



EU Territorial projections

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Main points

- *Set up a limited set of economic and demographic regional projections linked to national reference projections by **ECFIN** and **Eurostat**.*
- *Stimulate a debate on the possible and desirable future spatial distribution of population, employment and economic activities*
- *Acknowledge that some trends will be difficult, if not impossible to reverse.*

Reference projections

- *ECFIN Longterm projections 2013-2060*
- *GDP, Employment, productivity, employment and unemployment*
- *Eurostat population projections EUROPOP2013*
- *Population by age and gender, migration, fertility, mortality, life expectancy*

Spatial economic breakdowns

- *ECFIN provides only national projections.*
- *This project will create a NUTS-3 breakdown of these projections based on NUTS-3 sectoral employment and GVA growth trends (trend scenario)*
- *It will also create a convergence scenario (where productivity increases faster in regions where it is low) (in progress)*

Demographic breakdowns

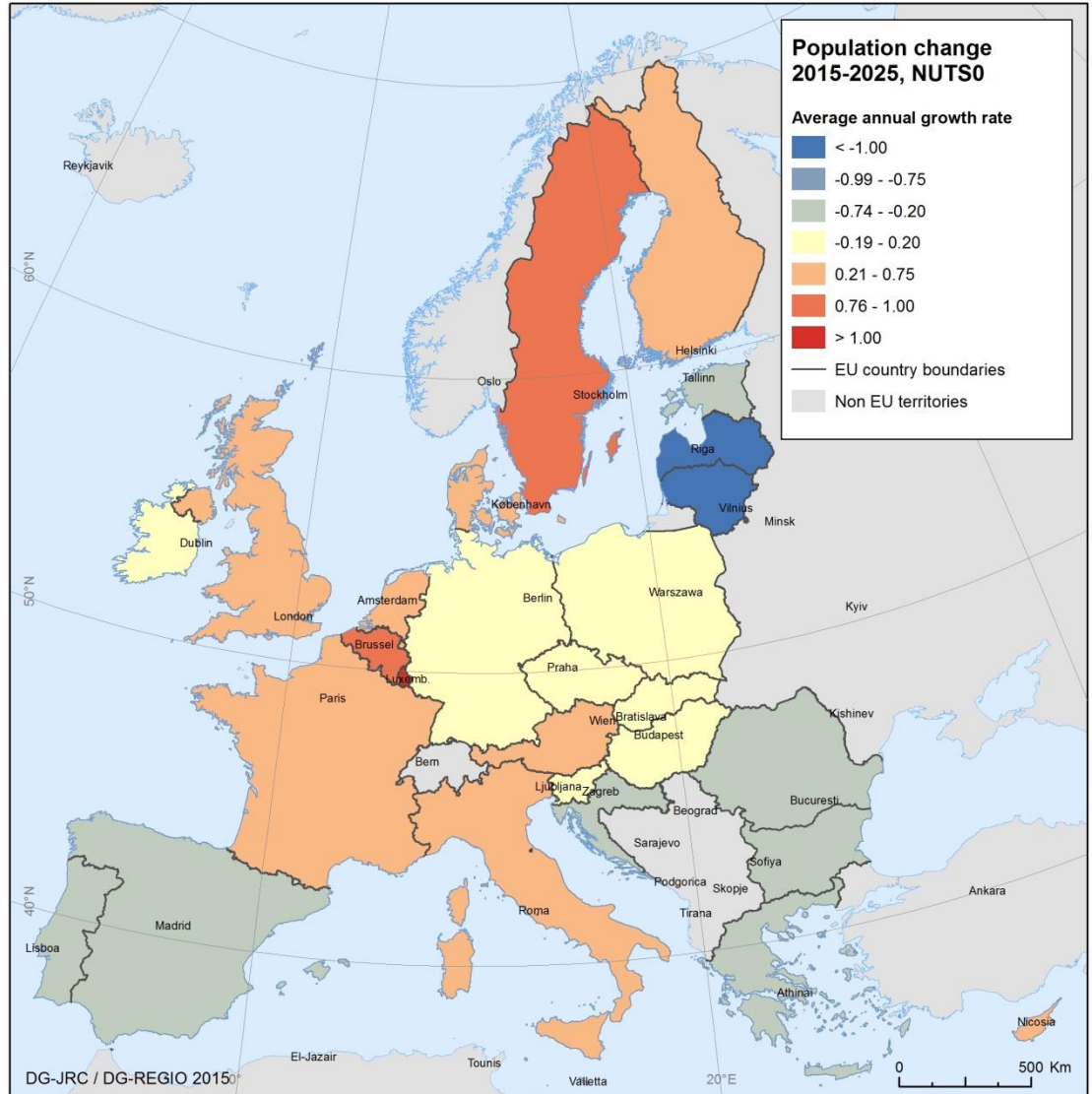
- *Eurostat will publish in June a regional (NUTS-2) population projection.*
- *This project will create a NUTS-3 breakdown, a local (LAU-2) breakdown and a grid breakdown.*
- *This will take into account past regional and local population change going back one or more decades*
- *The various regional breakdowns of the ECFIN projections*

Regional breakdown

- *Show differences in GDP per head, GDP per person employed, employment rate, unemployment rate*
- *Show convergence (or lack thereof)*
- *Show interaction between economic and demographic change*

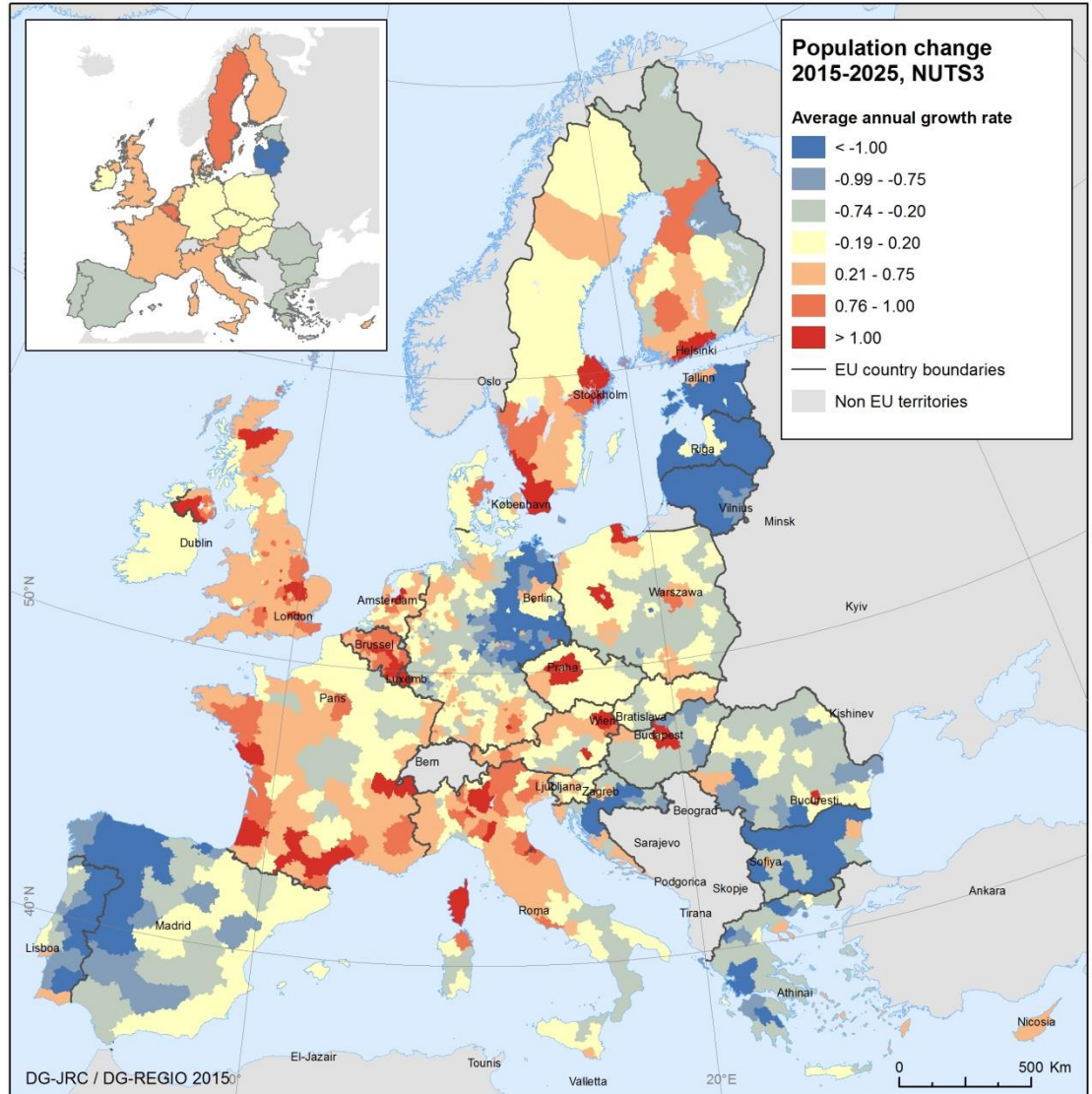


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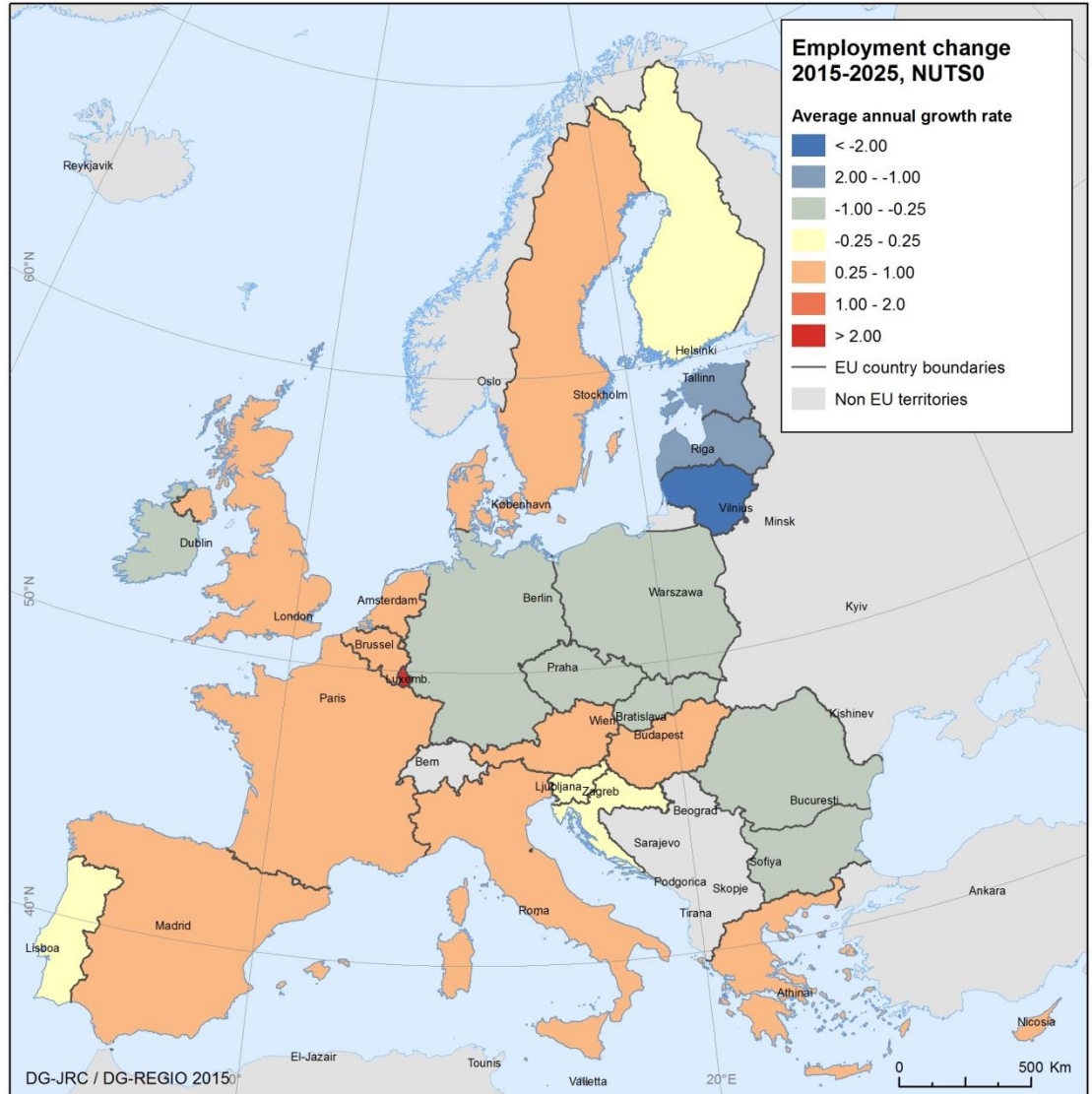


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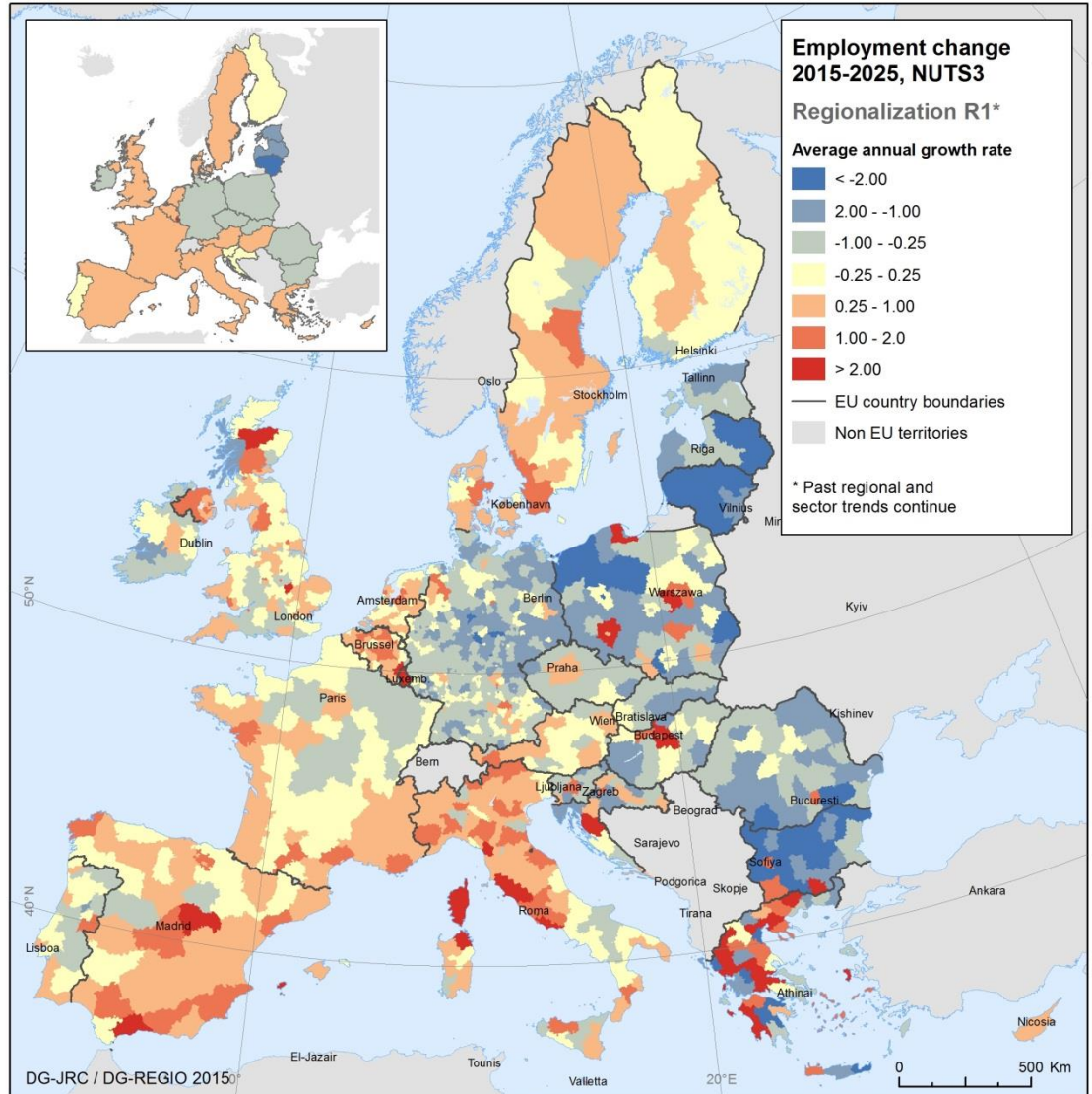


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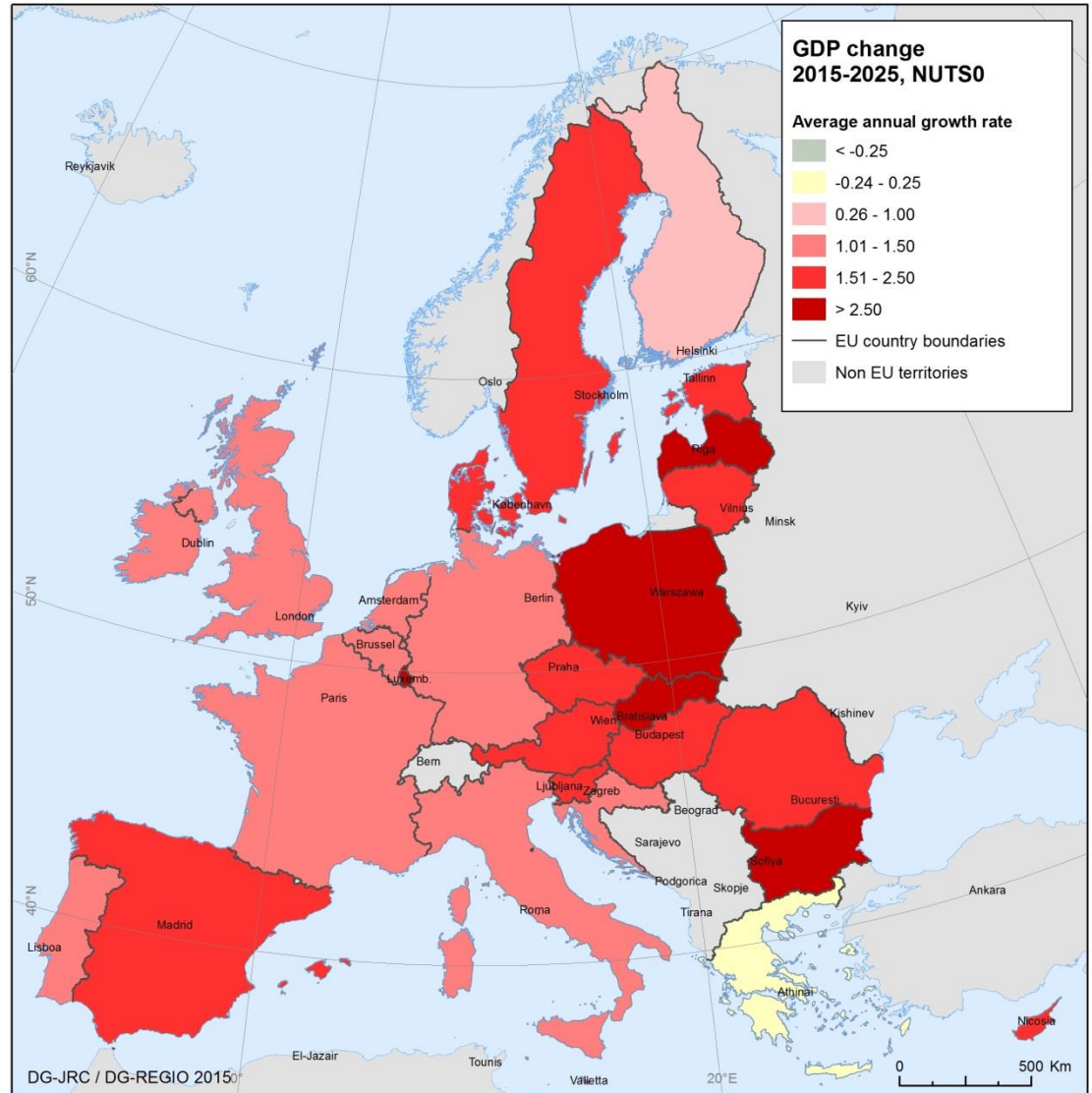


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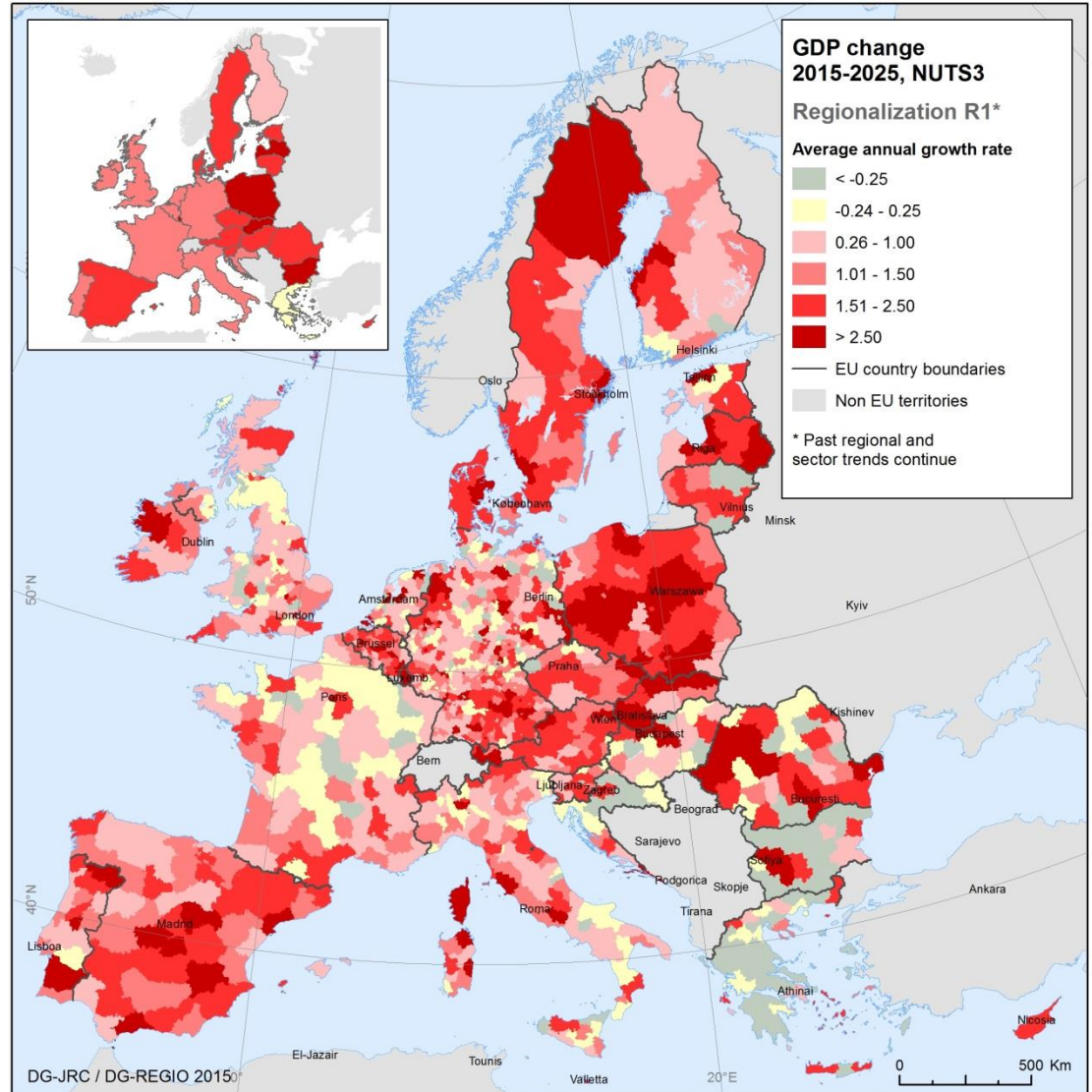


GDP growth





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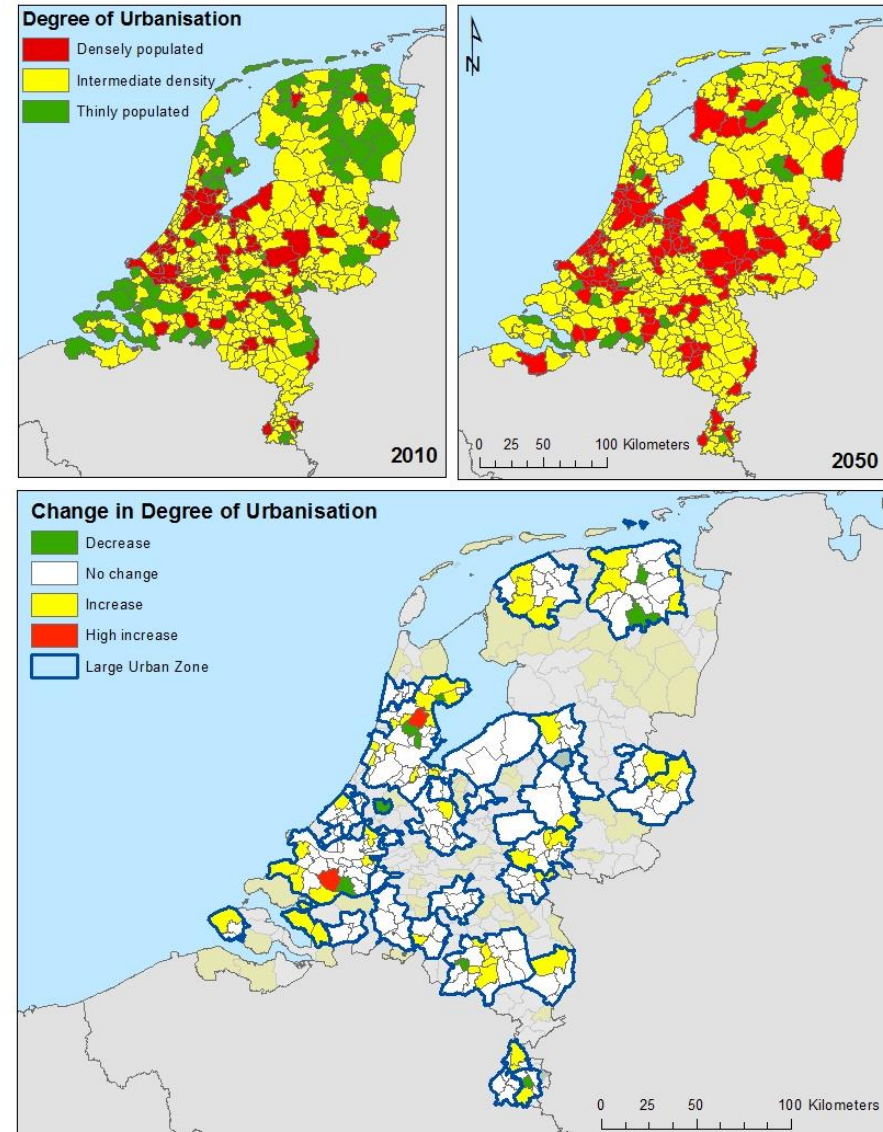


Local and grid demographic breakdown

- *This will allow an analysis of how the share of population in cities, towns & suburbs, and rural areas will change over time*
- *The grid breakdown would even allow the updating of the degree of urbanisation*
- *If commuting can be modelled, also the changes the extent of the commuting zone could be modelled*

Projected urbanisation

- *Project the grid,*
- *Reapply the degree of urbanisation methodology*
- *Reclassify the municipalities every decade*



Caveats

- *Experimental and complex work*
- *The projections of some indicators may prove to be difficult*
- *More analysis on the determinants of migration is need at the regional and the local level*
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