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What is *really* about and why the green economy?

As overarching <u>development framework</u> \rightarrow sustainable development goals including environmental, economic and social targets (UNEP 2011);

The green economy is about increasing productivity and maximising economic returns through:

- <u>Boosting resource efficiency</u> and reducing social-environmental direct and indirect costs of economic activities (EEA 2012; OECD 2011) \rightarrow more economy less impacts.
- Increasing added value of present products and services (e.g. through eco-design).
- Generating <u>new green products and services</u> \rightarrow economic activities of <u>a growing</u> <u>economic sector</u>, expected to bring an implicit environmental benefit (Eurostat 2009)

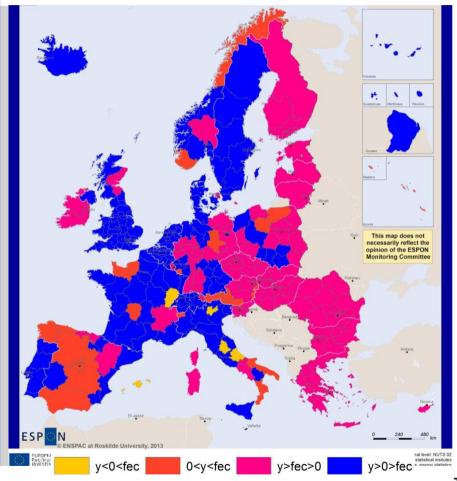


Correlating of economic growth and energy consumption



Correlation of employment and energy consumption

Delinking typology of NUTS-2* regions 2000-2008: correlation of final energy use growth (based on growth rates of GDP [y] in 2005 prices and final energy consumption [fec] 2000-08)



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More energy consumption → more room for improvement (also in economic terms)

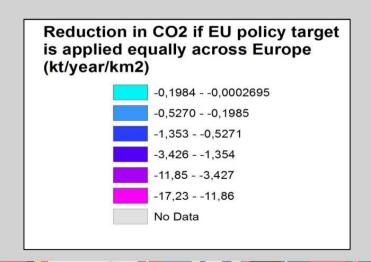
Typology based on the labour/final energy intensity indicatorchange 2008-((I = growth rate of employment, fec=growth rate of final energy use) (Identical types of NUTS2 regions within NUTS1 or NUTS0 territories may indicate that data only exist at the higher level)

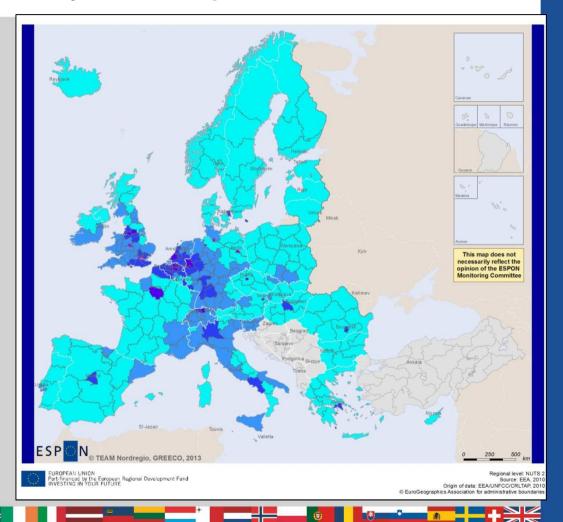


Where do economic potentials lay? An example in residential sector

Estimated annual emissions savings potential for the residential sector in 2050

Green building potential of NUTS2 regions according to expected emissions reductions if EU policy target is met in all regions (Source: EEA and Eurostat)









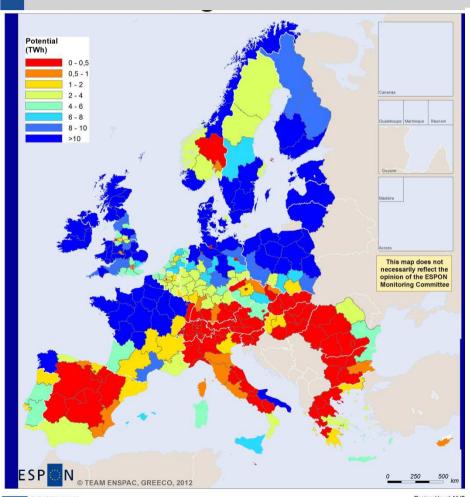
Where do economic potentials lay? an example in renewables

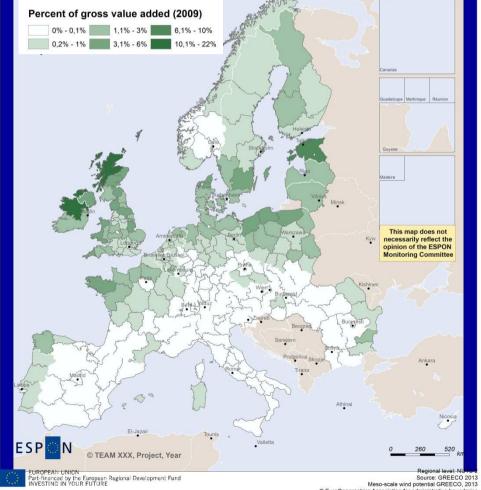
On-shore wind energy potentials

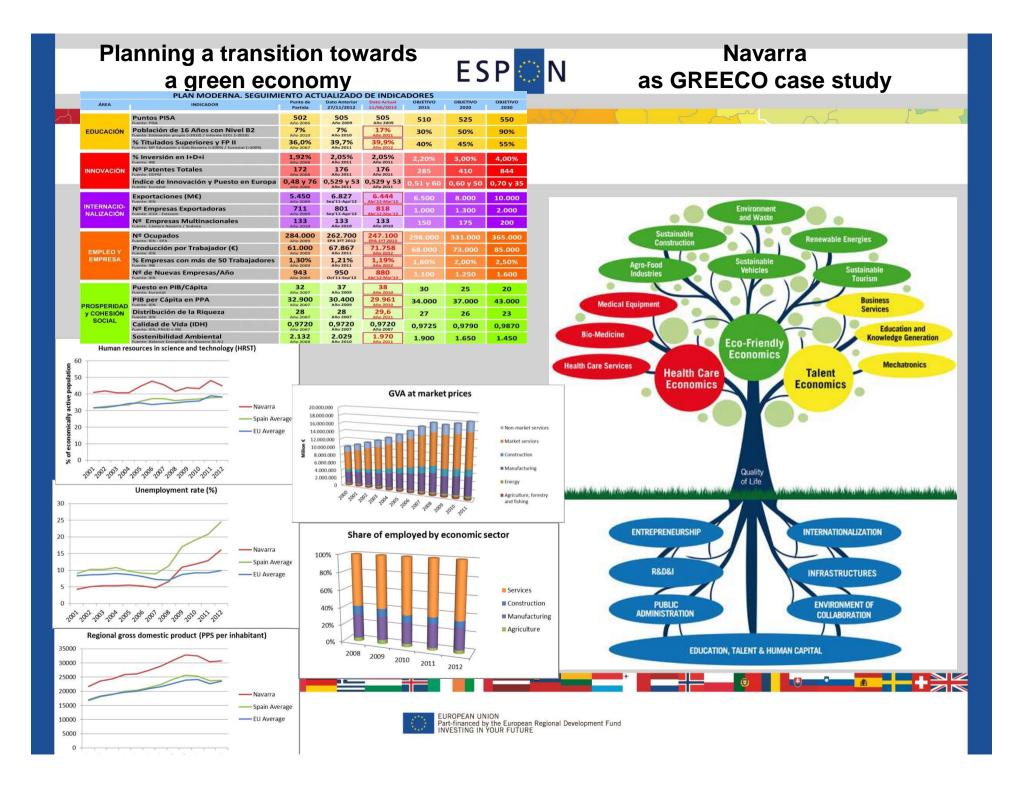
Calculations at 10c/kWh excluding forests and NDA

Potential wind resource rent

% of regional GVA at 10c/kWh and 1.2 MW/km2









messages from case studies as final remarks

- Territorials <u>assets and specificities</u>, infrastructures, institutional capacities, social skills and behavioural patterns are crucial.
- Multilevel networking, <u>cooperation</u>, integration and communication are present in success stories.
- Opportunities in links and <u>trade-offs among sectors</u>.
- Consider how using the regulatory framework.
- Importance of <u>financial instruments</u> for the private sector (incentives, green procurement, etc.)
- Generating a stable economic environment and <u>smart specialisation</u> boosting technology development-innovation as key focus of strategies.
- Successful regional strategies are framed and take advantage of European and national <u>policies context</u>.