



South Europe at the crossroads

Are we making the right decisions
about accessibility investments for the future?

**Risks of territorial marginalization and
policy design in the South
- why decision making is at the crossroads?**

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General plan

What is South?

What is South for the ESPON Projects?

Myths about the economic performance of the Southern States

Economic performance and accessibility

Spatial equity and access to the TEN corridors

Challenges to be addressed – new patterns of mobility

Conclusions

What is South? How could a geographer define its limits? Are there any natural borders to delineate a complex arrangement of states that might be named the South of Europe? Are these limits politically imposed? Patterns of agriculture should prevail over climatic regionalization? Sharing a common history and belonging to an undeniable model of civilization will make the definition easier? The answers to these questions are a stake because they imply different configurations of cooperation in the South.

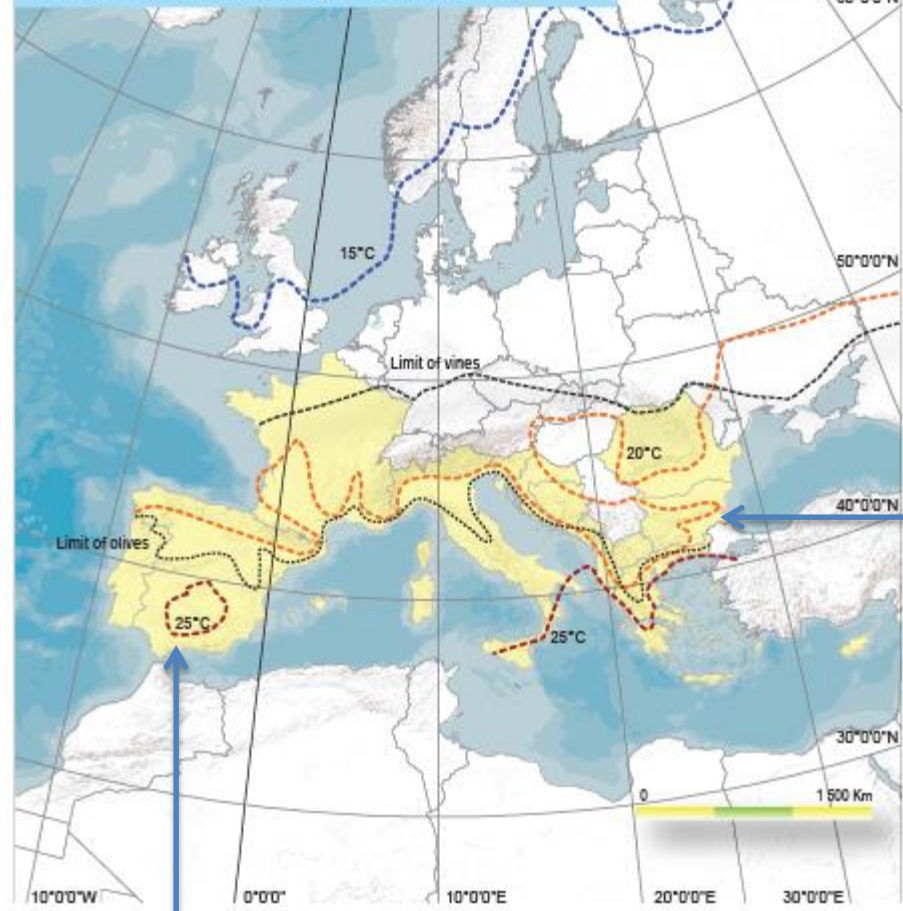


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ES	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
GR	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
IT	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
MT	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
FR	1	1	1	1	0	1	5
HR	1	1	1	1	0	1	5
AL	1	1	1	0.5	0	1	4.5
BA	1	1	1	0.5	0	1	4.5
ME	1	1	1	0.5	0	1	4.5
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SI	1	1	0.5	0.5	0	1	4
PT	0.25	1	0.5	0.5	0	1	3.25
BG	0.25	0	1	0.5	0	1	2.75
RO	0.25	0	1	0.5	0	1	2.75
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20° C in July

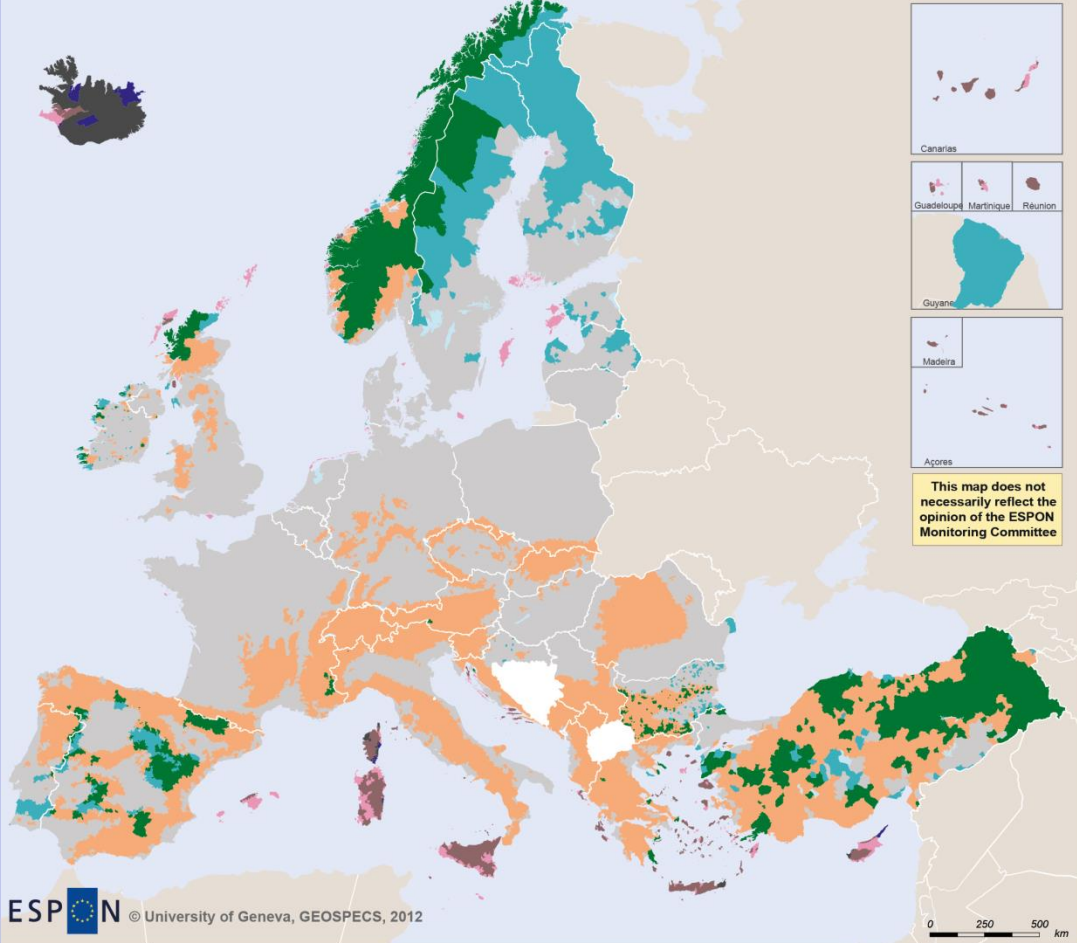
25° C in July



TEMPERATURE CONTRAST IN THE SOUTH OF EUROPE
 - ITALY VS. CYPRUS -
 - TOP 10 HIGHEST TEMPERATURES RECORDED -
 ITALY (average temperatures) CYPRUS

Year	T°C	Month	Country	Year	T°C	Month	Country
2003	24.18	6	ITA	2003	28.90	7	CYP
2015	24.01	7	ITA	2015	28.95	7	CYP
2003	23.76	8	ITA	2003	28.98	7	CYP
2003	23.39	7	ITA	2003	28.99	8	CYP
2006	23.33	7	ITA	2006	29.19	8	CYP
2012	23.17	8	ITA	2012	29.22	8	CYP
1994	23.01	8	ITA	1994	29.26	7	CYP
2010	22.98	7	ITA	2010	29.40	7	CYP
2009	22.89	8	ITA	2009	29.85	8	CYP
1994	22.79	7	ITA	1994	29.98	8	CYP

- 1 – access to the Mediterranean Sea
- 3 – both Greek and Roman civilization background
- 4 – geographical specificities



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Regional level: LA
Source: GEOSPECS 2C
Boundaries: © EuroBoundaryMap v4 2008; except Western Balkans and Turkey (GEOSPECS)

Territorial diversity

- multiple challenges
- multiple opportunities
- reactive & proactive planning

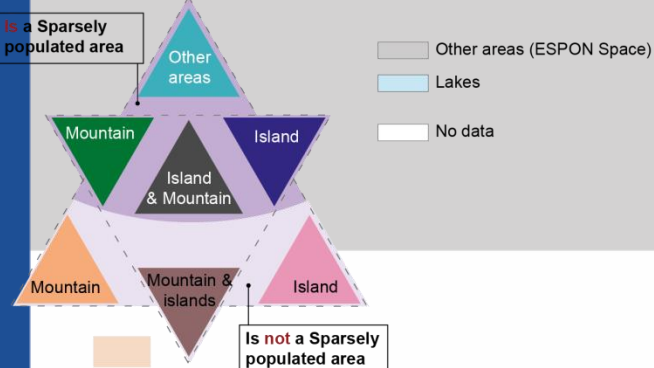
The geography as a *datum*

Focusing on the accessibility is a precondition for planning :

- islands
- mountain areas
- sparsely populated areas
- socio-economic problems

Priority: connecting territories

Geographic specificities identified in each LAU 2-unit



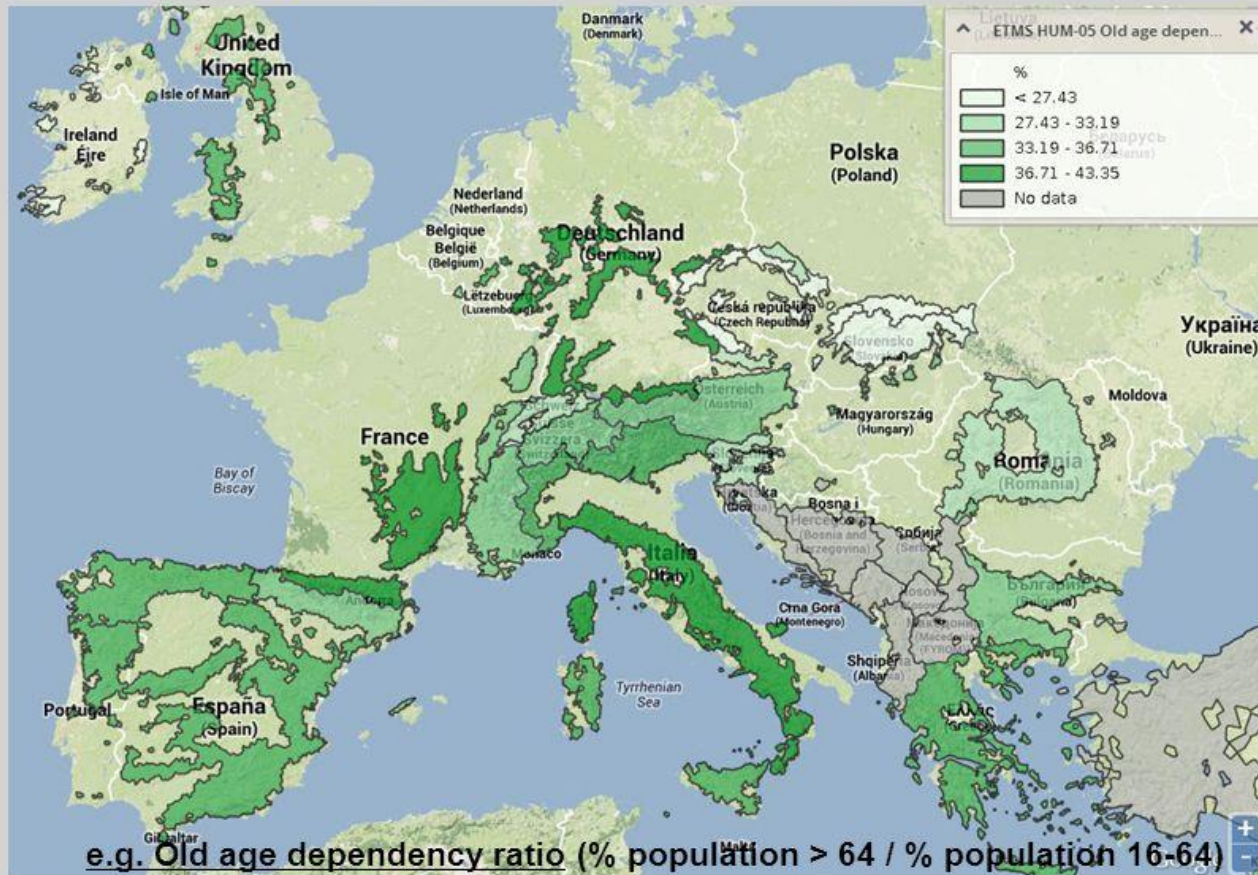
In GEOSPECS, **Sparsely Populated Areas** have been delineated on the basis of population potentials, i.e. the number of persons that can be reached within a maximum generally accepted daily commuting or mobility area from each point in space. Two approaches were used, with a threshold of 100,000 persons (i.e. 12.7 persons/km² within 50 km) to: 1) to delineate SPAs, based on the isotropic distance, i.e., the possibility to commute 50 km from a point in all directions equally Islands with a fixed link to the continent have not been considered 2) to delineate "poorly connected areas" (PCAs), based on population potential using 45-minute travel times along road networks, as a proxy for the maximum generally accepted commuting distance. SPAs were clustered into 39 'Sparse territories'

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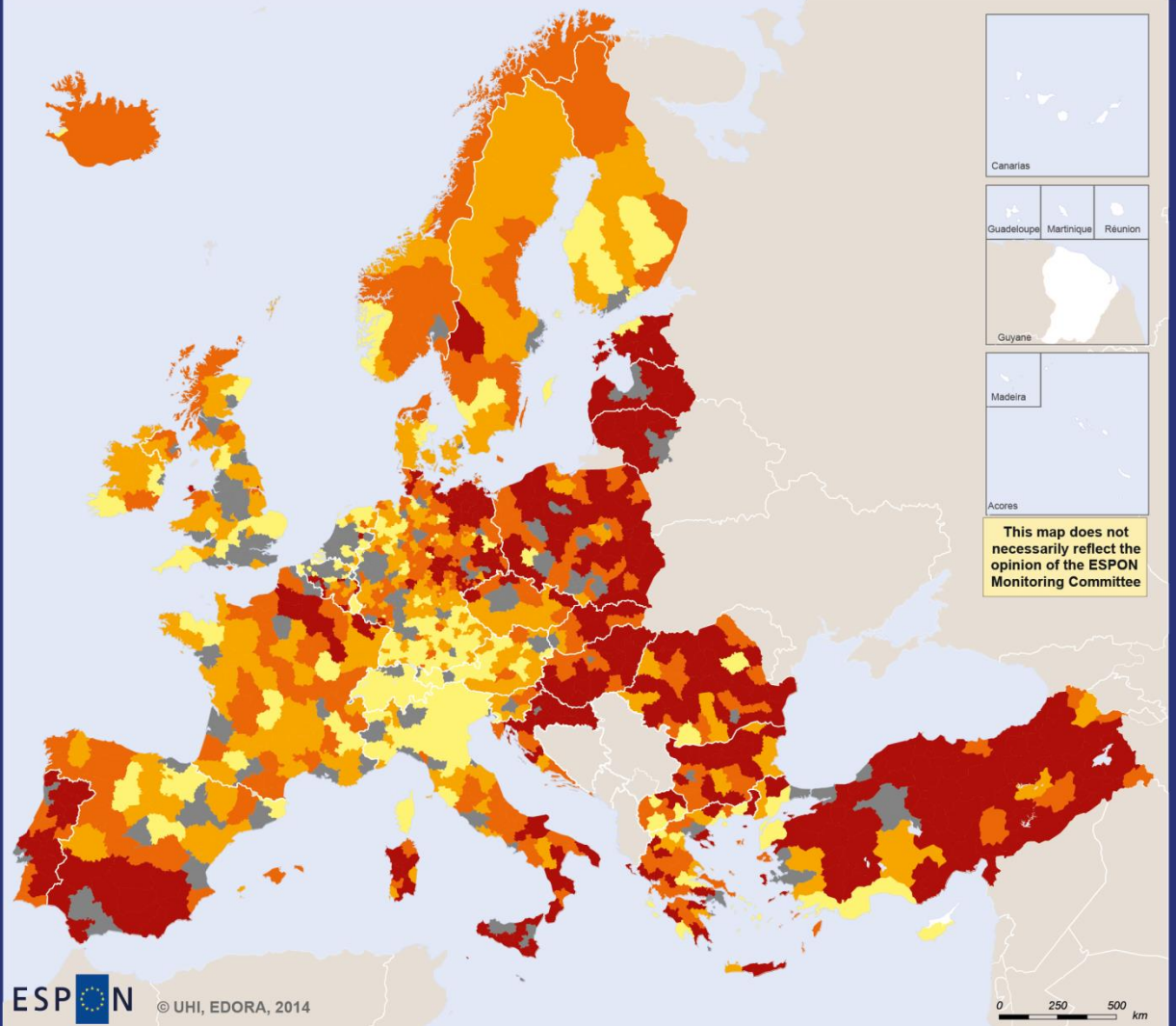
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2. Maps for territories with regional specificities (based on LAU)

Mountain ranges as defined in ESPON GEOSPECS



More specifically (1) : rough terrain + ageing population => accessibility to specific services



More specifically (2) :

- a South in the South

- policy against the gradients

-depleting = peripheral, ergo accessibility is a stake.

This map does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the ESPON Monitoring Committee

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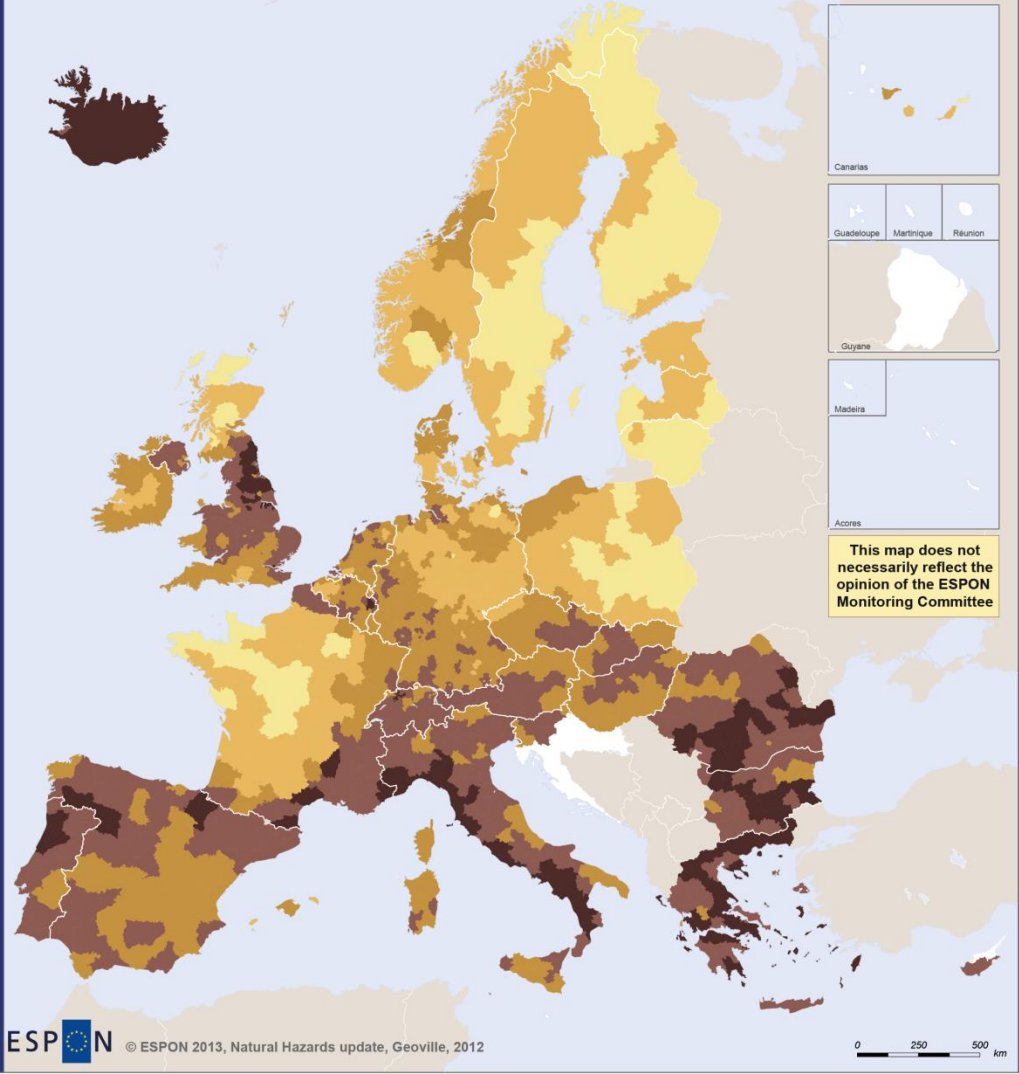
Regional level: NUTS 3 Source: EDORA Database, 2010, updated in 2013 Origin of data: Eurostat, Regio Database, and other sources, various years (centred on 2006, updated in 2013) © EuroGeographics Association for administrative boundaries

Performance of intermediate and predominantly rural regions, 2013

- Predominantly Urban Regions
- Depleting
- Below average
- Above average
- Accumulating
- No data

Five indicators were used in the calculation of a composite regional performance indicator : **net migration, GDP per capita, average annual change in GDP, average annual change in total employment, and unemployment rate.**

The composite indicator was simply calculated as the average of the normalised (Z) scores for the five indicators (In CH, and TR there are many gaps in the data. In CH the A-D score is based only upon Net Migration and Unemployment, whilst for TR on GDP per capita and GDP change are present. The A-D scores, ant typology codes for these countries are therefore not comparable with those for EU27 and NO.)



More specifically (3) :

- the exposure to natural hazard is consistently higher in the South
- the opposition between the rural and the metropolitan areas is no longer relevant
- what is the connection between exposure, accessibility and reactive policy decisions?
A logical one ...

Profile of policy design :

- reactive
- proactive
- protective

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Natural hazard exposure potential

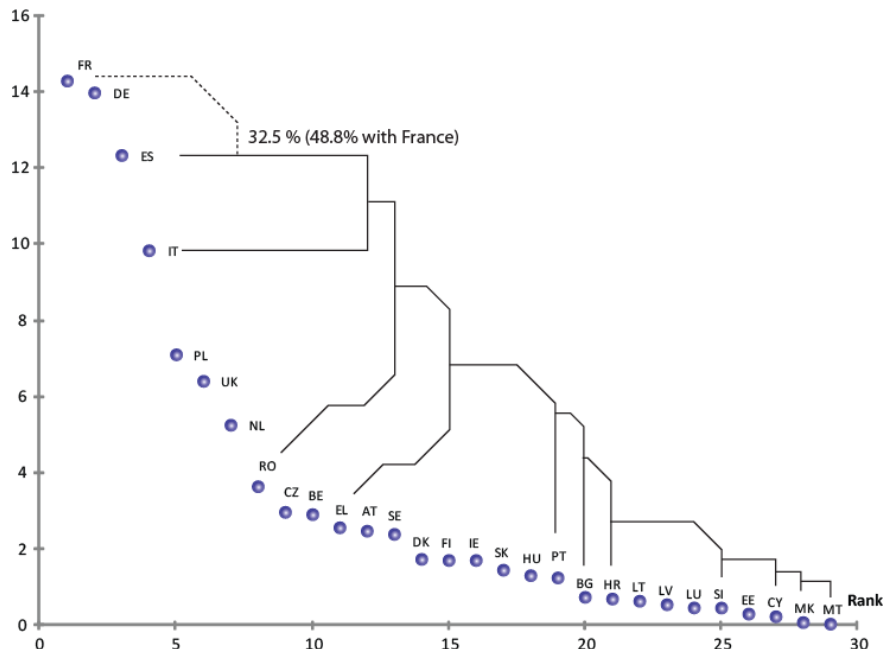
- Very low
- Low
- Moderate
- High
- Very high
- No data

To identify those regions under threat by more than one natural hazard, an aggregated hazard exposure potential can be used. This potential is based on a weighted aggregate of single natural hazard exposures.

1. Average **floods** per year/catchment, 1985 – 2011 (weight 19)
2. Observed **forest fires**: biogeographic regions, 1997 – 2012 (weight 14)
3. **Drought** frequency, 1991 – 2010 (weight 13)
4. Modelled **earthquake** hazard, 2010 (weight 12)
5. Occurrence of winter and tropical **storms**, 2006 (weight 10)
6. **Extreme temperatures** (Occurrence of warm and cold spells), 1981 – 2010 (weight 9)
7. **Landslide** occurrence, 2012 (weight 8)
8. **Storm surge** occurrence, 2012 (weight 7)
9. Potential **avalanche** occurrence, 2000-2011 (weight 3)
10. Occurrence of **volcanic eruptions**, 10,000 B.C. – 2012 (weight 3)
11. **Tsunami** occurrence, 2000 B.C. – 2012 (weight 2)

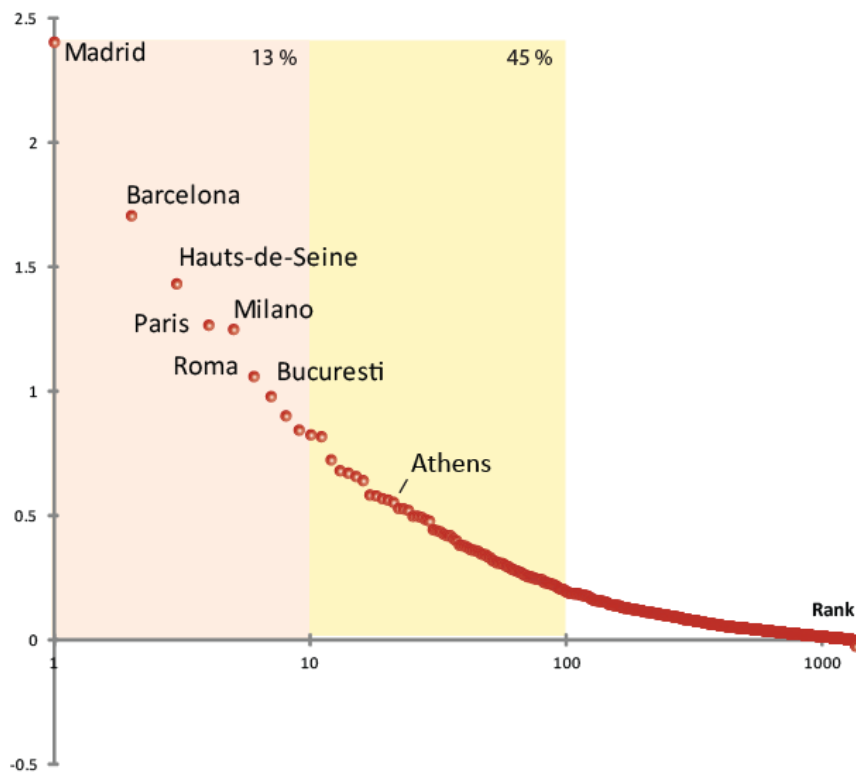
NUTS0

Share in the GDP accumulation of the EU (2003-2008) - %



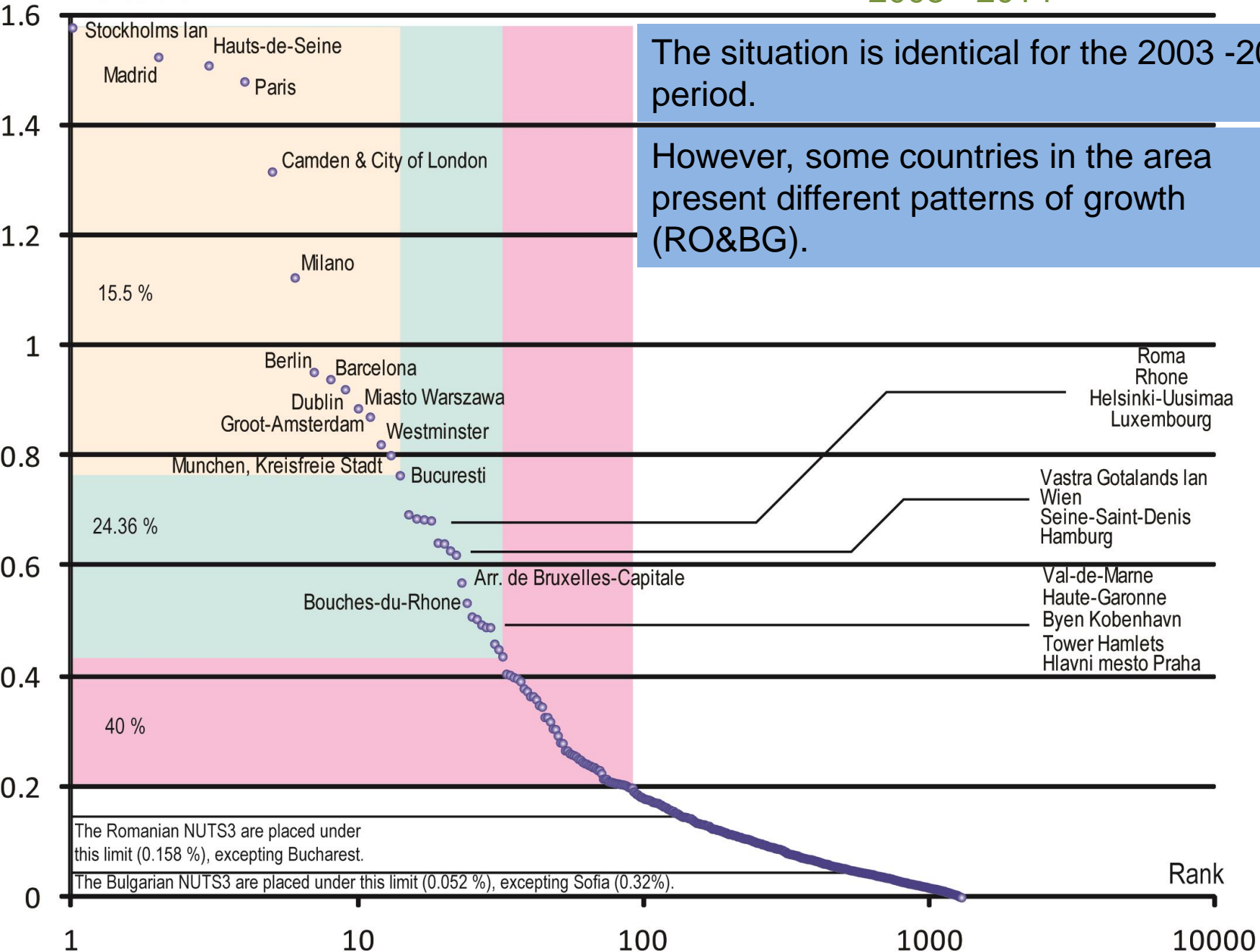
NUTS3

Share in the GDP accumulation of the EU (2003-2008) - %



Share in the total EU
GDP growth (2003-2014) %
- NUTS3 level -

The anatomy of economic growth 2003 - 2014



The situation is identical for the 2003 -2014 period.

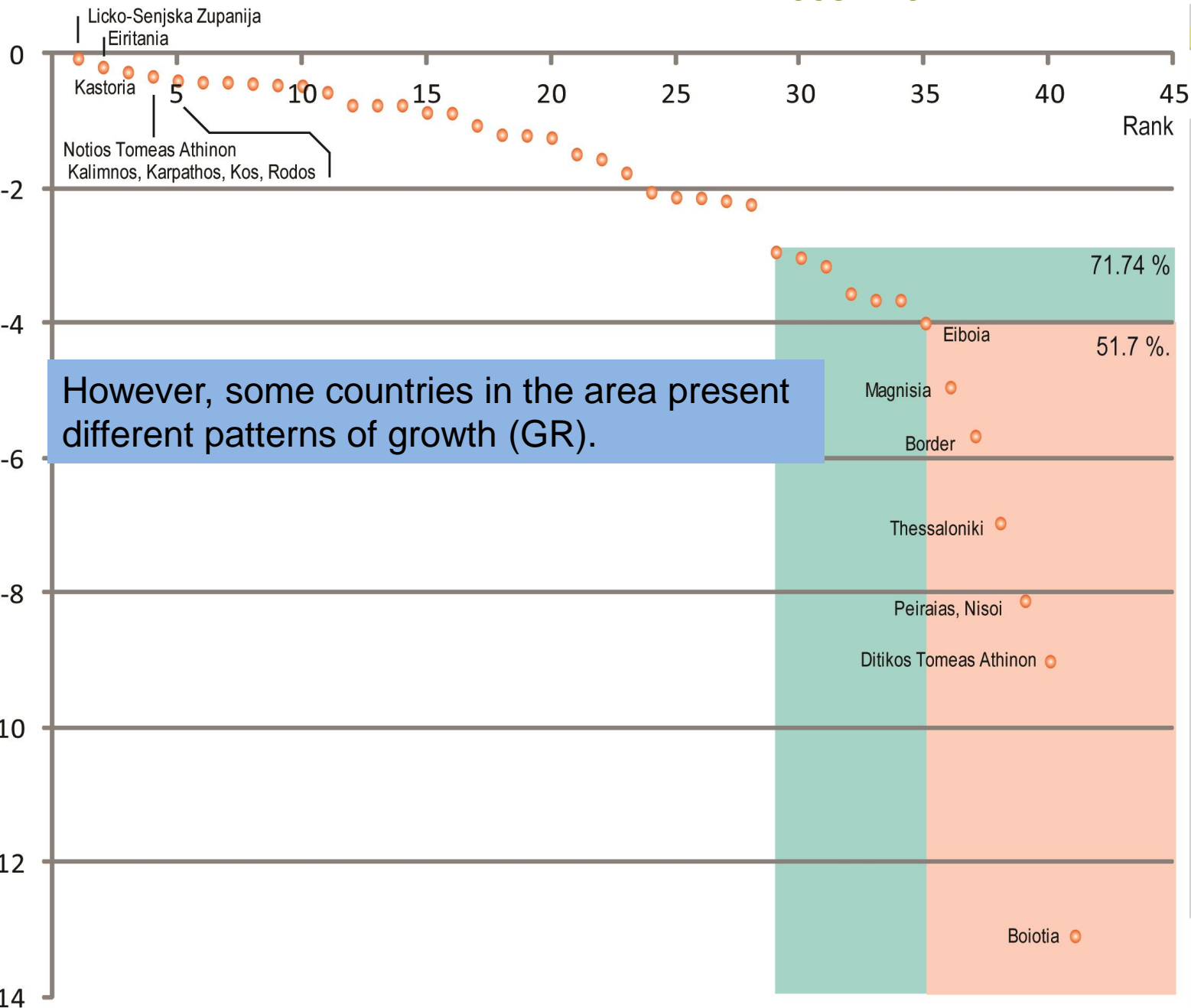
However, some countries in the area present different patterns of growth (RO&BG).

The Romanian NUTS3 are placed under this limit (0.158 %), excepting Bucharest.
The Bulgarian NUTS3 are placed under this limit (0.052 %), excepting Sofia (0.32%).

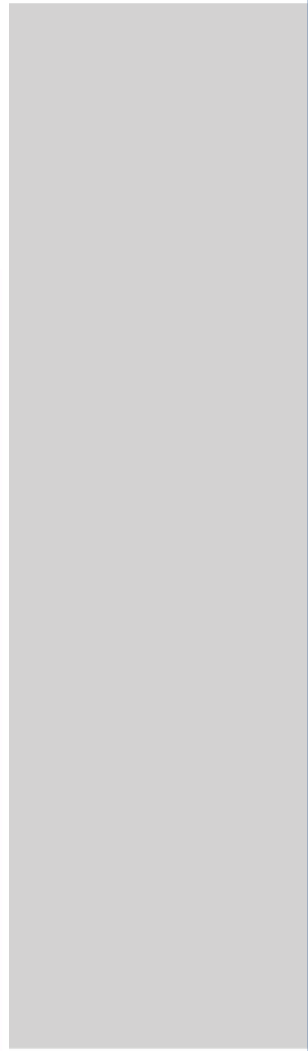
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The anatomy of economic growth 2003 - 2014

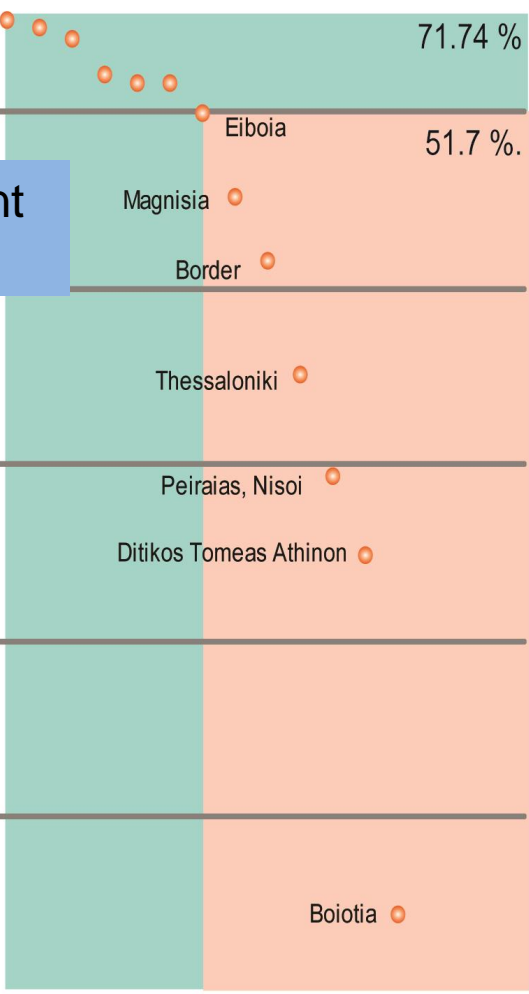
Share in the total EU
GDP loss (2003-2014) %
- NUTS3 level -

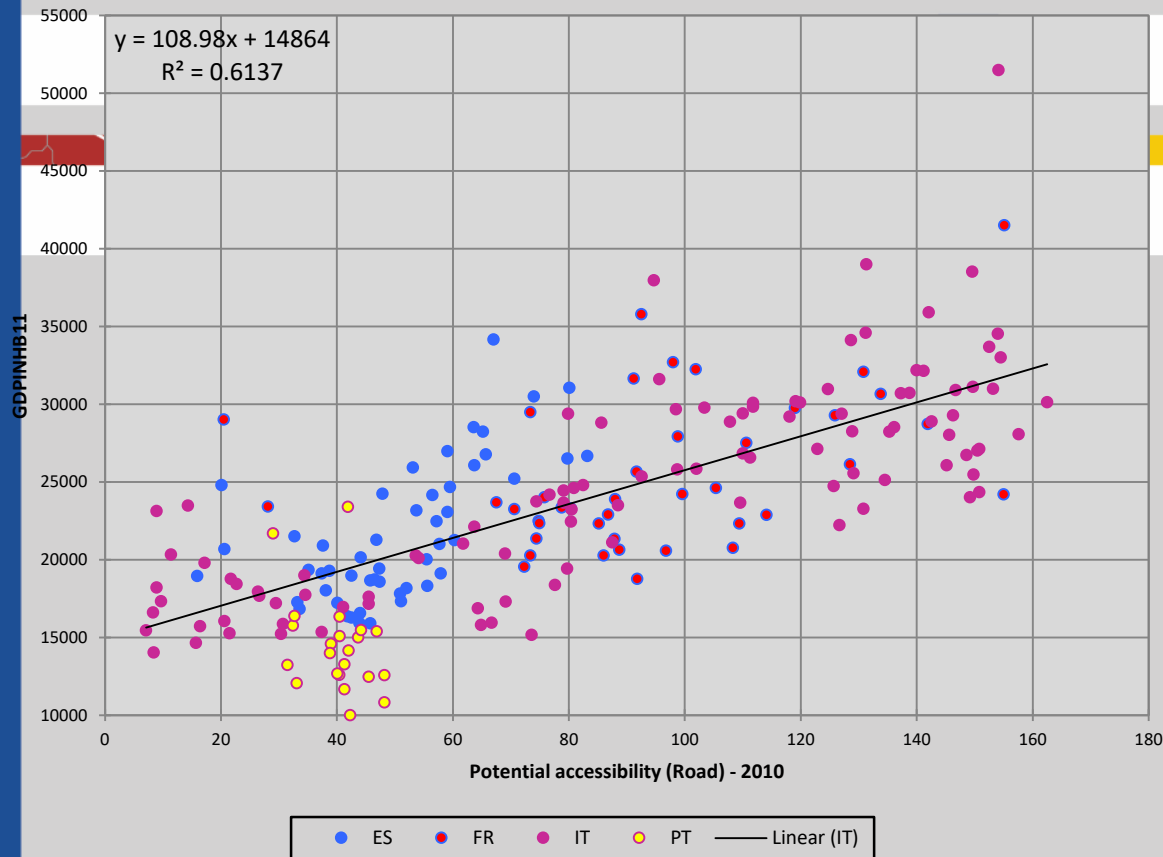


However, some countries in the area present different patterns of growth (GR).



71.74 %
51.7 %.





Spain

$$y = 194.95x + 11803$$

$$R^2 = 0.4241$$

France

$$y = 71.049x + 18787$$

$$R^2 = 0.1629$$

Italy

$$y = 108.98x + 14864$$

$$R^2 = 0.6137$$

Portugal

$$y = -191.86x + 22180$$

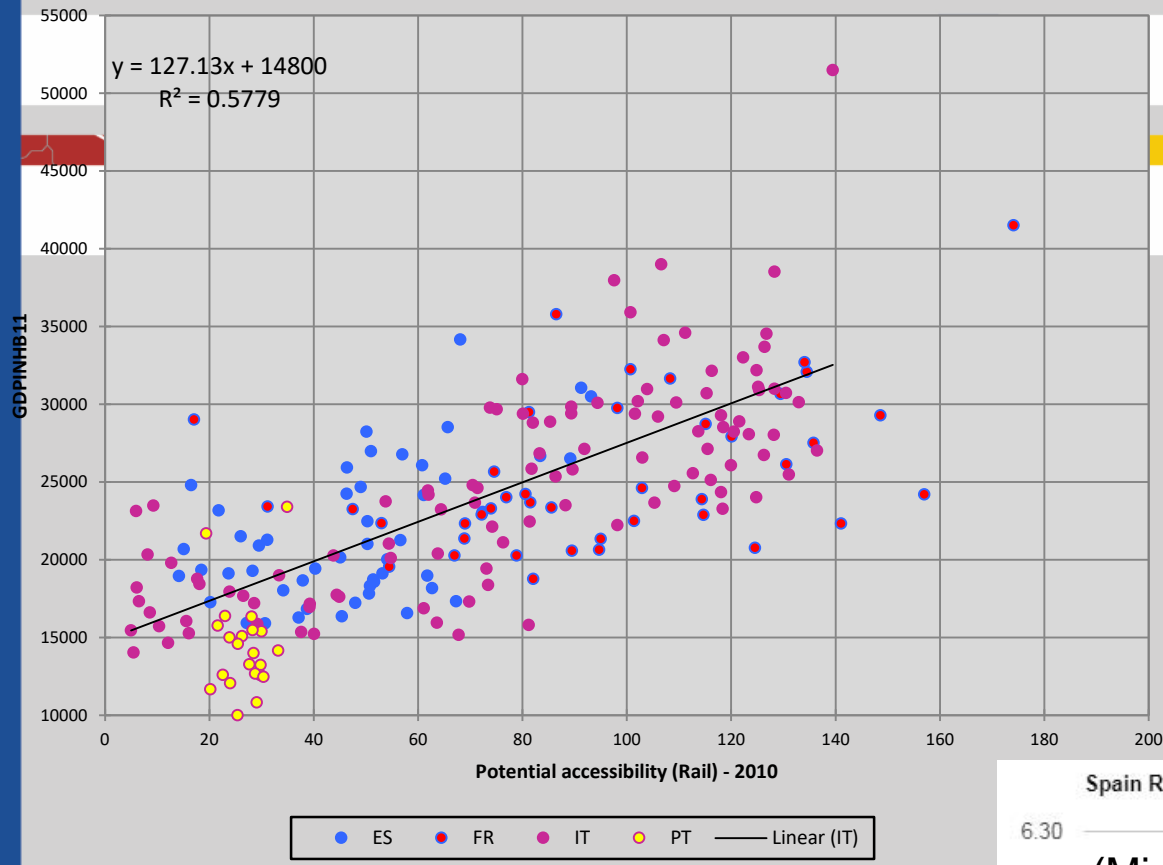
$$R^2 = 0.109$$

Accessibility = a leverage for the economic performance

Different rhythms.

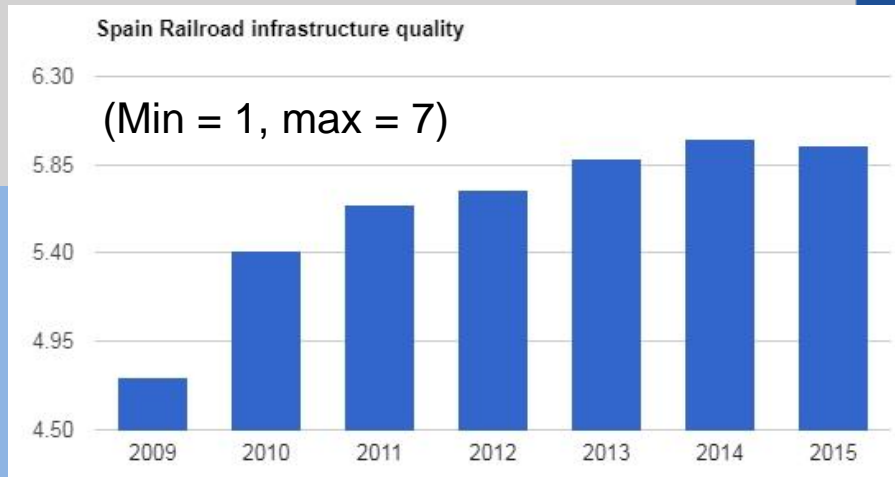
Road accessibility > rail accessibility > air accessibility

Data source : Eurostat and ESPON DB (TRACC)



Railroad lines, km - 2015

Italy : 16 724 km
Spain: 15 658 km
Portugal: 2599
Greece: 2240



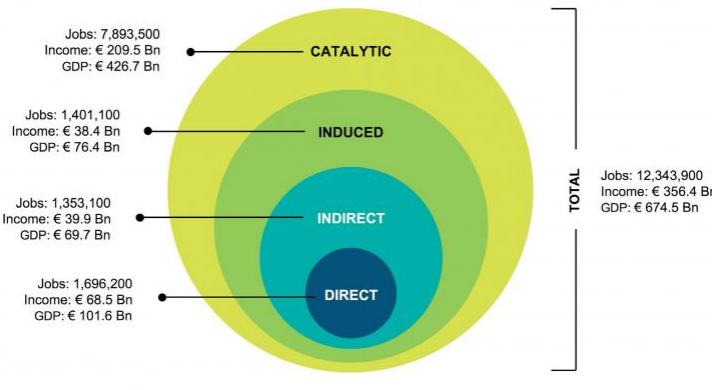
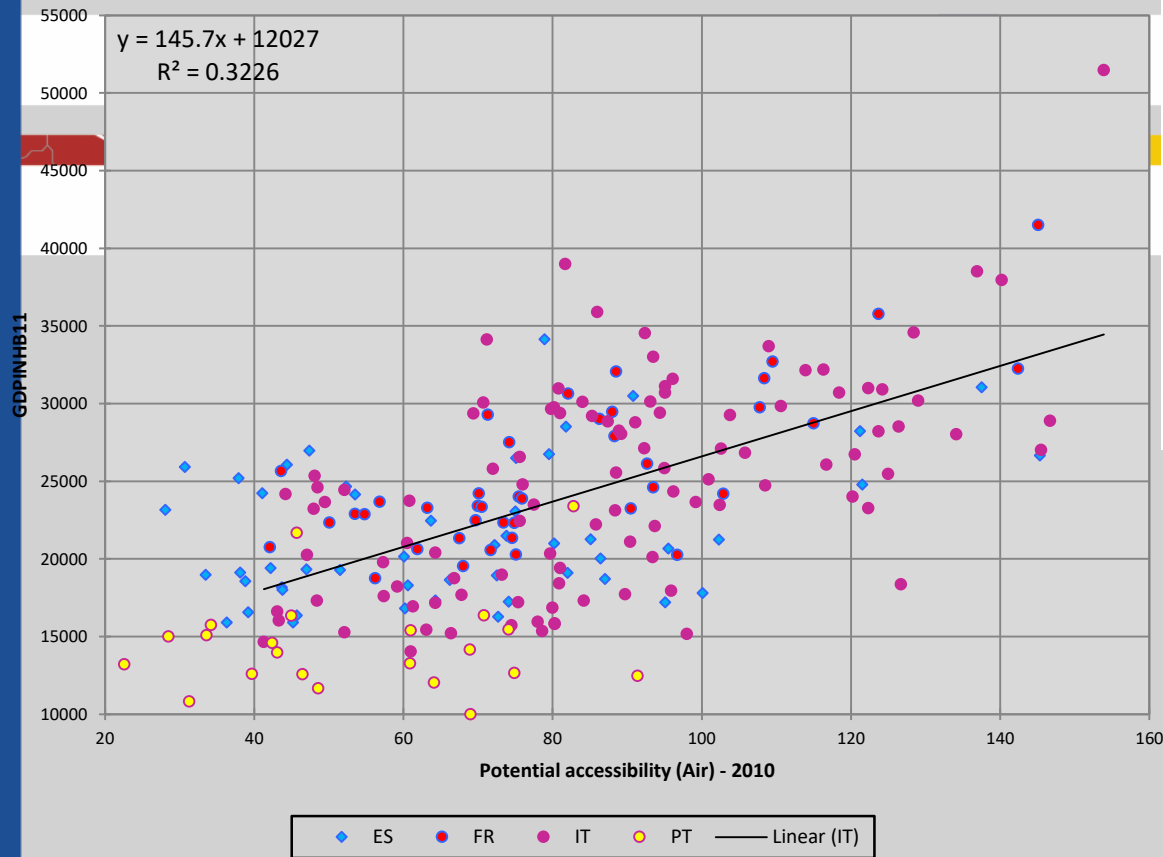
Source: TheGlobalEconomy.com, World Economic Forum

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Airport impact (ICA) - EU

“10.1 % of the economic performance in the Lazio Region is directly linked to the presence of airports.” (ICA, 2009)

Accessibility = a leverage for the economic performance

Different rhythms.

Road accessibility > rail accessibility > **air accessibility**

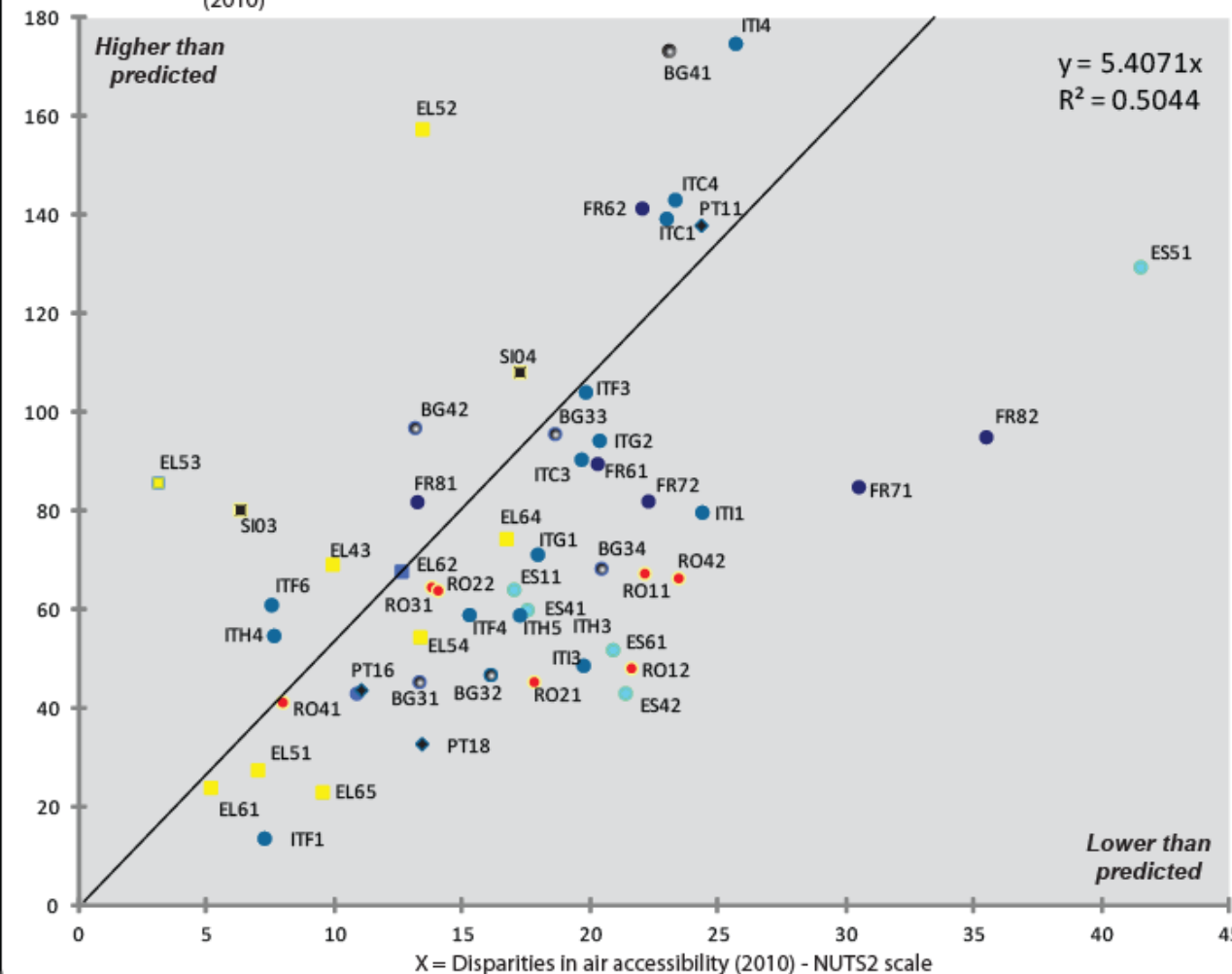
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AIRP_NAME	CITY	PAX_1000K
Leonardo da Vinci-Fiumicino Airport	Rome	41.745
Malpensa Airport	Milan	19.421
Orio al Serio Airport	Bergamo/Milan	11.160
Linate Airport	Milan	9.682
Venice Marco Polo Airport	Venice	9.625
Catania-Fontanarossa Airport	Catania	7.914
Bologna Airport	Bologna	7.681
Naples Airport	Naples	6.776
Rome Ciampino Airport	Rome	5.396
Falcone-Borsellino Airport	Palermo	5.326
Galileo Galilei Airport	Pisa	4.989
		129.714

Y = GDP disparity at NUTS2 scale (2010)

Similarity index

	BG	ES	FR	GR	IT	PT	RO	SI
BG	0.00	58.35	30.68	49.46	55.93	26.35	16.23	27.29
ES	58.35	0.00	28.36	12.56	15.11	32.05	42.21	68.13
FR	30.68	28.36	0.00	19.12	26.10	5.41	15.37	43.50
GR	49.46	12.56	19.12	0.00	8.22	23.78	33.87	57.34
IT	55.93	15.11	26.10	8.22	0.00	31.08	40.88	61.43
PT	26.35	32.05	5.41	23.78	31.08	0.00	10.49	41.07
RO	16.23	42.21	15.37	33.87	40.88	10.49	0.00	33.70
SI	27.29	68.13	43.50	57.34	61.43	41.07	33.70	0.00
AT	19.03	49.96	25.35	40.07	45.45	22.47	16.10	19.39
BE	19.34	65.19	39.16	54.82	59.74	36.07	27.56	8.12
CH	21.33	62.18	36.94	51.61	56.21	34.26	26.68	7.02
CZ	8.34	56.24	28.21	46.13	51.79	24.88	16.07	22.23
DE	17.34	49.53	23.11	38.80	43.88	20.85	14.95	20.69
DK	21.50	48.81	23.26	37.47	41.81	22.07	18.15	21.39
EE	26.89	41.29	22.19	37.46	45.47	18.00	17.35	49.91
FI	52.08	19.83	22.96	9.88	7.11	28.29	37.83	58.22
HU	14.24	44.70	16.73	35.30	41.69	12.95	5.19	30.54
IE	30.07	30.51	10.11	21.77	28.52	9.42	14.85	38.58
LT	11.29	49.38	22.95	40.62	47.19	18.49	8.63	26.32
LV	20.97	47.05	24.74	41.94	49.76	19.93	15.46	45.65
NL	7.34	54.86	26.93	45.02	50.92	23.33	14.14	23.14
NO	92.01	36.33	61.37	42.93	37.19	66.11	76.50	98.37
PL	24.07	35.82	7.68	25.78	31.99	6.75	10.50	36.70
SE	66.64	21.59	37.07	19.44	11.52	42.22	52.01	70.86
SK	19.88	38.96	11.20	29.60	36.17	7.62	5.63	33.92
UK	43.43	26.41	17.69	13.97	15.31	22.31	30.08	46.66



SI03 Vzhodna Slovenija
 SI04 Zahodna Slovenija
 PT11 Norte
 PT16 Centro (PT)
 PT18 Alentejo
 ES11 Galicia
 ES41 Castilla y Leon
 ES42 Castilla-la Mancha
 ES51 Cataluna
 ES61 Andalucia

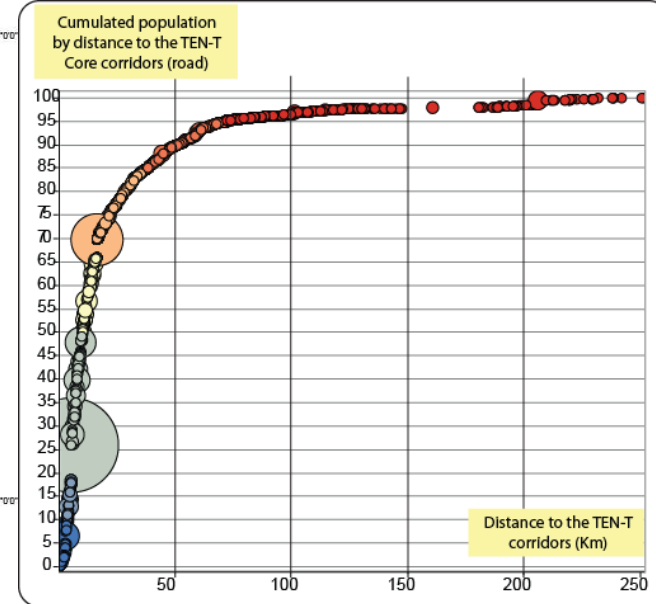
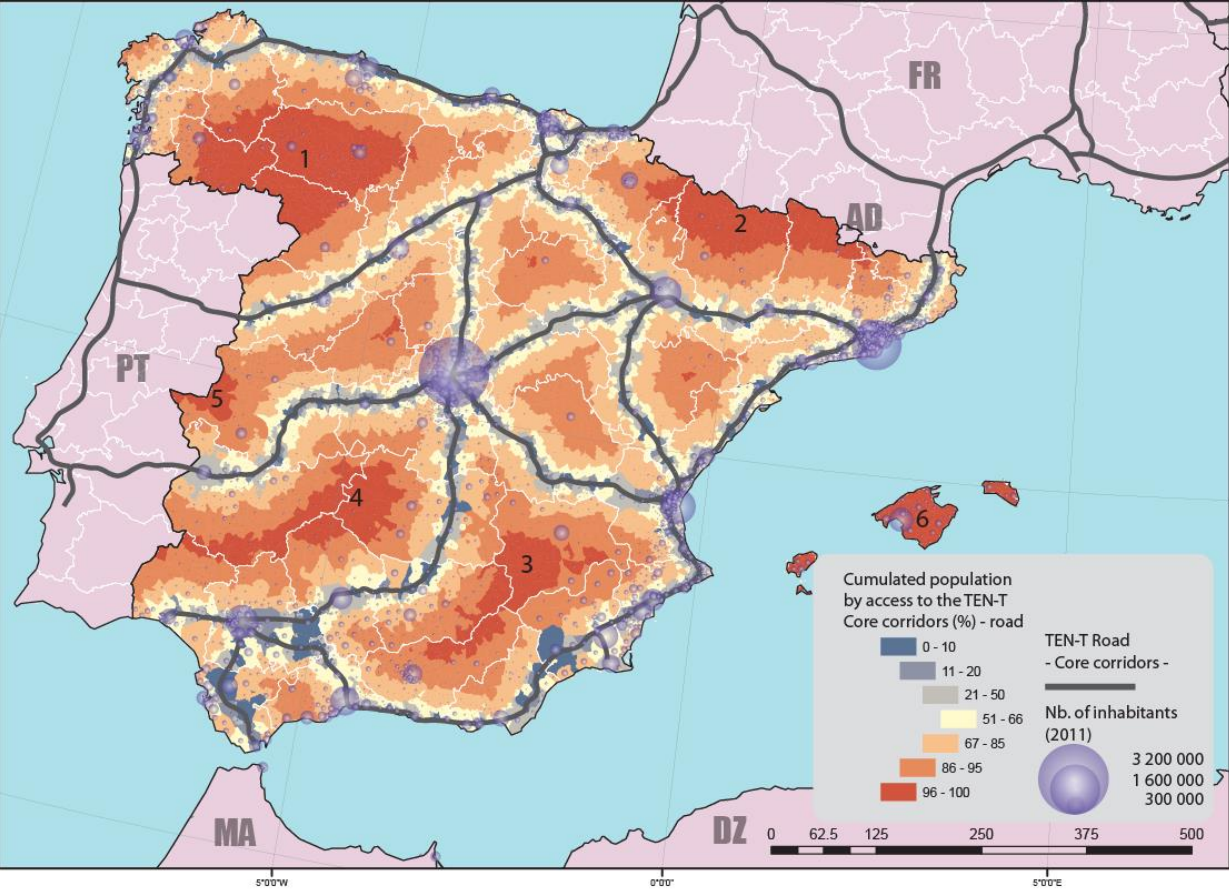
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 FR62 Midi-Pyrennes
 FR71 Rhone-Alpes
 FR72 Auvergne
 FR81 Languedoc-Roussillon
 FR82 Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur

EL43 Kriti
 EL51 Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki
 EL52 Kentriki Makedonia
 EL53 Dytiki Makedonia
 EL54 Ipeiros
 EL61 Thessalia
 EL62 Ionia Nisia
 EL64 Sterea Ellada
 EL65 Peloponnisos

ITC1 Piemonte
 ITC3 Liguria
 ITC4 Lombardia
 ITF1 Abruzzo
 ITF3 Campania
 ITF4 Puglia
 ITF6 Calabria
 ITG1 Sicilia
 ITG2 Sardegna
 ITH3 Veneto
 ITH4 Friuli-Venezia Giulia
 ITH5 Emilia-Romagna

ITI1 Toscana
 ITI3 Marche
 ITI4 Lazio

BG31 Severozapaden
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 BG34 Yugoiztochen
 BG41 Yugozapaden
 BG42 Yuzhen tsentralen
 RO11 Nord-Vest
 RO12 Centru
 RO21 Nord-Est
 RO22 Sud-Est
 RO31 Sud - Muntenia
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TEN-T and accessibility

Good News :

- 70% of the population is located at less than 20 km
- the void areas concern sparsely populated areas

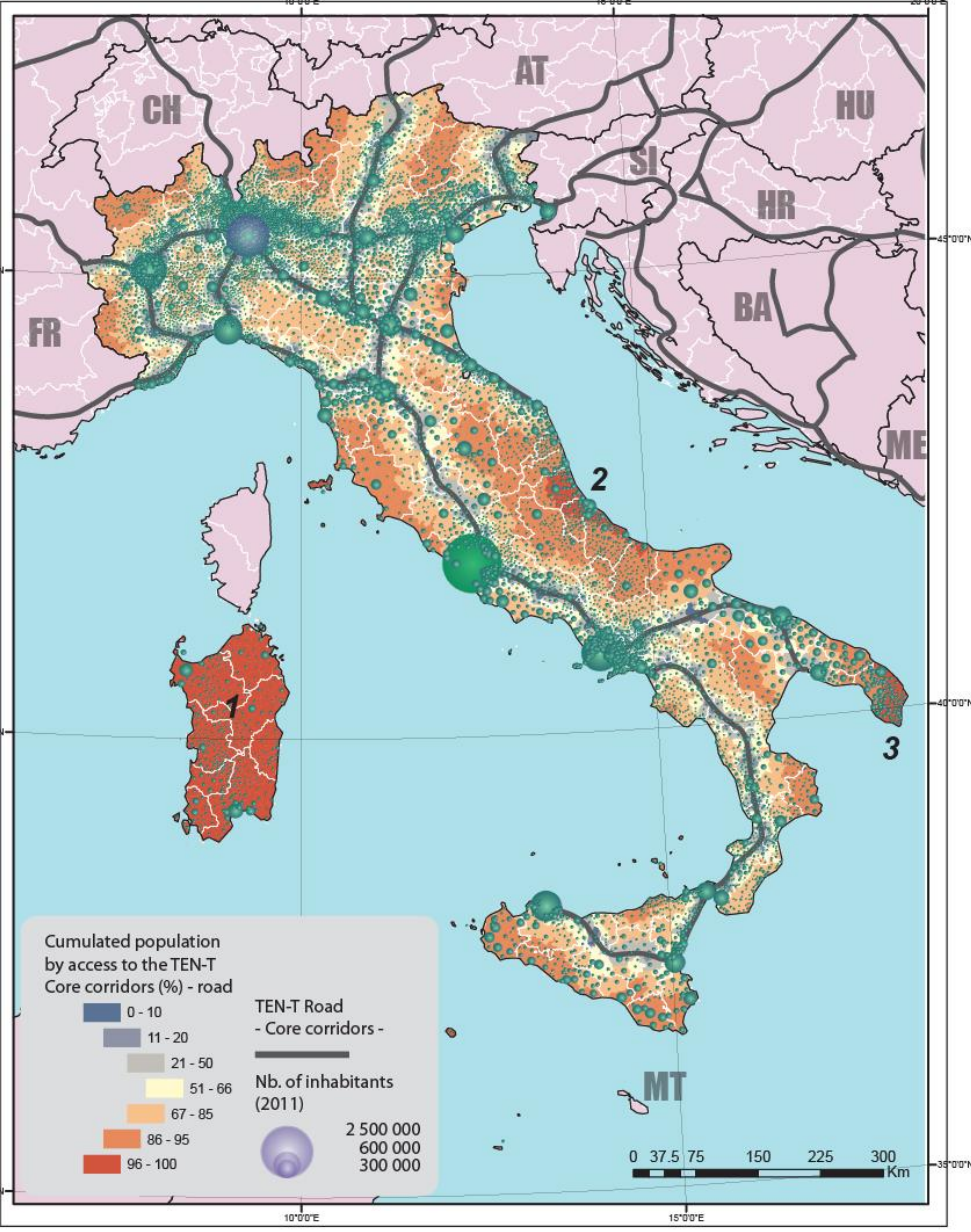
Bad news:

- the void areas concern sparsely populated areas
- only 4.6 millions of inhabitants are located in the void areas (> 90 %)

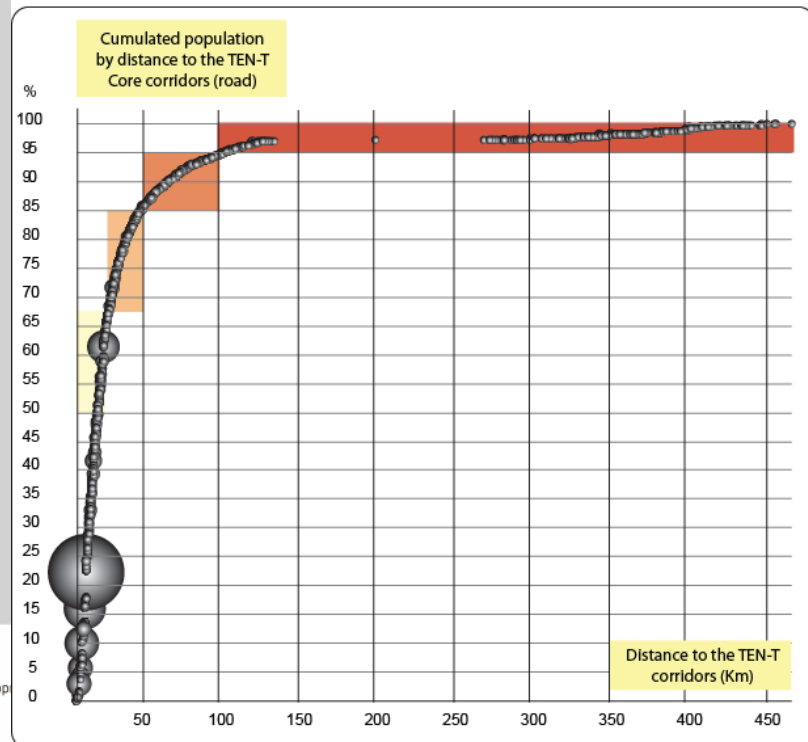
Almost 9 million Italians are located at more than 50 Km from a core corridor.

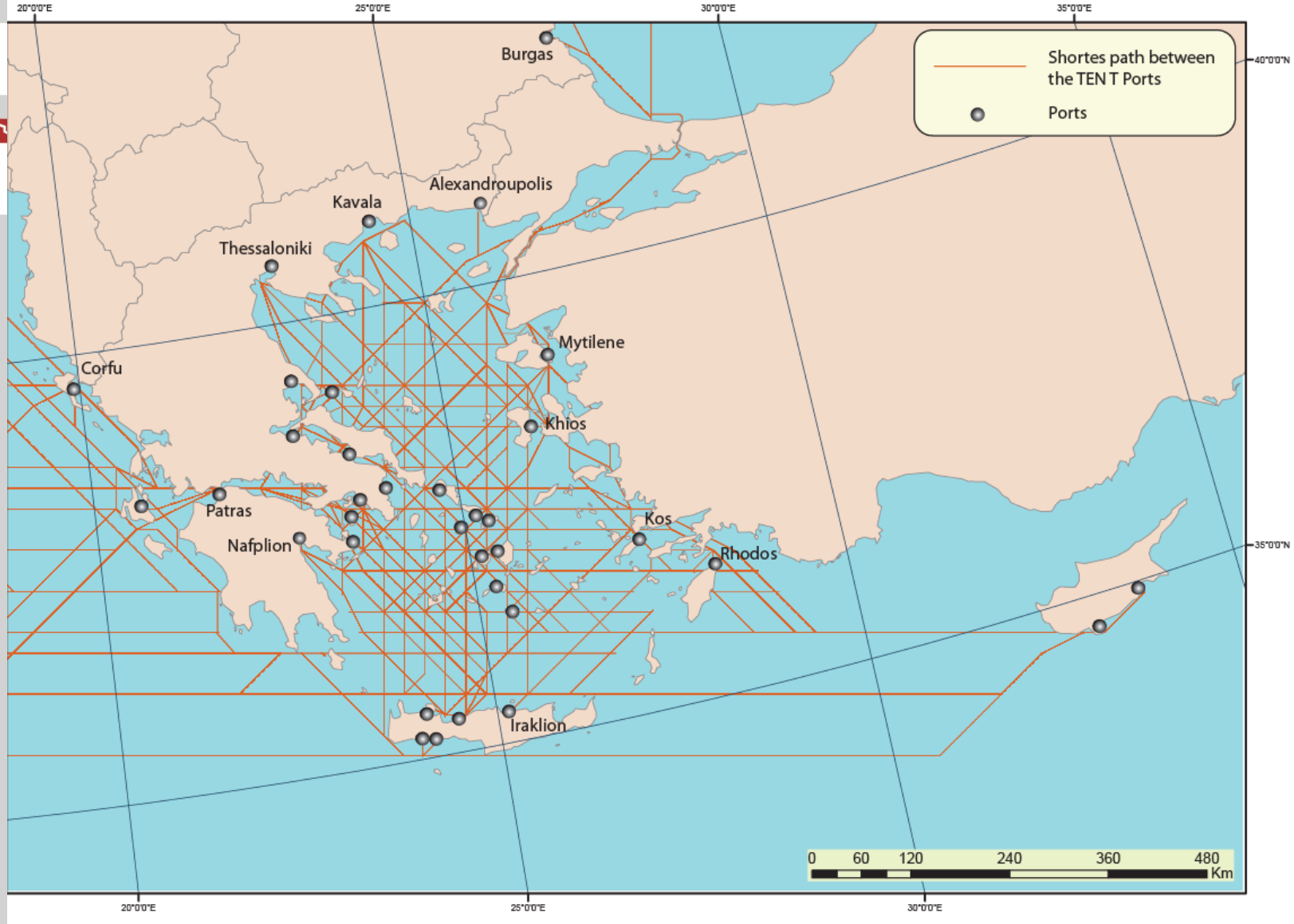
The large metropolitan areas are located at less than 25 Km from a corridor.

North vs. Centre vs. South



1. SARDINIA & OTHER ISLANDS
2. TERAMO, PESACARA, CHIETI, CAMPOBASSO
3. LECCE





TEN – T is not only about the roads => void areas at sea?

Cyclades, Sporades&other islands have their own geography of transportation.

OUTPUT OF THE GRAVITY MODEL ANALYSIS OF THE EUROPEAN AIR TRAFFIC SYSTEM IN 2010
- POSITIVE RESIDUALS -

Standard residuals of the gravity model
(only the exceptional positive values were retained)



Number of European destinations in 2010



Y = observed annual departures inversely weighted with the local and the destination potential of air traffic

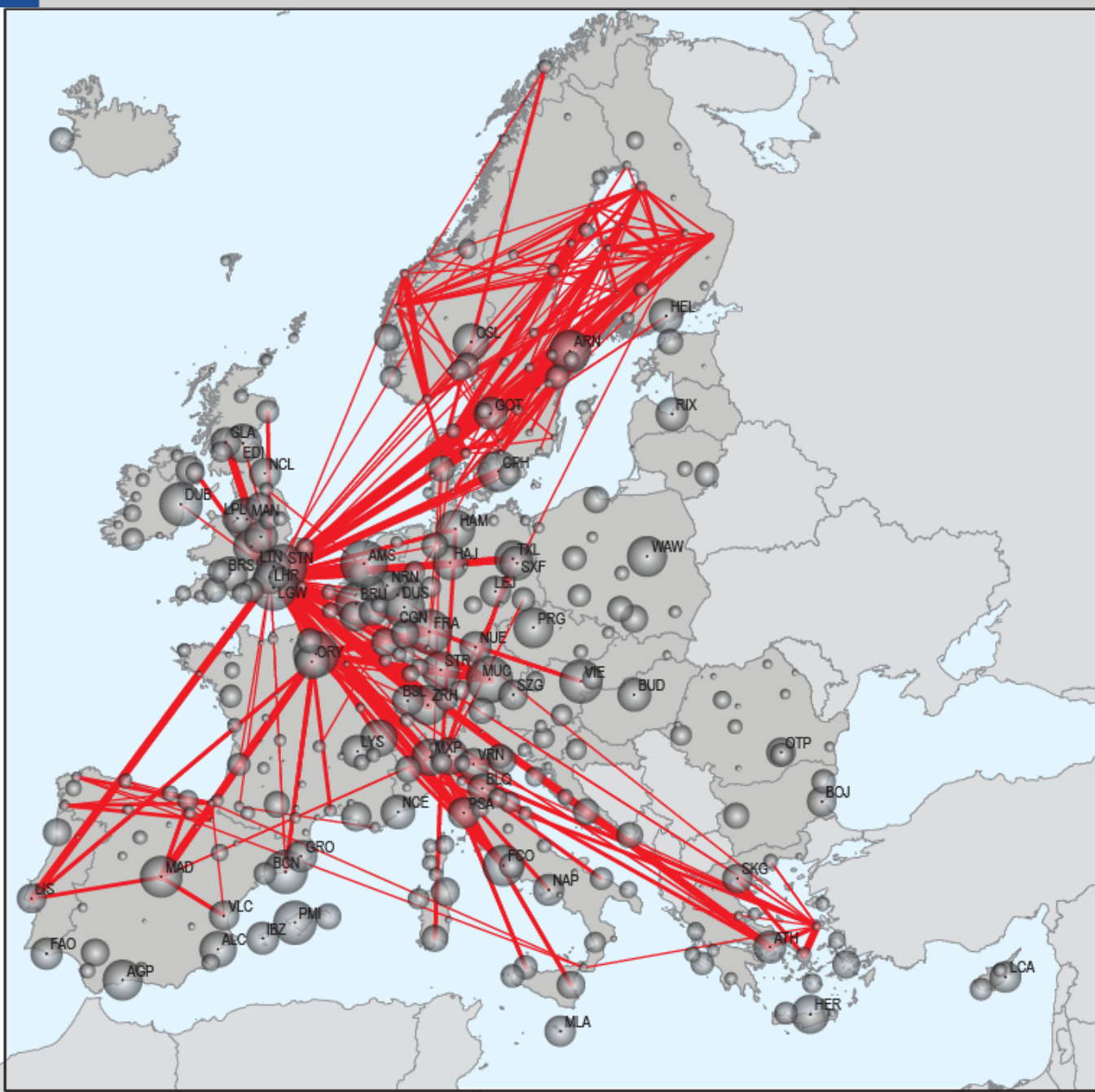
X1 = estimated cost in Euro for a business trip in 2010

X2 = GDP at origin (2008)

X3 = GDP at destination (2008)



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OUTPUT OF THE GRAVITY MODEL ANALYSIS OF THE EUROPEAN AIR TRAFFIC SYSTEM IN 2010
- NEGATIVE RESIDUALS -

Standard residuals of the gravity model
(only the exceptional negative values were retained)

----- 2,51 - 3,00

----- 3,01 - 4,00

Number of European destinations in 2010



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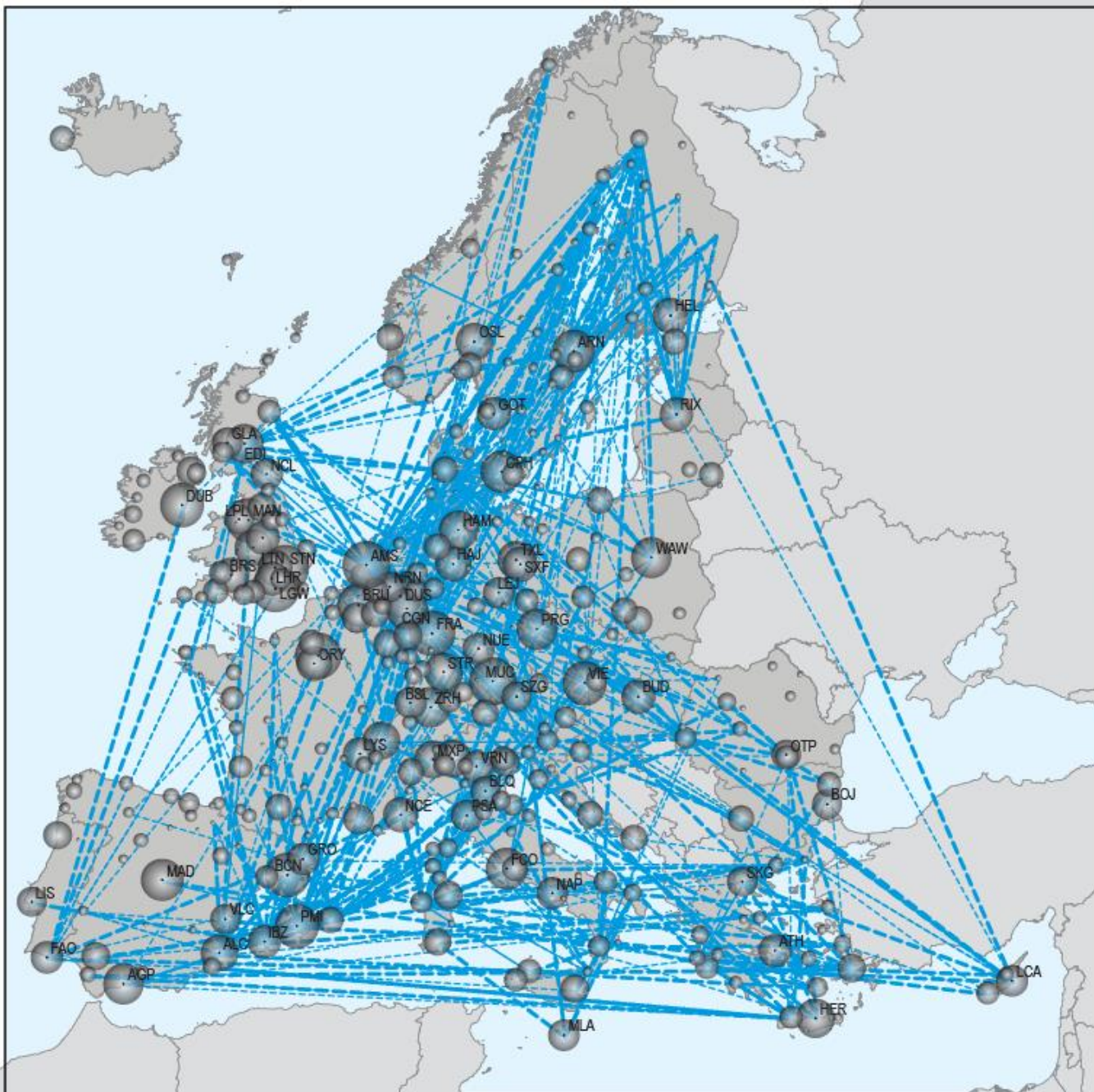
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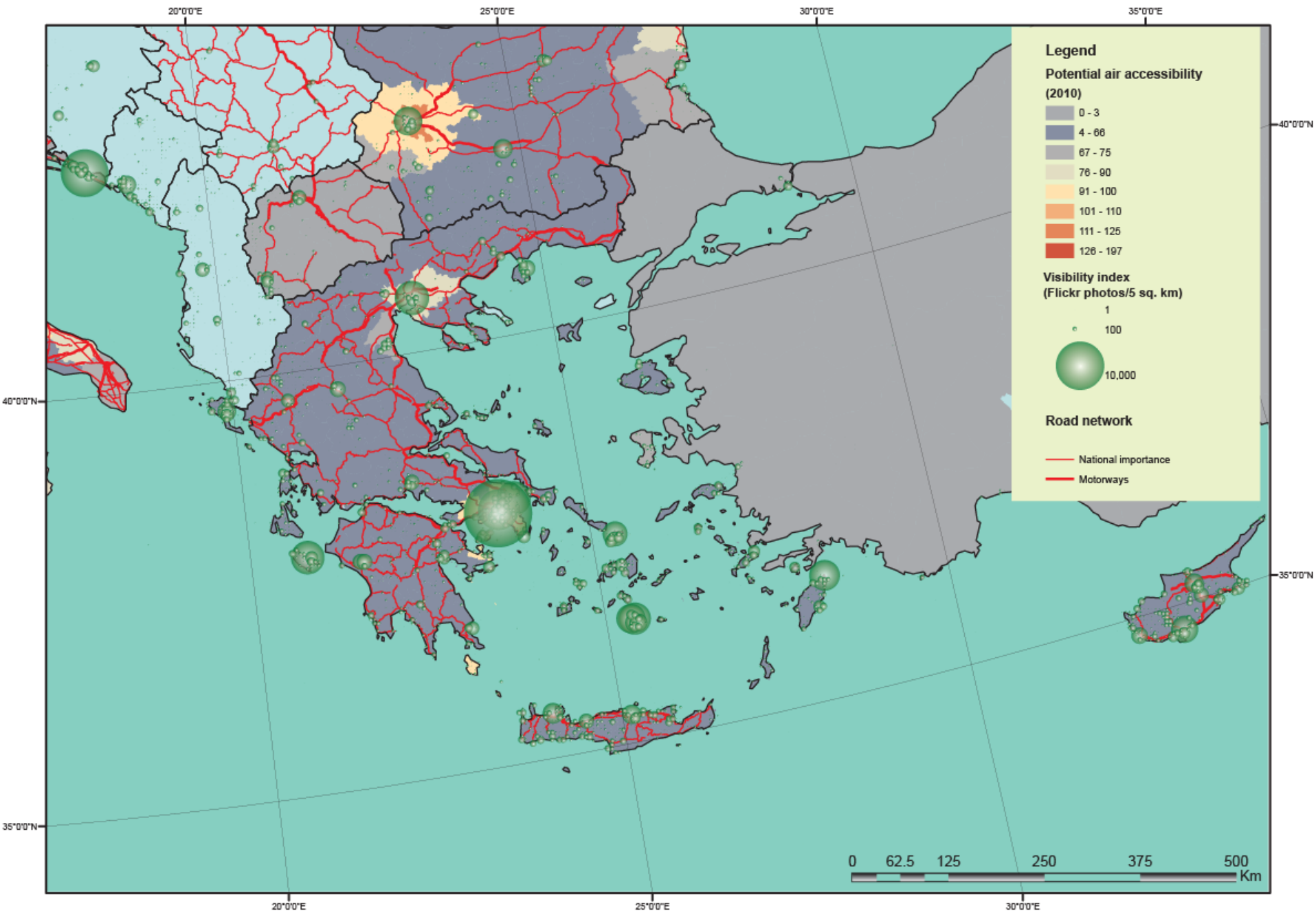
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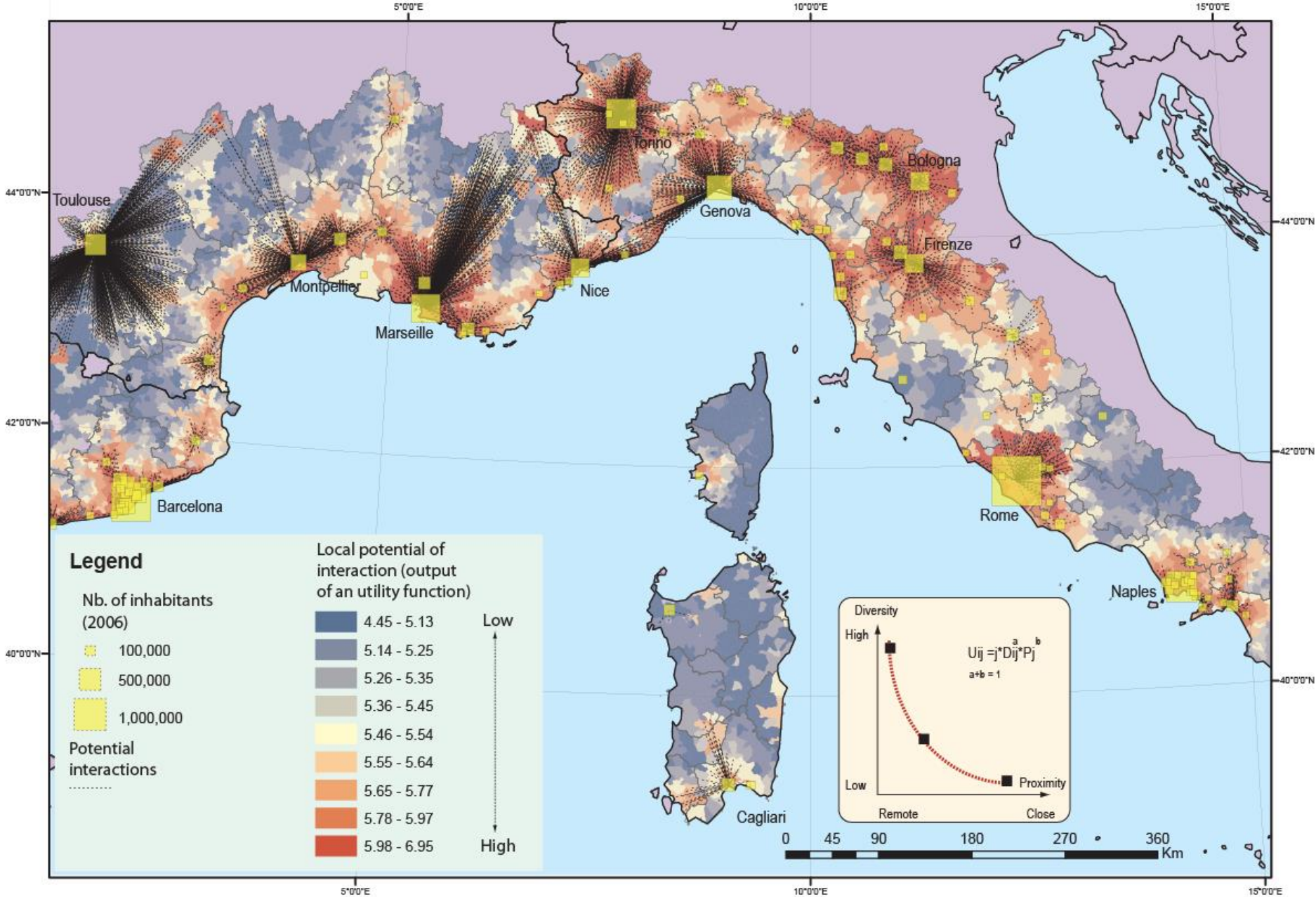


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Connecting the accessibility planning with the mobility of population.



Local accessibility => towards new stakes.

Conclusions :

- **more empirical studies at local level are needed**
- **access to data describing the flows system should become a priority in the ESPON studies**
- **more accessibility is just a starting point in recovering some path dependency trends of economic growth**