

Regional disparities and cohesion What strategies for the future?

Comments

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Structure

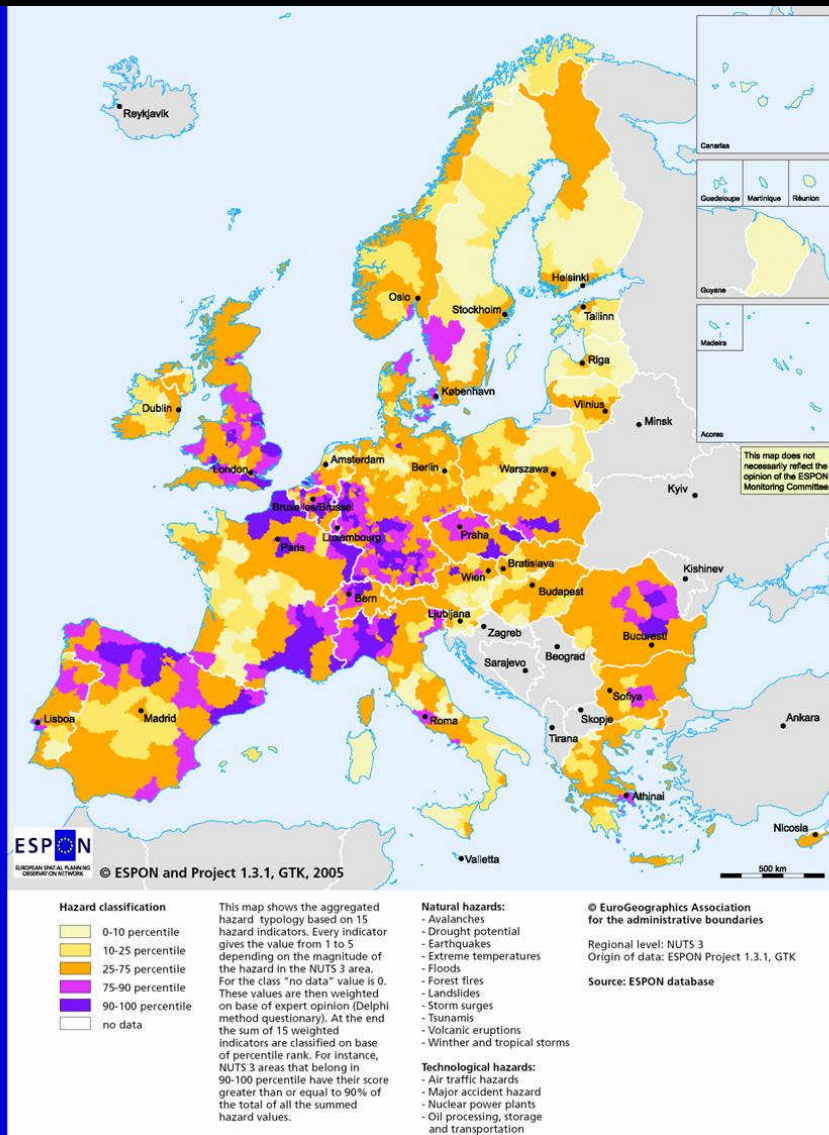
- **Relevant topics**
 - **beyond population, GDP, employment, accessibility**
 - **size is not everything**
- **Future perspectives**
 - **what will the future bring?**
 - **future policies need future considerations**
- **Communication**
 - **evidence needs to talk to policy-makers**
 - **need for dialogue**

Topics

More decisive aspects:

- Energy
- Hazards & climate
- Environment
- Social & demography
- Economic specialisation
- ICT infrastructure
- Territorial impacts of policies
- ...

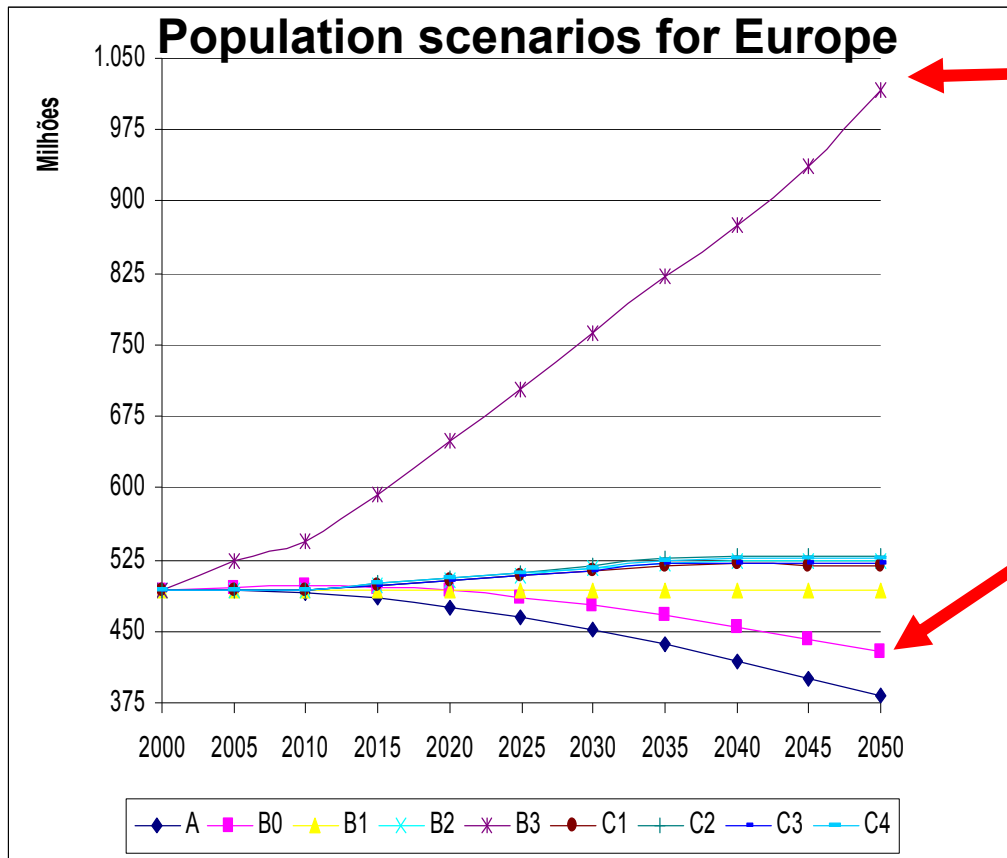
Cohesion policy needs evidence on many topics!



Future

Decisive future developments:

- Demography • Integration • Aging • Energy • Climate • ...



To maintain the actual relation between workers and retired age people (B3):

405 million immigrants from 2000 to 2050 in EU15 and 542 million to the 29 countries (EU, Norway, Switzerland).

With migration at actual level (B0):

41 million immigrants from 2000 to 2050 in EU15 and 42 million for the 29 countries.

Conclusion

The European territory is going towards new challenges.

New, ambitious, future-oriented policies are needed.

Evidence and policy need to communicate.

As for the study:

- **short and communicate version**
- **more topics**
- **future perspective**
- **dialogue – collective intelligence**

Thank you very much!

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