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Klaus Spiekermann Territorial scenarios for potential accessibility for the years 2030 and 2050

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## Scenario assumption

## **Road and rail: Implementation of TEN-T network**

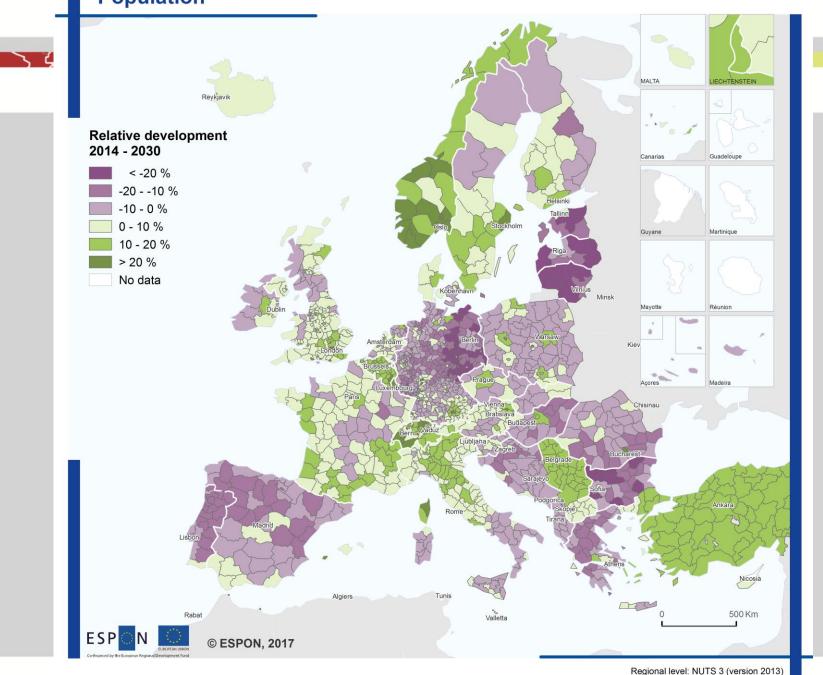
- Core network until 2030
- Comprehensive network until 2050

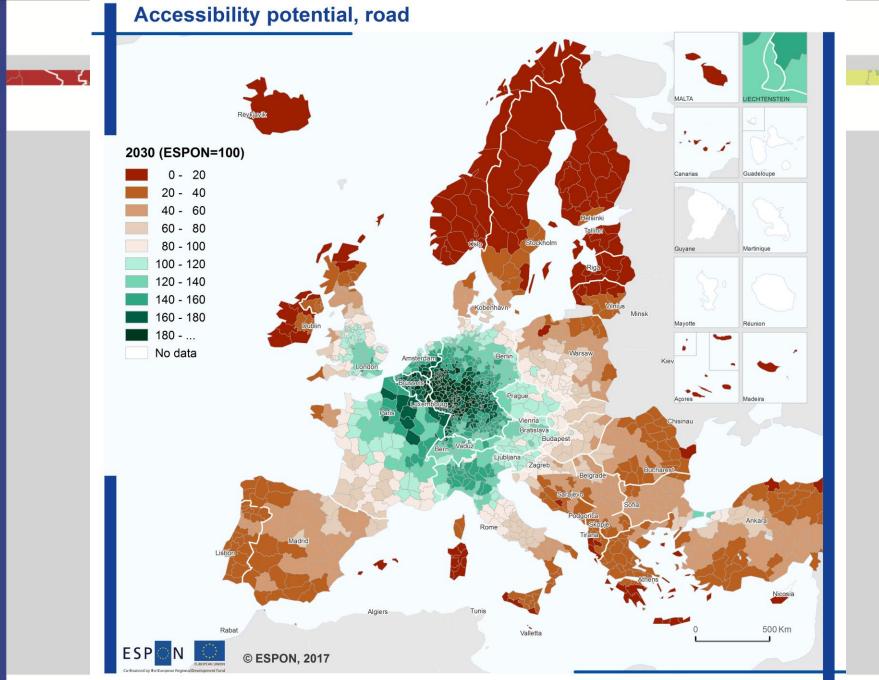
### **Air: three different scenarios**

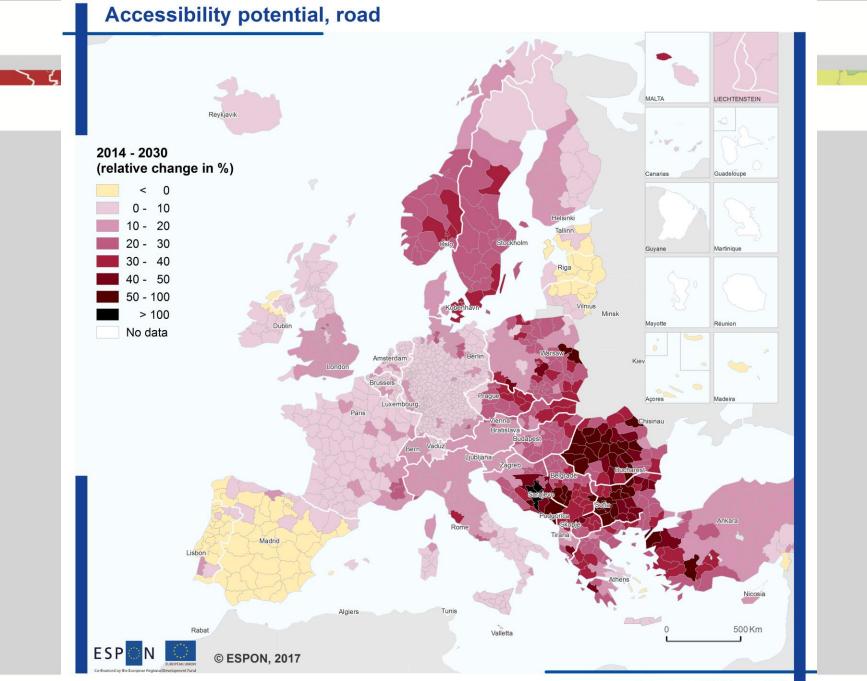
- Scenario A: Regional airports gaining
- Scenario B: Regional airports losing
- Scenario C: Air connections reduced

## **Population: Eurostat**

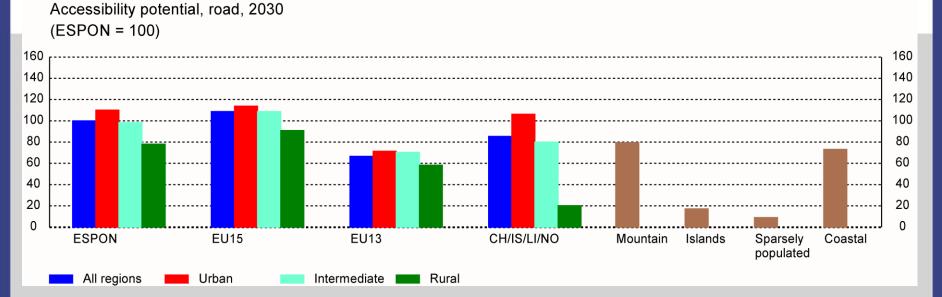




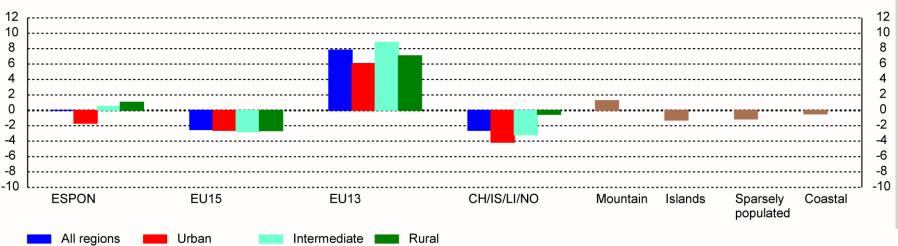






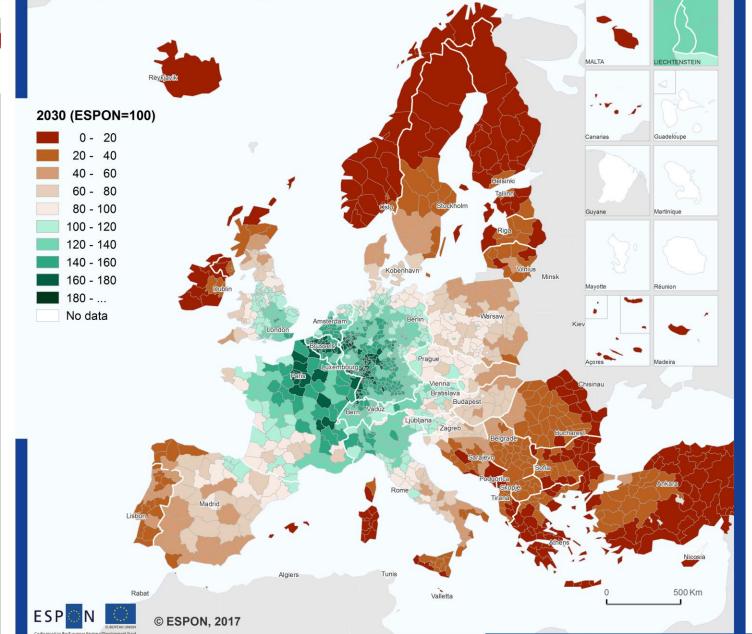


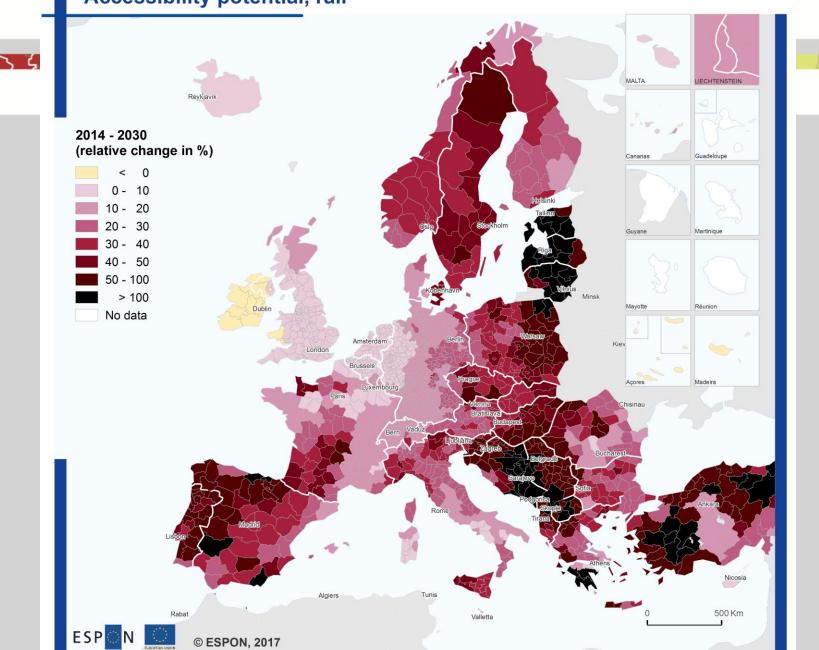
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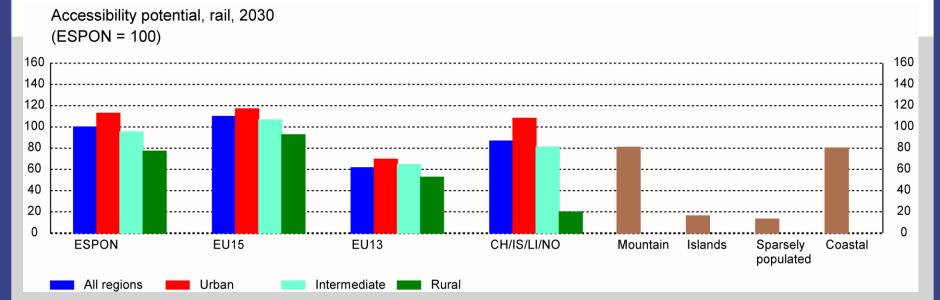


Regional level: NUTS 3 (version 2013) Source: Spiekermann and Wegener Urban and Regional Research (S&W), ACC SCEN. 2017

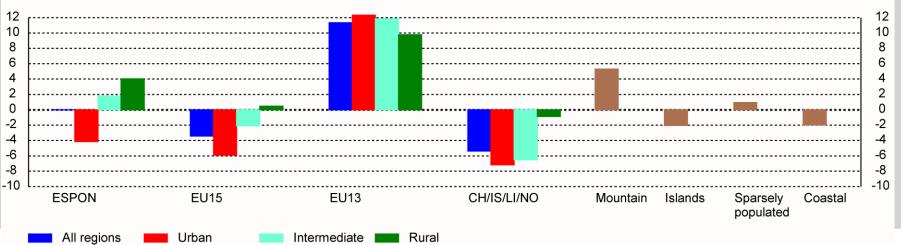
### Accessibility potential, rail



#### Grand Land

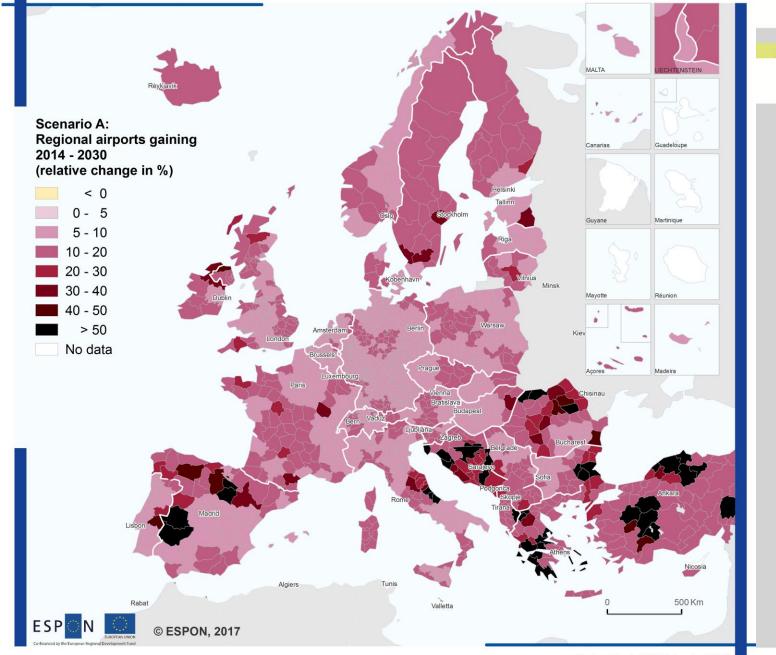


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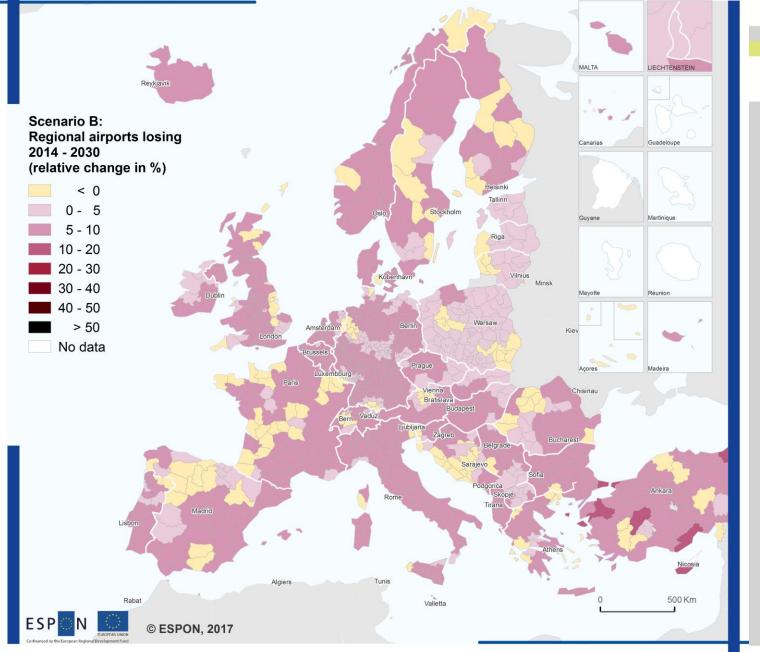


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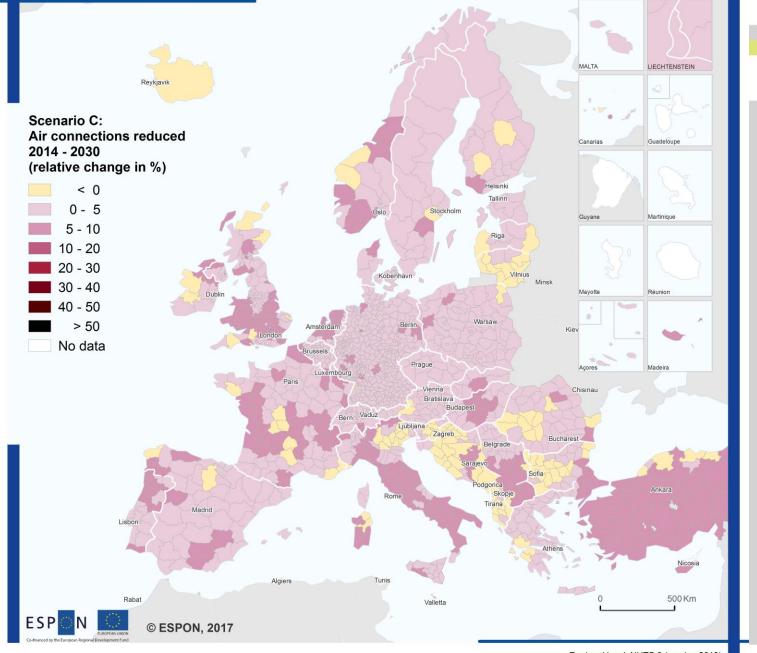
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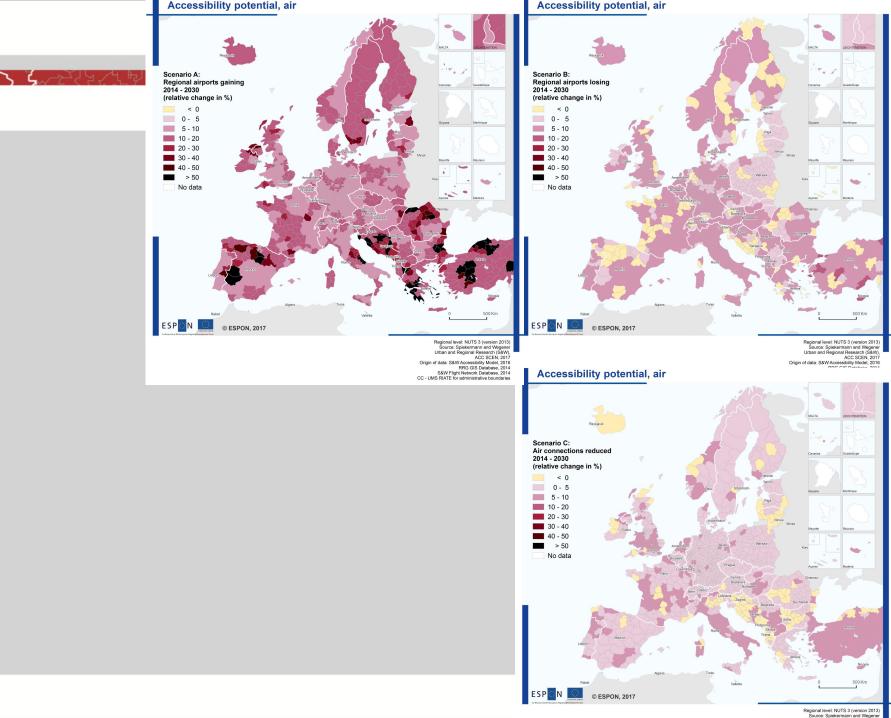
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### Accessibility potential, air

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# Policy points: accessibility potential

- Accessibility is an essential location factor
- Important role of the TEN-T for territorial development and territorial cohesion
- Development of the TEN-T will yield a lot of improvements in the regional, national and international connectivity.
- In particular the investments into a **high-quality rail network** might bring enormous advantages for the affected regions
- Regional development strategies based on regional airports might be risky strategies



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BUT: Transport infrastructure development is **not the only and maybe not the most important issue** to take care of.

- -> For territorial cohesion this means that multi-challenged regions need **comprehensive strategies** to develop their assets and to develop them as attractive locations to live and to develop competitive economic activities.
- -> The development of high-quality transport infrastructure and connections can only be one element in such strategies aiming at territorial cohesion in Europe.



# Further information

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