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# 1. Methodology

In this section on quantitative benchmarking, the regions are examined under the key indicators listed above in a European, national and neighbourhood perspective.

Benchmarking an entire region as a single unit in comparison to other groupings of European countries requires some consolidation of statistical units, instead of comparing each region at its lowest possible statistical level. Since the selected regions are predominantly composed of several NUTS 3 regions, NUTS 2 or NUTS 1 regions were chosen for this benchmarking in order to capture an overall picture of their performance. Since the regions highly differ in size, population and most relevantly in their statistical reference levels, a short introduction to each region and its statistical characteristics is given.

As first approach to quantitative benchmarking, the ESPON HyperAtlas is used as analytical tool in order to simply calculate the benchmarking values of each indicator in European, national and neighbourhood deviation. This tool also allows for a quick mapping of the collected data and thus provides a comprehensive overview over the data. However, due to characteristics of the HyperAtlas as benchmarking toolkit, which only allows indicators consisting of two datasets, a nominator and a denominator, the prototype of a second, very simple, benchmarking tool has been developed for this project: the ESPON TPM regional benchmarking tool. In addition to the same type of benchmarking as the HyperAtlas, this tool allows to calculate benchmarking values for indicators which are only available already calculated and cannot be split into two single datasets due to their nature or data unavailability can be used in this spreadsheet-based tool since they cannot be uploaded to the HyperAtlas. These two methods differ in the number of reference scales and in their resulting benchmarking values since they use different approaches. However, comparability is ensured, especially through a rough classification and illustration in a graphical way, in this case through traffic lights.

The quantitative benchmarking values were derived from setting each region's performance for one indicator in relation to the overall European / national / regional performance. Thus, the values are measured against the benchmarking values and classified into 3 categories: good, average and bad. As mentioned before, the two benchmarking tools used in this study differ in their approach; benchmarking values generated by the *HyperAtlas* vary around a reference value of 100 and were classified as followed: *benchmarking value* = > 110 = *good*, 90-110= *average*, < 90 *bad*. This approach has the advantage of reflecting the customary approach in EU comparisons. However, it has the disadvantage giving quite different results depending on the overall order of magnitude of the indicator.<sup>1</sup> The second tool, on the other hand, uses another approach:

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<sup>1</sup> Take the following example concerning unemployment: region A has an unemployment rate of 4,5%, and region B an unemployment rate of 7,5% compared to a reference value of 6%. The respective

the regional deviation to the reference value is compared to the standard deviation across all of Europe at the lowest available scale. Values thus vary around 0, with e.g. -0,5 indicating a negative deviation (less than the reference value) of half of the standard deviation and 2 indicating a positive deviation of twice the standard deviation. This makes comparisons between benchmarking results of different indicators more robust. For the classification of benchmarking results, we used the following general thresholds:  $< -0.1$  *bad*,  $< 1$  *good*. According to these categories, the three traffic lights have been chosen to represent the performance in a graphical way. However, one has to be careful when interpreting the calculated values since depending on the indicator (and depending on the political interpretation of the indicator), the direction of what is considered as “good” and “bad” might change. This is why for each indicator a short description and the proposed direction of its interpretation have been provided in the introductory part of this report. Additionally, arrows of the same three colours indicate the change in time for some indicators. The direction of the arrows might vary for each deviation, since it’s a measure of relative performance compared to the evolution of the same indicator at the reference level.

As using the two mentioned methods does not provide a more detailed perspective, mapping the indicators on a regional level allows for further differentiation within the regions, according to the underlying data preciseness and shall thus be suggested as another way of monitoring.

## 2. Introduction to the region for quantitative benchmarking

The Greater Dublin Area (GDA) is comprised of the city of Dublin and various counties surrounding the city: Dublin City, Dun-Laoghaire-Rathdown, South Dublin, Fingal, Meath, Kildare and Wicklow. Thus, the term GDA refers to an area of 6982 km<sup>2</sup>, which makes up 10% of Ireland's total area. With over 1.8 million inhabitants, GDA's population equates to 39.3% of Ireland's population in 2011.

In regional administrative terms, the area of GDA is located in the NUTS 3 regions Mid-East and Dublin and thus in the NUTS 2 region Southern and Eastern Ireland. It is almost completely surrounded by the NUTS 2 region Border, Midland, Western.

However, since benchmarking the Greater Dublin Area quantitatively on its own bears some difficulties due to data availability and comparability to the other four selected regions, the NUTS 2 level has been chosen for the analysis comprised of the selected key indicators.

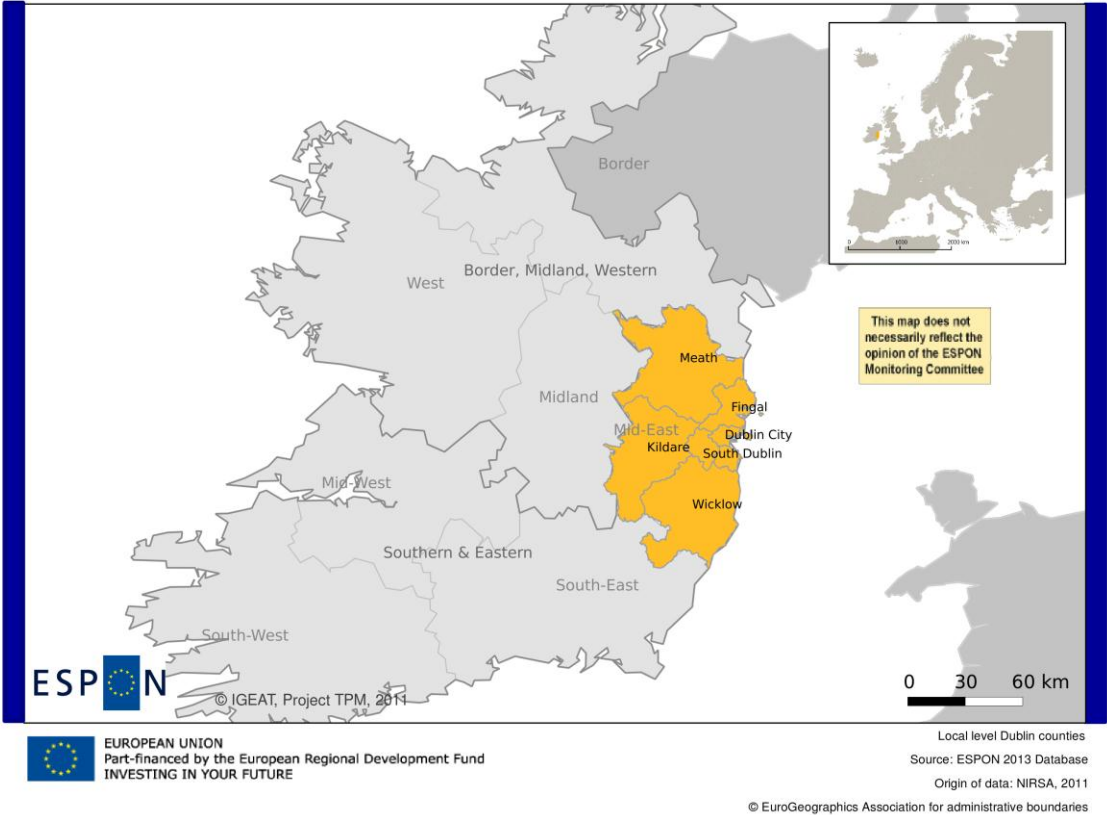
The benchmarked NUTS 2 region comprises 3.250.720 people on an area of 36.544 km<sup>2</sup>. Its population density amounts to 88.95 inhabitants per

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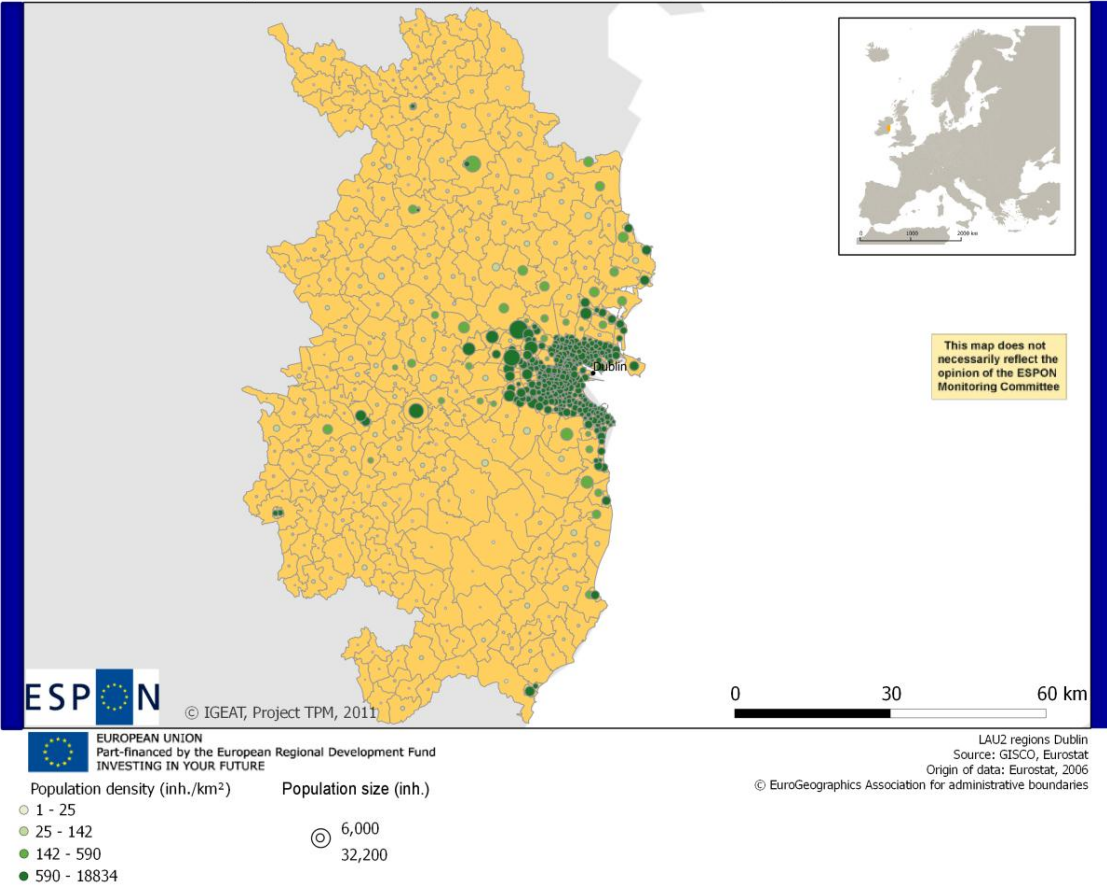
benchmarking values would thus be  $4,5/6 \cdot 100 = 75$  and 125. If you represent the exact same fact by its complement, i.e. the employment rate, you would get the following results: (A)  $95,5/94 \cdot 100 = 102$ , (B)  $92,5/94 \cdot 100 = 98$ . Both regions would thus seem much closer to each other in the second case, although the indicator shows the same reality.

km<sup>2</sup>. Therefore, GDA's population accounts to 55% of the NUTS 2 region's population on only 19% of the total NUTS 2 area.

Local map Dublin



Population and population density Dublin, 2006



### 3. Synthesis of quantitative benchmarking

#### 3.1 Globalisation

Regional benchmarking in a European perspective provides the overall impression of need for improvement in economic aspects in Dublin, at least in terms of the entire NUTS 2 region which comprises the Greater Dublin Area, but is obviously much larger than the actual GDA. Striking is the bad performance in the following economic fields: expenditure on R&D, relative number of patents filed, employment in the manufacturing and professional activities sector, the average salaries per economic sector, tourism aspects, accessibility by car and plane as well as unemployment. In the contrary, employment in the information and communication sector as well as migration into the NUTS 3 regions and the share of population with tertiary education achieve the best benchmarking values for the European deviation.

When looking at the comparison to the national level, Ireland, some red traffic lights were exchanged by yellow ones, indicating average achievement. For instance, the employment situation seems better, just as the salary and the accessibility aspects tend more towards average performance. Benchmarking Dublin in relation to its neighbouring regions, its performance is categorized as “good” for more indicators, such as unemployment rate, employment and the share of population born outside the EU. However, tourism and the relative number of patents filed still fall below the average, as in all deviations and thus mark the indicators in which Dublin is doing badly at all comparative scales.

All in all, the benchmarking results are highly diverse, depending on the examined deviation and thus, need to be looked at more closely in order to find the fields of challenges and opportunities of the region.

#### 3.2 Demography

Dublin’s demographic structure is predominantly positioned above all benchmarking averages: in the European perspective a very high share of young population, very low share of elderly people, very low median age as well as high population growth between the years 1999 and 2009. The national comparison reveals just an average ranking of Dublin’s demographic structure but exceeds most expectations in relation to its neighbouring regions.

Overall, benchmarking Dublin’s demography reveals a very satisfying result with few fields for improvement.

#### 3.3 Climate change

In terms of European benchmarking of the challenge of climate change, Dublin accomplishes differing results: on the one hand, its performance regarding soil sealing, concentration of particulate matter as well as ozone



concentration and the change in minimum (January) and mean temperature (July) is very good. However, the share of NATURA 2000 areas and the change in maximum (July) temperature, on the other hand, reveal very bad benchmarking values, especially on the European perspective.

Compared nationally, climate change presents a real challenge for the region since all benchmarking values lay below or close to national averages. Only the change in maximum temperature in July earns Dublin a good national position: the temperature increased in relation less than in other European regions. However, as mentioned before, the interpretation of temperature indicators as a measure for climate change has to be seen with caution since the impacts may vary from region to region and thus affect the direction of evaluating this benchmarking.

The neighbourhood perspective reveals the same need for improvement in order to being able to cope with the challenges of climate change. However, in terms of typology benchmarking, Dublin's situation seems much brighter since its performance lies predominantly in line with other regions categorized in the same climate change type.

All in all, Dublin is positioned quite well among other European regions and only shows some challenges that need to be tackled in terms of climate change.

### 3.4 Energy

Looking at energy aspects in Dublin leads to predominantly very good monitoring results: Except for the relatively low potential for solar energy resources, the region has relatively many hours of potential wind energy per year, a comparably low share of the GDP as fuel costs for freight traffic as well as a low employment rate in energy intensive industries in comparison to other European regions. The national comparison, however, puts the region's performance into perspective again, since it varies between averagely and bad. Nonetheless, monitoring Dublin in relation to other regions classified as « cool and windy, but working » in the ESPON energy typology, reveals its position above average for any indicator.

Hence, Dublin's position in this monitoring of energy indicators can in sum be described as very good with some challenges on the European and national scale.

## 4. Quantitative regional benchmarking

### 4.1 Globalisation

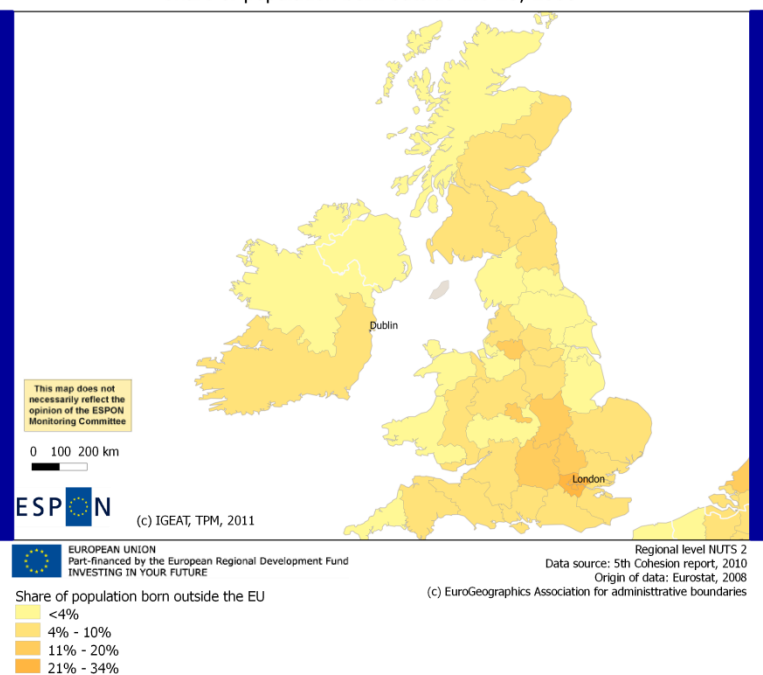
#### a) Comparative analysis globalisation

Globalisation										
Indicator	value		EU	National		Neighbourhood	Typology			
Population born outside the EU, 2006	6%	84		112		172				
Internet access, 2009	57%	113		107		129				
Expenditure on R&D, 2007	1.20%	76		100		99				
Relative number of patents, 2005	0.01%	46		88		66				
Average salary per economic sector, 2008										
Manufacturing (C)	34,324 €	147		87		97				
Information, communication (J)	27,750 €	92		106		131				
Professional, scientific, technical activities (M)	50,930 €	222		104		116				
Employment per economic sector, 2008										
Manufacturing (C)	8.70%	77		96		87				

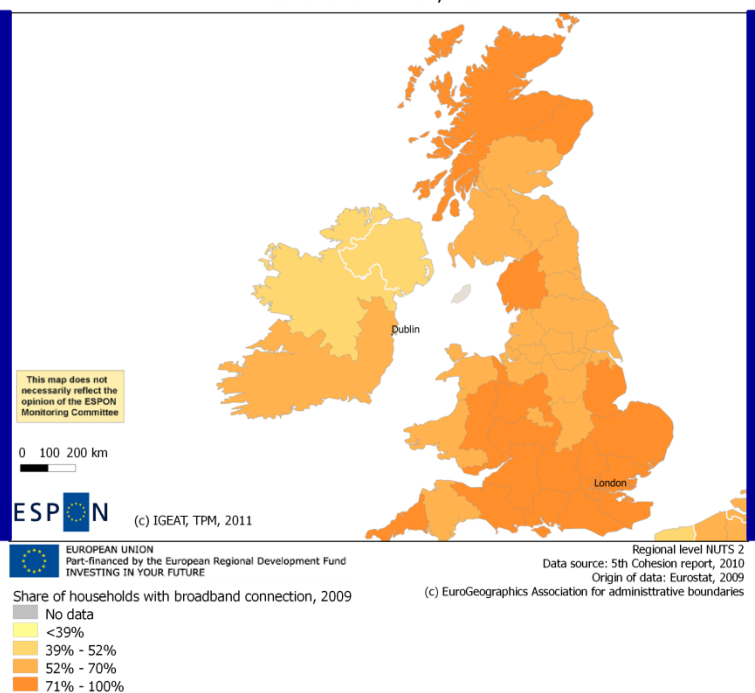
Information, communication (J)	3.90%	160			116			219	
Professional, scientific, technical activities (M)	4.80%	83			98			95	
Tourism occupancy, 2009	9.90%	45		↓	99		↓	98	
Tourism non-residents	16.9%	71			39			23	
Daily population accessible by car, 1999	353	- 0.3 4			- 0.0 1				
Migration into NUTS 3 regions	11.93	1.5 4			- 0.3 9				
Accessibility to passenger flights	4.406	- 0.8 1			0.0 0				
Tertiary education, 2007	32.90%	163			106			126	
Early school leavers, 2007	14.40%	105			97			88	
Unemployment rate, 2009	11.3%	126		↓	96		↓	87	
Change in unemployment rate, 2000-2009	+207%	303			104			111	

## b) Regional maps globalisation

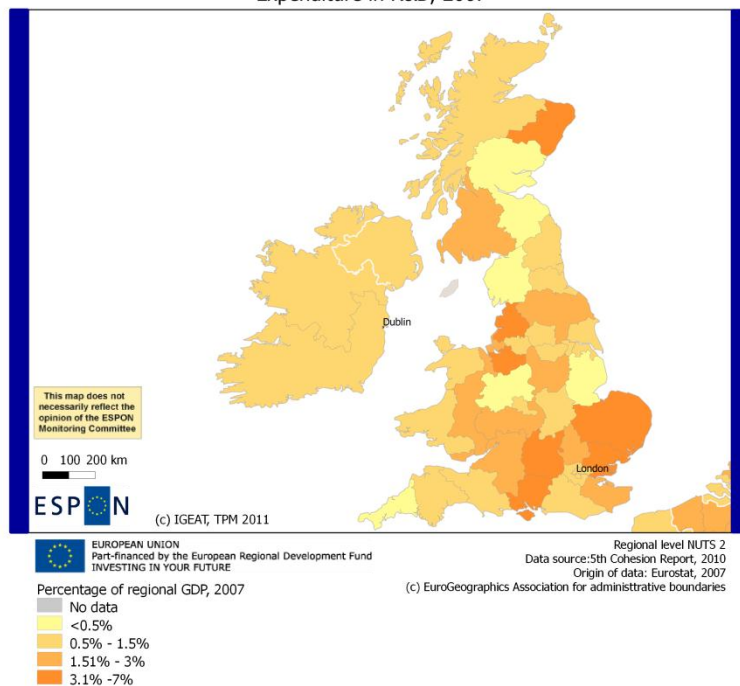
Share of population born outside the EU, 2008



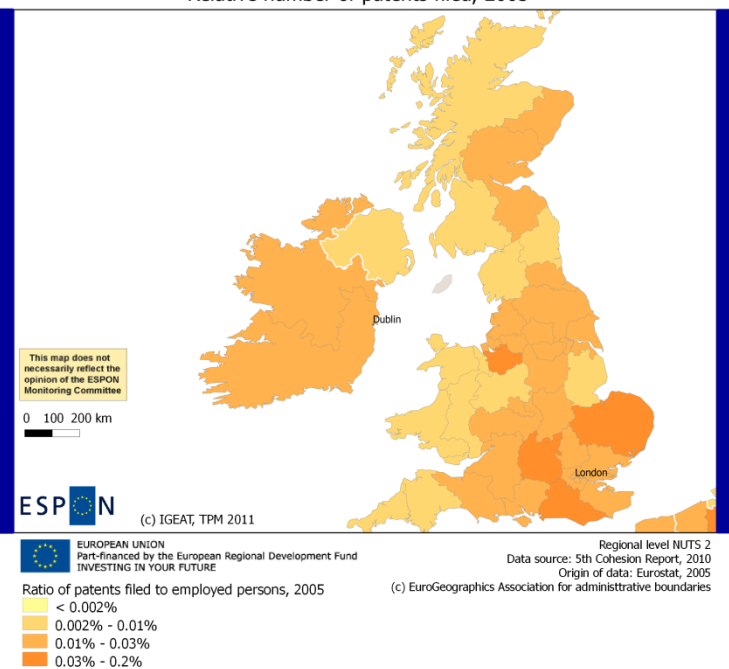
Broadband connection, 2009



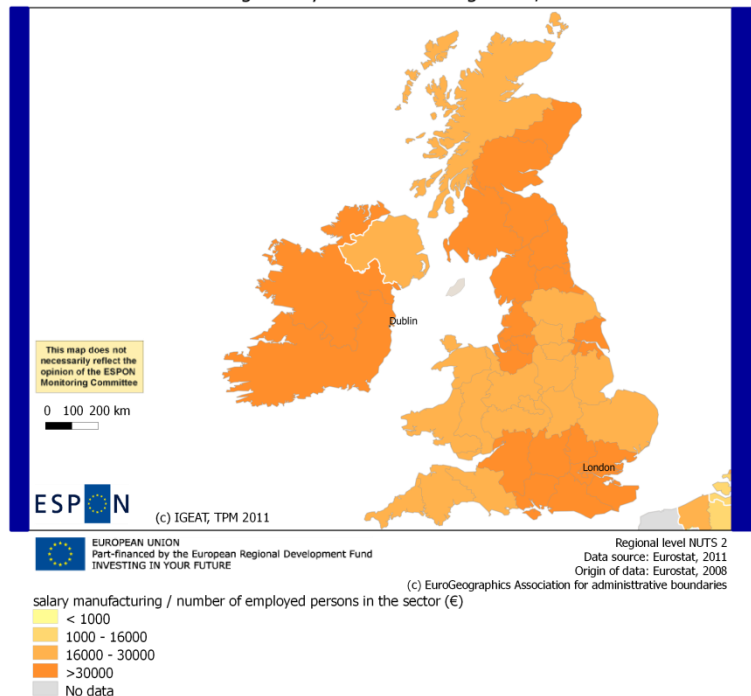
Expenditure in R&D, 2007



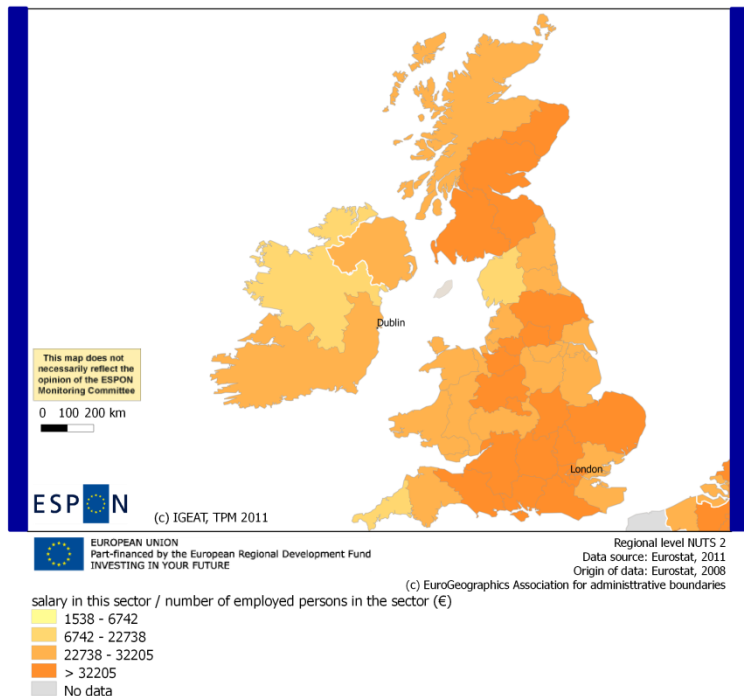
Relative number of patents filed, 2005



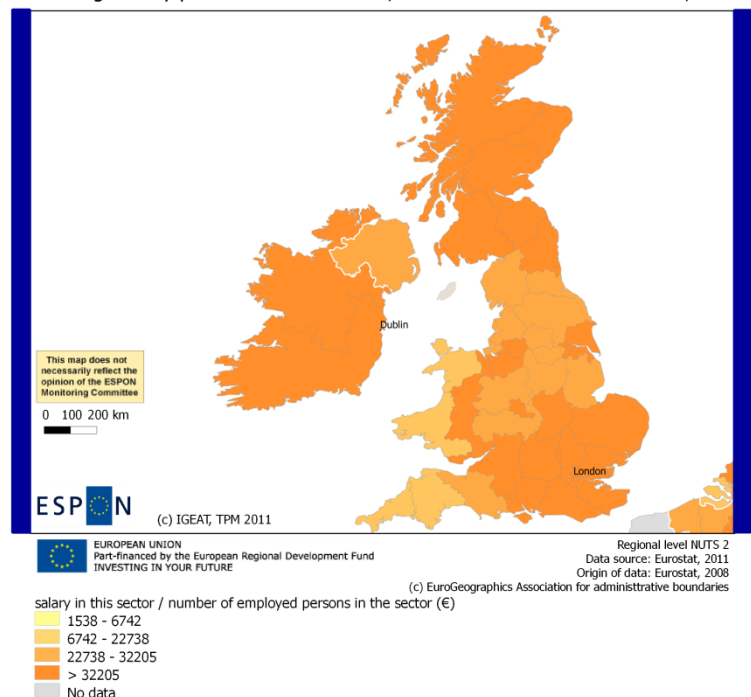
Average salary in manufacturing sector, 2008



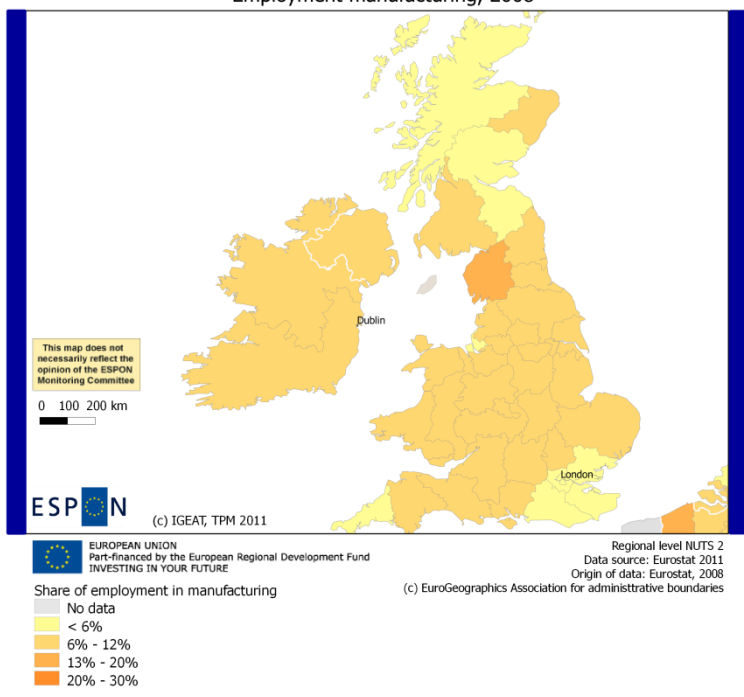
Average salary per sector: information and communication, 2008



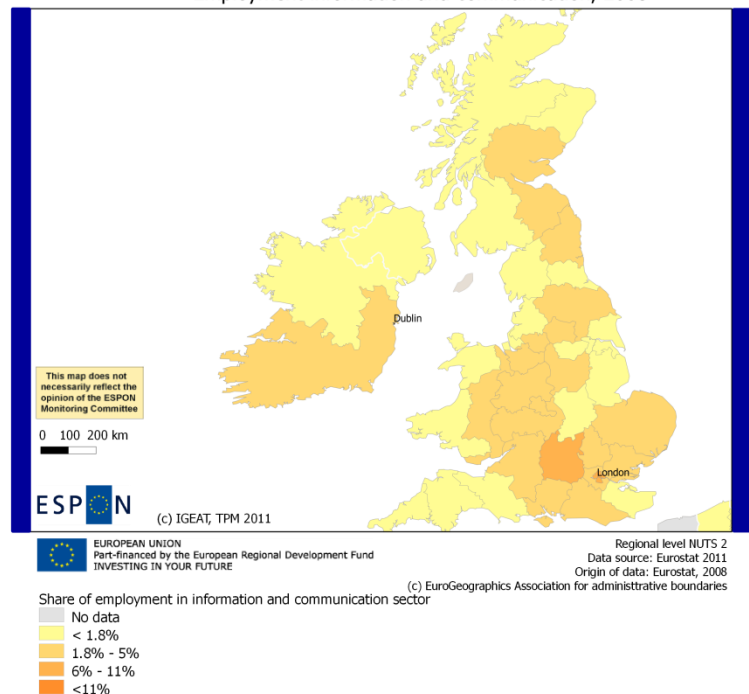
Average salary per sector: Professional, scientific and technical activities, 2008



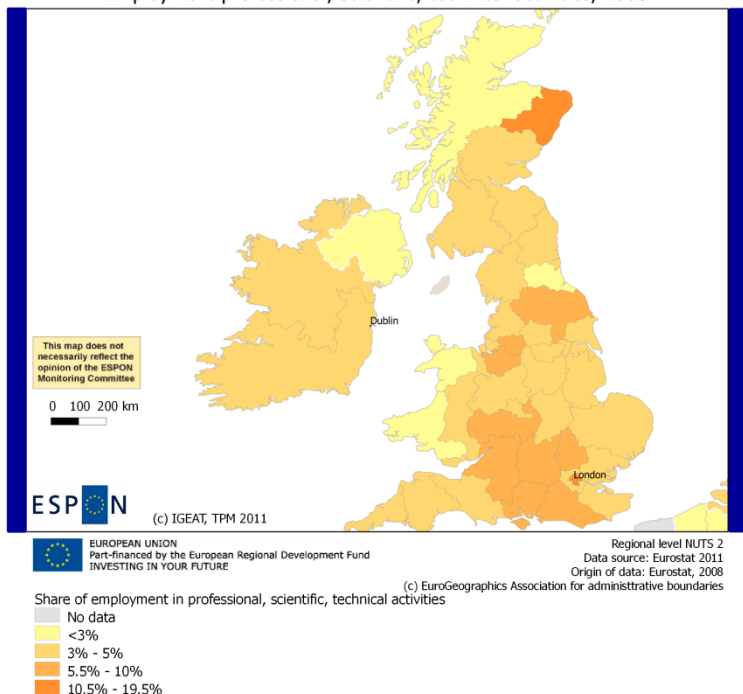
Employment manufacturing, 2008



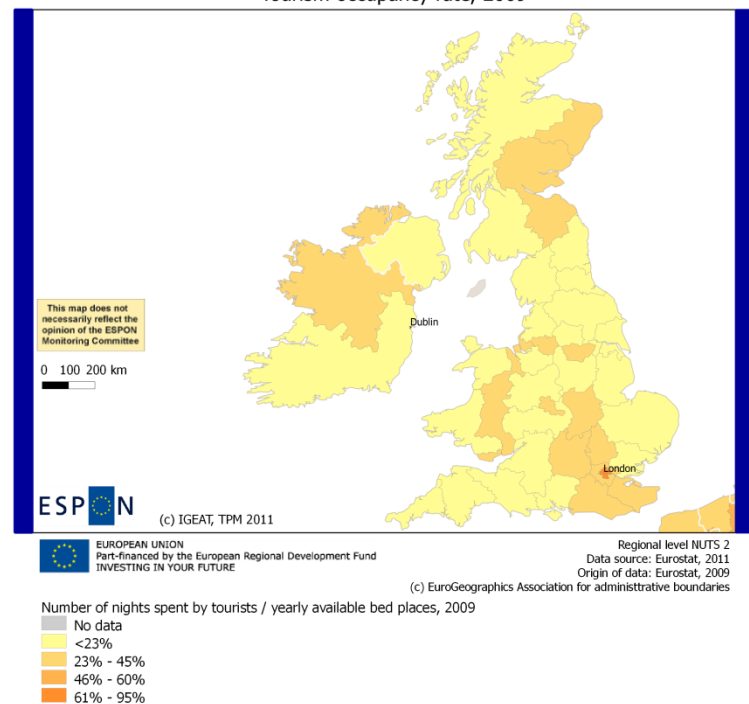
Employment information and communication, 2008



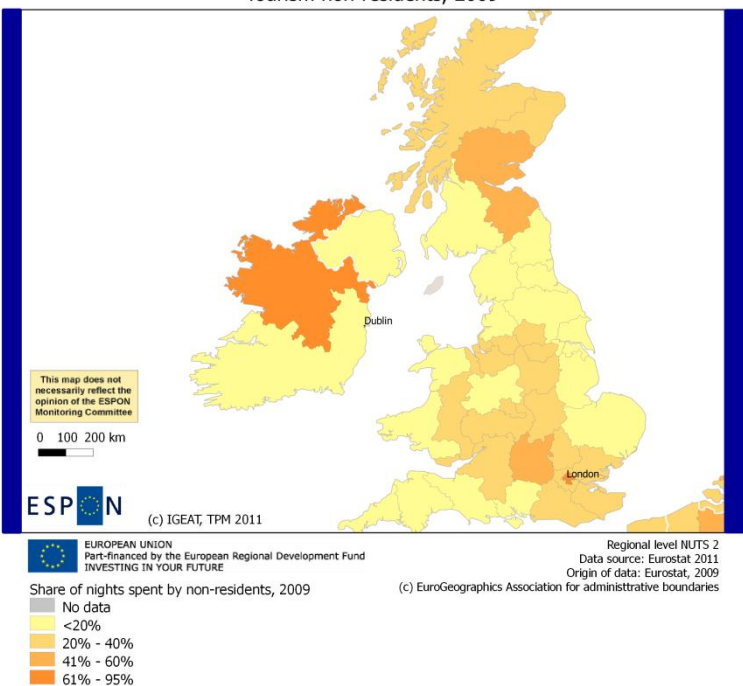
Employment professional, scientific, technical activities, 2008



Tourism occupancy rate, 2009

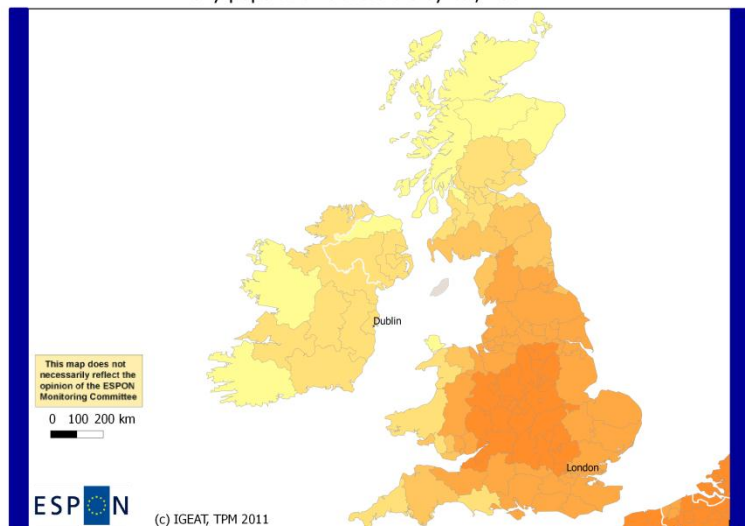


Tourism non-residents, 2009





Daily population accessible by car, 2004



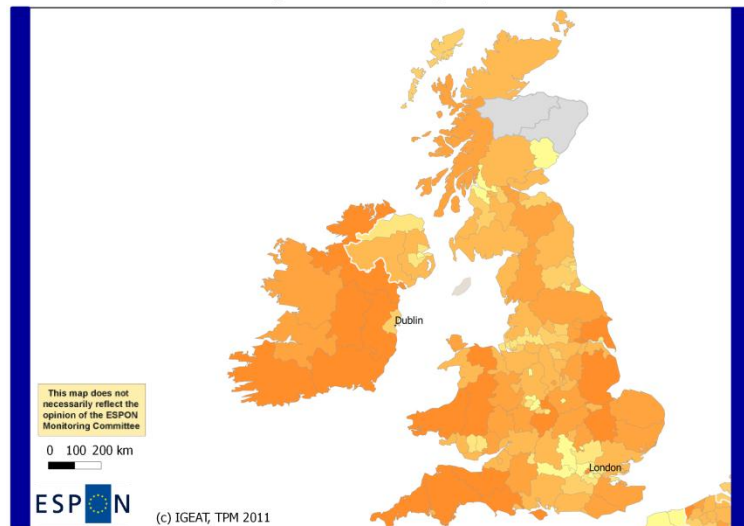
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Regional level NUTS 3  
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daily population accessible by car, 2004

- < 2500
- 2500 - 9000
- 9000 - 20000
- 20000 - 40000
- < 40000

Net migration NUTS 3 regions, 2001-2007



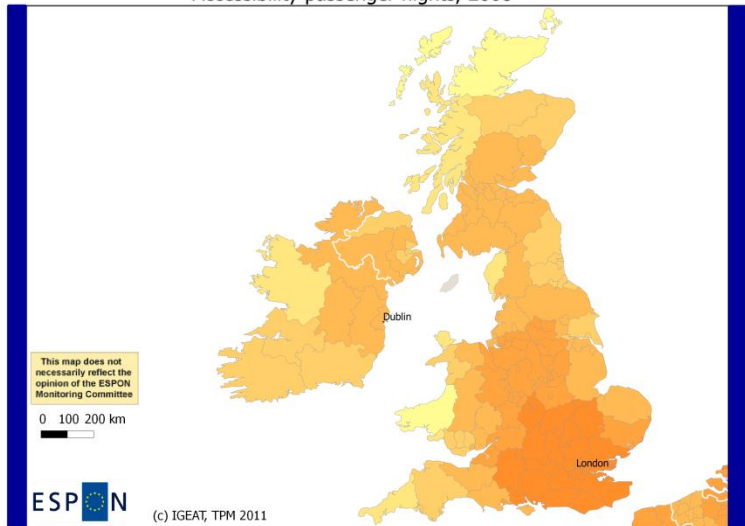
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net migration per million inhabitants (annual average)

- < -1.5
- 1.5 - 0
- 0 - 1.5
- 1.5 - 5
- 5 - 10
- > 10
- No data

Accessibility passenger flights, 2008



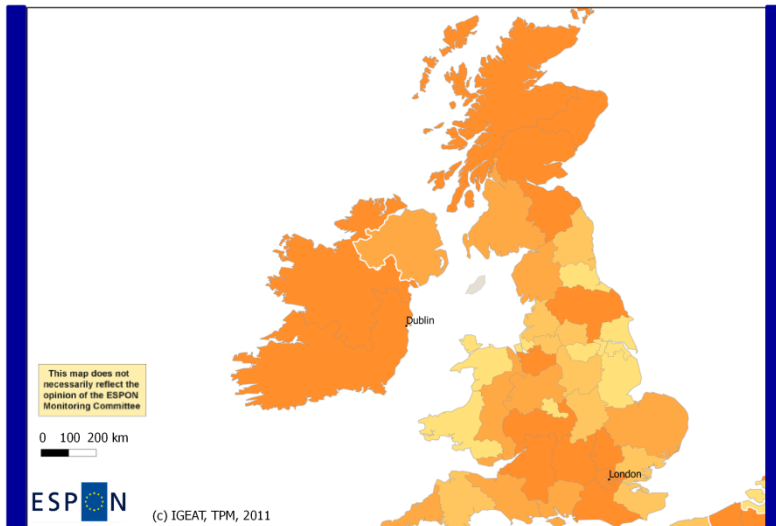
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Population weighted average of passenger flights per day  
travel time to the closest airport < 90 min

- 0 - 50
- 50 - 150
- 150 - 350
- 350 - 800
- 800 - 1500
- 1500 - 3500

Share of population with tertiary education, 2009



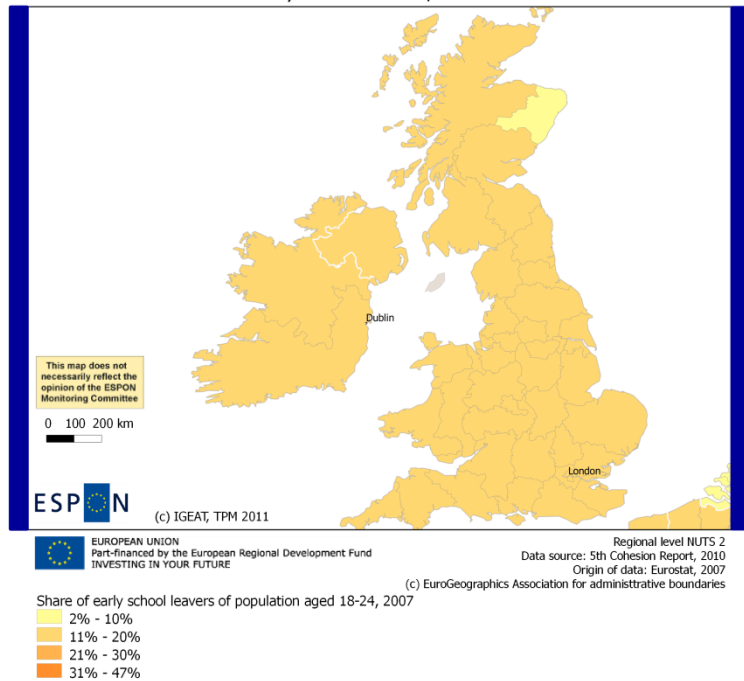
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Regional level NUTS 2  
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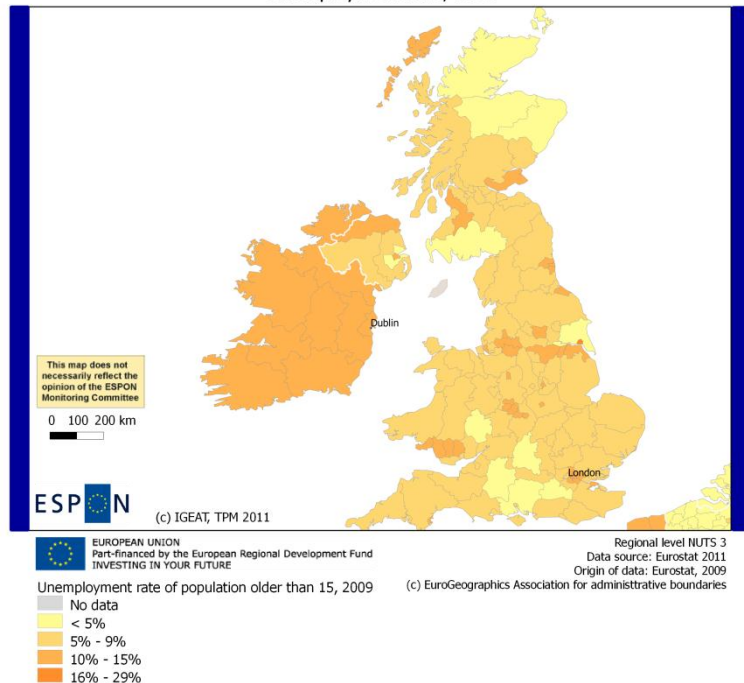
Share of population with tertiary education

- No data
- <15%
- 15% - 19%
- 20% - 22%
- 23% - 26%
- 27% - 41%

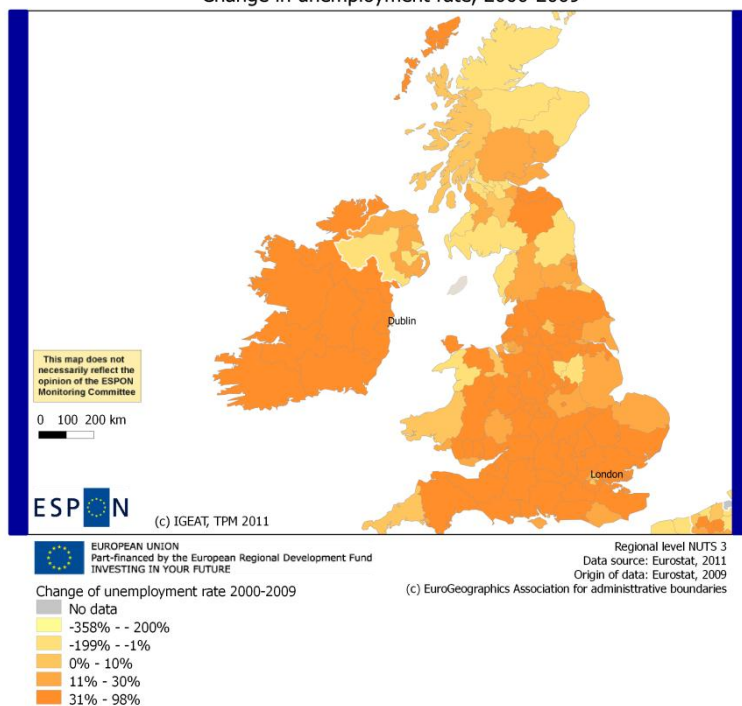
Early school leavers, 2007



Unemployment rate, 2009



Change in unemployment rate, 2000-2009





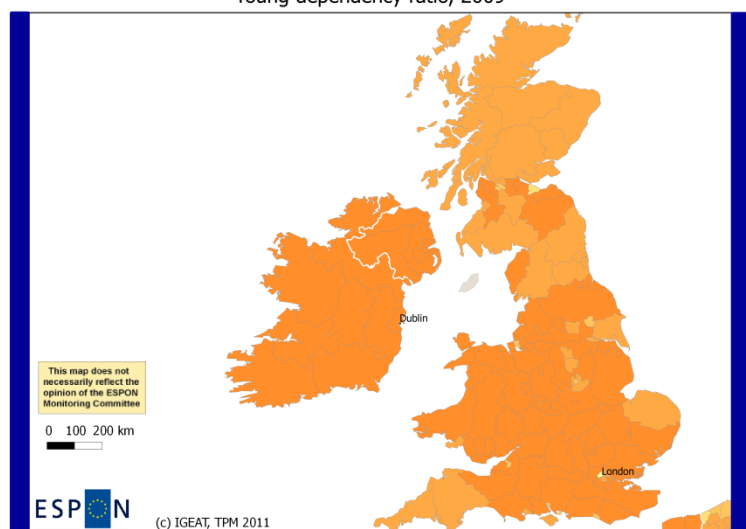
## 4.2 Demography

### a) Comparative analysis

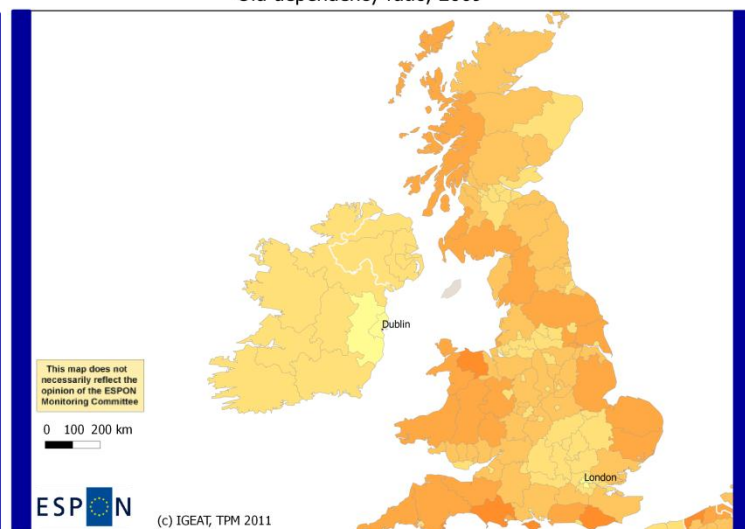
Demography										
Indicator	value		EU		National		Neighbourhood		Typology	
Young age dependency ratio, 2009	30%	130			98		93		126	
Old age dependency ratio	16%	61			96		86		74	
Life expectancy, 2004	78.26	0.02			0.00				-0.57	
Median age, 2008	33	2.65			0.1				1.63	
Population growth, 1999-2009	+18%	114			99		97		100	

### b) Regional maps demography

Young dependency ratio, 2009



Old dependency ratio, 2009



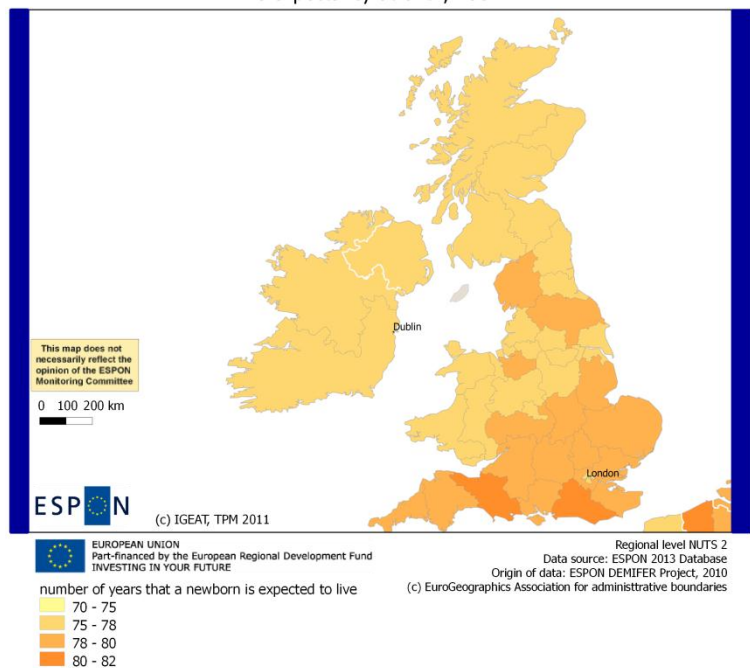
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Population younger than 15 / potential active population  
 12% - 19%  
 19% - 21%  
 21% - 23%  
 23% - 26%  
 26% - 35%  
 No data

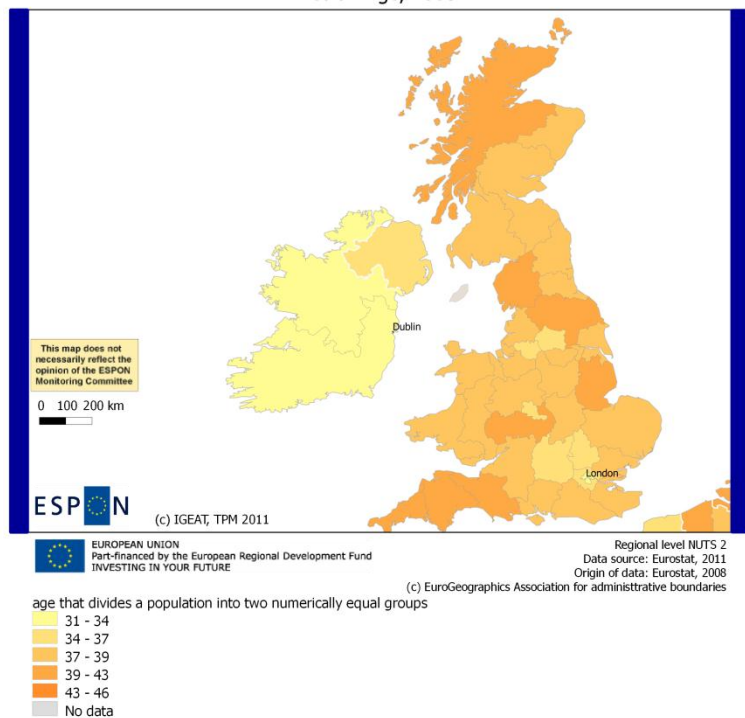
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Population older than 64 / potential active population  
 9% - 15%  
 15% - 25%  
 25% - 30%  
 30% - 35%  
 < 35%  
 No data

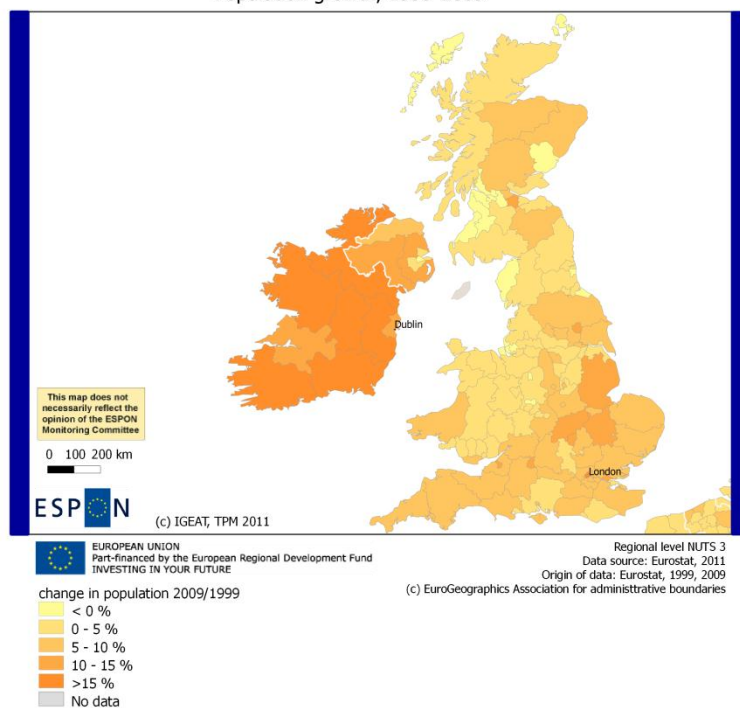
Life expectancy at birth, 2004



Median Age, 2008



Population growth, 1999-2009



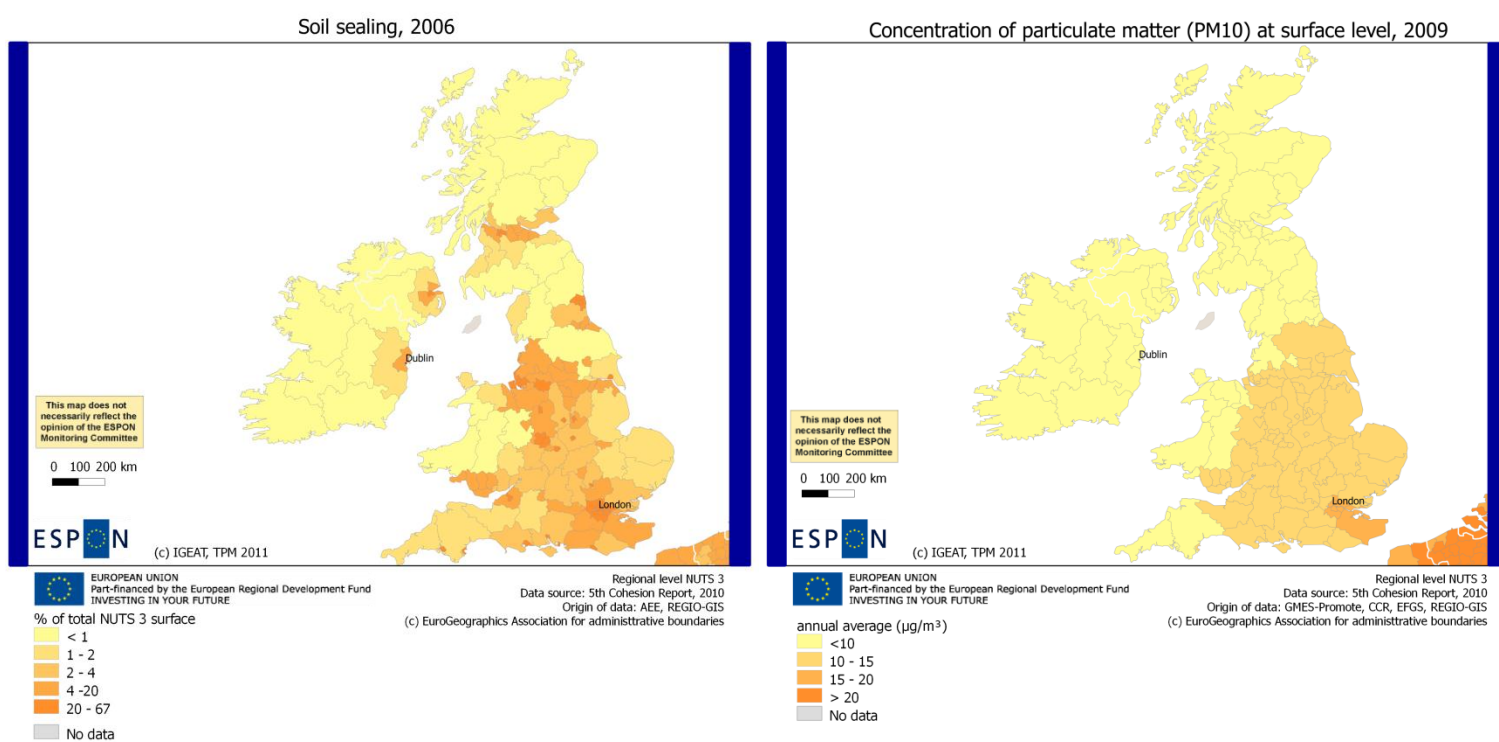
## 4.3 Climate Change

### a) Comparative analysis

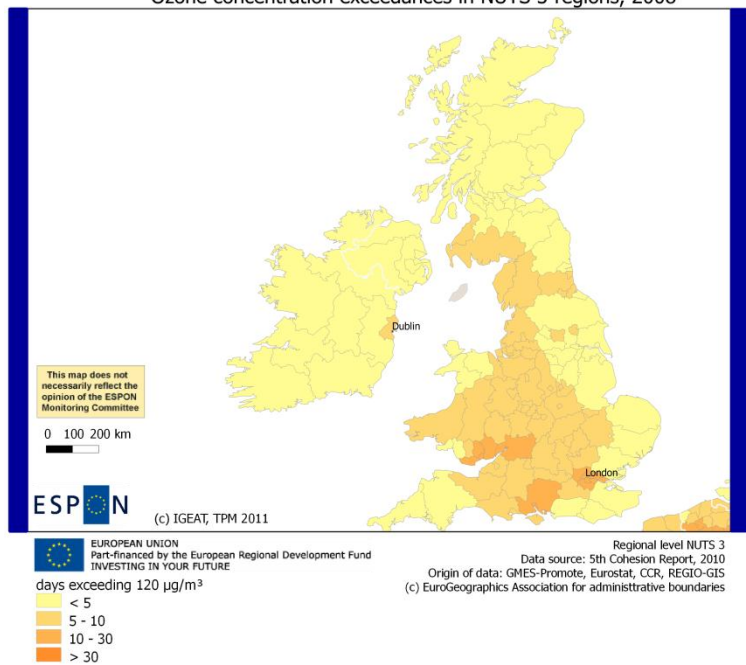
Climate Change						
Indicator	value	EU	National	Neighbourhood	Typology	
Soil sealing, 2006	1.5%	73	120	154	101	
NATURA 2000 areas, 2009	8.70%	52	79	64	115	
Concentration of particulate matter on surface level, 2009	7.72 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	1.34	-0.1		1.44	
Ozone exceedance days, 2008	4.72 days	0.47	-0.07		0.18	
Potential energy consumption for heating, 1981-2009	-6%	95	96	97	96	
Change in minimum temperature January 1994-2008	-0.6°C	0.24	-0.03		0.08	
Change in maximum temperature July 1994-2008	+1.24°C	-0.44	0.25		-0.51	

Change in mean temperature January 1994-2008	+0.78°C	0.02		0.01		-	0.16	
Change in mean temperature July 1994-2008	-0.04°C	0.89		0.08			0.94	

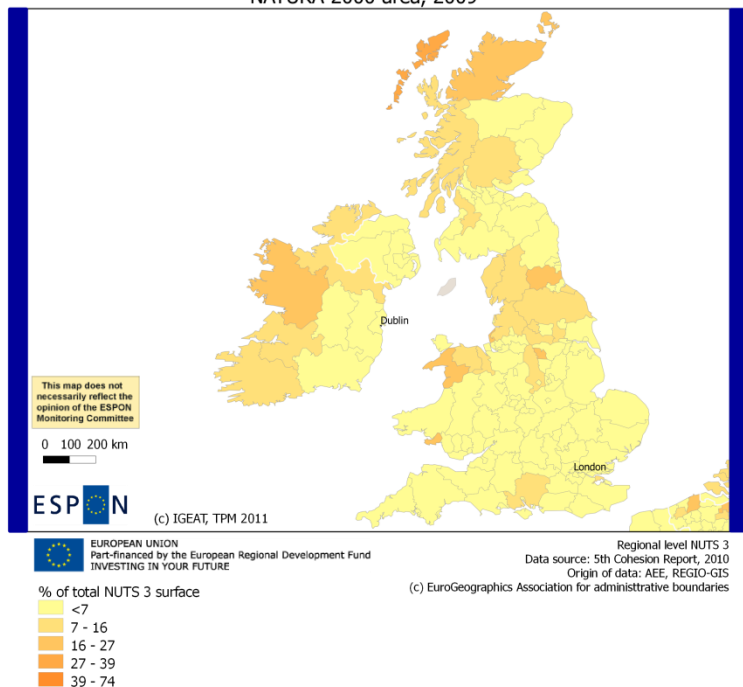
## b) Regional maps climate change



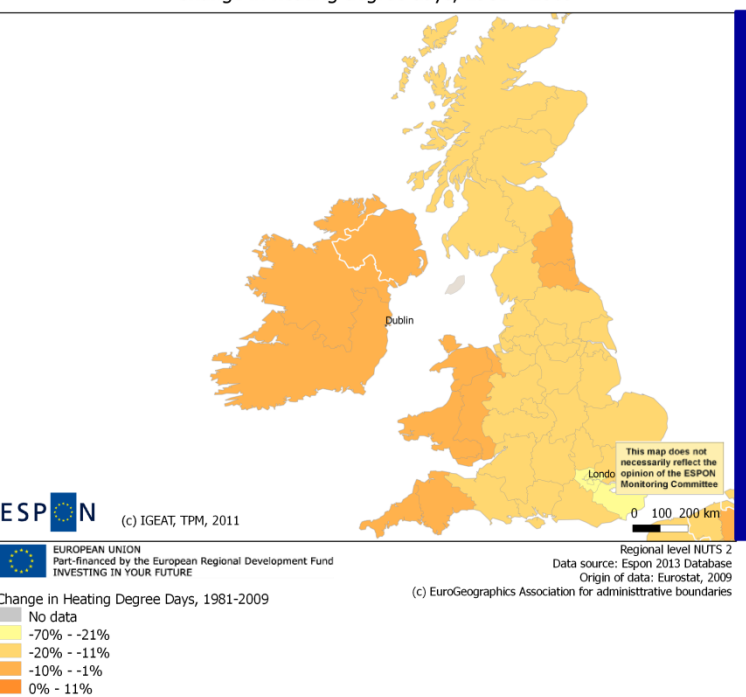
Ozone concentration exceedances in NUTS 3 regions, 2008



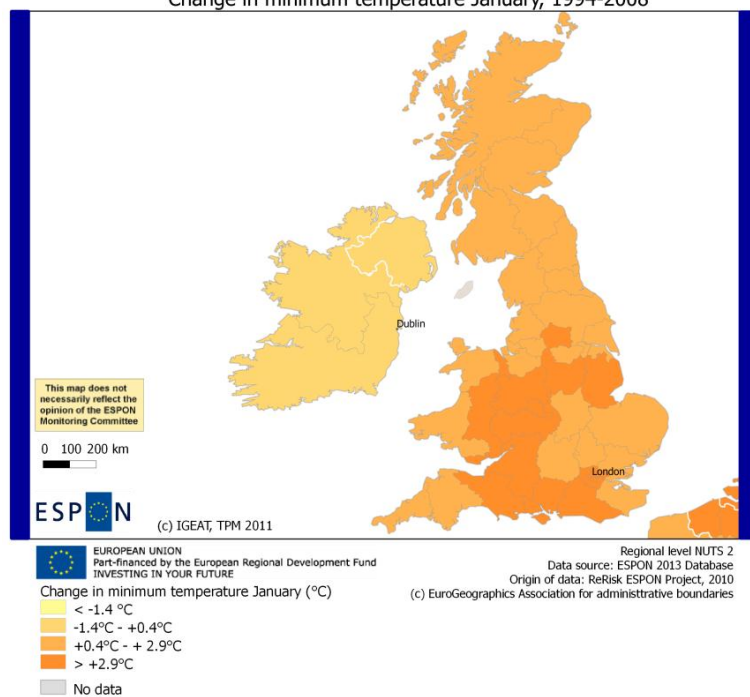
NATURA 2000 area, 2009



Change in heating degree days, 1981 - 2009

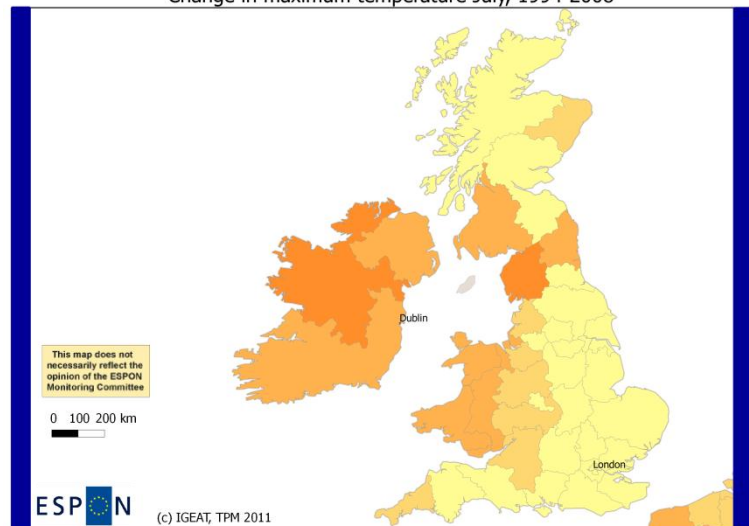


Change in minimum temperature January, 1994-2008

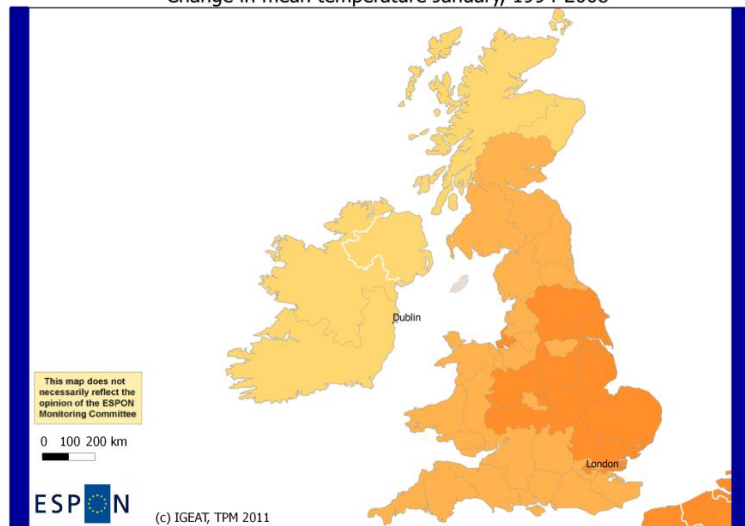




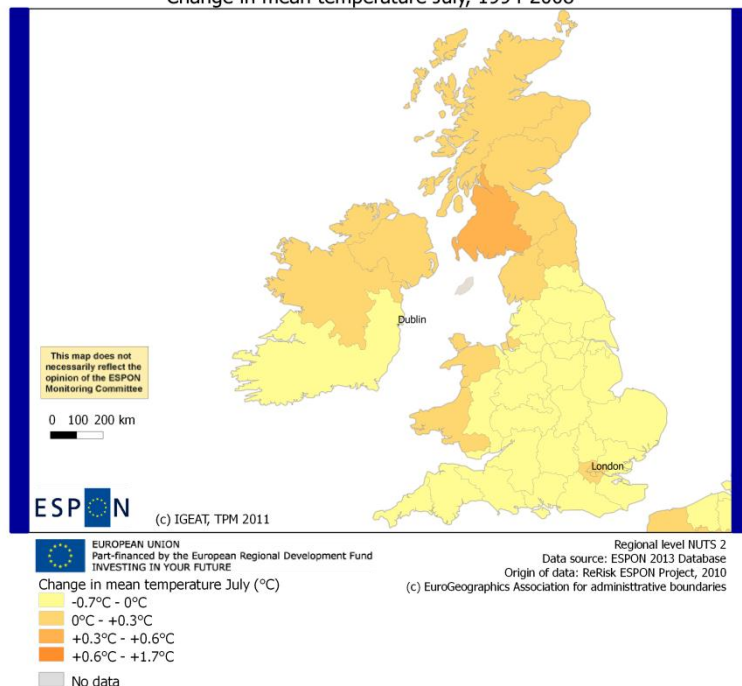
Change in maximum temperature July, 1994-2008



Change in mean temperature January, 1994-2008



Change in mean temperature July, 1994-2008



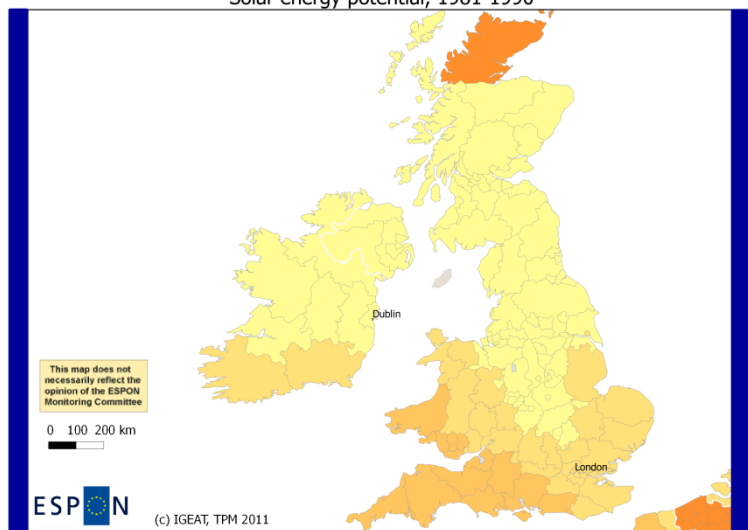
## 4.4 Energy

### a) Comparative analysis

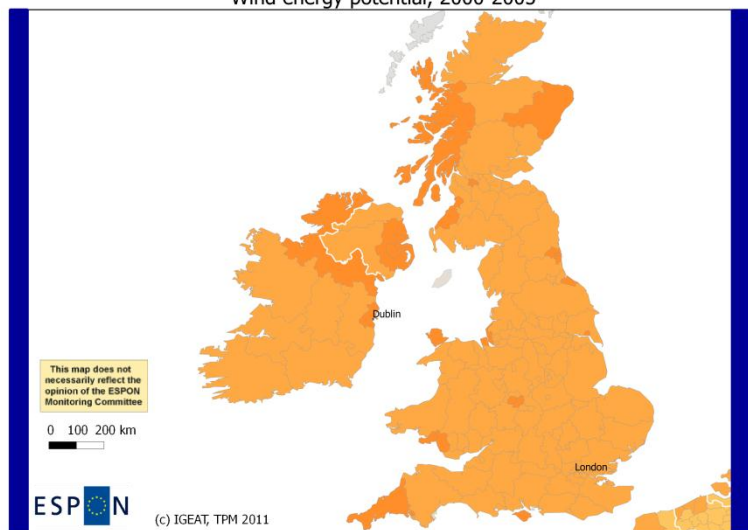
Energy									
Indicator	value		EU		National		Neighbour- hood		Typology
Solar energy resources, 1981-1990	1150 kWh/m2	-0.49			0.08			0.11	
Wind energy potential, 2005	2725h	1.5			-0.09			0.88	
Fuel costs of freight traffic as % of GDP, 2005	1.12%	0.79			0.19			0.72	
Employment in energy intensive industries, 2005	0.24%	0.44			-0.42			0.85	

## b) Regional maps energy

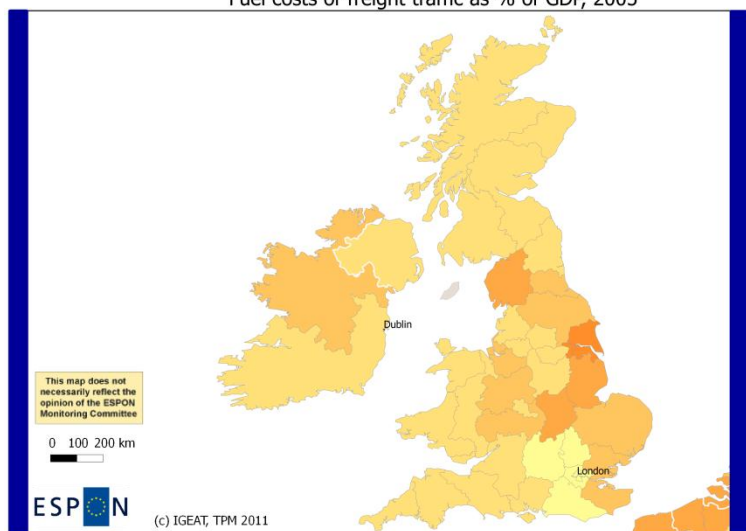
Solar energy potential, 1981-1990



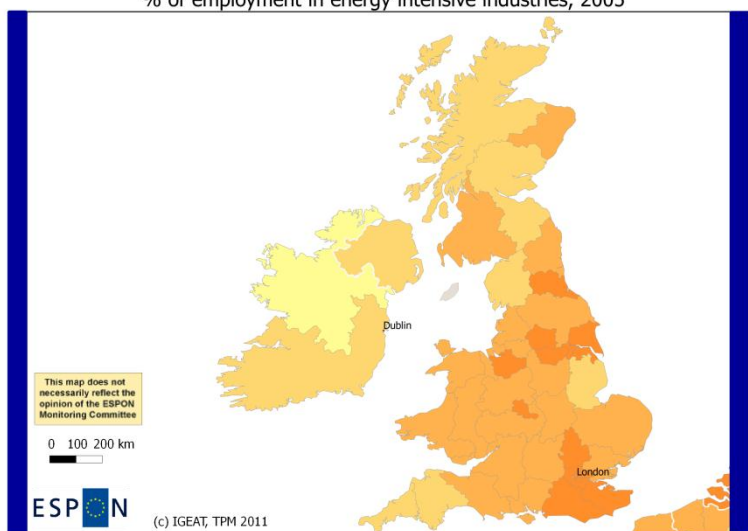
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Fuel costs of freight traffic as % of GDP, 2005



% of employment in energy intensive industries, 2005





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