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1) 7th Cohesion Report

2) Communication on EU Border Regions

3) Post 2020

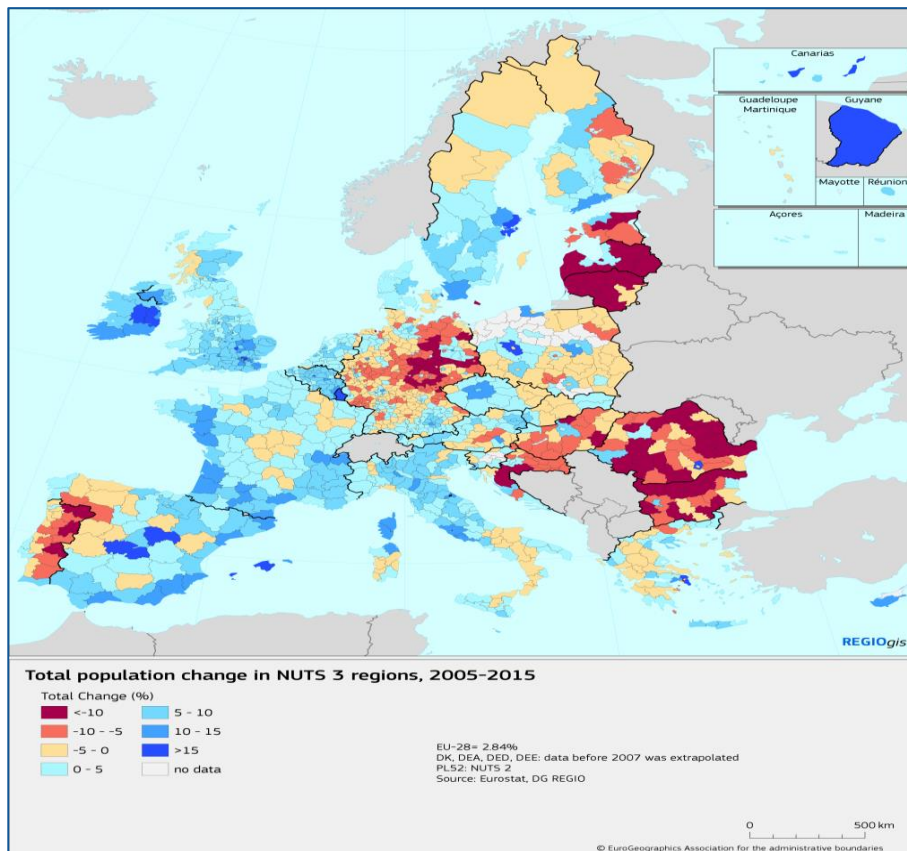
1 – 7th Cohesion Report: Context

- ***Every 3 years***
- ***Analysis of available data in different fields and policies***
- ***Analysis of economic, social and territorial trends in the 28 MS***

Highlights

- *Regional disparities have decreased compared to 3 years ago;*
- *Employment level has improved; unemployment at pre-crisis level (esp. youth);*
- *Some regions face increase in population, some face depopulation (border regions).*

Population changes

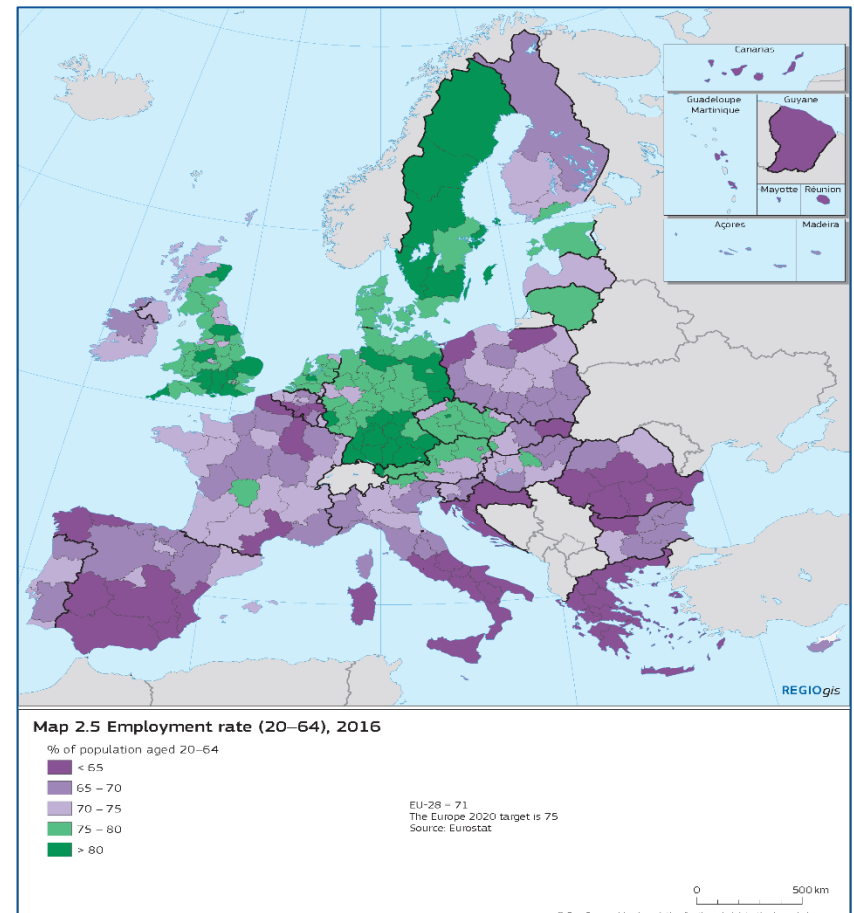


Land border regions...

... generally lose more inhabitants than others

Improved employment rate:

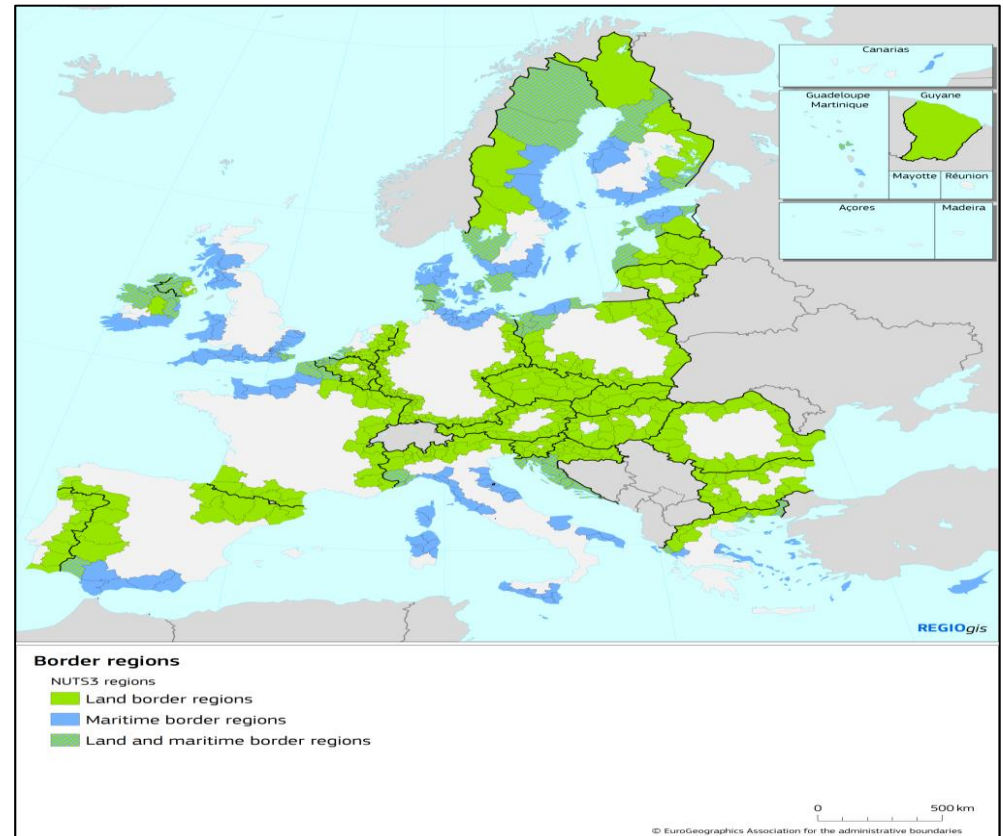
- *But employment rate objective of 75% for 2020 will not be achieved*
- *Between 2008 and 2016, increase only by 0.8%*
- *Many Southern and Eastern regions have very low employment rates...*



2 – Border Regions

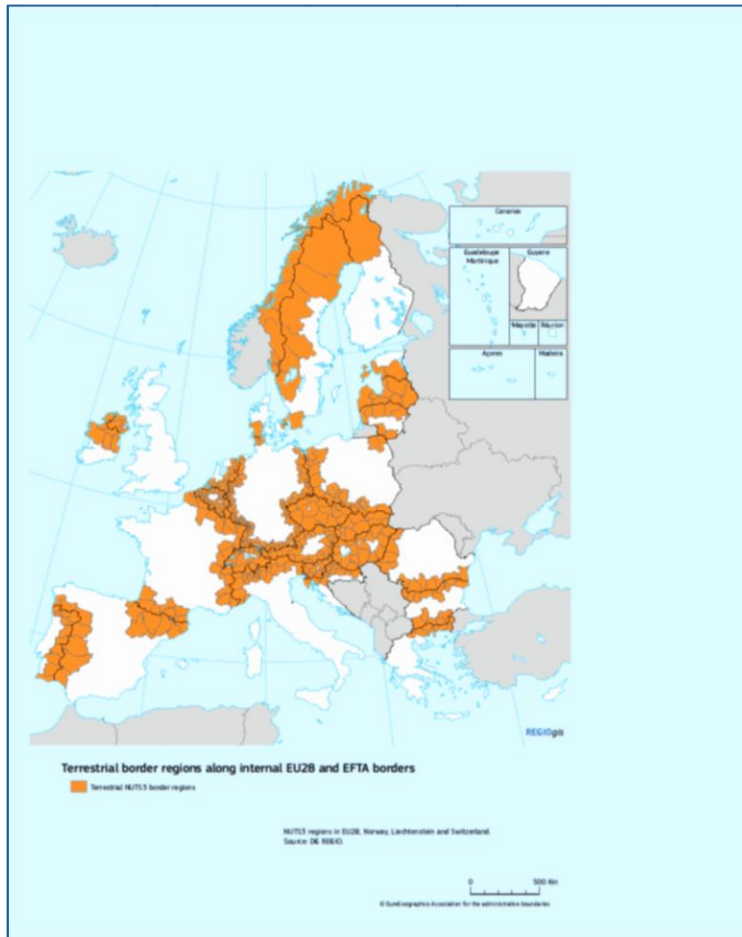
Land (green)

Maritime (blue)



➤ **Communication: land border regions**

Land border regions represent...



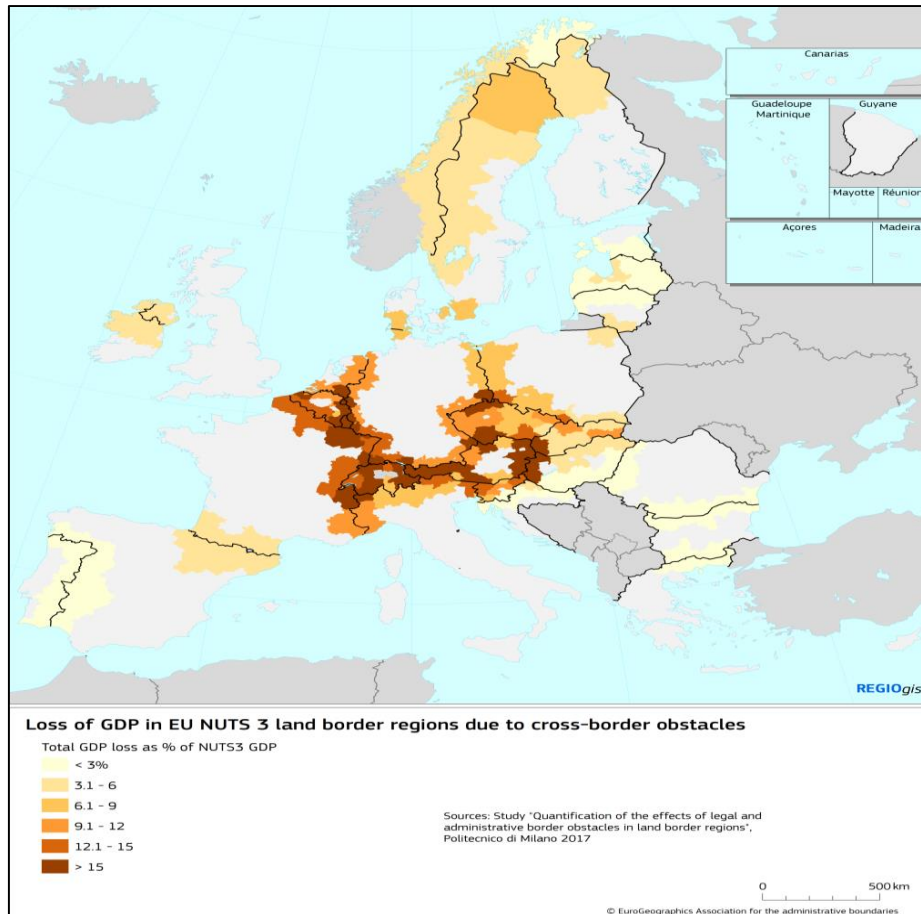
40% EU territory
30% EU population
30 % EU GDP

BUT

Economically **less developed**
with lower access to public
services

Border life affected by need to
**navigate between two
administrative and legal systems**
(complex, long, expensive)

Reducing border obstacles



Will contribute to
increase in GDP

Especially where
there is high potential
for cross-border
activity (dark colour)

Communication proposes:

- 10-point Action Plan
- Involvement of European institutions, Member States, Regions and border partners
- Border Focal Point - DG REGIO

Communication proposes:



deepen cooperation and exchanges



improve the legislative process



support cross-border employment



promote border multilingualism



facilitate cross-border accessibility



**e-government to enable
cross-border public administration**



**provide reliable and understandable
information and assistance**



**promote greater pooling of health
care facilities**



**consider the legal and financial
framework for cooperation**



**build evidence for better
decision-making**

3 - Post 2020

Different ideas and scenarios under discussion

MFF in May 2018

Post 2020: how ?

- Single set of rules
- Support linked to **EU priorities** and **emerging challenges**
- Higher national co-financing rate
- Keep amounts not pre-allocated to allow flexibility (ex. migration)
- Quicker implementation: N+2 and faster adoption
- Simplification

A future cohesion policy should...

- **Continue to reduce disparities (offer opportunities)**
- **Promote cooperation**
- **Stimulate investments on identified common priorities**
- **Address new challenges !**

MORE INFORMATION

InfoRegio: [Communication webpage](#)



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