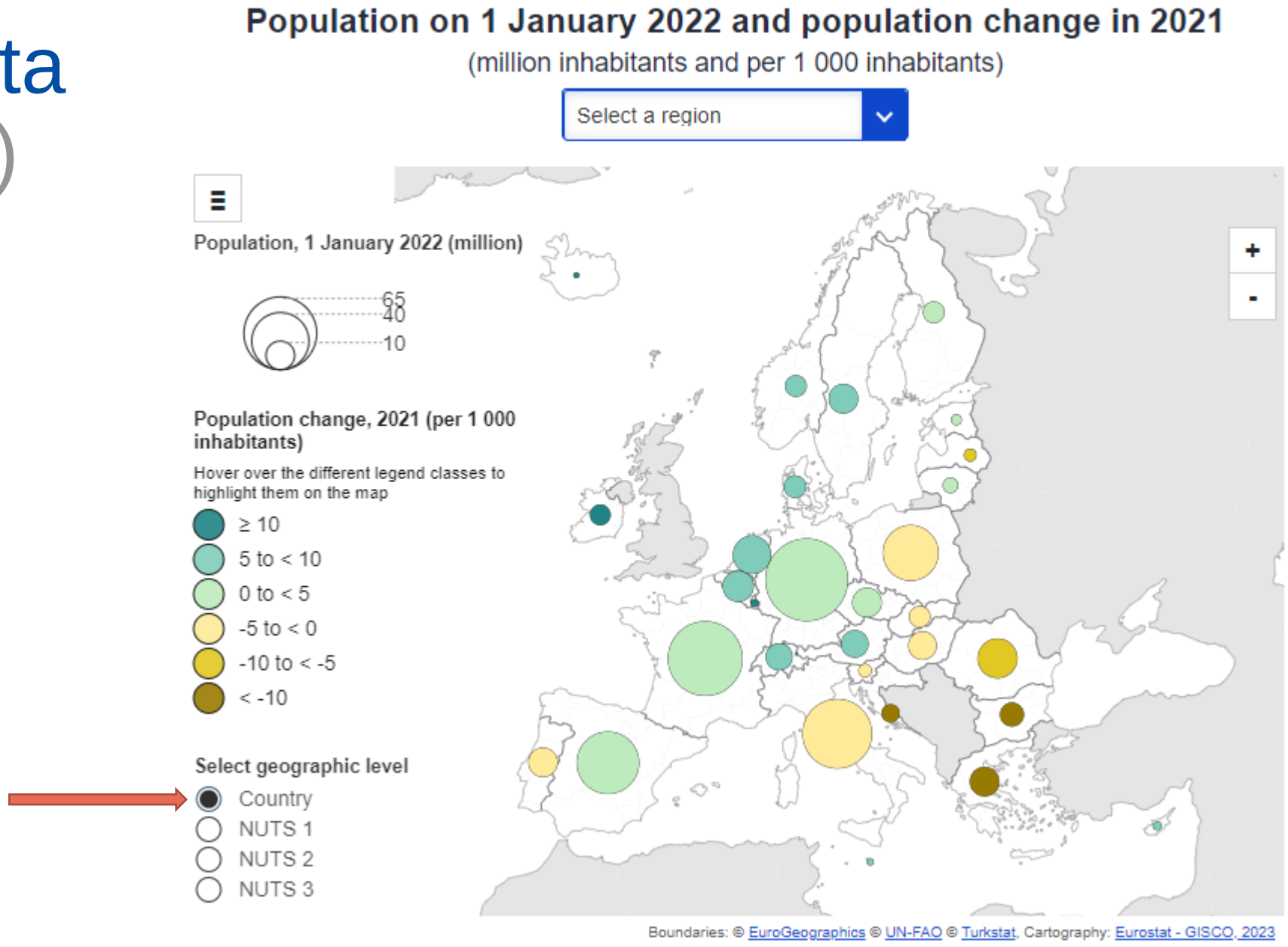
National data (countries)



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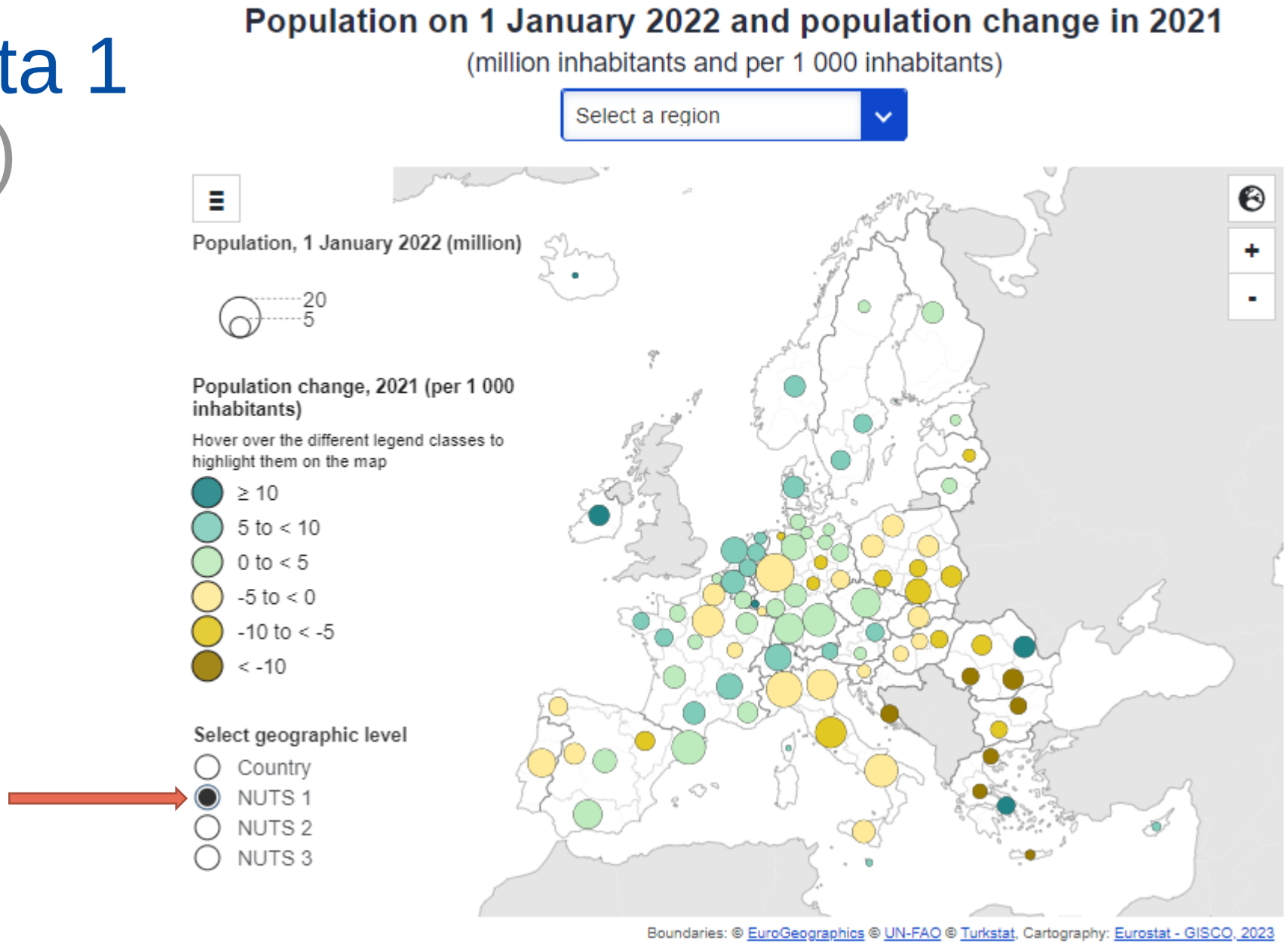

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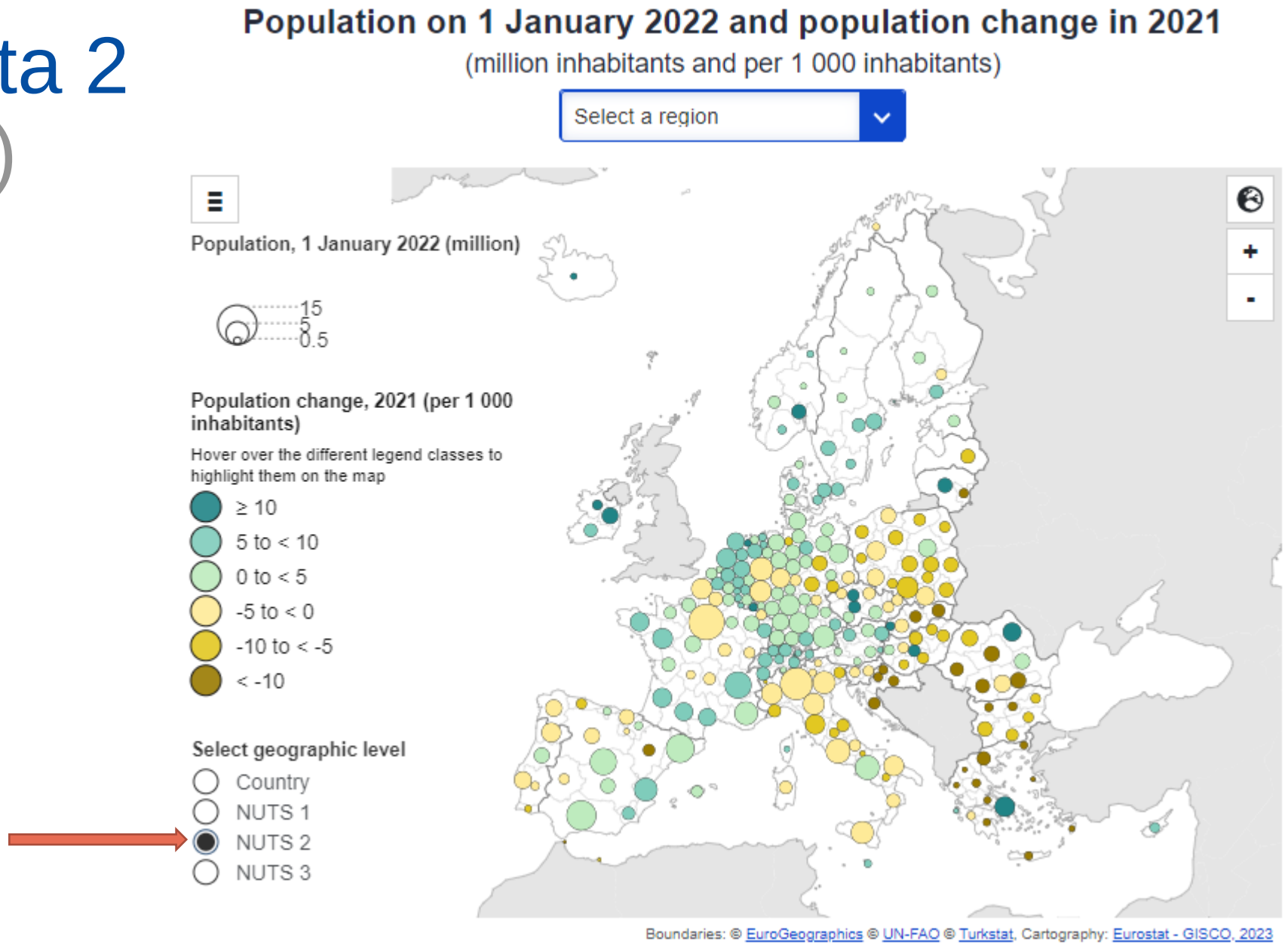

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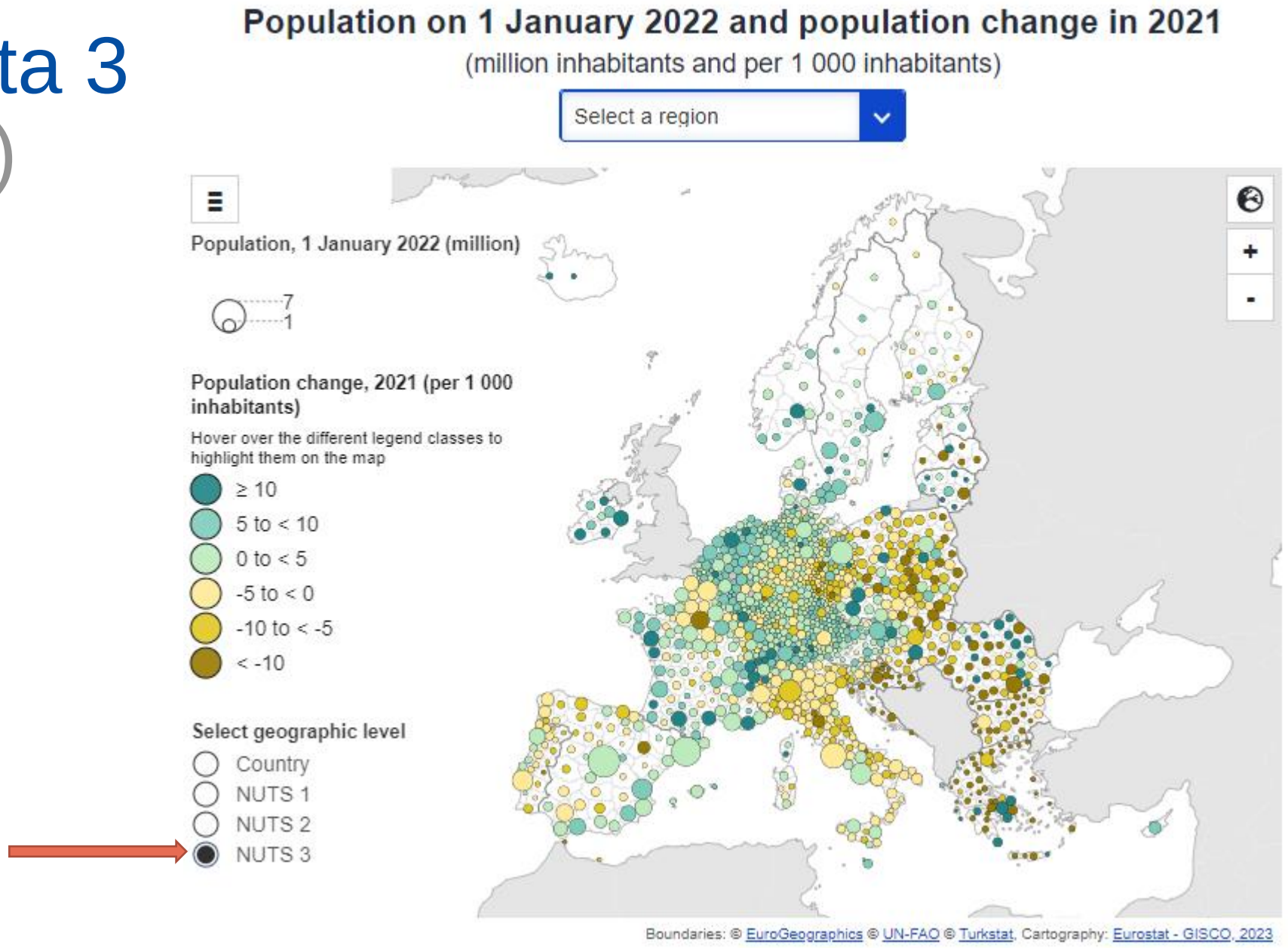

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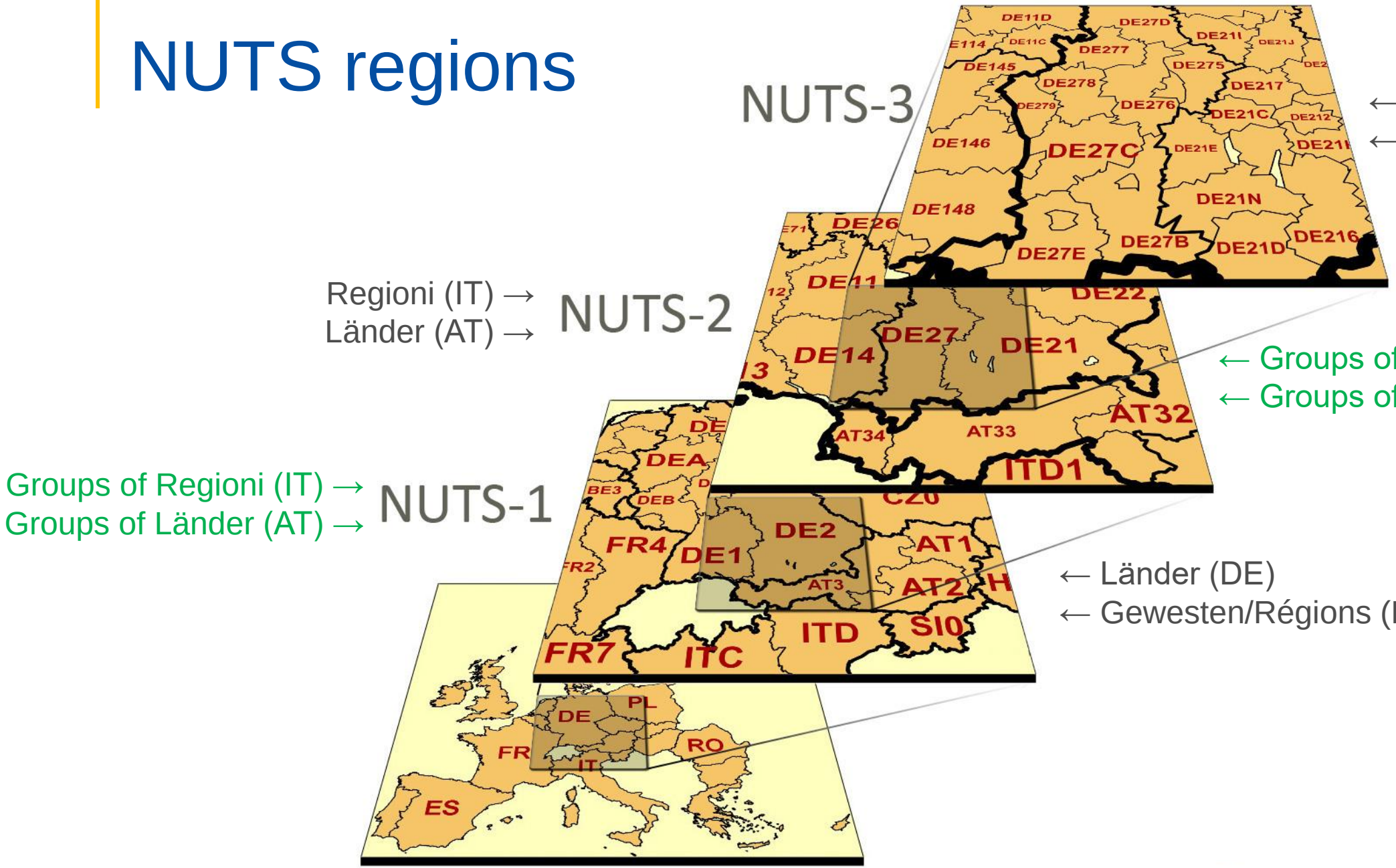

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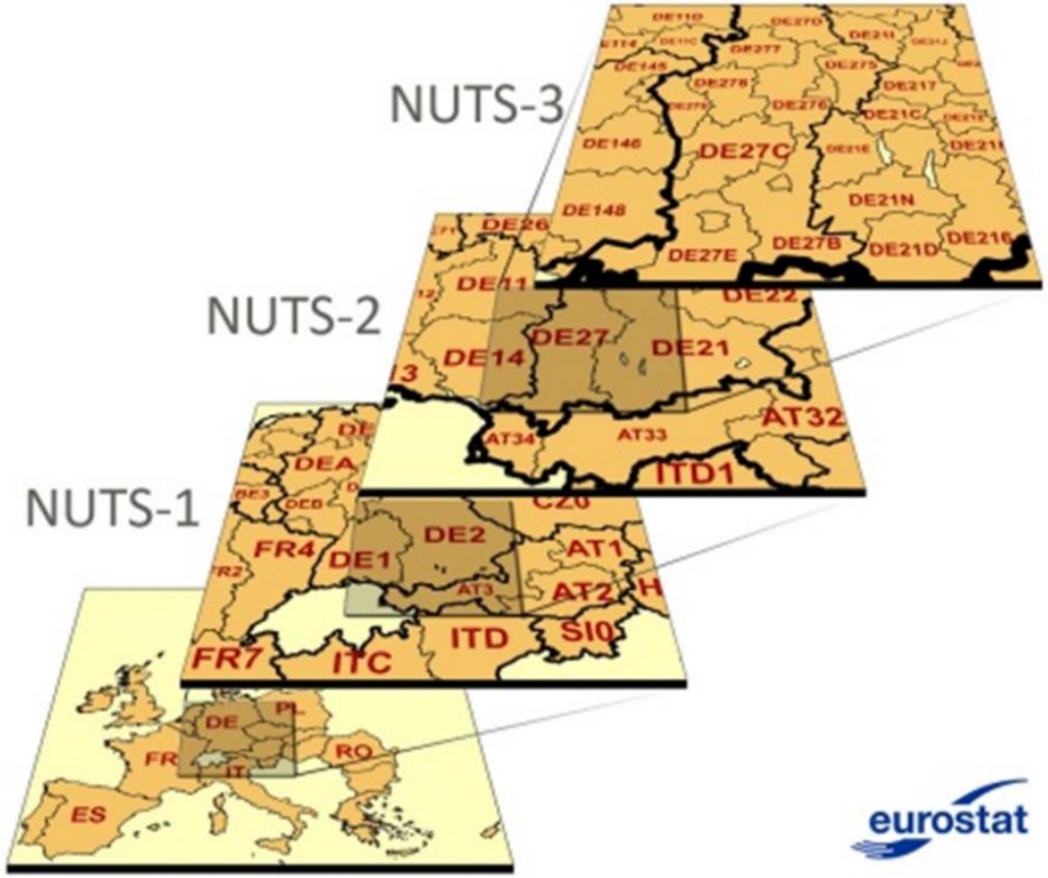
NUTS in a nutshell

- aligned to national administrative structures
- ensures comparability by population thresholds

3 million	<	NUTS 1	<	7 million
800.000	<	NUTS 2	<	3 million
150.000	<	NUTS 3	<	800.000

- hierarchical
- stable over time



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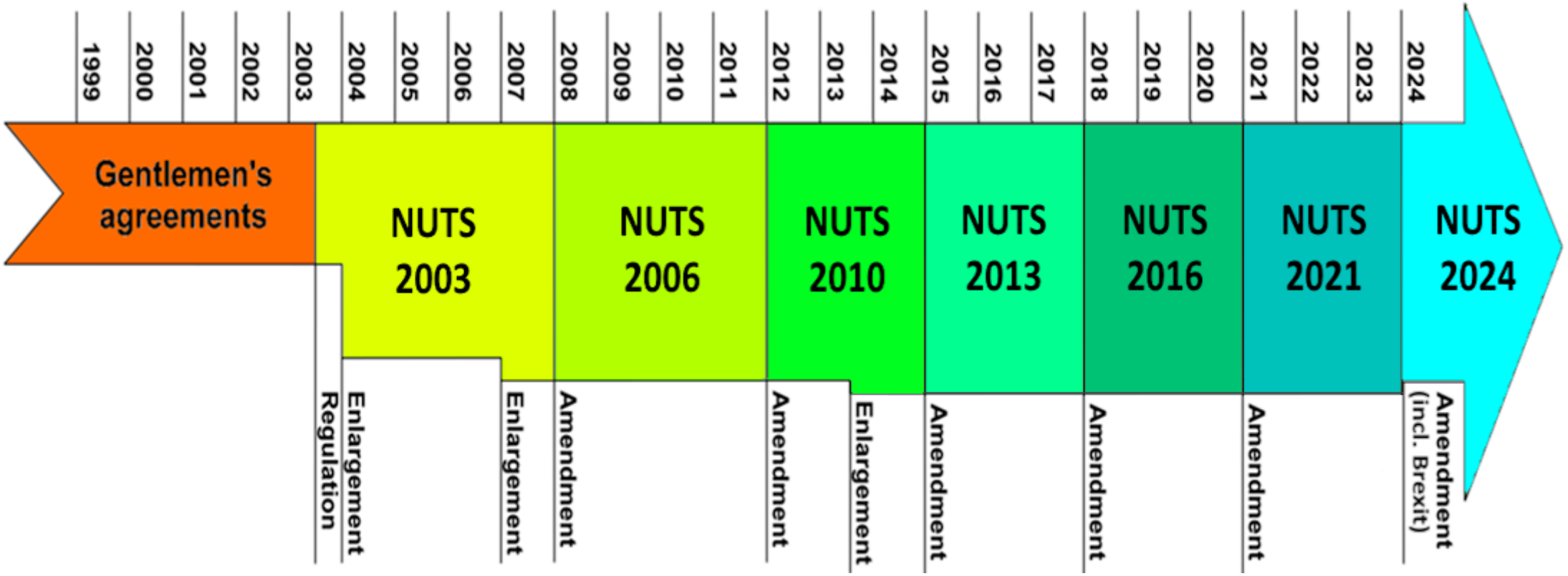
History of NUTS



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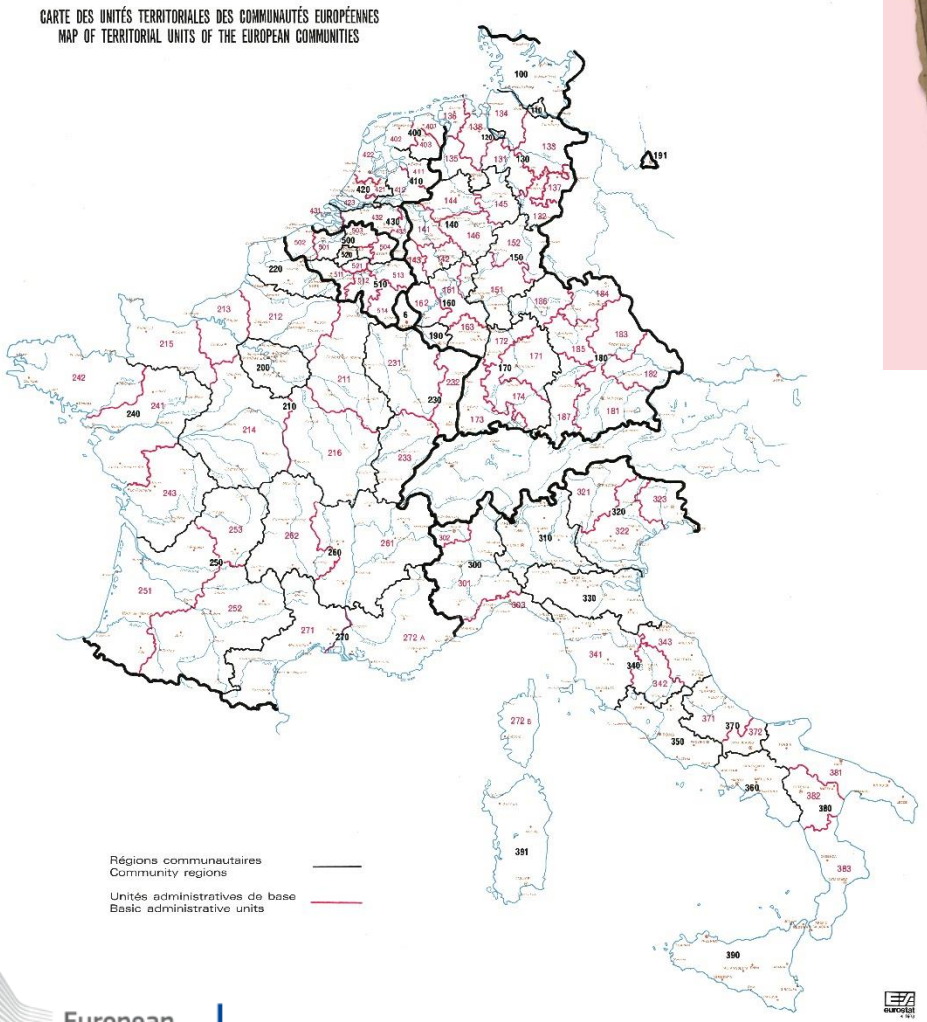
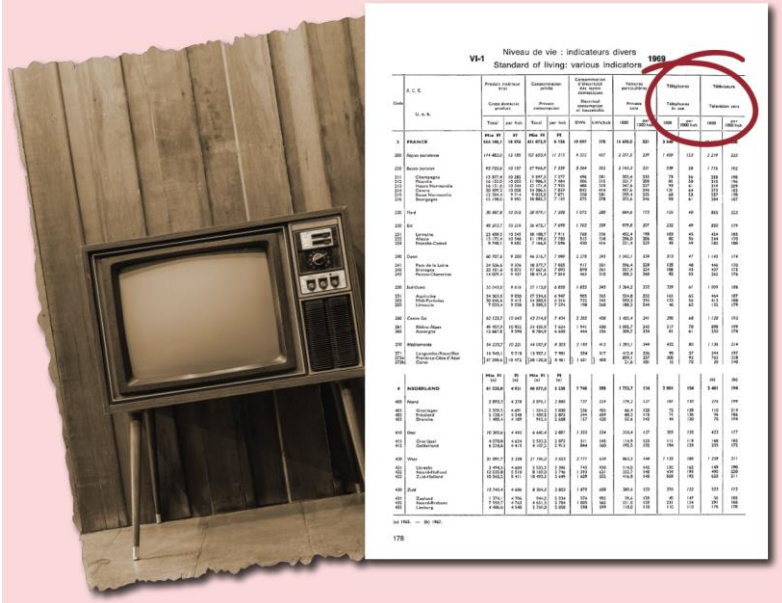
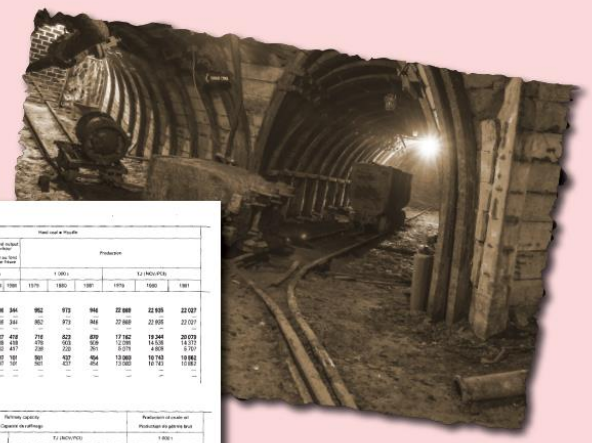
NUTS in the ‘70s

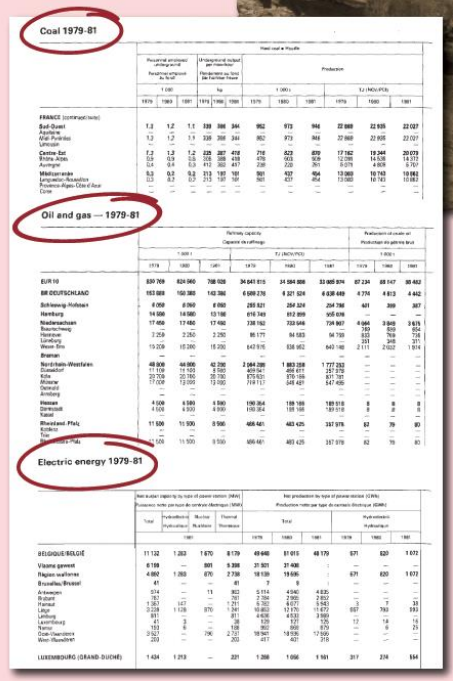




Telephone
Television



Coal
Oil and Gas
Electric energy



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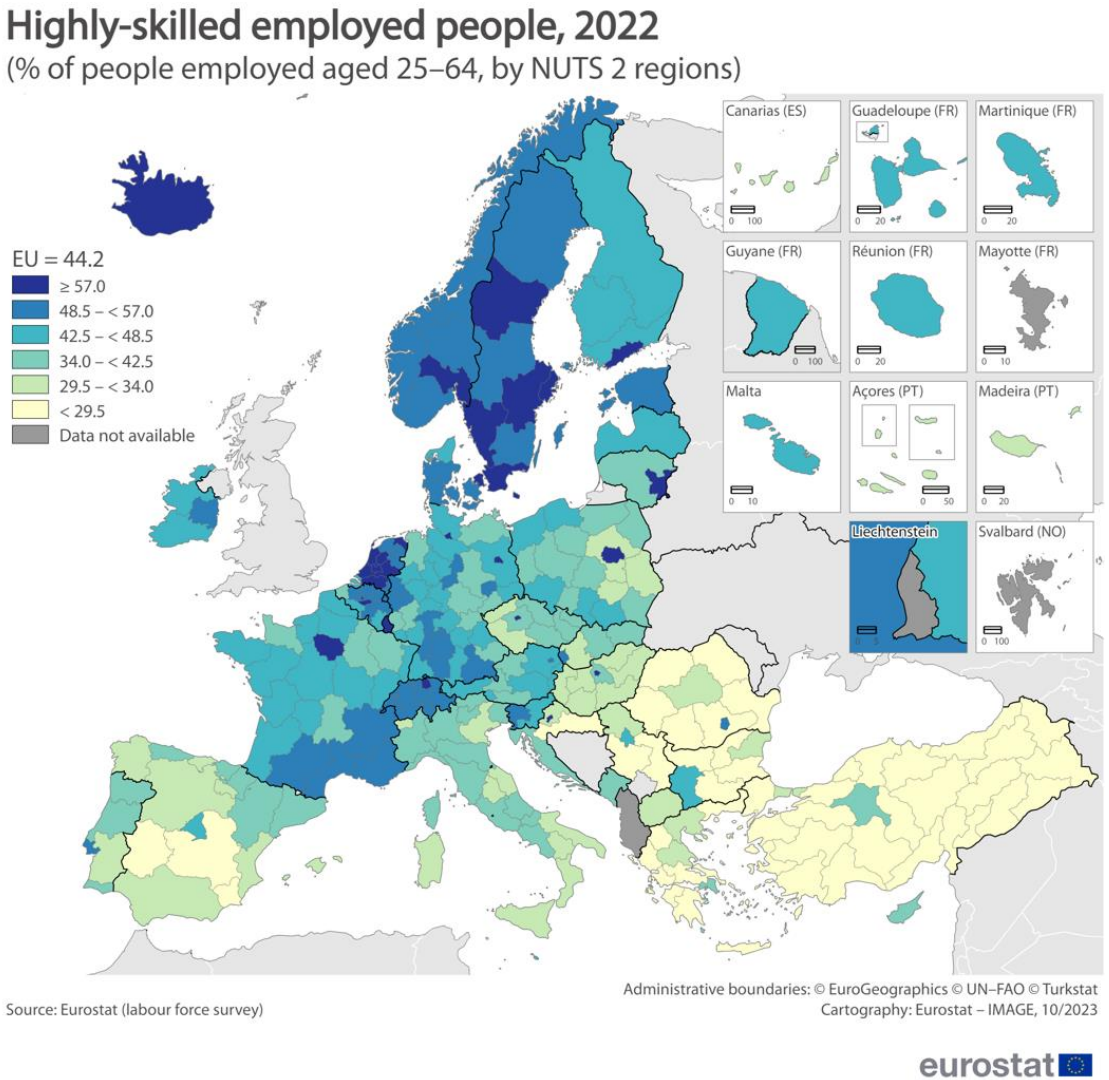
NUTS today


Highly-skilled employed people, 2022
(% of people employed aged 25–64, by NUTS 2 regions)
EU = 44.2
≥ 57.0
48.5 – < 57.0
42.5 – < 48.5
34.0 – < 42.5
29.5 – < 34.0
< 29.5
Data not available
Canarias (ES)
Guadeloupe (FR)
Martinique (FR)
Guyane (FR)
Réunion (FR)
Mayotte (FR)
Malta
Açores (PT)
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Source: Eurostat (labour force survey)
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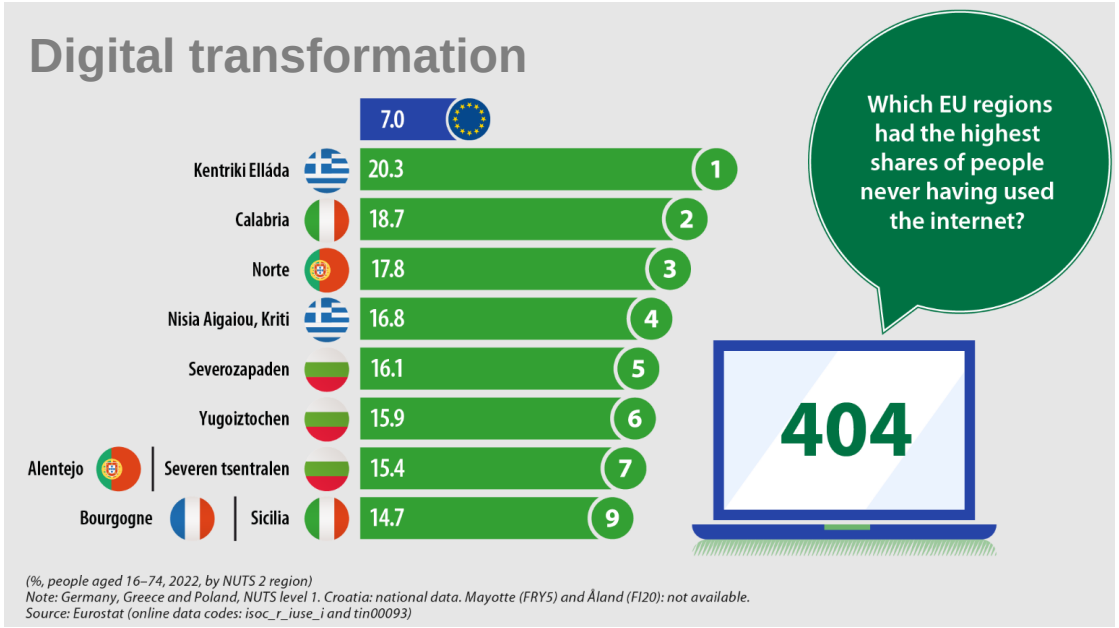
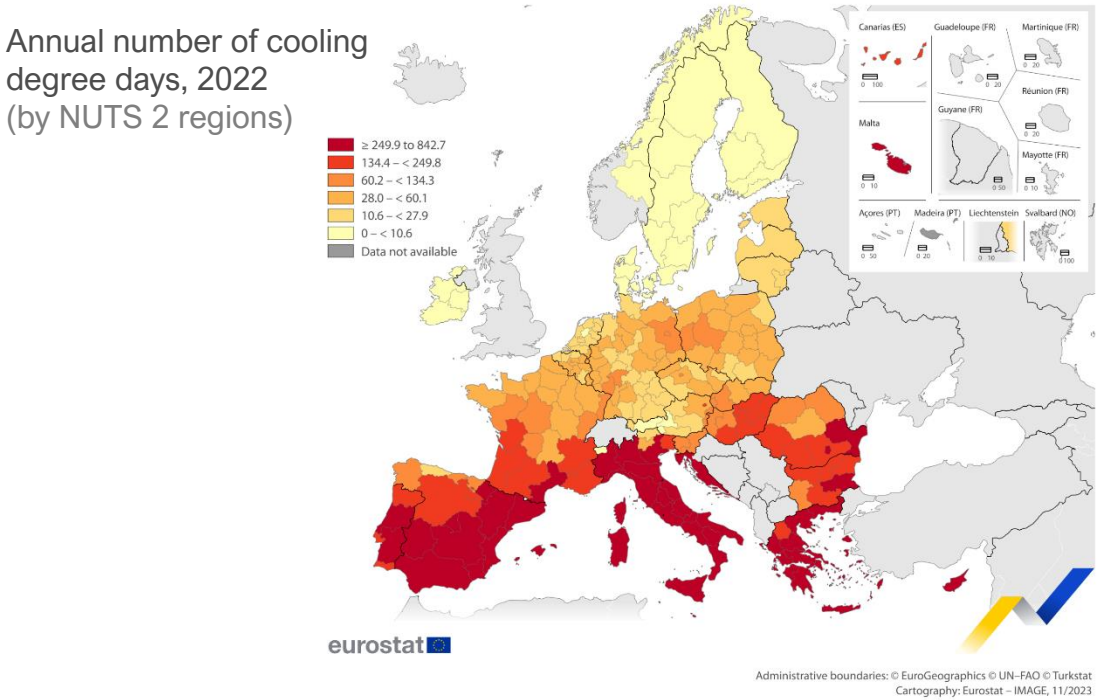

Digital transformation
Which EU regions had the highest shares of people never having used the internet?
404
7.0
Kentriki Elláda 20.3 1
Calabria 18.7 2
Norte 17.8 3
Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti 16.8 4
Severozapaden 16.1 5
Yugoiztochen 15.9 6
Alentejo
Severen tsentralen 15.4 7
Bourgogne
Sicilia 14.7 9
(%, people aged 16–74, 2022, by NUTS 2 region)
Note: Germany, Greece and Poland, NUTS level 1. Croatia: national data. Mayotte (FRY5) and Åland (FI20): not available.
Source: Eurostat (online data codes: isoc_r_iuse_i and tin00093)


Annual number of cooling degree days, 2022
(by NUTS 2 regions)
≥ 249.9 to 842.7
134.4 – < 249.8
60.2 – < 134.3
28.0 – < 60.1
10.6 – < 27.9
0 – < 10.6
Data not available
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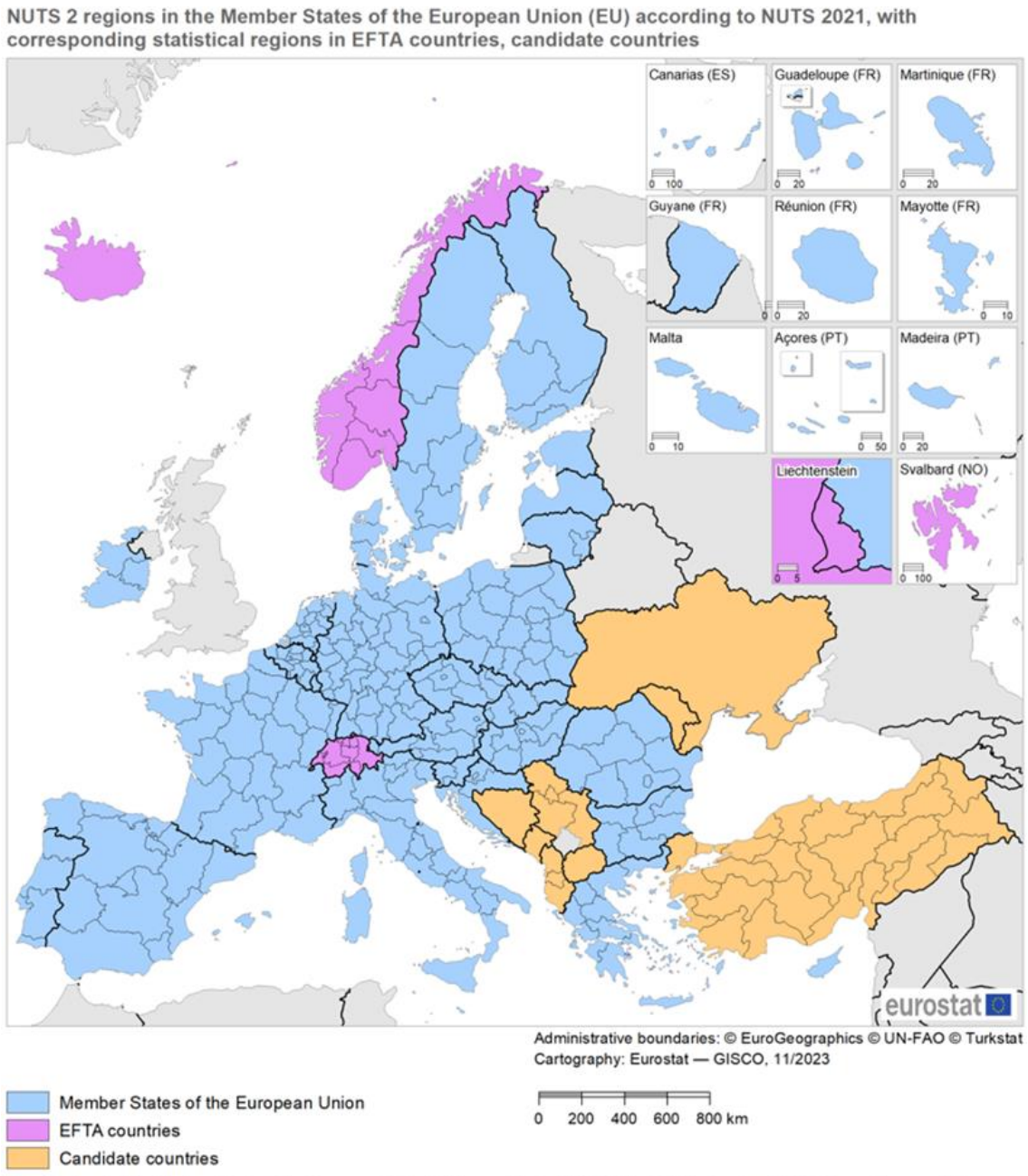

Currently valid: NUTS 2024

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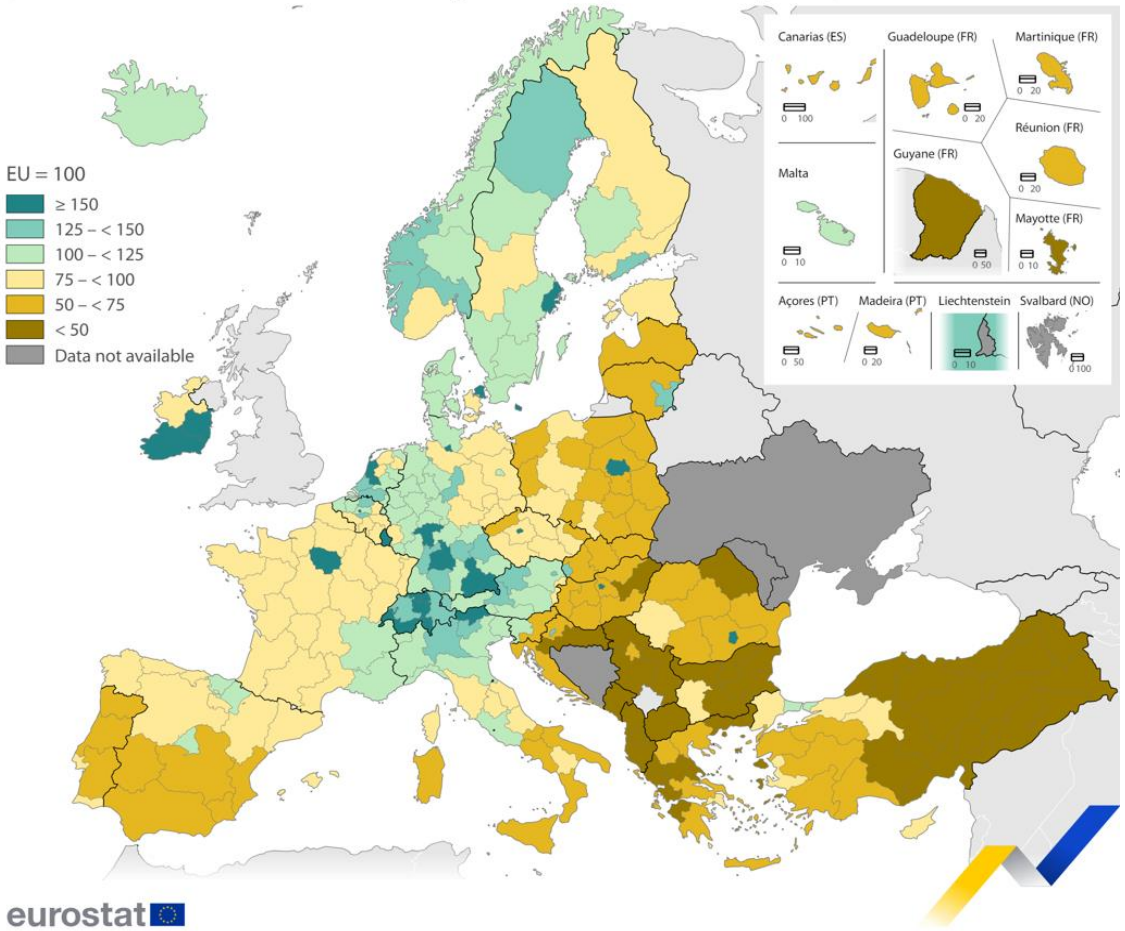
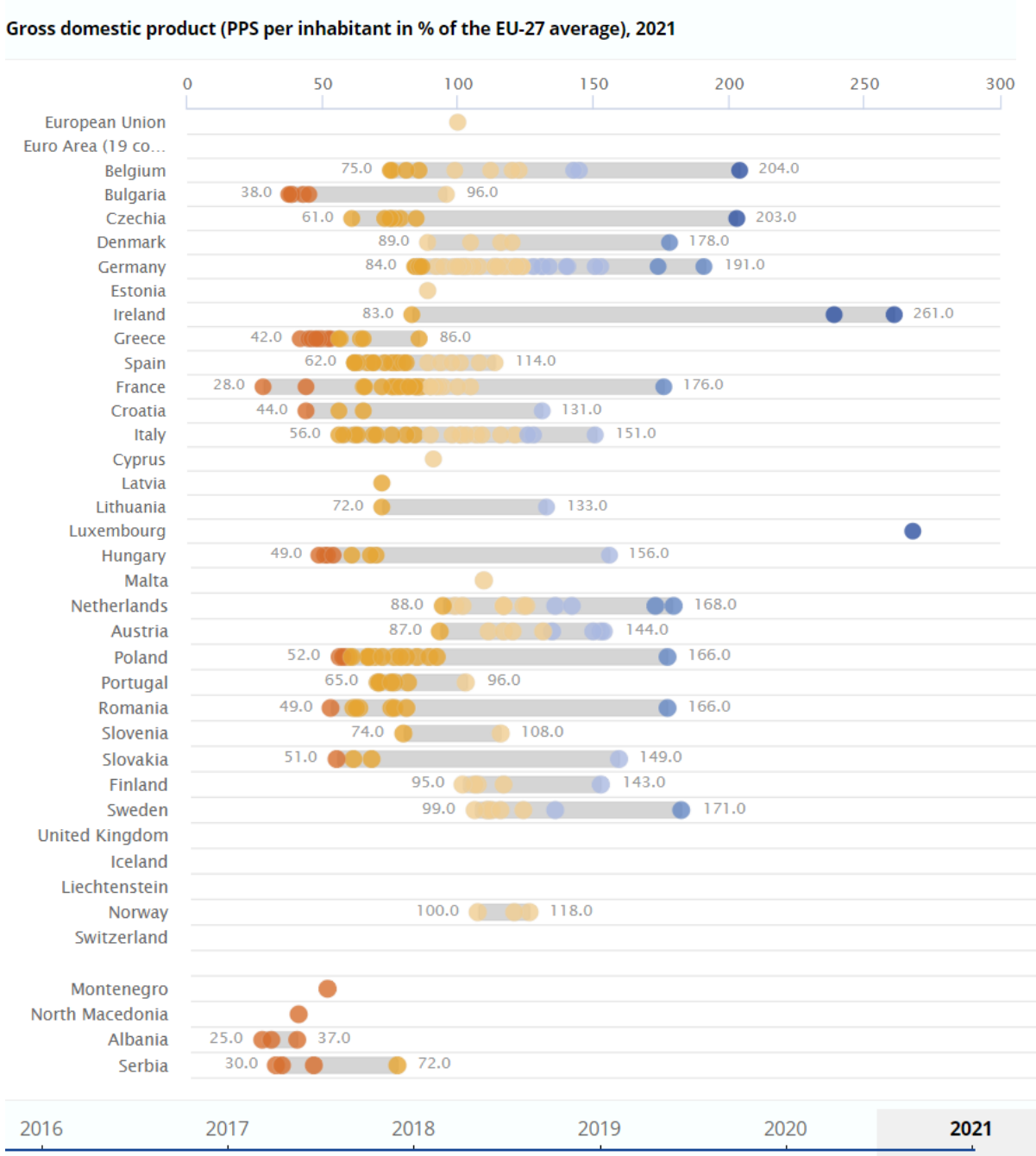
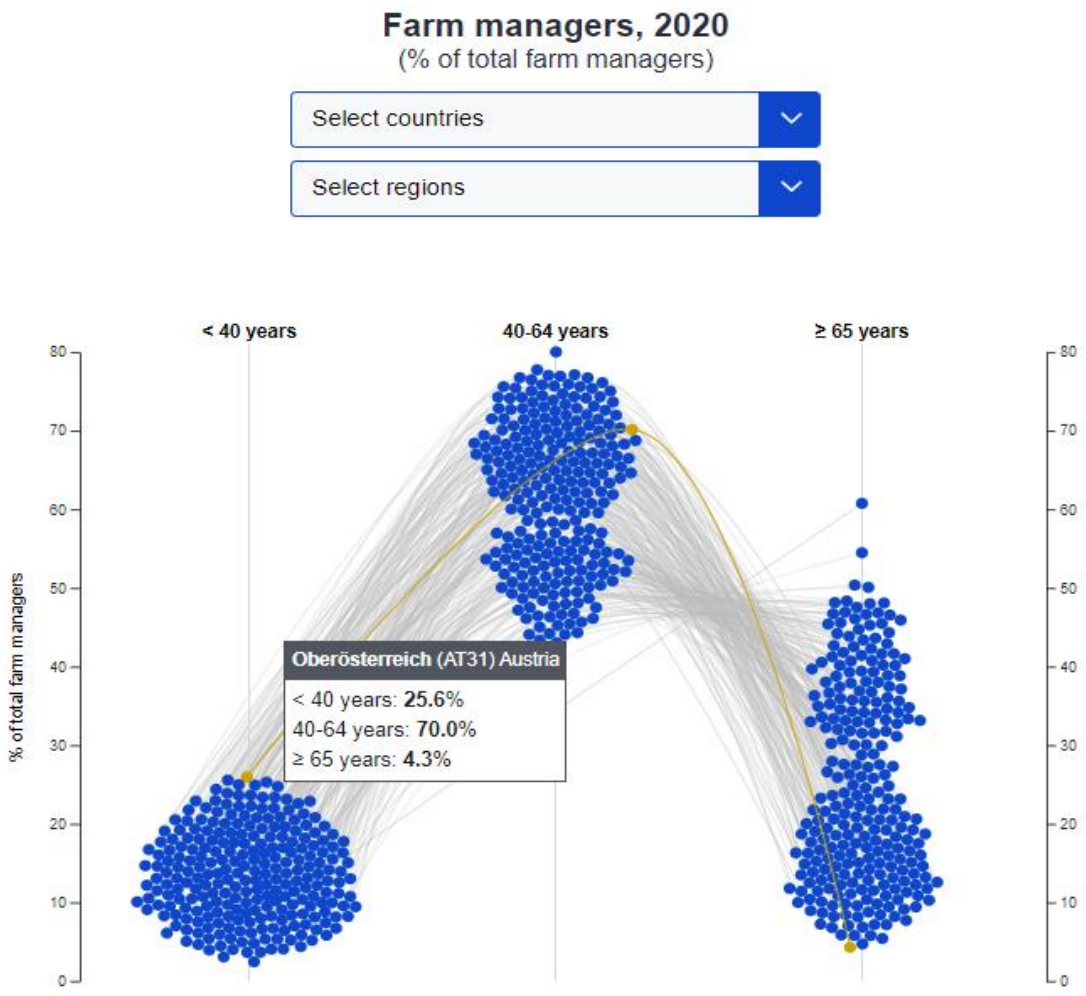
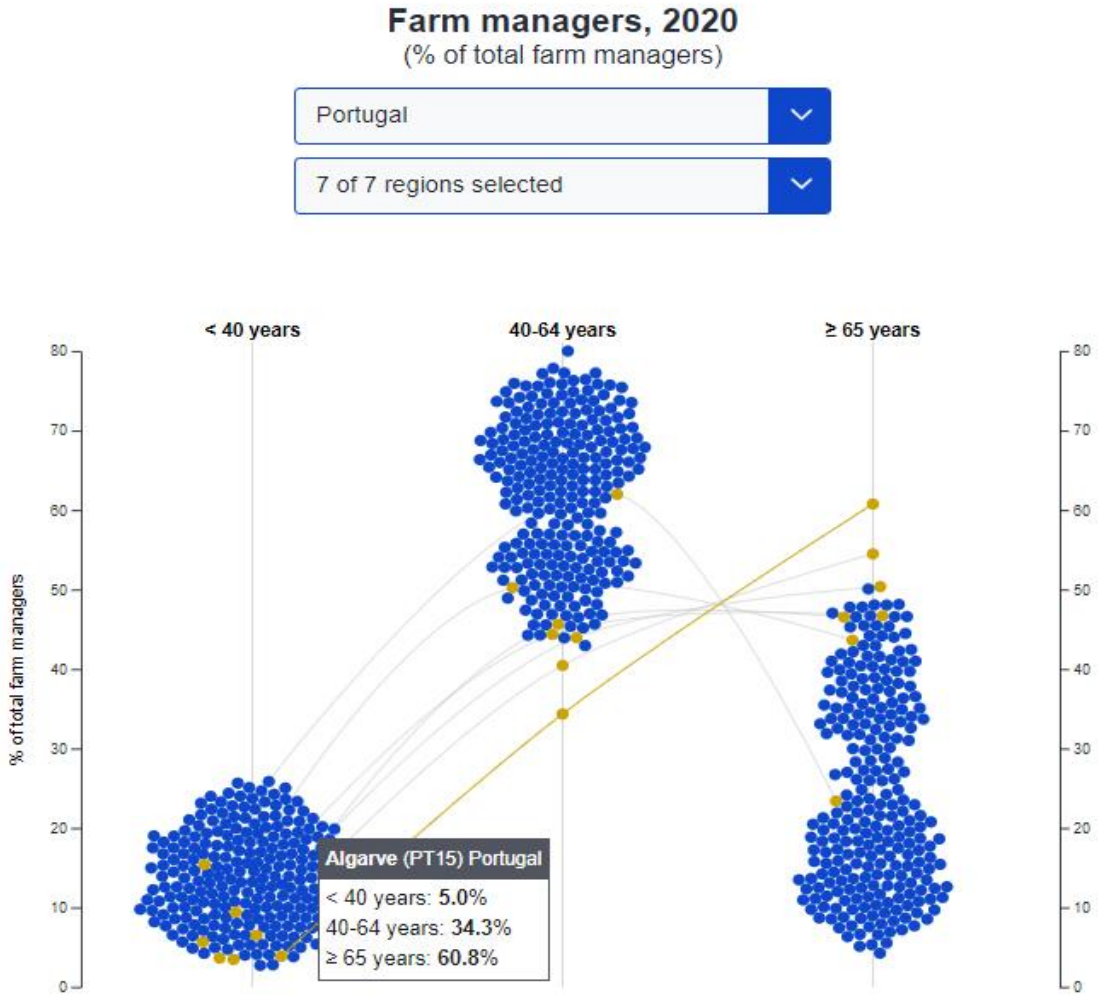
Cohesion Policy





Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)



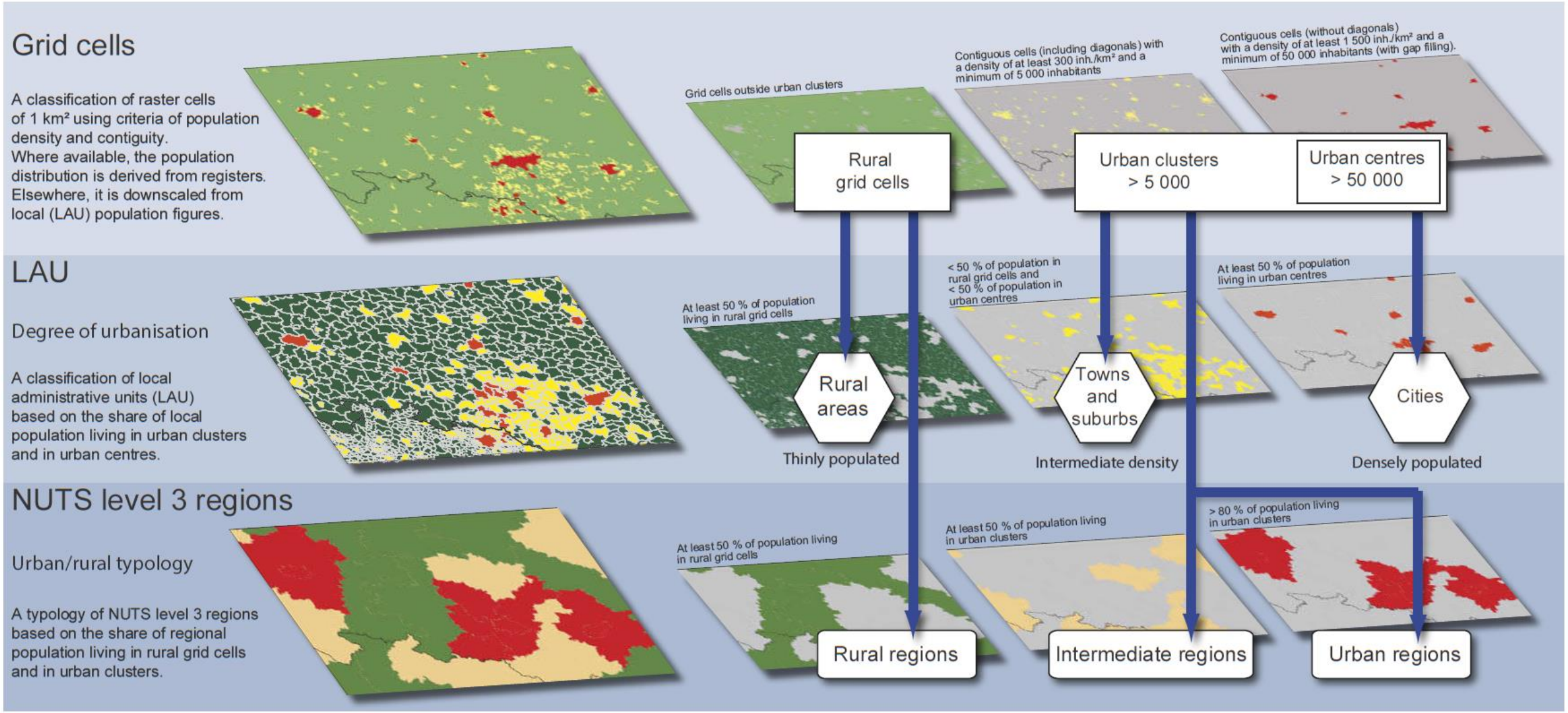


Regional statistics by NUTS

Domain/Statistics	Frequency	NUTS-1	NUTS-2	NUTS-3
Regional and household accounts	Annual	X	X	X
Economic accounts for agriculture	Annual	X	X	
Agro-environment	Annual	X	X	X
Prices and rents of agricultural land	Annual	X	X	
Animal production - meat	Quarterly	X	X	
Milk, milk products and dairies structure	Monthly	X	X	
Crop production	Annual	X	X	
Structure of agricultural holdings	Multi annual	X	X	X
Integrated farm statistics	3/6 years	X	X	X
Sustainable development indicators	Annual	X	X	
Waste statistics	Annual	X	X	
Inland waterway transport	Quarterly	X	X	
Maritime transport	Quarterly	X	X	
Rail transport	Quarterly	X	X	
Road transport	Quarterly	X	X	X
Land cover and use, landscape	Aperiodic	X		
Heating & cooling degree days	Monthly	X	X	

Domain/Statistics	Frequency	NUTS-1	NUTS-2	NUTS-3
Demography and migration	Annual	X	X	X
Population projections	Annual	X	X	X
Earnings	Twice a year	X		
Employment and unemployment	Quarterly	X	X	
Job vacancies	Quarterly	X	X	
Labour costs	Quarterly	X		
Crime and criminal justice	Annual	X	X	X
Income and living conditions (SILC)	Annual	X	X	
SILC modules	3/6 years	X		
Causes of death	Annual	X	X	
Education and training	Annual	X	X	
Business demography	Annual	X	X	X
Structural Business Statistics	Annual	X	X	
Tourism industry - accommodations	Monthly	X	X	
High tech industry, KIS, HR in S&T & IPR	Annual	X	X	
Research and Development	Annual	X	X	

NUTS typologies 1



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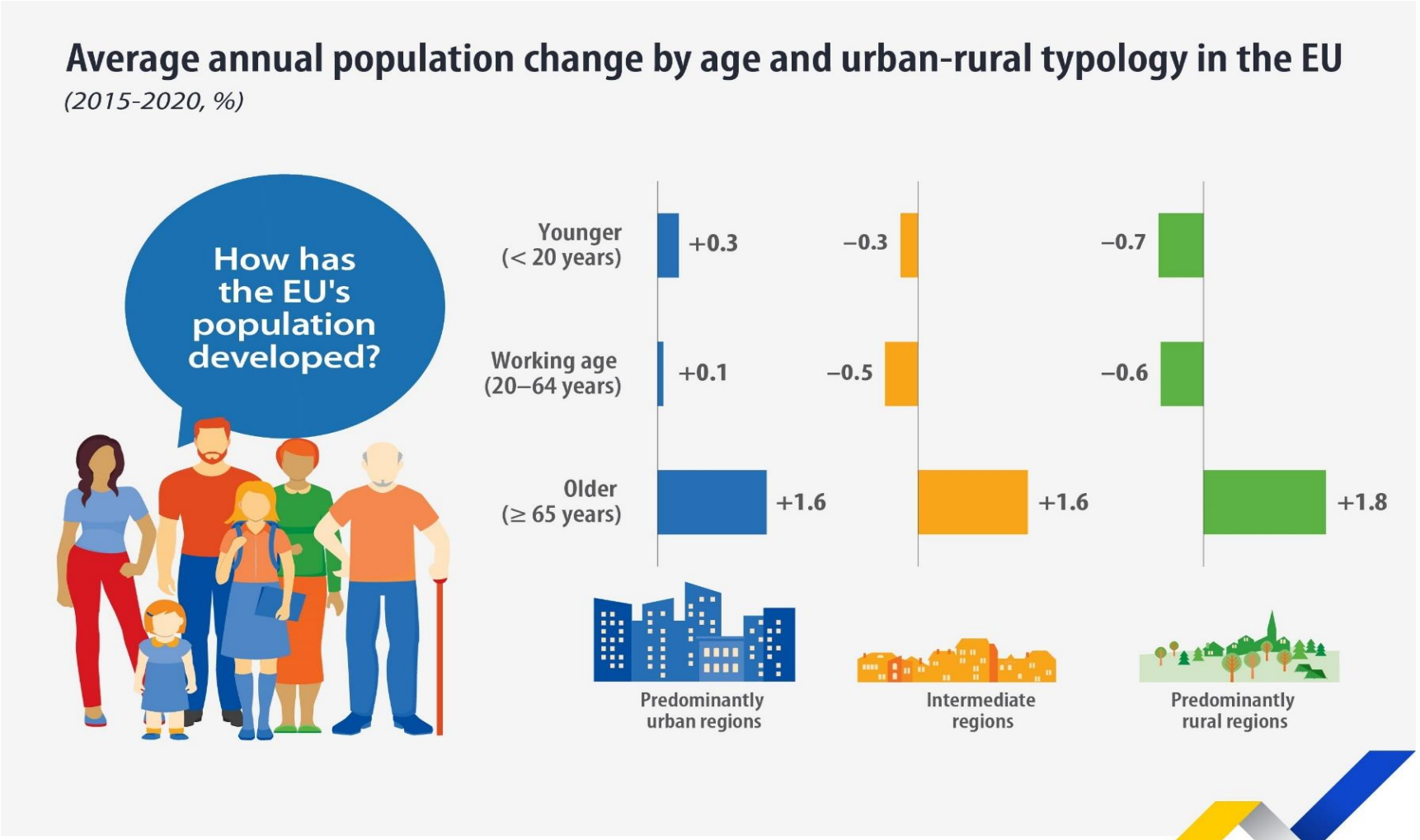

NUTS typologies 3

NUTS -3	Frequency	Urban-rural	Metro-politan	Coastal	Mountain	Border	Island
Demography	Annual	X	X	X	X	X	X
Economic accounts	Annual	X	X	X	X	X	X
Labour market	Annual	X	X	X	X	X	X
Patent statistics (historical data)	Annual	X	X	X	X	X	X
Community trade marks	Annual	X	X	X	X	X	X
Community design	Annual	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tourism	Annual			X			
Business demography	Annual	X	X	X	X	X	X
Transport	Annual	X	X	X	X	X	X
Crime statistics	Annual	X	X	X	X	X	X

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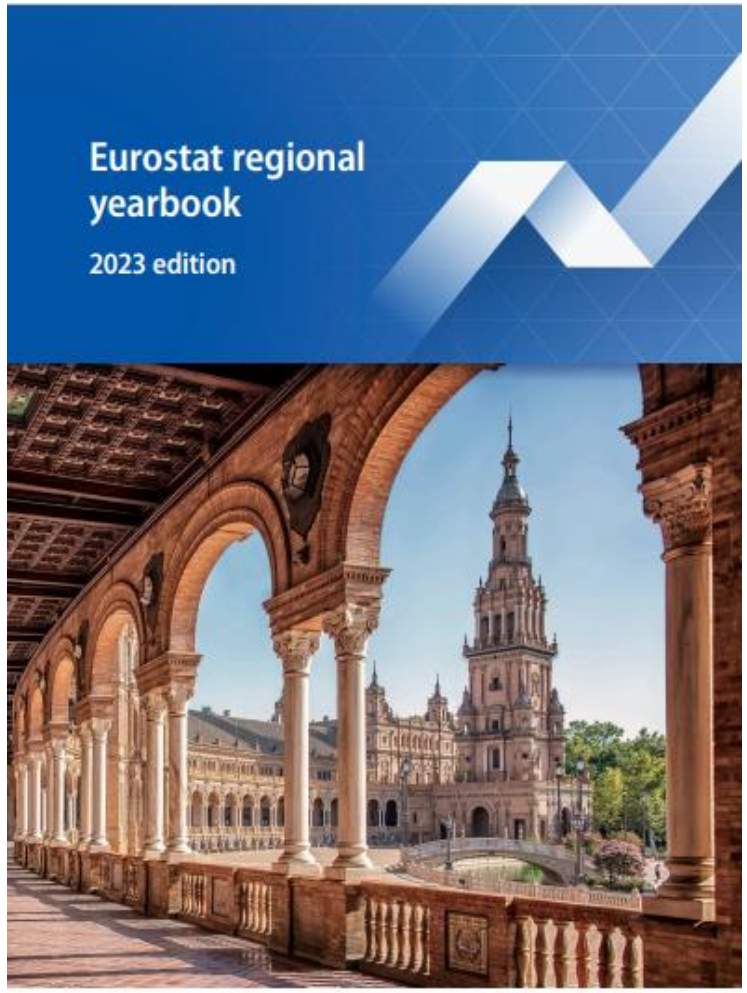

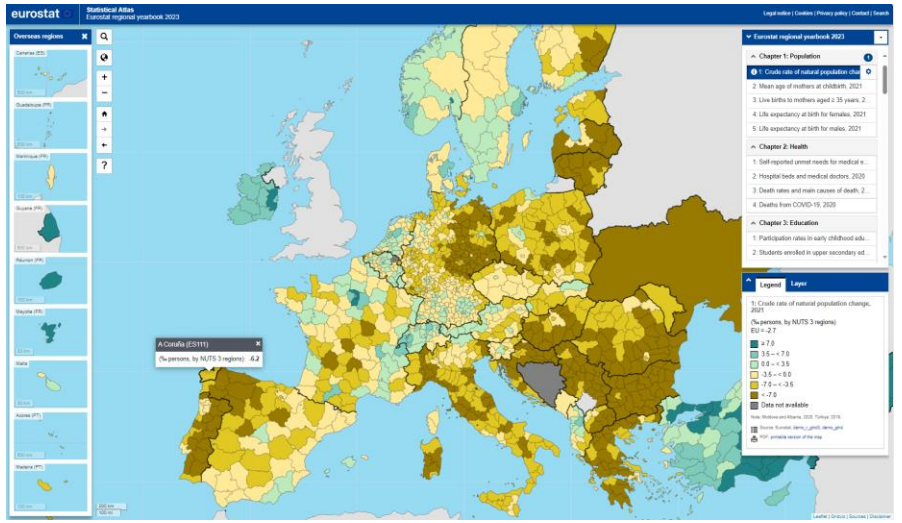

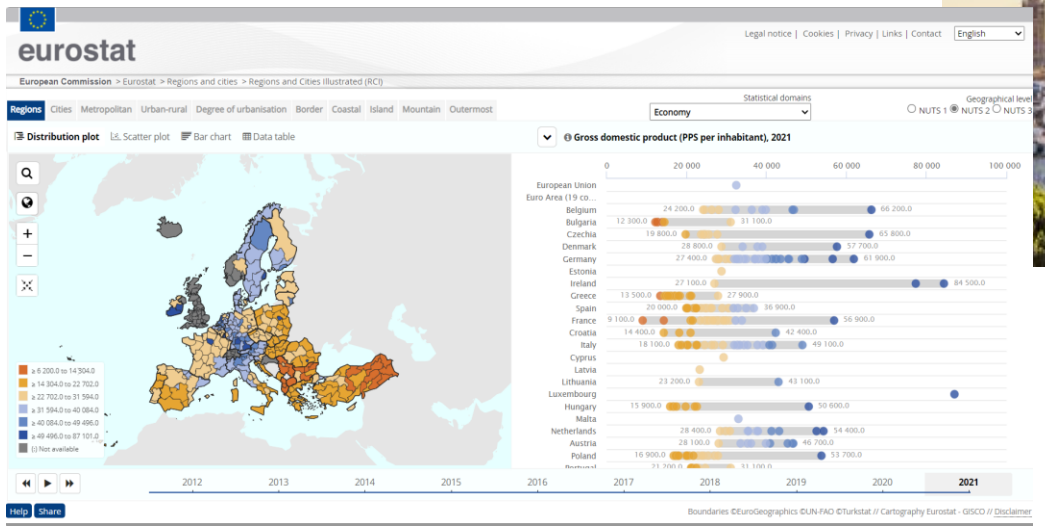

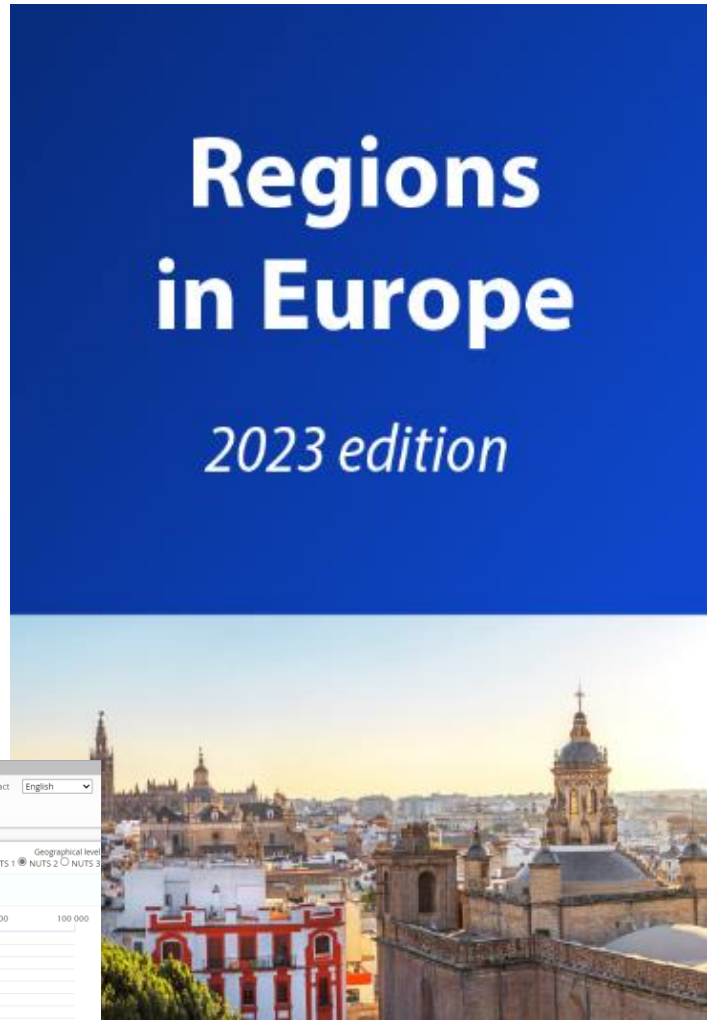

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