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# Polycentric and Integrated Urban Development in Bulgaria

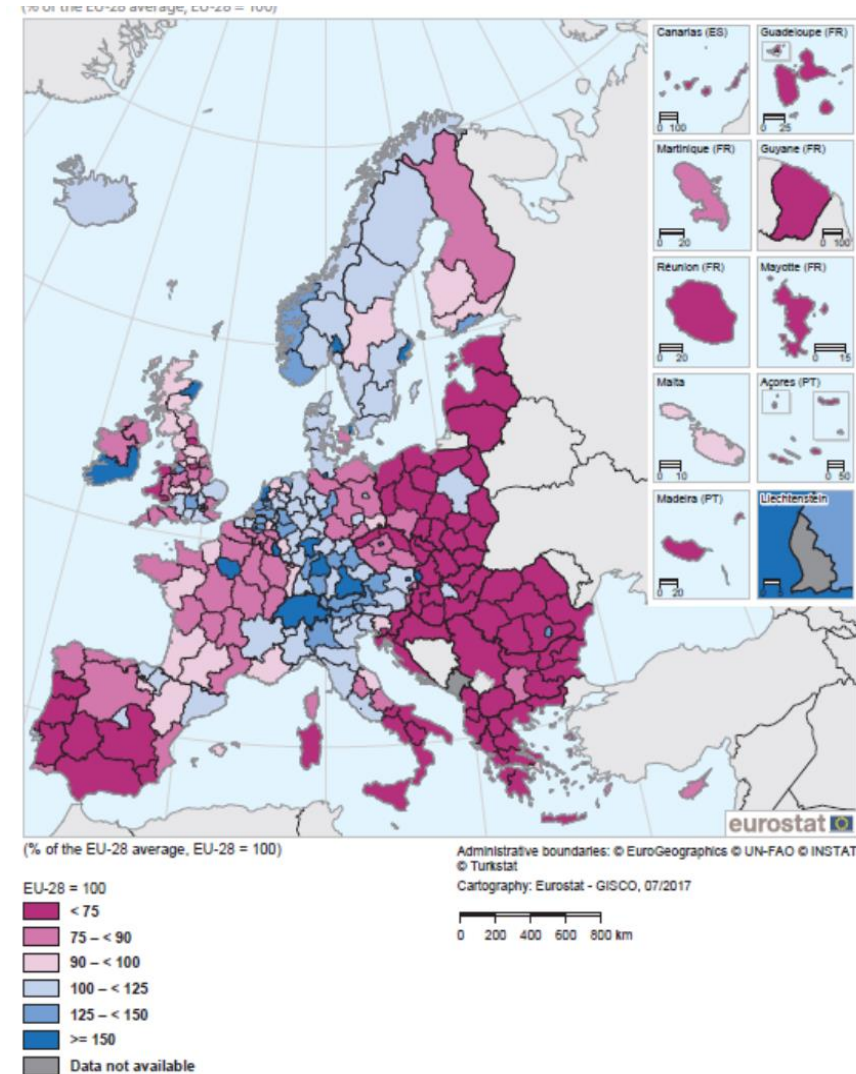
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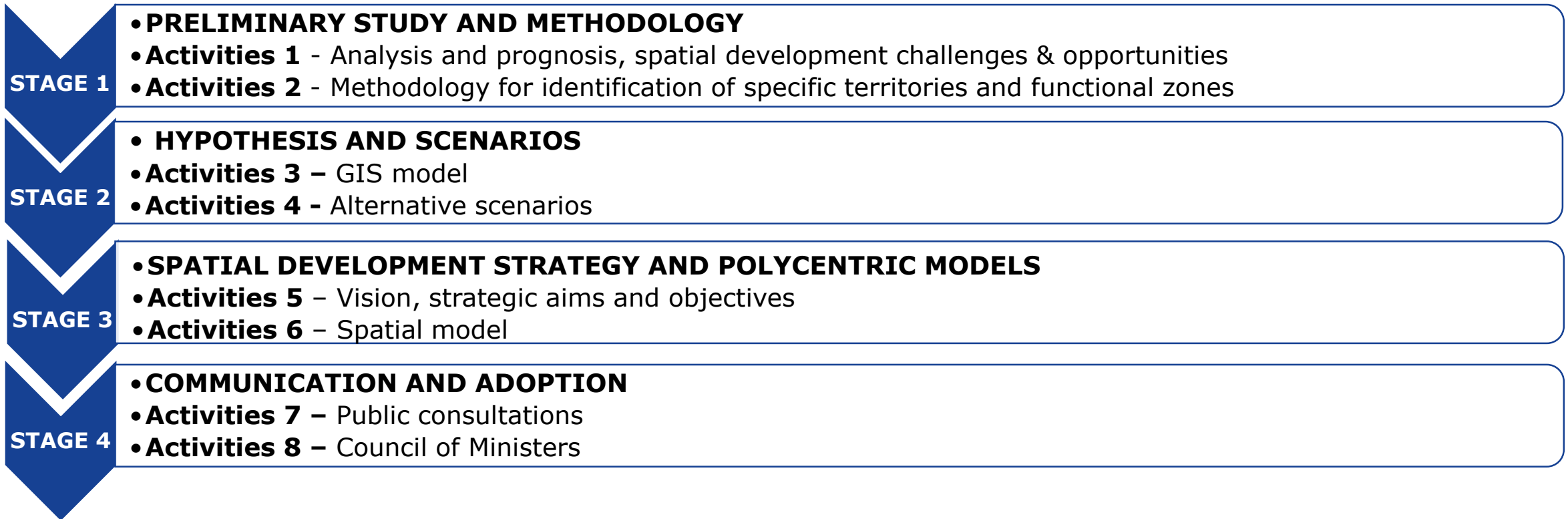
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## // Major Challenges

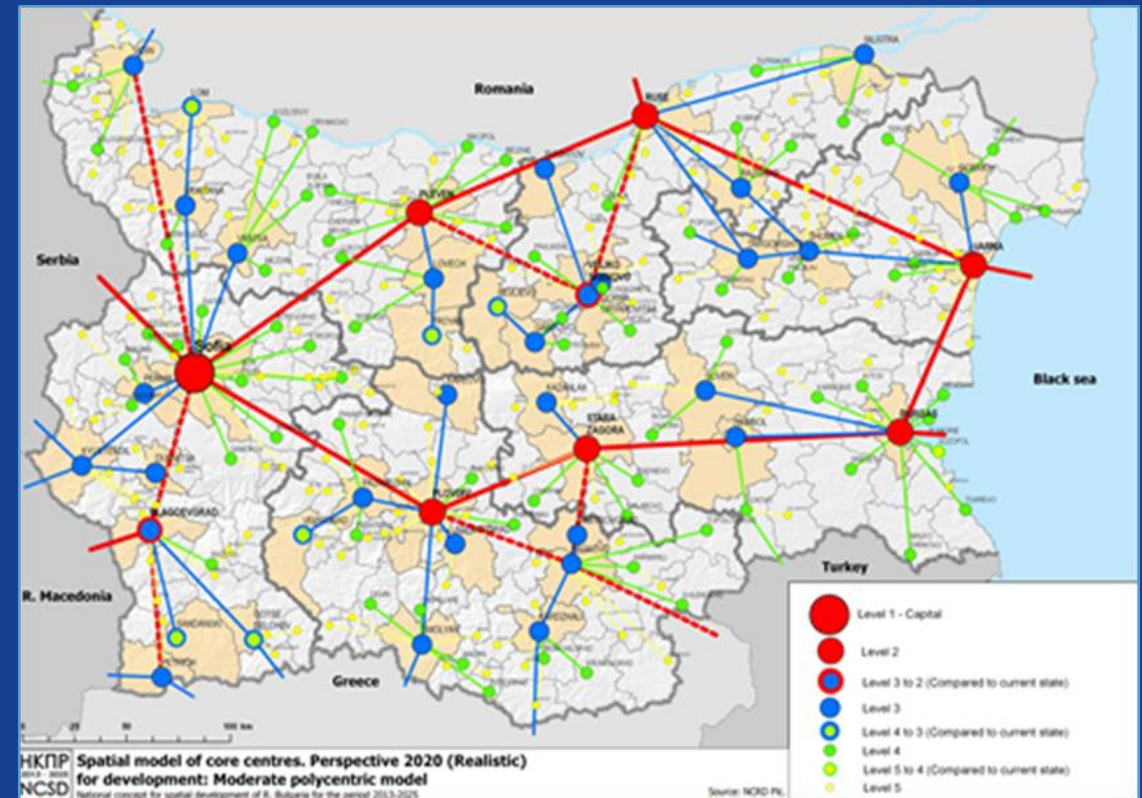
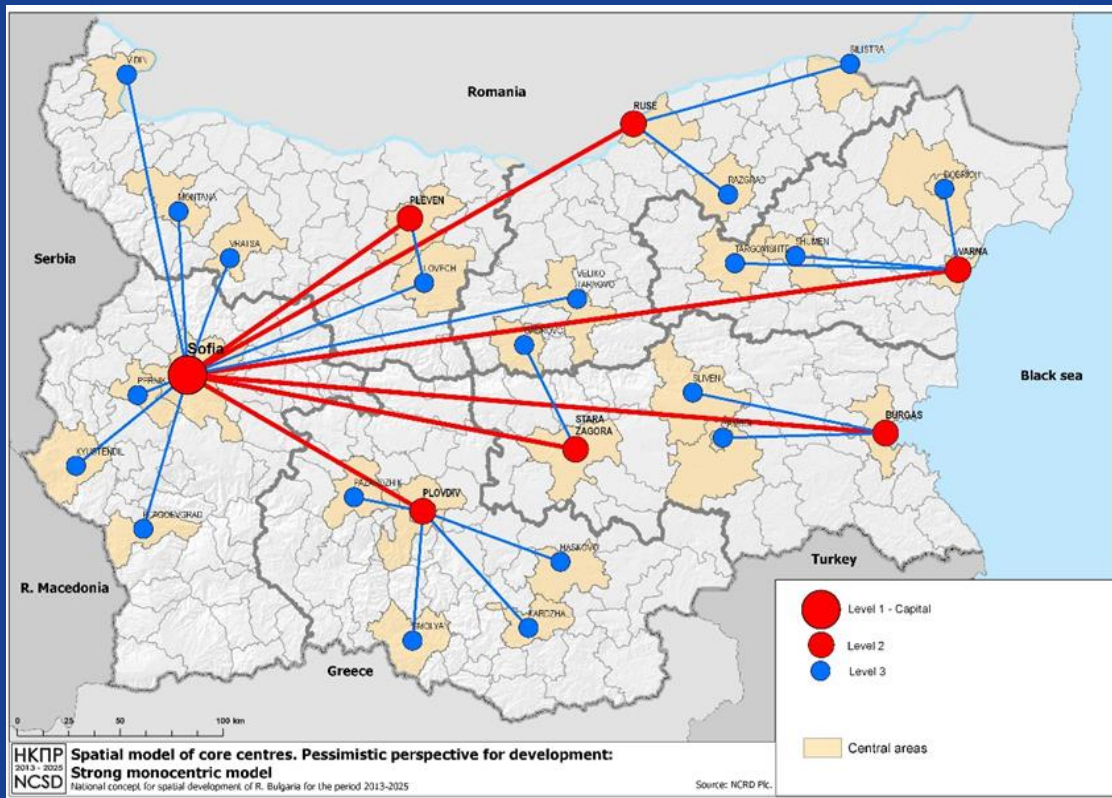
- **Population decline** and depopulation
- **Regional disparities**
- Geopolitical factors and location
- Transport networks, **accessibility and mobility**
- **Social infrastructure** in remote and depopulated areas
- Global changes and higher **risks** (ecologic, social and economic)
- Untapped potential of the **natural and cultural assets**.



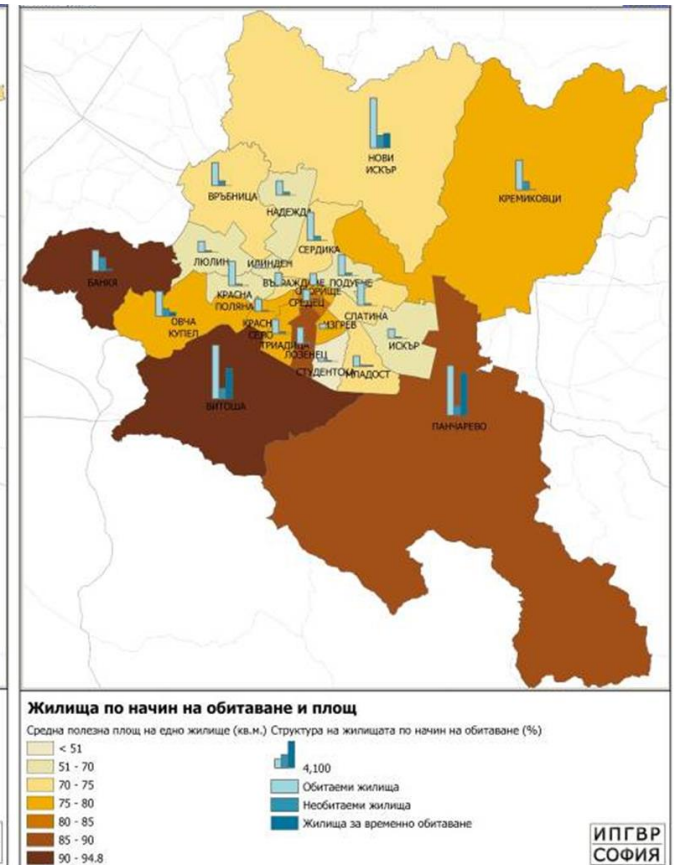
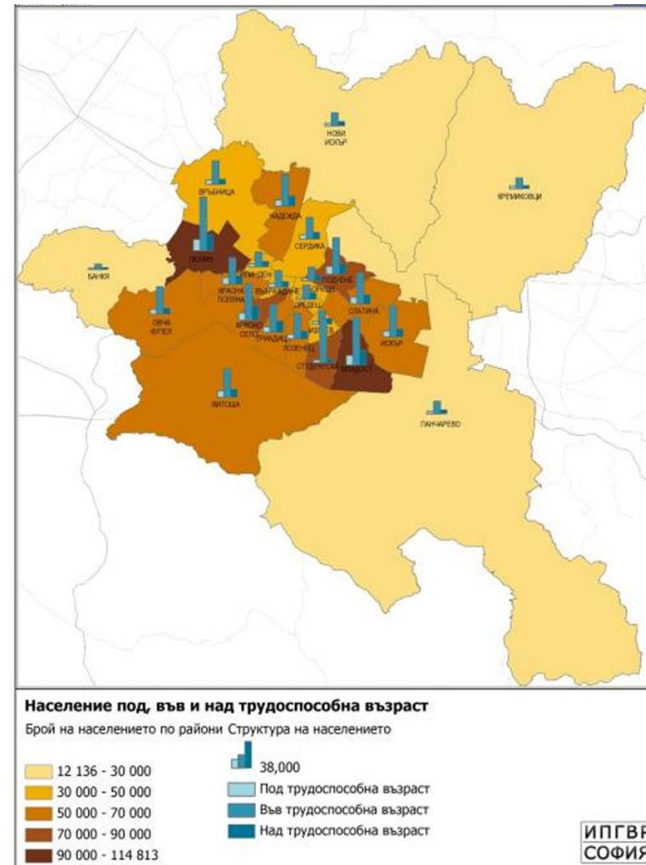
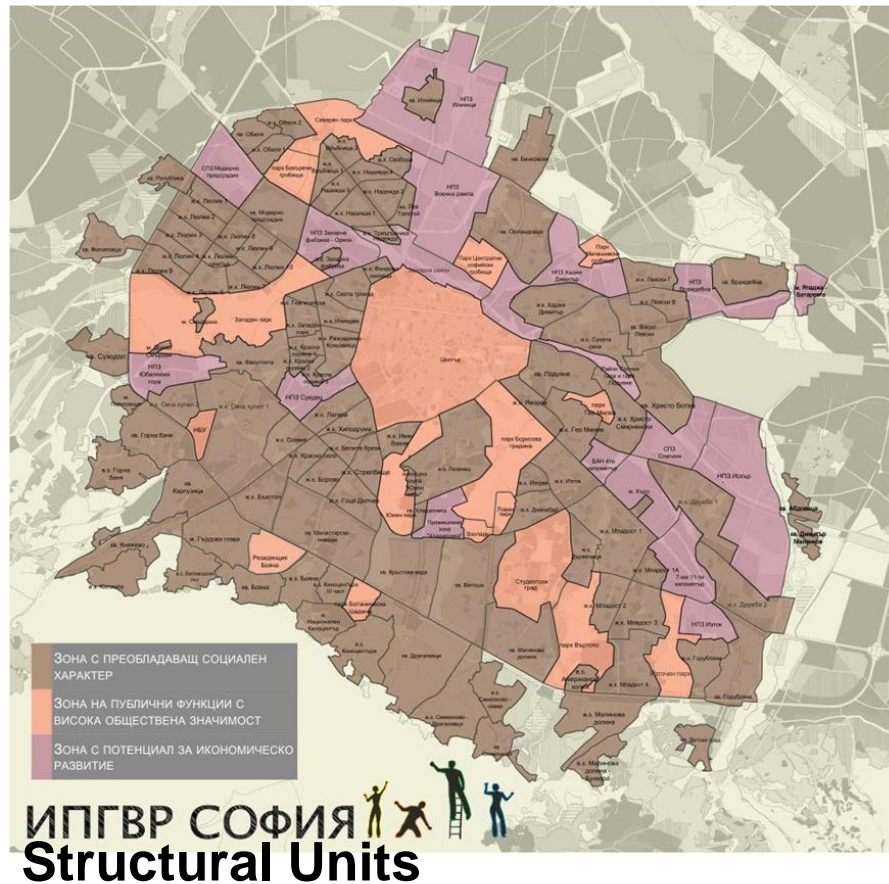
# National Concept for Spatial Development (2013 – 2025)



# Polycentric Spatial Development



# Integrated Plans for Urban Regeneration and Development



Targeted analysis

# Conclusions

- Institutionalisation of planning, implementation of e-planning, regulated access to professional practice;
- Administrative reform - strengthening local authorities capacity;
- Further decentralization and distribution of power on regional and local levels;
- Planning legislation reform – reduction of regulations’ burden and integration of planning tools;
- Coordination of different policies – regional, spatial, urban, rural, economic, housing and social policies;
- Establishing a new planning culture, for better communication, proactive participation and commitment, continuity and consistency;
- New types of knowledge and new planning leaders, able to make decisions in a very dynamic environment and to promote the responsible spatial planning culture.



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