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# Update of the Territorial State and Perspectives of the EU

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# **Territorial Agenda and Territorial State and Perspectives of the EU**

- Agreed at the Informal ministerial meeting in Leipzig, May 2007
- Territorial Agenda (TA)– territorial priorities set for EU27
- Territorial State and Perspectives of the EU (TSP) – evidence base for policy making, relied dominantly on the available ESPON results



# Territorial Agenda – priorities for EU27

*Strengthening territorial cohesion, making better use of territorial diversity*

1. Polycentric development and innovation
2. New forms of partnership and territorial governance in urban-rural relations
3. Regional clusters of competition and innovation
4. Strengthening and extension of Trans-European networks
5. Trans-European risk management, impacts of climate change
6. Strengthening ecological structures and cultural resources



# Territorial State and Perspectives of the EU in 2007 - TSP

- Evidence for policy making in field of
  - Growth and innovation
  - Transport and energy
  - Risk management
  - Environment, nature, culture
  - Territorial structures
    - demography, cohesion, urban and rural areas, potentials and challenges



# Territorial Agenda – revision in 2011

- Explicitly stated in TA
- Responsible: Hungarian Presidency
- Working group with 16 partners
  
- Start of the work:
  - Are there new directions needed?
  - In which direction should priorities be changed?
  - What can affect new directions?
  
- Updating the TSP



# **Territorial Agenda revision – evidence to be updated**

- What is the sufficient evidence for the revision of the TA?
  - Evidence-base:
    - ESPON
    - Cohesion Reports
  - Other methods without detailed information for the entire European space

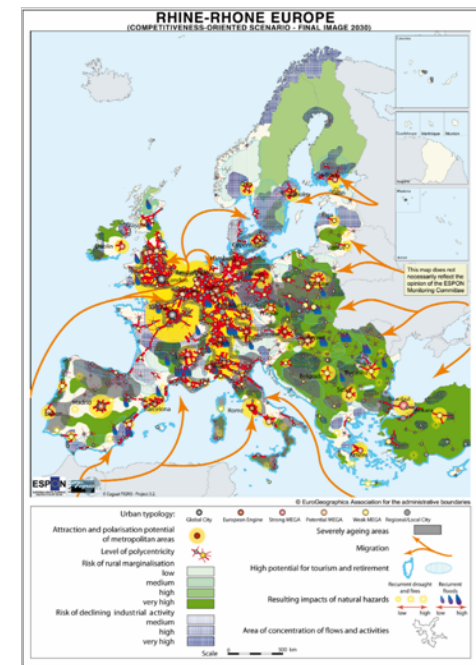
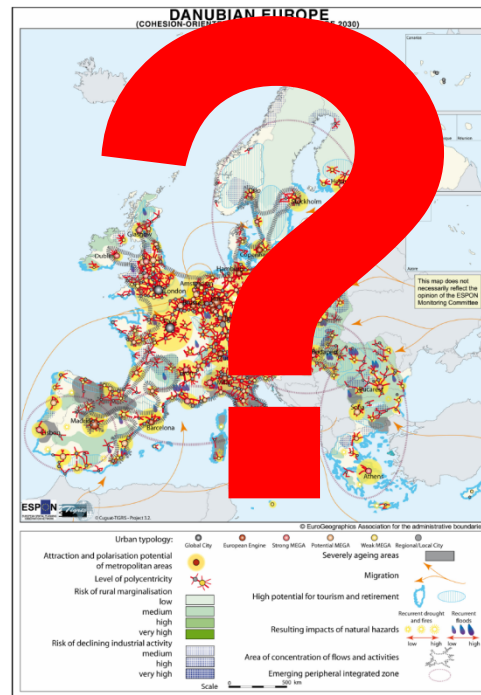
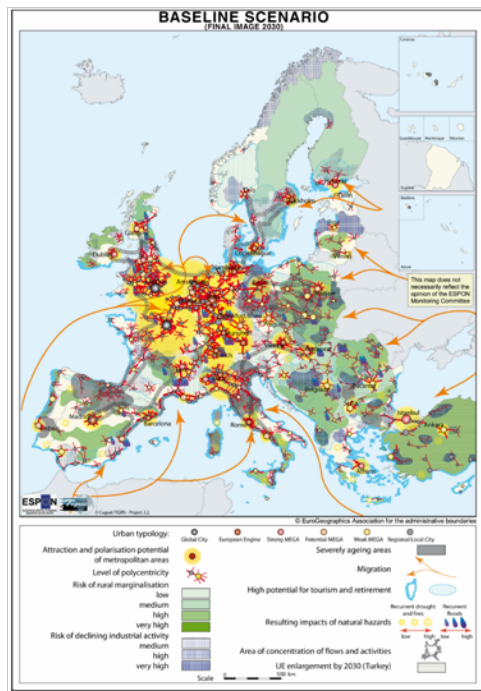


# What changes have occurred in the socio-economic, environmental processes?

- Financial and economic crisis – fundamental changes
- Change in energy relations – shift in emphasis
- Enlargement
- ...



# How will have territorial structure been changed by 2011?

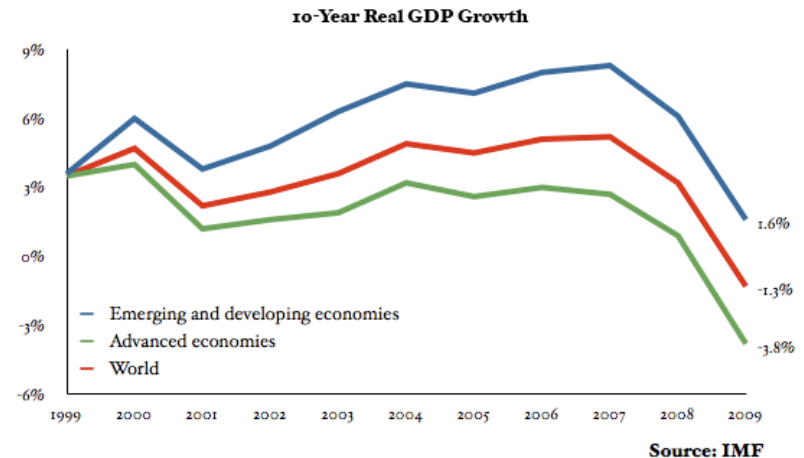






# Global financial and economic crisis

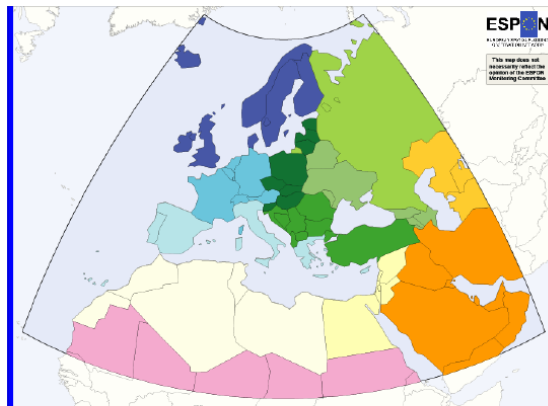
- Available ESPON findings and related existing priorities based on economic growth and convergence
- Uncertainty:
  - Extent of economic decline
  - Duration of economic decline
  - Territorial consequences of decline
- Themes related to economy and growth changed fundamentally





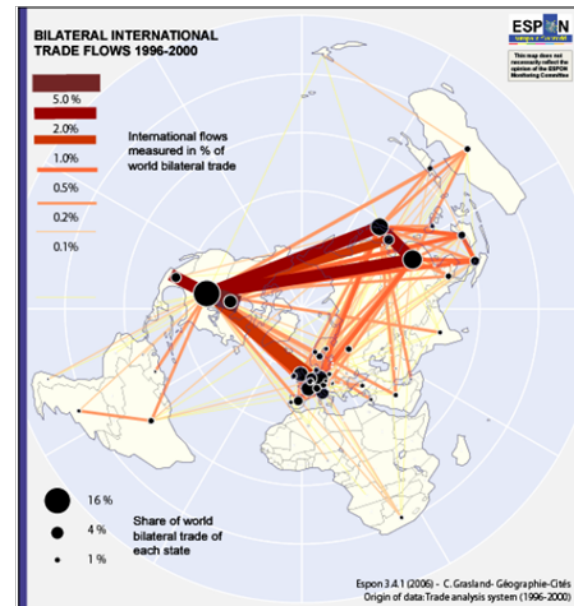
# Enlargement and changing neighbourhood

- Enlargement in 2004 and 2007 – new aspects not reflected entirely in analysis and policy making
- Western Balkans: potential member states – „white hole” in maps
- Mediterranean – North Africa
- External borders shifted to east
- Economic crisis: global ties in focus – Europe in the World?
- Interdependence of regions within a global economy



W1113 : Southern Europe	W1212 : Machrek
W1112 : West Central Europe	W1211 : Maghreb
W1111 : Northern Europe	W1222 : Arabia & Persian Gulf
W1124 : Russia	W1221 : Central Asia
W1123 : Caucase & Dniepr	W1122 : Balkans & Turkey
W1122 : Balkans & Turkey	W13 : SUBSAHARIAN AFRICA
W1121 : East Central Europe	

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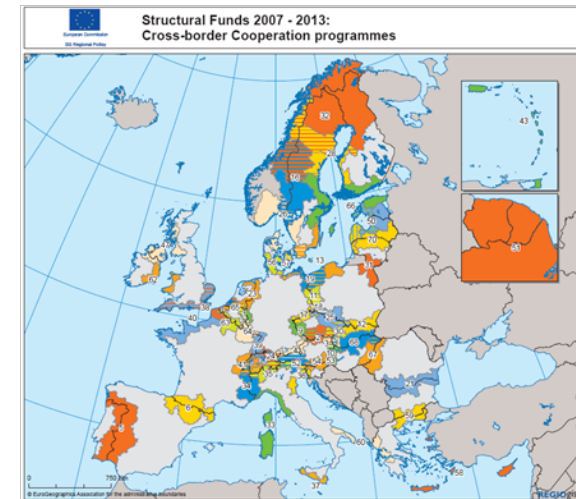
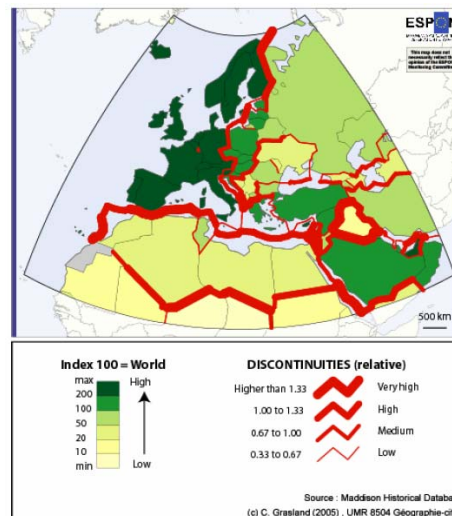


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Origin of data: Trade analysis system (1996-2000)



# Borders, border regions

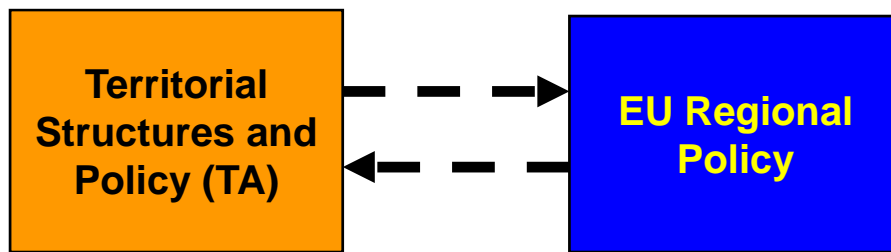
- Border relations have changed rapidly and significantly – what happened in old MSs in 50 years, happens in 5 years with enlargement
- Change in border relations changes territorial structures in socio-economic terms
- Effects of unequal macroeconomic policies greater significance
- Local initiatives have an important role
- Potentials for common action





# EU regional policy 2007-2013

- Changes in eligibility
- New elements:
  - Territorial cooperation objective
  - EGTC
  - Instrument for Pre-Accession
  - Refundable support
- What are the territorial impacts?
- What future for EU cohesion policy?
- Relationship between TA and Cohesion Policy priorities to be strengthened – evidence needed to support territorial aspects (content)





# Common challenge – team work needed

- Drafting team – experts invited
- Evidence: crucial but limited
- EU wide team work: ESPON
  - new aspects to be considered in research
  - themes selected to support policy development
  - discussion forum
  - knowledge support based on long term European experience
- Open and inclusive discussion (OECD, CEMAT, EU neighbourhood)



# Thank you for your kind attention!

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