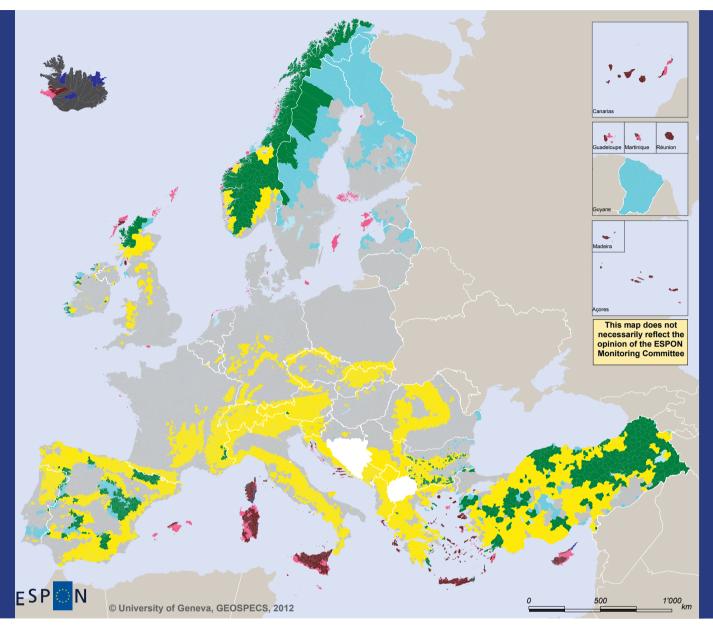
Map 1 - European territories with geographic specificities





Regional level: Lau 2 Source: GEOSPECS 2011 Boundaries: © EuroBoundaryMap v4 2008; except Western Balkans and Turkey (GEOSPECS)



For analitical purposes, mountains, islands and sparsely populated areas (SPA) can only meaningfully be delineated at the sub-regional level (so-called LAU 2 units). This is for example a precondition to distinguish mountain areas from adjoining piedmonts, and costal islands from isolated island regions. It also makes it possible to identify regions confronted to sparsity in some parts only.

Areas for which no data were available are coloured in white.