



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Brussels, 30.1.2003
COM(2003) 34 final

COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION

Second progress report on economic and social cohesion

Synthesis and conclusions

I. INTRODUCTION

The debate launched by the Commission following the adoption of the Second Report on Economic and Social Cohesion, on the options for future cohesion policy, has continued to engage the principal parties involved in the regions, in the present and future Member States and in the EU Institutions. This second progress report presents an update of the analysis of the situation and trends emerging in the regions, along with the main topics of the debate during 2002 on the future of cohesion policy.

II. ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION AND TRENDS: THE CHALLENGE OF ENLARGEMENT

The enlargement of Europe to include 25 Member States will present an unprecedented challenge for the competitiveness and internal cohesion of the Union. Several factors that will have an undoubted impact on future cohesion policy need to be considered, including:

- **An unprecedented widening of economic disparities within the Union:** the gap in per capita GDP between the 10% of the population living in the most prosperous regions and the same percentage living in the least prosperous ones will more than double compared with the situation in EU15.
- **The geographical shift in the pattern of disparities:** in EU25, 116 million people - representing some 25% of the total population - will live in regions with a per capita GDP below 75% of the EU average as against 68 million people, or 18% of the total, in EU15. Of these, four out of ten citizens will be living in regions belonging to the existing Member States while the other six will be nationals of the candidate countries.
- **A less advantageous employment situation:** three million jobs will have to be created if the average level of employment in the new Member States is to be aligned with that of the rest of the EU on account of the trend of decline in the rate of employment and a higher long-term youth unemployment rate. Within the enlarged EU, appreciable employment gaps will persist according to age, gender and the level of qualifications and skills.

On the other hand, other factors demonstrate the economic potential of an enlarged EU: the candidate countries in general have had a higher rate of economic growth than the present Member States and overall will help raise the average level of education in the Union, whereas the people with a poor level of education will continue to be concentrated among other areas in certain regions in southern Europe (Portugal, Spain, Italy and Greece).

III. THE MAIN TOPICS OF THE DEBATE ON FUTURE COHESION POLICY

The different contributions examined in this report reveal that the debate on the future of cohesion policy has remained intense throughout the period since the

publication of the first progress report a year ago. These contributions, together with the results of the various analyses and studies by the Commission, have made it possible to confirm four major contributions of this policy:

- a redistribution function in favour of the less well-off Member States and regions (with a significant macroeconomic impact, promoting genuine convergence);
- the strengthening of economic and political integration (development of the infrastructure networks, improved access for remote regions, cooperation projects);
- a contribution to achieving the Community priorities set by the Lisbon strategy, as amplified by the Göteborg European Council, including the economic and social restructuring resulting from globalisation;
- a contribution to better governance (partnership, an evaluation culture, etc.).

The debate has also made it possible to draw up a list of key questions to which answers should be given in the third report on economic and social cohesion. These can be grouped under two headings: the priorities for future cohesion policy and the method of implementation.

(i) Priorities for the future policy

Action in the less developed regions

This progress report confirms both the unprecedented increase in the disparities within the enlarged Union and the long-term nature of the efforts that will be needed to reduce them. There is a broad consensus around the need to continue to concentrate resources on the less developed regions, and especially on those in the new Member States.

On how to define the less developed regions, the contributions to the debate have not seriously put into question continued use of the present eligibility criteria based on the NUTS II geographical level and per capita GDP – which has the merit of being simple and transparent - even if some contributions have called for other criteria to be added.

Special cases

There has been a wide-ranging discussion on the place to be reserved for certain specific categories of region under future policy.

First, there was broad agreement on the need to put in place fair arrangements for the regions of the existing Member States, now eligible under Objective 1 and which, while not having completed the process of economic convergence, could become ineligible simply as a result of the decline in average per capita GDP in the enlarged Union (the statistical impact). According to the data for 2000, 18 regions with a population of 21 million could find themselves in this situation.

Secondly, there was the question of the regions that would no longer have met the eligibility criteria to be considered less developed even in the absence of enlargement, because they have achieved an income per head above 75% of the

average for the EUR15. Several contributions have expressed support for assistance in the form of a gradual phasing out of Community aid for such regions.

Lastly, there was the matter of the treatment that should be reserved for certain categories of regions. This concerns in particular the outermost regions whose social and economic difficulties are acknowledged in Article 299 of the Treaty.

Other regions that have been mentioned in this context are the least favoured islands mentioned in Article 158 and regions with an extremely low population density, notably those parts of the Nordic countries currently assimilated to Objective 1 pursuant to Protocol 6 of the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden.

The third cohesion report will have to address the needs of these special cases on the basis of their individual merits, but also taking into account the possibilities offered under arrangements for the regions outside the less developed areas.

Action outside the less developed regions

In the period 2000-06, approximately one third of the Structural Funds allocation will go to regions which are not eligible under Objective 1.

Although, by definition, the problems of economic and social cohesion outside regions lagging behind are of a lesser scale, there are several important challenges facing the Union as a whole.

In particular, the issues of competitiveness, sustainable development, and economic and social restructuring are relevant in all Member States. These challenges reflect a great diversity of potential needs and situations, in contrast with the more intense but clear-cut needs of regions lagging behind, especially in new Member States. This wide range of challenges also highlights the need to concentrate assistance, and to focus on qualitative, systemic elements in order to increase Community added value.

Initial positions in certain Member States within the debate that actions of this nature outside the Objective 1 regions should be abandoned entirely by the Union and responsibilities returned to the Member States ("renationalised") do not appear to have gained ground, and the need to have the means to achieve major European priorities has been recognised. In this respect, the Union, particularly at the European Councils in Lisbon, has set itself a strategic goal for the decade: to become the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world, capable of sustainable economic growth with more and better jobs and greater social cohesion. This strategy is designed to enable the Union both to regain the conditions for full employment, growth and social cohesion, and to strengthen regional cohesion. A sustainable development strategy for the European Union was decided by the European Council in Göteborg.

A large number of contributions stress that the Member States and regions do not possess the same strengths for achieving these goals. In addition, a policy intended to meet the various challenges facing the Union, that recognises and involves the regional level, is consistent with the spirit of the Commission White Paper on Governance, and especially with the obligations arising under the Treaty on cohesion, which are to "promote its overall harmonious development" and "reducing

disparities between the levels of development of the various regions and the backwardness of the least favoured regions or islands, including rural areas".

These major European priorities have, to a certain extent, been tackled already during the present programming period under Objective 2 (regions undergoing restructuring), Objective 3 (human resources), Community Initiatives and Innovative Actions and actions outside Objective 1 on rural policy and fisheries.

While this is the case, current policies and instruments have not been immune to criticism on the basis of arguments that they lack sufficient added value, sometimes require an excessive administrative input in relation to the outputs achieved and fail to devolve sufficient responsibility to the Member States consistent with the principle of subsidiarity. Many say that while the region remains the appropriate level for the conception and management of assistance for the above reasons, designating eligible areas at the sub-regional level can artificially restrict the field of intervention of Community assistance, and is difficult to reconcile with an approach emphasising the new factors of competitiveness.

Other contributions have emphasised the territorial dimension, citing variously urban areas, industrial and rural areas in difficulties, areas depending on fishing or areas with natural handicaps. It needs to be pointed out that the territorial dimension can be entirely compatible with an approach based on the pursuit of thematic Union priorities.

In sum, policy priorities and instruments outside regions lagging behind would need to be reformulated, in order both to address the present shortcomings and to construct a new policy capable of making a greater contribution to economic and social cohesion.

Cooperation

There is also a broad acknowledgement concerning the need to continue actions to promote cooperation across frontiers and within regions. This is in recognition that the successful implementation of such actions, which are particularly important for European territorial integration, requires organisation at supranational level. The current period has demonstrated the difficulties inherent in organising coherent programmes involving authorities from different national administrative and legal traditions. The Commission has been asked to look into the possibility of drawing up a legal instrument for cooperation across frontiers which could facilitate the design and implementation of the European programmes.

(ii) Implementation: simplifying management

Discussions on how to simplify management during the current period and within the current regulatory framework applicable until the end of 2006 have underlined the main difficulties that have to be resolved with a view to the next programming period.

The work regarding the current period culminated in a meeting of Ministers on 7 October 2002. The majority of the delegations attending the meeting said that the lessons to be learned from the 2000-06 period show that changes to the method of management will have to be considered for future cohesion policy.

In essence, Member States will wish to see simplification and a much greater decentralisation of responsibilities as regards all aspects of financial management and control of European programmes once the broad strategic aspects have been agreed with the Commission. In this context, there is a general agreement that management systems subject to very detailed rules and based on "one-size-fits-all" are inappropriate, given the vast differences in needs, types of assistance and resources made available, and that the principle of proportionality should apply. The Commission is conscious of the criticism and of the difficulties presented by the multifund approach.

Based on past experience, it is widely recognised that a successful strategic framework for setting the policy priorities depends on the efficiency of the systems to deliver it. As a result of the current implementing procedures, the efforts of Member States and of the Commission have in some cases had more of an impact on the administrative management of programmes and less on their content and strategic priorities. With enlargement, changes to the current delivery system are needed, taking into consideration the need to reinforce the administrative capacity of the new Member States.

There is also wide recognition that enlargement will aggravate the tension between the need for a more decentralised delivery system, on the one hand, and the need for effective control by the Commission over funding on the other.

Commission representatives have on a number of occasions emphasised that modifications to the management system proposed by the Member States need to be assessed in the light of Article 274 of the Treaty which places responsibility for implementation of the budget on the Commission. Thus, further decentralisation would need to be accompanied by a clearer definition of responsibilities giving the necessary assurances on the use of European resources.

An avenue to be explored in the third cohesion report is the kind of contractual approach required between the Commission and the national authorities (and the regional authorities in the framework of any tripartite arrangements) identifying the results to be achieved through the use of Community resources, while respecting the constitutional situation of the Member States.

(iii) Other aspects

Financial resources

The Commission recommended in the second cohesion report that the debate on the future of European cohesion policy should focus on content rather than on financial resources. In this way, contributors to the debate were encouraged to reflect on what the Member States of the Union should seek to achieve together in this field with the support of Community policy. To a large extent this has been the case, although proposals such as those regarding the renationalisation of the policy tend to be motivated by budgetary considerations.

When establishing the future budgetary allocations for economic and social cohesion, the Union will need to take into account the unprecedented scale of economic and social disparities in an enlarged Union highlighted in this progress report, and the intensive, long-term nature of the effort required to reduce them. The Commission

will put forward its proposals on the new financial perspective in due course. As indicated in the first progress report, many contributions to the debate, especially at regional level, regard a figure equivalent to 0.45% of EU GDP as a minimum level for the resources to be allocated to cohesion policy for the period after 2006, a position which was endorsed notably by the European Parliament in November 2002 in its opinion on that report.

The contribution of other policies

On the matter of the consistency between Community policies, in the course of the governance exercise now underway questions for further consideration have already been raised which the Commission has undertaken to explore in preparing future policies. The content of these policies should also take greater account of the broad diversity and greater territorial imbalances of the enlarged Union. It should also include, in a more explicit way, a contribution to economic and social cohesion.

A particular point has frequently been raised in the course of the debate: the status under competition policy of regions that will suffer from "the statistical impact" as a result of enlargement; it is being asked that they continue to qualify for an equivalent level of aid to that for regions covered by Article 87(3)(a) of the Treaty.

IV. FUTURE DEADLINES

As the Commission announced in the first progress report, the third report on economic and social cohesion will have to be adopted in the last quarter of 2003 in order to create the conditions for 'the effective implementation of the new generation of programmes to commence at the beginning of the new programming period'. This report will present 'concrete proposals for the future of cohesion policy'.¹

Wide-ranging consultations will take place in 2003, including a major event (in March 2003) in the form of a seminar on "The future management of the Structural Funds: how are responsibilities to be shared? ". There are also plans to arrange consultations on the proposals for the third report at the start of 2004 as part of a Forum on cohesion.

The Commission will present, in good time, its overall proposals for all policies, and a draft financial perspective, for the period after 2006.

The Commission would like the legislative instruments to be adopted before the end of 2005. This would mean that 2006 could be devoted to the negotiations with the Member States and the regions on the programming for 2007-13.

¹ COM(2002) 46.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION

Second progress report on economic and social cohesion

This second progress report on economic and social cohesion is presented in the context of the preparation of the Commission's proposals for the future of cohesion policy after 2006. The report updates the analysis of cohesion set out in the Second Report on Cohesion² and in the first progress report³ and describes the state of discussions on future cohesion policy.⁴

In this progress report, the Commission will first update the data on regional disparities in the economic and social fields, i.e. the figures for regional GDP in 2000 and those for employment and unemployment in 2001.

The first progress report gave figures for per capita GDP in purchasing power standards (PPS) calculated on the basis of the average for a Union of 25 Member States, in accordance with the conclusions of the Laeken Council (December 2001). The Brussels European Council has confirmed the accession of ten new Member States in 2004. As a result, the data on regional GDP for the two countries whose accession is expected after 2006 (Bulgaria and Romania) are given in the report but do not form part of the calculation of average per capita GDP in the enlarged Union.

The summary of discussions given in the second part of this report demonstrates the importance of debating the content of the future cohesion policy.

The final part reflects the results of the accession negotiations with the ten countries in the Laeken group and sets out the figures on the eligibility of their regions for the period up to the end of 2006.

1. SITUATION AND TRENDS

The figures on regional GDP for 2000 confirm the main trends as regards convergence in the Union as at present constituted⁵. At national level, the cohesion countries have continued to make up their shortfall to some extent. Disparities between regions in different countries have continued to fall but have grown within Member States. This demonstrates the need to continue a strategy of balanced regional development throughout the Union.

² Second Report on Economic and Social Cohesion, COM (2001) 24 final of 31 January 2001.

³ First progress report on economic and social cohesion, COM (2002) 46 final of 30 January 2002.

⁴ At the Council meeting of 11 June 2001 and following discussions on the Second Report on Economic and Social Cohesion, the Commission stated that it would 'report regularly to the Council' on progress in preparing the Third Report on Cohesion and the proposals required for the continuation of cohesion policy after 2006.

⁵ The figures for regional GDP in 2000 all comply with the new system of national accounts, SEC 95. These figures, which are now complete for 1995 on, give a uniform picture of changes in GDP for the period 1995-2000. However, the change of system makes an analysis from 1988 more difficult.

1.1. Slowdown in economic growth

2001 witnessed a significant slowdown in economic growth in the EU. GDP grew by just 1.5%⁶ for the EU15 as a whole over the year, compared to a rate of 3.5% in 2000. Growth exceeded 2% only in Ireland, Greece and Spain. The autumn forecasts for 2002 and 2003 for the EU15 are no better in aggregate: 1% and 2% respectively.

The cohesion countries continued to converge towards the EU15 income level⁷ (Table 1: GDP and population growth in cohesion countries, 1988-2003). Although Greece has had a real growth rate above the EU average since 1996, the reduction in its income gap on a per capita basis has been lower, partly due to relatively strong population growth, as shown by the provisional results of the 2001 census. Relatively strong growth in Ireland pushed GDP per capita in PPS to 118% of the EU average in 2001, up from 115% in 2000 (having been at only 64% in 1988)⁸.

Figures on GDP at regional level are available up to 2000, so failing to reflect the recent slowdown in economic growth. (Map 1: GDP per head by region (PPS), 2000 and Map 2: Change in GDP/head (PPS), 1995-2000). Historically, a slowdown has tended to have a negative impact on the weakest regions of the EU in particular. Between 1991 and 1993, GDP fell by around 0.2% in the 184 regions where data are available; in regions with income per head below 75% of the EU average (in PPS terms), income fell by almost 0.9%, compared to only 0.1% among the other regions.

Regional disparities increased slightly in most Member States over the year 2000 (Table 2: Disparities in GDP per head in PPS by region within Member States, 1990-2000; graph 2 GDP/head (PPS) by country and regional extremes, 2000). Greater increases in regional disparities were observed between 1995 and 2000; the spread of regional incomes per head around the average increased by five percentage points or more in Finland, Sweden and Ireland. Nevertheless, because there was convergence in the average income levels of Member States, overall disparities between EU regions as a whole were practically unchanged between 1995 and 2000.

Income per head in Objective 1 regions was just over 71% of the EU15 average in 2000, almost unchanged from the previous year. (Table 3: GDP per head (in PPS) in Objective 1 regions (1994-99), 1995-2000). Catching up is more marked for the five-year period 1995 to 2000, the income gap falling by 1.5 percentage points. The gap closed by two percentage points among the regions which have been eligible for Objective 1 support since 1989, reflecting the positive impact of the Structural Funds, especially over the long run.

⁶ European Economy No. 5/2002, Autumn Economic Forecasts

http://europa.eu.int/comm/economy_finance/publications/european_economy/2002/ee502en.pdf

⁷ In 2001 the EU budget continued to generate major financial transfers to Greece, Portugal, Spain and Ireland, the four countries receiving cohesion funds. Measured in relative terms, net transfers thus stood at 3.50% of Greek GDP and 1.5% of Portuguese GDP. The corresponding figures for Spain and Ireland are 1.2% and 1.1% respectively.

The report on "Allocation of 2001 EU operating expenditure by Member State" can be downloaded on http://europa.eu.int/comm/budget/agenda2000/reports_en.htm

⁸ It should be noted that some of the per capita GDP data reported in the first progress report have been updated by Eurostat. As a consequence a direct comparison of the figures given in the first and second progress reports is not possible.

Three groups of countries can be distinguished in an enlarged Union (Graph 1: GDP per capita (PPS), 2001):

- The first group includes the 8 accession countries (21% of the EU25 population) with the lowest income per head, averaging 42% of the EU25 average and ranging from 65% in CZ to 37% in LV (for comparison in BG and RO figures are 27% and 26% respectively).
- In the second group income per head (13% of the EU25 population) ranges from 71% of the EU average in Greece to 92% in Spain; it includes the two remaining accession countries, SI and CY, as well as Portugal.
- The third group includes the remaining current Member States, with income at least 11% above the EU25 average (115% for the group as a whole), and accounts for almost 66% of the EU25 population.

1.2. Increased regional disparities after enlargement

Regional income disparities in the EU are also set to increase markedly upon enlargement; the ratio of income per head in the top and bottom 10% of regions⁹ in 2000 was 2.6 in the EU15, while for EU25 it is 4.4, and 6 for an E27 (Table 4: The most and least prosperous regions in the Union, 1990-2000, Table 5(a/b): GDP/head (PPS) in the richest/poorest regions, EU-25, 2000).

In 2000, 48 regions from current Member States, accounting for 18% of EU15 population (68 million), had income below 75% of the EU15 average per capita (in PPS) – the current eligibility threshold for objective 1 support (Table 6: Summary statistics for regions falling below the 75% threshold). In an enlarged Union of 25, a total of 67 regions will fall below the 75% threshold, representing 26% of total population (116 million). From current Member States only 30 regions will have income below the 75% threshold when compared to the average income for the EU25 (which is 13% lower), accounting for 12% of the current EU15 population (47 million). In an enlarged EU27 (where average income is 18% lower than for the EU15), only 18 regions from the current Member States would qualify, representing 6% of EU15 population (24 million).

1.3. Employment and social cohesion

So far, the impact of the global economic slowdown seems to have been less than might have been expected in the past. This may be due in part to Structural Fund support and also to reforms in EU labour markets which have been implemented as part of the European Employment Strategy since 1997, strengthening the ability of the European labour market to resist cyclical shocks.

1.3.1. Slowdown in employment growth in the EU

Following the slowdown in economic growth since the second half of 2000, the rate of net job creation declined in the second quarter of 2001 and the following months.

⁹ The top and bottom 10% (or 25%) of regions refers to regions accounting for 10% (or 25%) of population.

In total, employment grew by 1.3% in 2001, equivalent to a net increase of 2.2 million jobs.¹⁰ Between 1996 and 2001, 10 million jobs were created.

In the EU as a whole, 64% of the working age population was in employment in 2001 with rates of over 70% registered in Denmark, the Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden and the UK, while in Italy and Greece employment rates were far below 60% (Map3–Employment rate, 2001). Within the Member States, employment gaps persist according to gender, age or level of qualifications and skills. The gaps tend to be more marked where overall the employment rate is relatively low.

Accompanying the changes in employment, the unemployment rate increased slightly in the first half of 2002, reaching 7.7% in August from 7.4% a year earlier. Unemployment remains particularly high in Italy, Greece and Spain, especially for women and young people (Map 4(a/b/c) Total, female and youth unemployment, 2001). Long-term unemployment also continued to decline but still affects 3.3% of the labour force.

1.3.2. Regional convergence in employment rates

At the regional level, disparities in terms of employment rates decreased further but remain substantial. In 2001, the employment rate in the top 10% of regions (defined as those with the highest rates accounting for 10% of the population) averaged 78.1%, whereas the employment rate in the bottom 10% (defined in an equivalent way) averaged 48.6% (Table 7(a/b): Regions with lowest/highest employment rates (ages 15-64), EU15, 2001). Amongst the latter group, predominantly regions with a relatively low income, there was only slight convergence towards the employment rate of other regions. Regions performing best in terms of employment, on the other hand, were characterised by high income levels, a relatively low share of employment in agriculture, a high level of employment in the service sector and a highly qualified population of working age.

Regional disparities in unemployment remain pronounced. While unemployment in regions where rates were lowest averaged a mere 2.3%, it averaged 19.7% in those where rates were highest. Both groups of regions continued to benefit from substantial employment growth in 2001. Regional differences remain wide within some Member States. Differences between regions in 2001 were greatest in France, if the outermost regions are taken into consideration, and Italy, where the difference between the highest unemployment rate (in Calabria) and the lowest (Trentino-Alto-Adige), exceeds 21 percentage points (Graph 3 - Unemployment rate by country and regional extremes, 2001).

1.3.3. Social cohesion: slow progress

Recent data suggest that the distribution of income in the Union has become more equal over time. For example, the ratio of total income received by the top 20% of income earners compared to that received by the lowest 20% fell from 5.1 in 1995 to 4.6 in 1999. A similar decline can be observed for the poverty rate, defined as the percentage of people with an income of 60% or less of the median income in the country in which they live. Some 15% of EU citizens had an income below the

¹⁰

See Employment in Europe 2002 – Recent trends and prospects, July 2002.

poverty level in 1999, down from 17% in 1995. Relative poverty would, however, have affected 24% of the EU population if social transfers other than old-age pensions had not been counted as part of income. Persistent poverty in the EU is slightly more than half the figure for a single year, 9% of the people affected between 1997 and 1999 having an income below 60% of the median in each of these three years, as opposed to 15% in 1999 (Graph 4 Population at risk/persistently at risk of poverty, 1999).

1.3.4. Worsening employment situation in candidate countries

All candidate countries were affected by the international economic downturn in 2001. Across the region, the employment rate decreased for the fifth year in a row. Although employment in services has grown substantially, this did not offset the job losses caused by the adjustments in the industrial and agricultural sectors.

In 2001, the employment rate for the candidate countries was almost 6 percentage points lower than that of the EU 15. Only Cyprus and Slovenia registered a higher employment rate than the EU average. In most candidate countries, the employment rate for women developed more favourably than for men, either falling more slowly or rising faster.

Regional disparities in employment are lower than in the EU, but remain significant. Regional disparities in the employment rate are greatest in Slovakia and Bulgaria and to a lesser extent in Hungary. Countries with large disparities in employment rates also registered substantial variations in unemployment rates.

Unemployment has been growing in the candidate countries over the past years and has exceeded EU levels, reaching 13.0% on average in 2001 for the area as a whole. Nevertheless, unemployment rates of more than 16% were registered in Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Bulgaria. A particular concern is the high level of youth unemployment across the area (28.6%), which increased further in 2001 to almost twice the EU level. Simultaneously labour force participation has been falling, which has to some extent limited the increase in the official unemployment rate.

Regional disparities in unemployment continued to rise in 2001. In the top 10% of regions in terms of population, the unemployment rate averaged 3.6%, whereas it averaged 24.3% in the bottom 10% of regions. In almost half of the regions in the candidate countries, the unemployment rate was more than twice that of the EU.

1.3.5. Disparities in employment and social cohesion will increase in an enlarged EU

On the basis of latest data available, inclusion of candidate countries would have the effect of reducing average EU employment rate and increase EU unemployment rate. Enlargement will also have a stronger impact on the sectoral composition of employment of an enlarged EU. Agriculture accounts for a much higher share of employment in the candidate countries as compared to the EU 15 – 13,2% for the ten acceding countries, 20,8% if data from BG and RO is added. Enlargement would increase the share of employment in agriculture from 4,1% in EU 15 to 5,5% in EU 25 (and 7,6% in EU 27), while the share in the service sector would decrease and that of the industrial sector would stay the same. The agricultural sector of most candidate countries is expected to undergo a significant restructuring process in the

coming years (with or without enlargement) leading to structural pressures on rural areas in these countries.

Disparities in employment and unemployment would rise as well. While the unemployment rate in the top 10% of regions of an enlarged EU would average 2.4%, it would average 22.6% in those where rates were highest (Table 8 (a/b)-Regions least and worst affected by unemployment, EU27, 2001). The top group of regions would almost exclusively consist of regions located in the current Member States, whereas the majority of regions in the bottom group would be located in the candidate countries.

1.4. New data on factors determining real convergence

The results of a study on the expected economic impact of Objective 1 assistance for the period 2000-06 (which uses an input-output model for these estimates) have become available¹¹. These results are encouraging. According to the study, total GDP in Portugal over the period 2000-06 will be 3.5% higher than it would have been without Community support; for Greece the figure is 2.2%, while in the Mezzogiorno it is 1.7%, in eastern Germany 1.6%, and in Spain 1.1%. In Ireland the estimated impact is marginal – expenditure here is concentrated on intangible investments, notably education, which the input-output model finds more difficult to pick up. In terms of investment, Community support (Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund) will account for over 8% of total investment (public and private) in Portugal and Greece between 2000 and 2006, and over 6.5% in the Mezzogiorno. In Ireland, eastern Germany and Spain the impact is a little lower (4.9%, 4.2% and 3.2% respectively).

The overall impact of Objective 1 expenditure upon regional GDP substantially exceeds the original expenditure in all these areas. It averages 133% of the Objective 1 assistance in all six areas combined (i.e. each euro spent increases local GDP by 1.33 euros), exceeding 140% in the Mezzogiorno, eastern Germany and Portugal. However, there is also a marked effect upon areas outside those actually receiving funding. It is an indication of the strength of the single market that almost one quarter of the original expenditure will be spent in other areas of the EU, and under one tenth outside the EU.

The first progress report noted the considerable disparities that exist across the EU in terms of factors determining the competitiveness of regions. Particular attention was paid to demographic changes, levels of education, employment by sector and knowledge society. The report also confirmed the points regarding productivity made in the Second Cohesion Report.

In the statistical annex to this second progress report, updated maps are presented showing education levels of the population aged 25 to 59 (Map 5: Educational level, 2001), employment in sectors by region (Map 6: Employment by sector, 2001) and productivity (Map 7: GDP per person employed (€), 1999). All of these are important factors explaining disparities among the regions.

¹¹ http://europa.eu.int/comm/regional_policy/sources/docgener/studies/pdf/objective1/final_report.pdf

New data on indicators of technological advance confirm a picture of lower activity relating to technological innovation and the growth of the knowledge economy in the southern Member States, compared to the northern Member States¹².

Patent applications

In Finland, Sweden and Germany the number of patent applications (Table 9- Patent applications per million people, 1998-2000) registered per million inhabitants is around twice, or more, the EU average. The figure for the Netherlands and Luxembourg is also above the EU average of 309, while it is close to this in France, Belgium, Denmark, Austria. The UK falls well below the EU average, and it is only half of this level in Italy and Ireland. There is a large gap between these and the remaining Southern Member States, where the figure is as low as 7 per million inhabitants in Portugal and 16 in Greece. Performance in the accession countries is similar to that in Portugal and Greece - only Slovenia (21) and Hungary (14) register much more than 10 patents per million inhabitants.

Disparities are more marked at the **regional level**, partly reflecting the registration of patents at company headquarters, so increasing their regional concentration. All of the 34 regions with fewer than 10 patents per million population are located in Southern Europe and outermost regions. (Map 8a High technology - Patent applications to the EPO, 1998 to 2000). In 33 regions, including 18 of the 40 regions in Germany, there were over 200 patents per million population. Of the remaining 15 regions, four are in Sweden, three in Finland and two each in France, the UK and Belgium. In most Member States, one or two regions stand out as having clearly the highest figure – these include Stockholm, Oberbayern and Brabant Wallon.

High tech sectors

Innovative capacity is seen by many as more appropriately reflected in high tech sectors; high-technology employment in a limited number of sectors is¹³ estimated to account for just over 11% of total employment in the E15; Western Germany accounts for 8 of the 10 regions with the highest shares (all above 18%), and for Germany as a whole the share is 14%. (Map 8c High technology – High-tech patents 1998 to 2000). By contrast, in 15 regions the share of high tech employment is less than 5% of total; these regions are in Portugal (5.5%), Greece (4%) and Spain, as well as Luxembourg, and Cornwall in the UK.

Patents registered in high tech sectors also show important differences between Member States¹⁴, as well as between the regions. Finland and Sweden lead the rest of the EU by a greater margin, with 119 and 80 such patents per million persons,

¹² See 2002 Innovation Scoreboard at <http://trendchart.cordis.lu/reports/Documents/report3.pdf>

¹³ High tech industries include the following (NACE2) activities: High tech manufacturing: Manufacturing of office machinery, computers, radio, television, communication equipment, medical precision and optical instruments, watches and clocks;
Medium-high tech manufacturing: Manufacture of chemicals, machinery and equipment n.e.c., electrical machinery and apparatus n.e.c., transport equipment;
High tech services: Post and telecommunications, computer and related activities, research and development.

¹⁴ Patents in the following areas are seen as high tech: Computer and automated business equipment, Micro-organism and genetic engineering, Aviation, Communication technology, Semiconductors and Lasers

respectively, compared to the EU15 average of 23. Germany (36) notably falls behind these two, as well as behind the Netherlands (48); only 13% of patents in Germany are high tech, a similar proportion as in Portugal and Spain. This compares to 40% in Finland, and around 25% in Sweden, the Netherlands and Ireland. Thus in Portugal and Greece there is less than one high tech patent per million population.

Disparities are more stark at the regional level¹⁵; there are fewer than 10 high tech patents per million population in 108 regions, and under 2 in 32 regions. Of these 32 regions, all but five are in the southern Member States. At the top end, in 17 regions the figure is at least twice the EU15 average; these regions broadly coincide with those where total patents registered were also around twice the EU15 average. Regional rankings according to total patents and high tech patents are similar, confirmed by a correlation coefficient of 0.86.

R&D expenditure

Similar disparities exist with regard to R&D expenditure (Table 10 R&D expenditure, composition and as % of GDP, 1999). In 1999, such expenditure averaged 1.9% of GDP. The highest figures were in Sweden (3.8% of GDP) and in Finland (3.2% of GDP) while they were below 1% in Spain, Portugal and Greece. In the accession countries, the figure was also below 1% of GDP in all except Slovenia and the Czech Republic (1.5% and 1.2% respectively). Within the Member States too there were large divergences; the ratio between the highest and lowest regional R&D levels was above 4 in all, and considerably higher in most.

Of the 176 regions where data is available, in 17 R&D expenditure exceeds 3% of GDP; 10 of these regions are located in Germany, two in Finland, Sweden as a whole is included (national data only available), two in France, and one each in the UK and Austria (Map 9. Research and development expenditure, 1999). At the bottom end of the scale, R&D expenditure is less than 1% of GDP in 86 regions, and even below 0.5% in 27 regions. The latter regions are concentrated in the Southern Member States.

The composition of gross domestic R&D expenditure (GERD) can be identified at the national level; where the level of R&D is highest, the business sector appears to play a greater role, where it is lowest, the role of the higher education system tends to be larger (Table 10. R&D expenditure, composition and as % of GDP, 1999). R&D activities performed by the business sector (BERD that includes government subsidies and the like) represent just under two thirds of total R&D activities being performed in the EU (this contrasts with the actual amount of R&D activities being financed by the business sector which still stands at 56.3% of the total financed EU level), while higher education accounts for one fifth and government for the remaining 14%. In Greece and Portugal the business sector provides around one quarter of total R&D expenditure, and around half in Italy and Spain. In all four of these, the role of the higher education sector largely compensates (almost half of the total in Greece), as well as government and private not-for-profit organisations in Portugal. Sweden has both the highest total, and the highest share accounted for by business expenditure (75%); the share is also high in Finland and Germany (high total R&D expenditure), but also in Belgium (around the average) as well as Ireland.

¹⁵

189 NUTS 2 regions have data on high tech patents.

In candidate countries the government sector plays a larger role (29% of total), mainly compensated by a smaller role for the business sector, only 46%. In several countries, the business sector is more important, but does not appear to be linked to the overall level of R&D expenditure. The business sector accounts for over two thirds of total R&D in the Slovak Republic, as well Romania, but only around one fifth of total in Cyprus, Estonia and Lithuania, as well as Bulgaria. In Slovenia and the Czech Republic, where total R&D expenditure is highest, the business sector accounts for a relatively large share, over half, which is largely compensated by lower shares in the higher education sector.

1.5. Studies on the territorial component of cohesion

Considerable work began during 2002, in particular the launch of the ESPON programme adopted by the Commission on 3 June 2002.

The first nine studies¹⁶ began in September. Seven new studies, covering the territorial impact of the Structural Funds, the territorial implications of enlargement, the environment, energy and demography, will begin shortly¹⁷. A study on mountain areas was also begun with the aim of securing a Community definition of such areas and examining their present situation in the EU and the future Member States.

The study on island regions, announced in the first progress report, is about to be completed. The first results from this study are presented below.

Ten million people live in the 286 islands of the Union, as defined using criteria laid down by Eurostat. 95% of this population is to be found in the Mediterranean, with five island regions (Sicily, Sardinia, the Balearics, Crete and Corsica) accounting for 85% of the total island population. The GDP per capita of the Union's island territories in 2000 may stand at 72% of the Community average but that conceals a wide variety of situations.

The socio-economic development of certain islands may be impeded by one or more of the following handicaps:

- The most important is their small size. The development of islands with a population of less than 5 000 people is handicapped by out-migration and ageing, a low level of infrastructure for education and health and difficulties in accessing public services.
- The most distant islands suffer from difficulties of access and mountainous terrain and/or the extra travel problems created by an archipelago.

¹⁶ The role, specific situation and potential of urban areas as nodes in a polycentric development; Urban-rural relations in Europe; Transport services and networks: territorial trends and basic supply of infrastructure for territorial cohesion; Telecommunications services and networks: territorial trends and basic supply of infrastructure for territorial cohesion; Territorial impact of EU transport and TEN policies; Territorial impact of EU Research and development policy; The territorial impact of CAP and rural development policy; Territorial effects of structural funds in urban areas; Integrated tools for European spatial development.

¹⁷ A research project on the "Impact of cohesion policies on sustainable regional development" is also due to be funded under the 6th Framework Research Programme.

- An economy centred on one or two main activities, in particular agriculture, fisheries or tourism, is more vulnerable.
- In small areas, any development of economic activities may exert pressure on a fragile ecosystem.

To cope with these handicaps, some island territories are adopting an innovative development approach, in order to diversify their economy (creation of technology centres (Crete, Åland) and centres to support small firms (Majorca)) or to take better account of environmental constraints (promotion of renewable energies (Samsoe)). Today, 87% of the EU island population is covered by Objective 1 and 11% by Objective 2. Furthermore, 97% benefits from the derogations under Articles 87(3)(a) and (c) of the Treaty on State aids, of which 14% is at aid rates exceeding 40%.

A study on 'European Human Capital and the Regions - an empirical contribution to the debate on human capital and regional development in the EU Member states and accession countries' was conducted. The aim of the study was to analyse the structure and patterns of human capital vertically (EU, national and regional levels) and horizontally (socio-economic contexts, skill levels, age, gender, and sectors).

A study on 'Human capital in a global and knowledge-based economy' examines the rationale for putting investment in human capital at the forefront of policies aimed at promoting economic growth and social cohesion. It underlines that investment in human capital contributes significantly to productivity growth, technological change and diffusion, and that policies that raise the quantity and quality of the stock of human capital increase social cohesion.

2. DISCUSSIONS ON THE FUTURE OF COHESION POLICY

2.1. Discussions within the Institutions and in the seminars organised by the Commission

2.1.1. Council

The Commission presented the first progress report to the General Affairs Council on 18 February 2002. Coreper asked the Structural Actions Group to look at its content and its report was adopted by the General Affairs Council on 17 June.

Delegations welcomed the first progress report but stressed that their positions on the future of cohesion policy could only be considered provisional at this stage in the debate. Some noted that no discussion could take place until the Commission had presented its proposals while others referred to discussions at the Namur informal Council on 13 and 14 July 2001 and welcomed the opportunity to give their views following publication of the Second Report on Cohesion in January 2001.

The delegations felt that the least developed regions should remain the priority for cohesion policy. One delegation proposed that the relative share of the funds allocated to these regions should be increased while another suggested that the eligibility criterion should be defined at national level, the richest countries taking responsibility for the development of their backward regions with no Community contribution. Some delegations wanted the Commission to put forward this suggestion as one of the options for the future. Others regarded a national approach

as difficult to reconcile with the Treaty and supported the regional approach presented by the Commission which, in their view, would allow recourse to an enlarged partnership, able to respond better to local needs.

Most delegations wanted per capita GDP to remain the eligibility criterion for defining lagging regions. Some delegations wanted to add other criteria (rate of unemployment or employment, peripheral nature or population density, etc.). As regards the statistical effect (the fall in average per capita GDP in the Community following enlargement), some delegations argued for setting an eligibility threshold above 75%. Others favoured more generous transitional arrangements for the regions adversely affected by this impact.

Most delegations regarded Community assistance as necessary for the regions other than those considered to be lagging behind. Such assistance should seek to make the regions more competitive and concentrate on measures offering high Community value added. Several delegations stressed the need for effective assistance which was not too widely dispersed.

Turning to the financial effort required after 2006, the Spanish Presidency stated that it regarded the threshold of 0.45% of Community GDP as a good reference point in view of the challenges which cohesion policy would have to deal with after enlargement. Other delegations thought it too early to take a decision.

The simplification of procedures for implementing the Structural Funds was mentioned on several occasions. Following the Namur ministerial meeting in July 2001 and at the suggestion of Commissioner Barnier, the Ministers responsible for regional policy met in Brussels on 7 October to look at the Commission proposals on the simplification of management in 2000-06 period. The Commission presented a series of proposals to simplify, clarify, coordinate and introduce more flexibility into management under the Regulation in force. Specifically, these proposals concerned the amendment of programmes, financial management and the coherence of inspections. The representatives of the Member States welcomed the proposals and many made further suggestions consistent with the rules in force.

There was broad agreement on the fact that in future, after 2006, it would be necessary to look in greater depth at the arrangements for implementing the Structural Funds. There should be discussion to clarify the role of the Commission in implementing cohesion policy, with particular regard to Article 274 of the Treaty. To that end the Commission is organising a seminar on 3 and 4 March 2003.

2.1.2. European Parliament

On 6 November 2002 the **European Parliament** adopted Ms Schroedter's report on the first progress report. As well as the Committee on Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism, the Committees on Agriculture and Foreign Affairs contributed their opinions.

The Schroedter report supported the Commission on several points: the need to maintain a cohesion policy based on strength, solidarity and partnership to cope with enlargement and persistent inequalities within the Union; not to drop below 0.45% of Union GDP so as not to call into question the credibility of cohesion policy; the need to adapt cohesion policy to the conditions which will prevail in an enlarged Union;

the need to promote sustainable development, territorial cohesion in Europe and improve the polycentric, harmonious and balanced development of the Union, in accordance with the guidelines of the ESDP; support for areas with specific handicaps (with a special mention of the outermost regions); greater cross-border cooperation; opposition to any renationalisation of cohesion policy; the importance of partnership and the need to reflect on tripartite contracts with the regions and the Member States.

The report also reflects other concerns: taking account of indicators other than GDP to determine eligibility under the Structural Funds; making environmental policy, employment policy, the common agricultural policy, transport policy and economic policy more consistent with the aim of sustainable regional development; increasing the administrative capacity of the candidate countries; defining more flexible arrangements for implementation to achieve a gradual decentralisation of the management of the Funds, subject to effective and rigorous checks on how they are used; increased aid for regional competitiveness; enabling the regions to implement their own development strategies; introducing the principle of 'one programme – one Fund' and giving the regions more responsibility for implementation.

It asks the Commission, prior to the third report:

- to propose a time-frame to ensure that programming for the period 2007-13 can be implemented from 1 January 2007;
- to make proposals to improve the coherence of EU policies which have an impact on economic and social cohesion;
- to make proposals on the future of the Community Initiatives and Objective 2.

2.1.3. The European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions

The **European Economic and Social Committee** issued two opinions, one on the strategy for economic and social cohesion and the other on the future of cohesion policy in the context of enlargement and the transition to a learning society.

In its first opinion, the Committee identified the challenges facing the Union (enlargement, globalisation, a growing dynamic between the centre and the periphery, macro-economic stability, etc.) and the consequences to be drawn; maintaining aid under Objective 1 beyond 2006; overcoming the negative statistical impact of enlargement on average per capita GDP; raising the ceiling set at 0.45% of GDP for the Structural Funds; creating a resource to stabilise regional income in the event of an unexpected economic shock; consolidating the programme of Community Initiatives; adopting an open method of coordination to deal with the problems of economic and social cohesion which the Objective 2 regions are experiencing, and giving priority to investment in the less-favoured regions.

In its supplementary opinion on the Second Report on Economic and Social Cohesion, adopted on 25 April 2001, the Committee came out in favour of a thorough reform of the principles, general conditions, definition and arrangements for cohesion policy in the context of the enlargement of the Union. To simplify procedures, the Committee advocated establishing a single Fund, with adequate flexibility, which would contribute to greater simplicity and enhanced visibility.

The **Committee of the Regions** adopted its opinion on the first progress report on 10 October 2002. It welcomed the positive impact of the regional policy followed in recent years and noted that the Commission regarded the threshold of 0.45% of Community GDP allocated to the cohesion policy as a minimum. It also stated that assistance to regions whose development is lagging behind should be the priority and that eligibility should be defined on the basis of per capita GDP, plus the unemployment rate or level of productivity. The regions affected by the statistical effect should receive appropriate transitional support. Those which exceeded the eligibility threshold because of their own economic development should become eligible under Objective 2, whose purpose should be the ironing out of territorial imbalances.

The opinion asked the Commission to simplify the procedures for granting regional aid and to clarify the roles of the Commission, the Member States and the regions, while complying with the principle of subsidiarity. The opinion called for better coordination of all Community policies and financial instruments with the policy on economic and social cohesion.

2.1.4. The seminar of 27/28 May 2002 on the Union's regional priorities

This seminar was attended by almost 600 people from the Member States and the candidate countries¹⁸. There were three workshops: regions whose development is lagging behind, regions undergoing structural conversion or facing specific problems and cooperation and integration among the regions of Europe.

The starting point for discussions was the question of Community value added and the effectiveness of structural assistance looked at from several points of view:

- its effectiveness from the aspect of convergence between the regions of the Community;
- its contribution to the aims pursued by the other Community policies;
- its role as a means of economic integration and stability in the context of monetary union;
- its visibility to the public, showing them the Community in action;
- its contribution to better governance through arrangements for evaluation, management and partnership.

The seminar identified several areas of agreement on future cohesion policy and points to be explored further. The areas of agreement included the importance of cohesion policy for successful integration in the enlarged Union, the priority to be given to regions whose development is lagging behind, the need to continue a regional policy with substantial Community assistance outside those regions, the need for greater simplification in the method of implementation, including an end to the present system of zoning, the possibility of a single source of finance and a contingency reserve and continuing European cooperation between the regions of the Union, including on the future external frontiers (east and south).

¹⁸ http://europa.eu.int/comm/regional_policy/debate/semcom_en.htm

In all these areas, all those present regarded the Commission's role as vital as a partner for the states and the regions.

The points to be explored further were:

- clarification of the Commission's responsibility with regard to Article 274 of the Treaty, particularly in the event of further decentralisation of the implementation of cohesion policy;
- the criteria for defining the areas and horizontal priority topics which will be eligible outside the regions whose development is lagging behind;
- consistency with the other Community policies;
- the need to ensure greater coherence between the second pillar of the CAP¹⁹ and regional development policy despite broad agreement on the need to strengthen Community support for rural development;
- synergies among the Structural Funds;
- the form and content of tripartite contracts between the Commission, Member States and regions, which most of those present supported;
- the introduction of a principle of proportionality for the implementing arrangements which would depend on the amount of finance allocated;
- greater coherence between the internal and external aspects of cross-border cooperation.

2.1.5. *The seminar on priorities relating to employment and social cohesion (30 September 2002)*

This seminar addressed the priorities relating to employment and social cohesion policies as defined in the Second Cohesion Report: more and better jobs, knowledge society, social inclusion and equal opportunities. A point of reference for the seminar was the Lisbon strategy as the policy framework for addressing the employment and social dimension of cohesion.

The seminar identified a role for investment in human capital training in improving the employment intensity of growth and contributing to reducing unemployment. The involvement of the Union was held to be important as a visible contribution to the integration process. At the same time, the added value of the actions could be increased via a more selective focus on critical issues such as lifelong learning. Since it was argued that structural challenges were common to all countries and regions, a broad agreed framework of response was required.

¹⁹ See General Conclusions of the Seminar.

2.1.5.1. More and better jobs

On this issue, certain delegates pointed to the fact that the four pillars of the Employment Strategy and the policy fields of the ESF do not overlap, and a better match between them should be aimed at in the future.

Several participants said that investment in human capital would play a crucial role in promoting economic and social cohesion and adapting successfully to economic and social change. Measures needed to be linked to increasing productivity and competitiveness, on the one hand, and social inclusion on the other.

There was also support for the maintenance of the integrated approach combining investment in human capital and investment in physical capital, not only in the regions lagging behind but also in other regions.

In the more prosperous regions, it was said that economic and labour market change is still required and intra-regional variations mean the existence of serious human capital weaknesses as a result of market and institutional failures and under-investment in skills. Policy should seek to tackle mismatches that result in skill shortages and skill gaps. Generic skills were also identified as important, as was the local/regional identification of appropriate skills needs.

In terms of processes, it was stressed that cohesion policy will be successful only if it involves all actors in an active partnership to identify challenges and define strategies. This is particularly true at local and regional level, where the problems and challenges are well understood and appropriate strategies developed.

2.1.5.2. Social inclusion

Delegates pointed to the fact that only some of the measures defined by the strategy to combat social exclusion are currently eligible for Structural Fund support, whereas this was an area where these Funds could be called upon increasingly.

An approach linking measures to the labour market may not be sufficient; many of the challenges of social exclusion are not directly related to the labour market, but to wider social issues. Furthermore, not all of those who are excluded, or threatened with exclusion, can have access to the labour market, which suggests that a new and wider definition of employability might be needed.

The Union, via the ESF, could play a major, even predominant, role in promoting partnership, particularly in the light of the fact that the success of the social inclusion strategy depends crucially on the cooperation and the mobilisation of all those involved. It was suggested that existing instruments should be reviewed to see what changes might be needed, including simplification and the introduction of greater flexibility.

2.1.5.3. Equal opportunities

In the workshop on equal opportunities, it was said that investment in human capital has a major role to play in promoting equality between men and women. It was stressed that the principle of equality relates to all types of discrimination, such as on the basis of race or disability. Discrimination on the basis of gender is specific because of the extent of the problem.

It was suggested that policy priorities should focus on the effective implementation of the principle of “gender mainstreaming”, because this allows two objectives to be pursued: specific actions on equality and the inclusion of a gender perspective in all other policies and actions. Priority could be given to actions which help to change attitudes, behaviour and stereotypes of women and men. Actions could be targeted on men, on employers and on social partners in order to achieve a better sharing of family responsibilities. A recommendation was made to fully integrate investment in childcare infrastructure into regional and local development policies and strategies, and not just make it a complement to measures promoting the employment of women.

2.1.6. The seminar on urban areas (8 and 9 July 2002)

Over 600 people involved in Urban programmes, including several mayors and their deputies, came to London to discuss the lessons to be learned from experience of the Urban programmes and the future of cohesion policy in its urban form. The mayors and representatives of the cities noted the important contribution of the Urban Community Initiative to urban development and the substantial multiplier effect on assistance from national sources, both public and private. Speeches referred to Community value added in a number of fields:

- assistance which is closer to people and their problems, offering an integrated approach to economic, social and environmental questions;
- effective and highly visible operations dealing with matters of importance to the Community;
- a high degree of partnership embracing not only the local authorities responsible for programme management but also other public and private parties, including those most concerned, the local inhabitants;
- an on-going learning process allowing the testing of innovative approaches and networking to exchange experiences.

A number of speakers noted the need to continue and step up Community assistance to cities. The objectives to be achieved include making cities more powerful motors of regional development, preserving or restoring social cohesion in cities and improving the urban environment through an integrated approach. For the preparation of a new urban policy, the Union was asked to provide assistance for:

- a study of whether, subject to certain conditions, the Structural Funds could contribute to housing in the context of urban regeneration;
- making cities the main partners discussing with the Commission the programmes and measures which concern them, as well as programming and management;
- making the assistance for which the cities are responsible consistent with other measures programmed at a wider territorial level;
- developing cooperation and exchanges of experience between cities and all those involved in urban policies.

2.1.7. The seminar on mountain areas (17 and 18 October 2002)

The seminar on 'Community policies and the mountain areas' held on 17 and 18 October 2002 was attended by over 500 participants from the Member States, the candidate countries and elsewhere. This event, to mark the international year of the mountain in 2002, gave the Community institutions and the people and associations involved on the spot a unique opportunity for dialogue. The following requests were made:

- specific projects providing better answers to the problems of mountain areas and making better use of their advantages should be supported. These could include the maintenance of services of general interest in these areas to which access is difficult, greater stress on quality products, particularly in agriculture, through the creation of specific promotional instruments (labels, etc.) and diversification of activities to check the flight from the land;
- inter-regional and cross-border cooperation, such as that under the Interreg Community Initiative, is very visible in territories such as mountain areas and Community value added is clear. It provides a vital pivot for the exchange of experiences and dissemination of know-how;
- the consistency of Community policies with implications for the mountain areas (agriculture, rural development, regional policy, the environment and transport) should be improved.

2.2. The issues most widely discussed

There have been several initiatives in the Member States and the regions on the future of cohesion policy. Many Member States and several candidate countries have held seminars, with or without the participation of the Commission.

The issues most widely discussed have been the objectives of cohesion policy (the regions whose development is lagging behind, the other regions and cooperation) and the contribution of the other Community policies to cohesion.

2.2.1. Priority to the least developed regions

Virtually all the positions notified to the Commission favour retaining the priority of cohesion policy for the regions whose development is lagging behind. They stress the dominant position which the candidate countries will occupy in this Objective²⁰.

As regards the eligibility criteria to be used for the regions whose development is lagging behind, most positions favoured the present criterion, applied since 1989, of 75% of average per capita GDP in purchasing power parities.

Nevertheless, the suggestion has been raised that the GDP criteria be complemented by other criteria, such as the employment or unemployment rate, productivity,

²⁰ To meet the specific needs of the regions in the candidate countries better, the Commission has proposed giving the Cohesion Fund greater weight within the Funds as a whole. In the areas eligible under the Structural Funds in these regions (infrastructure, human resources and support for productive investment), the Commission has proposed to add institutional capacity building.

peripherality, population decline, or the level of financial execution²¹. Furthermore, representatives from the ultra-peripheral regions²² and island regions²³ hope that these will be included among the lagging regions, even where their income exceeds the threshold level for eligibility.

Box: CONTRIBUTION OF THE OUTERMOST REGIONS

3.8 million people live in the outermost regions (the Canary Islands, Guadeloupe, French Guyana, Martinique, Réunion, the Azores and Madeira), with the Canary Islands accounting for 40% of that number. The main features of these areas are their great isolation and unfavourable natural conditions due to relief and the extent of natural hazards. They have a very young population but demographic pressure and a lack of job prospects results in substantial out-migration (Azores, Madeira) and/or rising social tensions because of unemployment (Guadeloupe, Réunion) and the problems of integration (French Guyana).

A large number of road, port and airport infrastructure projects which contribute to the development of these regions receive substantial support from Community aid. All the outermost regions are currently eligible under Objective 1 and also enjoy the derogations provided for in Article 87(3)(a) and (c) of the Treaty on state aid at relatively high levels (50% in the Canary Islands, 62% in the Azores and Madeira and 65% in the French overseas departments).

The EU policy on cohesion together with a policy of budget transfers from the states²⁴ to which they belong has enabled them to draw somewhat closer to the Community average over recent years. In 2000, their GDP stood at 66% of the Union average; by way of comparison, the ten poorest regions in the present Union have a GDP of 47 %. However, work must continue, particularly with regard to employment and training, in order to prevent the active population from leaving²⁵. Accordingly, the level of facilities for education and vocational training could be improved. The most important thing, however, is to support all initiatives which generate jobs and create wealth in order to cope with the problems caused by demographic pressures.

As regards the statistical impact of enlargement (the 13% fall in average per capita GDP in the Community as a result of the accession of ten new Member States), the Commission noted in the first progress report that only two of the four options mentioned in the Second Report on Cohesion had received substantial support:

- retaining an eligibility threshold of 75% of the Community average with differentiated transitional arrangements: one for the regions which, because of

²¹ See notably the Coreper report on the first progress report (Council document 8026/02)

²² First contribution from the UPR on the future of economic and social cohesion (3 February 2002) and common UPR position on the study of island regions in the European Union (October 2002).

²³ CPRM's Commission for Islands

²⁴ The total annual contribution of the Structural Funds ranges from 15% (Réunion, Canary Islands) to 44% (Azores) of fiscal receipts for these regions.

²⁵ To define the criteria for the competitiveness of firms in the outermost regions better, a study supplementing the one on the islands will be carried out and the comments and criticisms of their representatives will be taken into account. This will provide the Commission with objective information on which to make fair proposals appropriate to the situation of each region.

their convergence, could no longer be considered to be lagging behind in the Union of 15 and another, more generous, for the regions which suffer as a result of the statistical effect;

- fixing an eligibility threshold above 75% in order to reduce or negate the consequences of this statistical impact.

In the discussions during 2002, most contributors supported the first option.

2.2.2. *Measures outside the regions whose development is lagging behind*

Virtually all contributions stressed the need to retain a policy for economic and social cohesion outside the regions whose development is lagging behind, while further simplifying and decentralising its implementation.

Here the Commission has noted that promoting the competitiveness of the regions, as required by the policy objectives of the Union defined at the Lisbon European Council and supplemented by the sustainable development dimension at the Göteborg Council, was very often mentioned as the objective to support. That objective could be reflected through stress on the factors contributing to competitiveness such as access, the diversification of the productive structure, the knowledge society, innovation, R&D, the environment, employment, social integration and education and lifelong training, particularly in a context of economic and social restructuring stemming from the globalisation of the economy.

The economic, social or territorial priorities for the future cohesion policy that are mentioned in the second Cohesion report, were acknowledged to be important. Doubts were however expressed about whether the Union could provide a response to the problems being experienced by all the areas identified as priorities. Some people also felt that geographical handicaps should not be considered in isolation, without taking account of the socio-economic difficulties. Within this, broad agreement emerged in favour of concentrating community financial contributions.

The northern dimension (geographical handicap, depopulation, ageing of the population, remoteness), remote location and depopulation were listed as new criteria for eligibility.²⁶

Several contributions emphasised the particular interest that should be accorded to towns, acting as engines of regional growth and dynamic economic forces. Others asked for a reinforcement of support for urban areas in difficulty and the social dimension of cohesion. Other contributions pointed to the importance of factors of competitiveness: the sectoral distribution of employment, innovation capacity and the links between firms, research and universities, education levels, accessibility, the impact of globalisation on the economy, peripherality or depopulation. Other contributions highlighted the importance of continued Community intervention in rural areas, which should address the wider rural economy and area, not only the agricultural sector.

²⁶

Virtually all the regions and regional associations in Finland and Sweden. Scotland: Scottish Parliament's European Committee (4 July, 2002). CPMR: Technical note from the General Secretariat 'Towards a balanced competitiveness of the European territory' (February 2002).

The current instruments of cohesion policy outside the lagging regions should be substantially modified. Many say that while the region remains the appropriate level for the conception and management of assistance, designating eligible areas at the sub-regional level can artificially restrict the field of intervention of Community assistance, and it is difficult to reconcile with an approach emphasising the new factors of competitiveness. Some contributions requested the introduction of a safety net and a phasing-out²⁷, as well as greater flexibility of the instruments of structural policy in order to allow the anticipation and response to economic shocks resulting from globalisation²⁸. In any case, should there be a zoning, the eligibility criteria would essentially be established by the Member States and the regions.

2.2.3. *Cooperation*

The high level of value added by the Union to measures concerning cooperation, the exchange of experiences and good practices and the role played by the Community Initiative programmes was widely acknowledged. Strengthening the instruments for transnational, cross-border and interregional cooperation and assistance on the external frontiers of the Union were the aspects most often mentioned²⁹.

The strategic role of transnational cooperation could be increased. In this connection, some contributors to the seminars of 27/28 May and 30 September pointed out the need to go further in this direction by establishing a genuine strategic approach and increased financial resources. However, the management of this policy should be simplified.³⁰

2.2.4. *Relations with the other Community policies*

The need for the other Community policies to contribute more to economic and social cohesion was mentioned frequently in 2002. Many people mentioned the need for better links between the second pillar of the common agricultural policy and cohesion policy³¹. Similar requests were made with regard to the common fisheries policy. Many people believed that the Commission should ensure greater coherence with competition policy, particularly state aids for regional purposes³².

Some representatives of the regions undergoing conversion were concerned by the possible end to the designation of Objective 2 areas and the implications for state aids. Others, however, thought that the policy on state aids for regional purposes should be modernised to take account of new challenges, e.g. the promotion of the

²⁷ Dutch provinces : Outline of position on the EU's cohesion policy after enlargement (November 2002)

²⁸ ESC, Christie Opinion. EURADA: Update of EURADA memoranda (6 June 2002)

²⁹ EP: Report by Ms Schroedter. AER: Towards a joint regional draft for a new Cohesion Policy: building on the experience of the Regions to define new strategies for sustainable development in an enlarged Europe (Pecs, Baranya, 14-15 November 2002). Association of Swedish municipalities. Provinces of southern Finland: The position of the alliance of the provinces of southern Finland on the next programming period of the EU's Structural Funds (6 February 2002).

³⁰ CoR: Opinion by Mr d'Ambrosio. Association of municipalities and Federation of regional councils of Sweden: Report on cohesion in the EU – Points of departure (11 May 2001) Finland: Finnish contribution to the EU Cohesion Seminar, 27-28 May 2002.

³¹ Regions of Finland, Position of the CPMR on links between regional policy and rural development policy (August 2002) and on the mid-term review of the CAP (July 2002), Position of the European Countryside Movement on 'Spatial cohesion within the European Union: which acknowledgement and which tools for rural areas?' (April 2002).

³² CPMR, CNADT (France) and German advisory Council on planning, Scotland.

new technologies, maintenance of services of general interest and the rehabilitation of industrial waste land in cities. Concerns were also expressed by the regions whose development is lagging behind in the 15 Member States which might no longer be supported by the regional policy as they are at present because of the statistical impact of enlargement (risk of losing twice over).

The transport policy was mentioned frequently, chiefly in connection with the islands and the remote and outermost regions. Views were also expressed on the creation of a European research and development area. The prevention of risk and the promotion of good practice in sustainable regional development were also cited in several position papers³³.

3. PREPARING FOR ENLARGEMENT UP TO THE END OF 2006

Accession negotiations with Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Malta and Poland were completed at the Copenhagen European Council. Thus the main task is the finalisation of the programmes for these countries and preparations for the implementation of the Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund from the day of accession.

The regular CEEC reports for October 2002 noted the continuance of certain problems for the implementation of structural measures after accession:

- inadequate interministry coordination, which is indispensable for the preparation of integrated regional development programmes under Objective 1; delays in the definition and allocation of duties among the bodies responsible for the future management of programmes at the various levels of the administration;
- weaknesses in the administrative and budgetary procedures required to mobilise part-financing and ensure programme management;
- uneven capacity of the control services.

Because of the lack of experience of the candidate countries in using Community funds (as demonstrated by the slow take-up of appropriations under Phare and, to a lesser degree, the other pre-accession instruments introduced since 2000, SAPARD and ISPA), the Commission and the Member States considered it necessary to secure firm commitments from the candidate countries as regards the establishment and improvement of administrative structures and monitoring and control procedures which are vital for the sound and effective management of the Funds. All the candidate countries gave these assurances and undertook to make the adjustments required before the end of 2003. In the case of SAPARD, which operates with decentralised management, experience shows that once the process of approving the implementing agencies has been completed, the uptake of funds over time develops at an increasingly rapid rate.

In the strategy document it adopted on 9 October 2002, the Commission analysed the progress made towards accession by each of the candidate countries. It also indicated

³³ Assembly of European Regions, see footnote 29

its intention to present a fresh overall evaluation of the state of readiness of each candidate country six months before the date of accession. Furthermore, in July 2003, it would make a specific report on the action taken in response to the commitments given by the candidate countries during the negotiation of the regional policy and coordination of the Structural Funds chapter. Implementation of these commitments is essential if the Commission is to grant Community finance as provided for in the Regulations.

After a period of negotiation, the Council accepted the method of allocating appropriations proposed by the Commission based on a strict application of the *acquis communautaire*. The Copenhagen Council finally opted for an envelope of almost €21.7 billion for the Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund for the period 2004-06.

In 2006 that amount will result in total aid of €117 per person, compared with €143 per person that was granted for Objective 1 in the first programming period, 1989-93, which rose to an average of €217 per person for objective 1 regions in the 15 Member States in 2000-06.

One third of the allocation will go to the Cohesion Fund. This concentration of resources is justified by the experience acquired by the candidate countries in preparing and implementing environment and infrastructure projects financed by ISPA and the need to meet the substantial investment needs in those two sectors.

Aid from the Structural Funds will be concentrated chiefly on Objective 1 (Map 10 Eligible areas in accession countries, Structural Funds 2004-2006). The regions eligible under Objectives 2 and 3 (Prague, Bratislava and Cyprus if there is no political settlement) will enjoy a per capita aid intensity identical to that of the 15. The Community Initiatives will be reduced to two (*Interreg and Equal*) while the measures eligible under the other Initiatives (*Leader and Urban*) could be incorporated into Objectives 1 and 2. (Table 11: Copenhagen: Distribution of Cohesion Fund and Structural Fund commitment appropriations for the 10 new Member States)

Implementation of the Structural Funds in the new Member States constitutes a major challenge both for the European Union and for the beneficiaries:

- the Union must find the resources needed to ensure effective cohesion policies in the regions of the new Member States.
- the candidate countries will have to meet the challenge of integrating very quickly (three years instead of seven) into a system which was not designed for them but which offers them a substantial prospect of speeding up their development

(p.m. Table 12 – Main regional indicators)

TABLE OF CONTENTS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION Second progress report on economic and social cohesion.....	1
Synthesis and conclusions.....	3
I. Introduction	3
II. Analysis of the situation and trends: the challenge of enlargement.....	3
III. The main topics of the debate on future cohesion policy	3
(i) <u>Priorities for the future policy</u>	4
(ii) <u>Implementation: simplifying management</u>	6
(iii) <u>Other aspects</u>	7
IV. Future deadlines.....	8
COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION Second progress report on economic and social cohesion.....	9
1. Situation and trends	9
1.1. Slowdown in economic growth	10
1.2. Increased regional disparities after enlargement	11
1.3. Employment and social cohesion	11
1.3.1. Slowdown in employment growth in the EU.....	11
1.3.2. Regional convergence in employment rates	12
1.3.3. Social cohesion: slow progress	12
1.3.4. Worsening employment situation in candidate countries	13
1.3.5. Disparities in employment and social cohesion will increase in an enlarged EU	13
1.4. New data on factors determining real convergence.....	14
1.5. Studies on the territorial component of cohesion	17
2. Discussions on the future of cohesion policy	18
2.1. Discussions within the Institutions and in the seminars organised by the Commission.....	18
2.1.1. Council.....	18
2.1.2. European Parliament.....	19

2.1.3.	The European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	20
2.1.4.	The seminar of 27/28 May 2002 on the Union's regional priorities	21
2.1.5.	The seminar on priorities relating to employment and social cohesion (30 September 2002)	22
2.1.5.1.	More and better jobs	23
2.1.5.2.	Social inclusion.....	23
2.1.5.3.	Equal opportunities.....	23
2.1.6.	The seminar on urban areas (8 and 9 July 2002)	24
2.1.7.	The seminar on mountain areas (17 and 18 October 2002)	25
2.2.	The issues most widely discussed.....	25
2.2.1.	Priority to the least developed regions.....	25
	Box: CONTRIBUTION OF THE OUTERMOST REGIONS	26
2.2.2.	Measures outside the regions whose development is lagging behind	27
2.2.3.	Cooperation.....	28
2.2.4.	Relations with the other Community policies.....	28
3.	Preparing for enlargement up to the end of 2006	29
	LIST OF MAPS	33
	LIST OF GRAPHS	33
	LIST OF TABLES.....	34

LIST OF MAPS

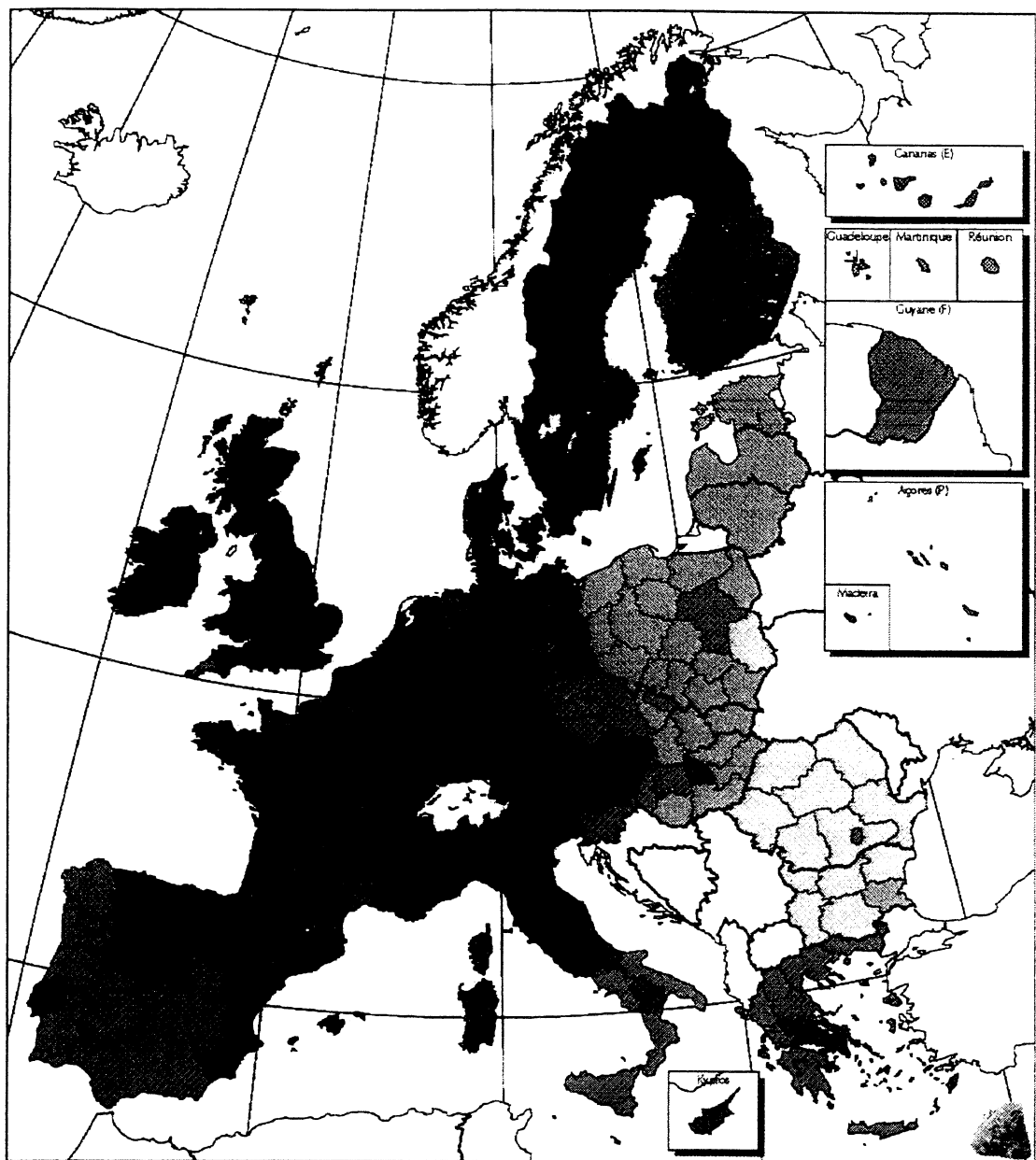
Map	1	GDP per head by region (PPS), 2000
Map	2	Change in GDP/head (PPS), 1995-2000
Map	3	Map3--Employment rate, 2001
Map	4a	Total unemployment rate, 2001
Map	4b	Female unemployment rate, 2001
Map	4c	Youth unemployment rate, 2001
Map	5a	Low education level, 2001
Map	5b	Medium education level, 2001
Map	5(c)	High education level, 2001
Map	6a	Employment in agriculture, 2001
Map	6b	Employment in industry, 2001
Map	6c	Employment in services, 2001
Map	7	GDP per person employed (EUR), 1999
Map	8a	Employment in high technology, 2001
Map	8b	Patent applications to the EPO, 1998 to 2000
Map	8c	High-tech patents, 1998 to 2000
Map	9	Research and development expenditure, 1999
Map	10	Eligible areas in accession countries, Structural Funds 2004-2006

LIST OF GRAPHS

Graph 1	GDP per capita (PPS), 2001
Graph 2	GDP/head (PPS) by country and regional extremes, 2000
Graph 3	Unemployment rate by country and regional extremes, 2001
Graph 4	Population at risk/persistently at risk of poverty, 1999

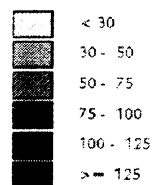
LIST OF TABLES

Table 1	GDP and population growth in cohesion countries, 1988-2003
Table 2	Disparities in GDP per head in PPS by region within Member States, 1990-2000
Table 3	GDP per head (in PPS) in Objective 1 regions (1994-99), 1995-2000
Table 4	The most and least prosperous regions in the Union, 1990-2000
Table 5a	GDP/head (PPS) in the most prosperous regions, EU-25, 2000
Table 5b	GDP/head (PPS) in the least prosperous regions, EU-25, 2000
Table 6	Summary statistics for regions falling below the 75% threshold (based on GDP/head in PPS, 2000)
Table 7a	Regions with lowest employment rates (ages 15-64), EU15, 2001
Table 7b	Regions with highest employment rates (ages 15-64), EU15, 2001
Table 8a	Regions worst affected by unemployment, EU-27, 2001
Table 8b	Regions least affected by unemployment, EU-27, 2001
Table 9	Patent applications per million people, 1998-2000
Table 10	R&D expenditure, composition and as % of GDP, 1999
Table 11	Copenhagen: Distribution of Cohesion Fund and Structural Fund commitment appropriations for the 10 new Member States
Table 12	Main regional indicators



Map 1: GDP per head by region (PPS), 2000

Index, EU-25 = 100

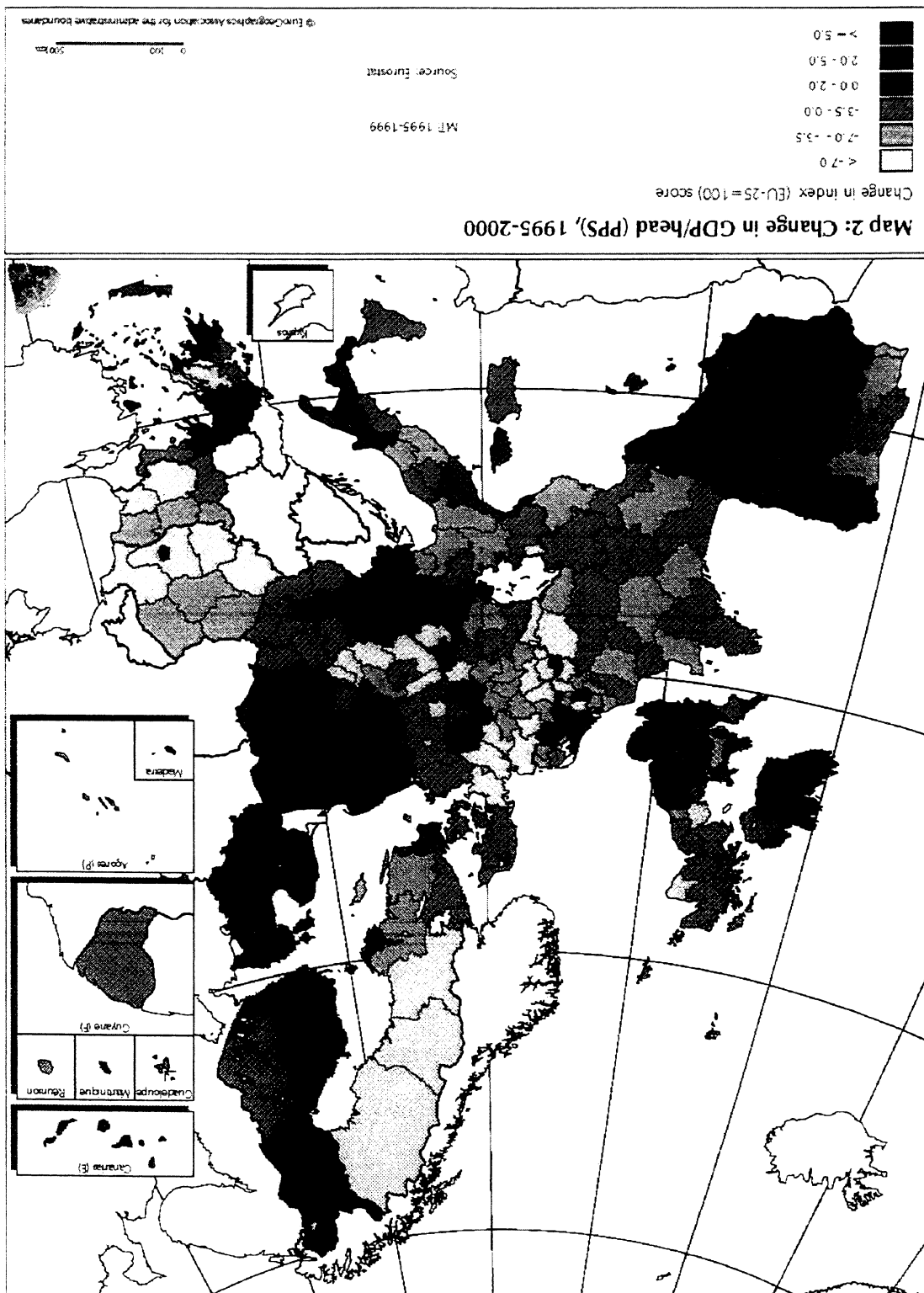


MT: 1999

Source: Eurostat

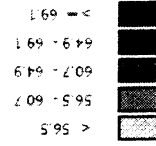
0 100 200 km

© EuroGeographics Association for the administrative boundaries



Map 3: Employment rate, 2001

% of population aged 15-64

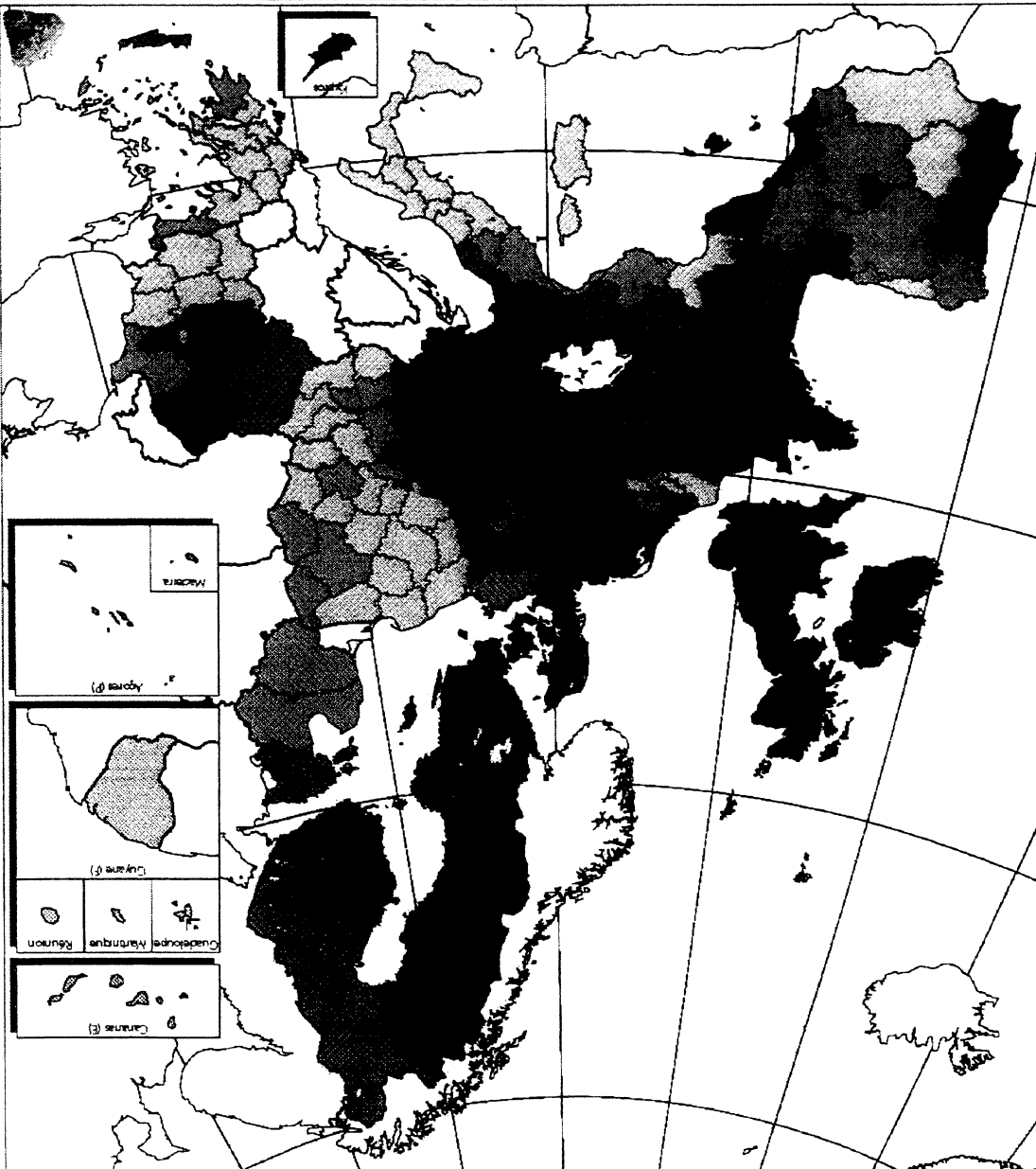


Sources: Eurostat and NSI

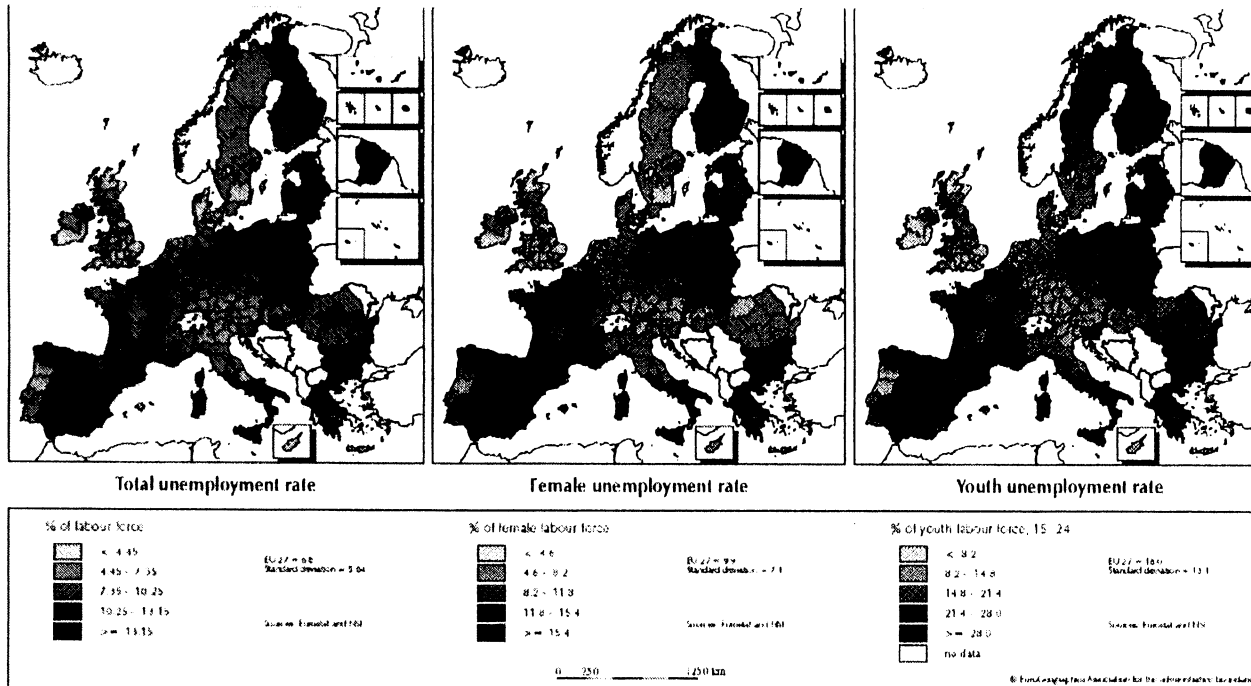
EU-27 = 62.9
Standard deviation = 8.4

0 100 200km

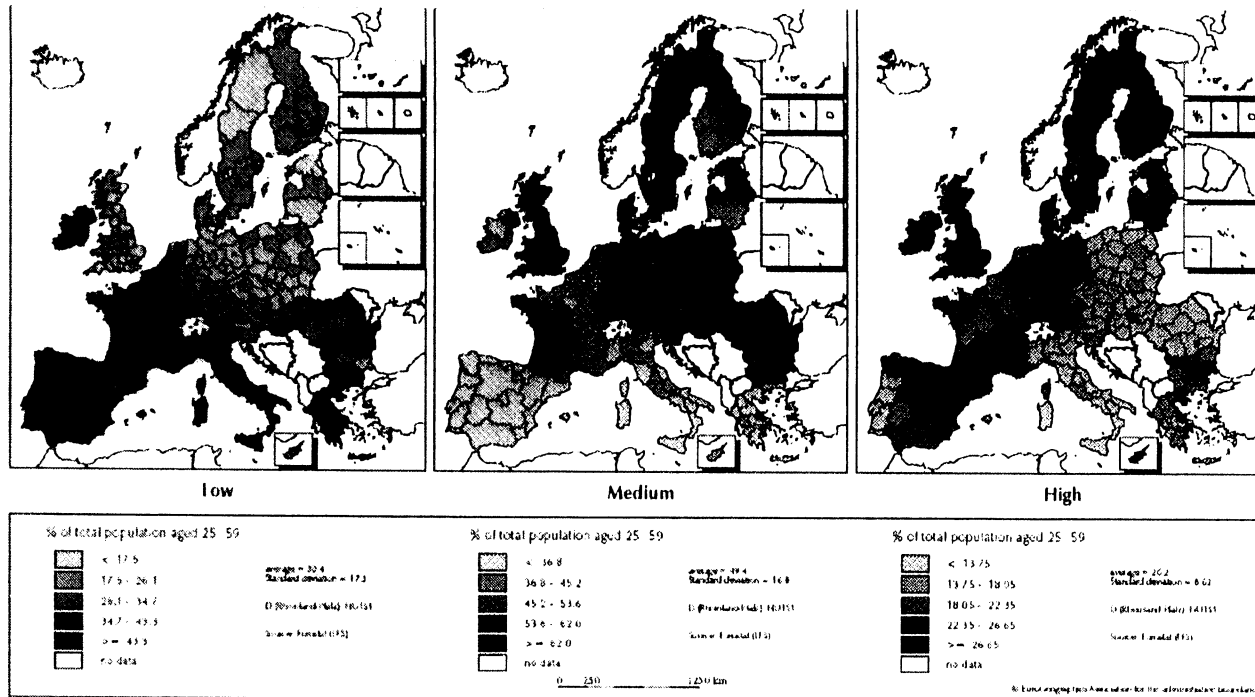
© EuroGeographics Association for the administrative boundaries



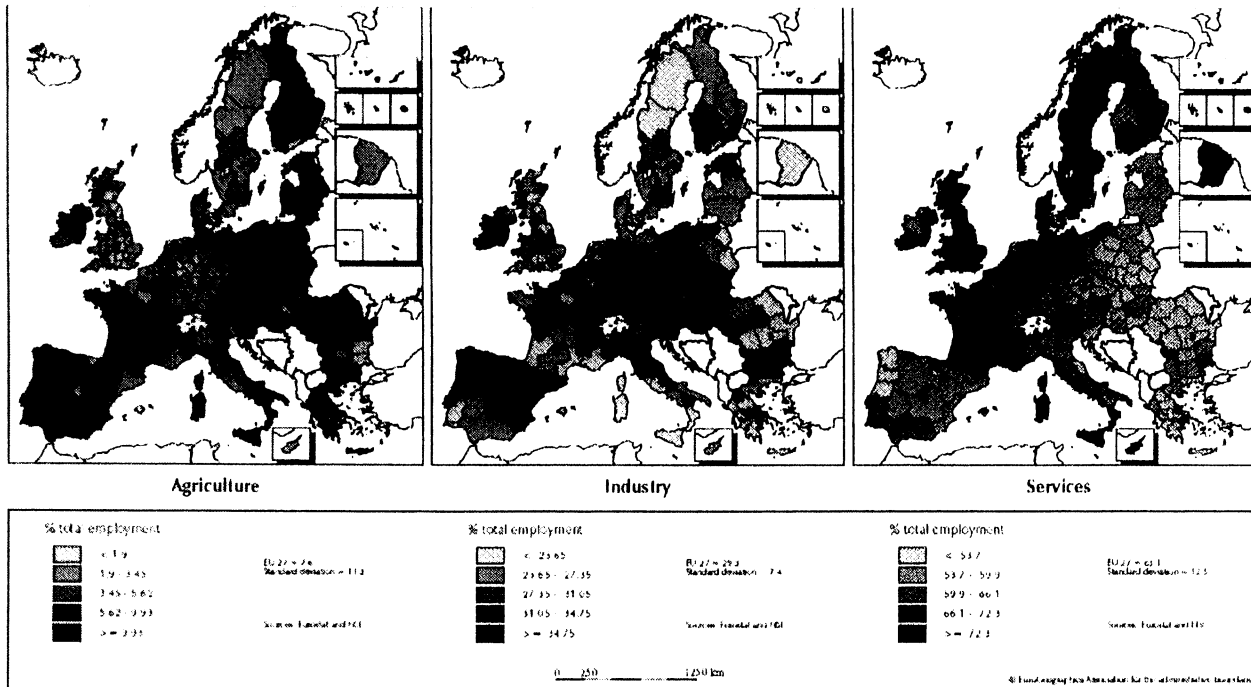
Map 4: Unemployment, 2001

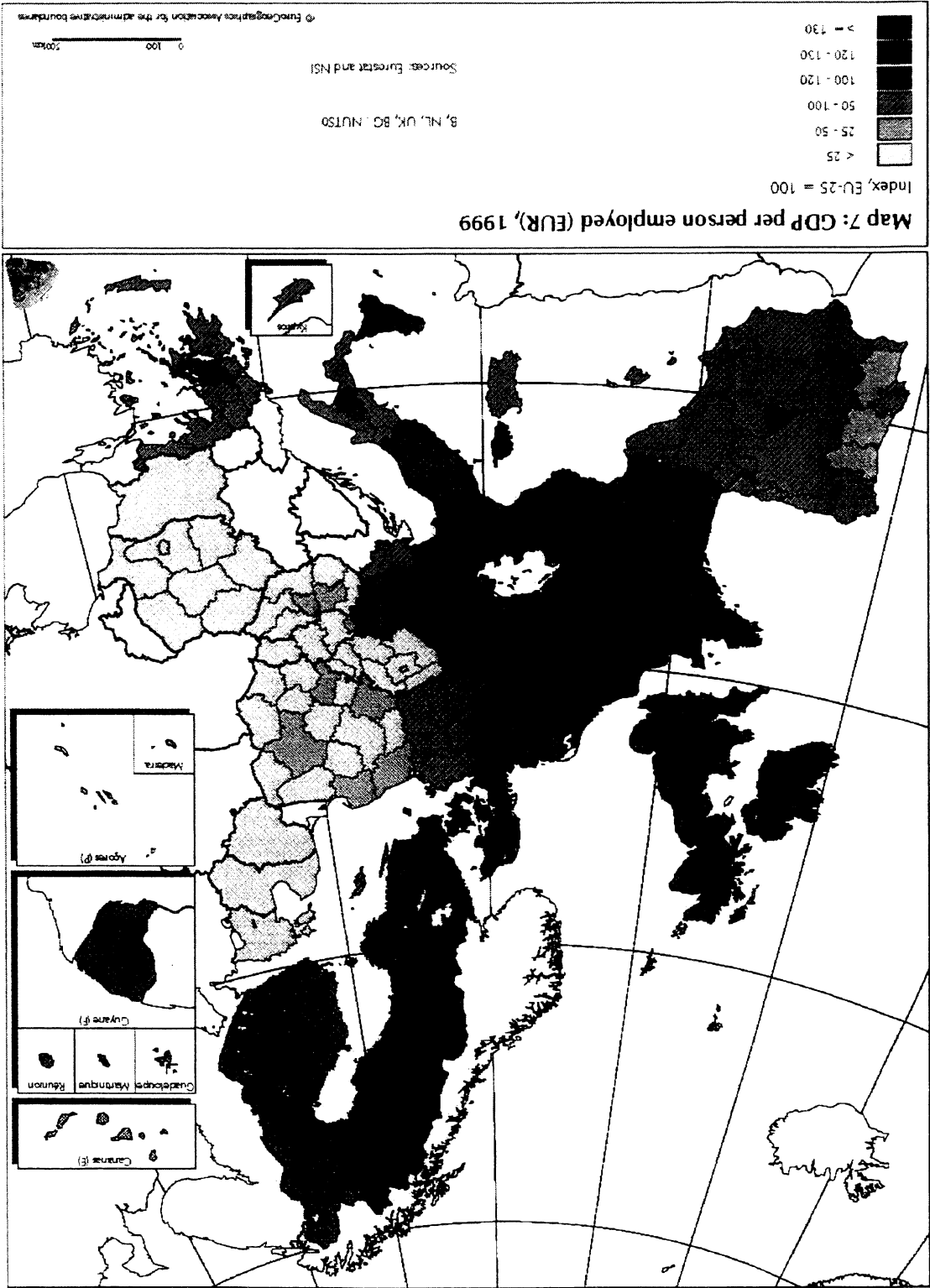


Map 5: Educational level, 2001

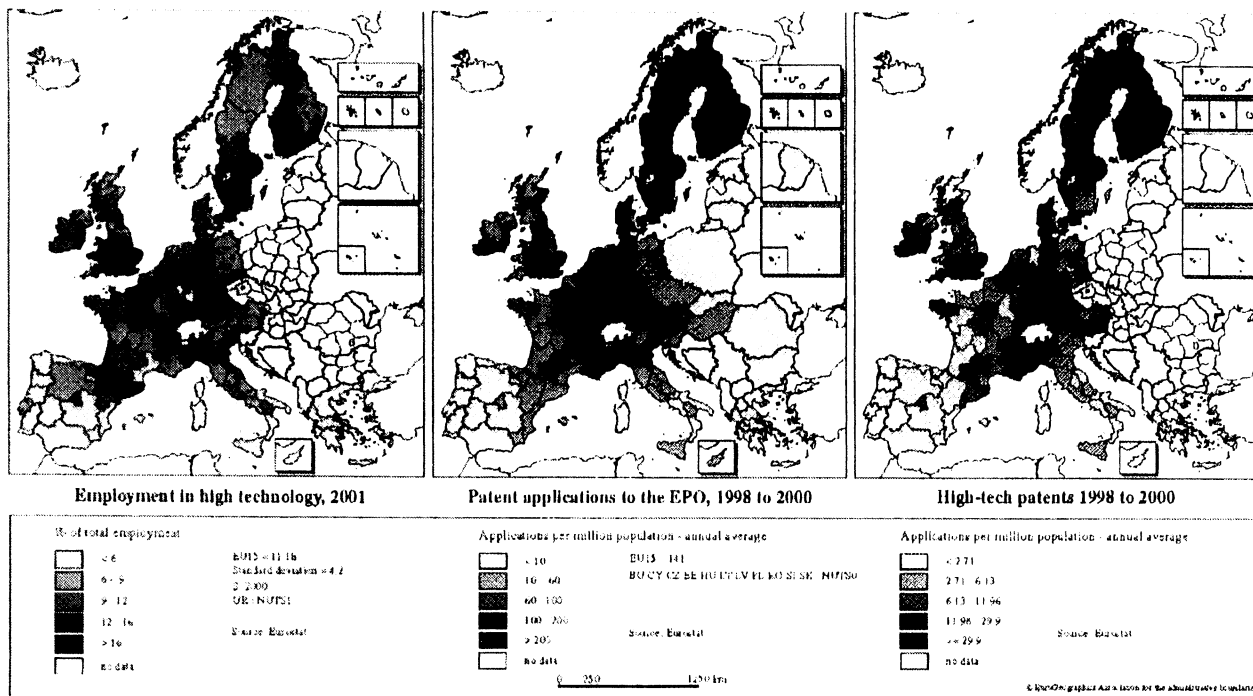


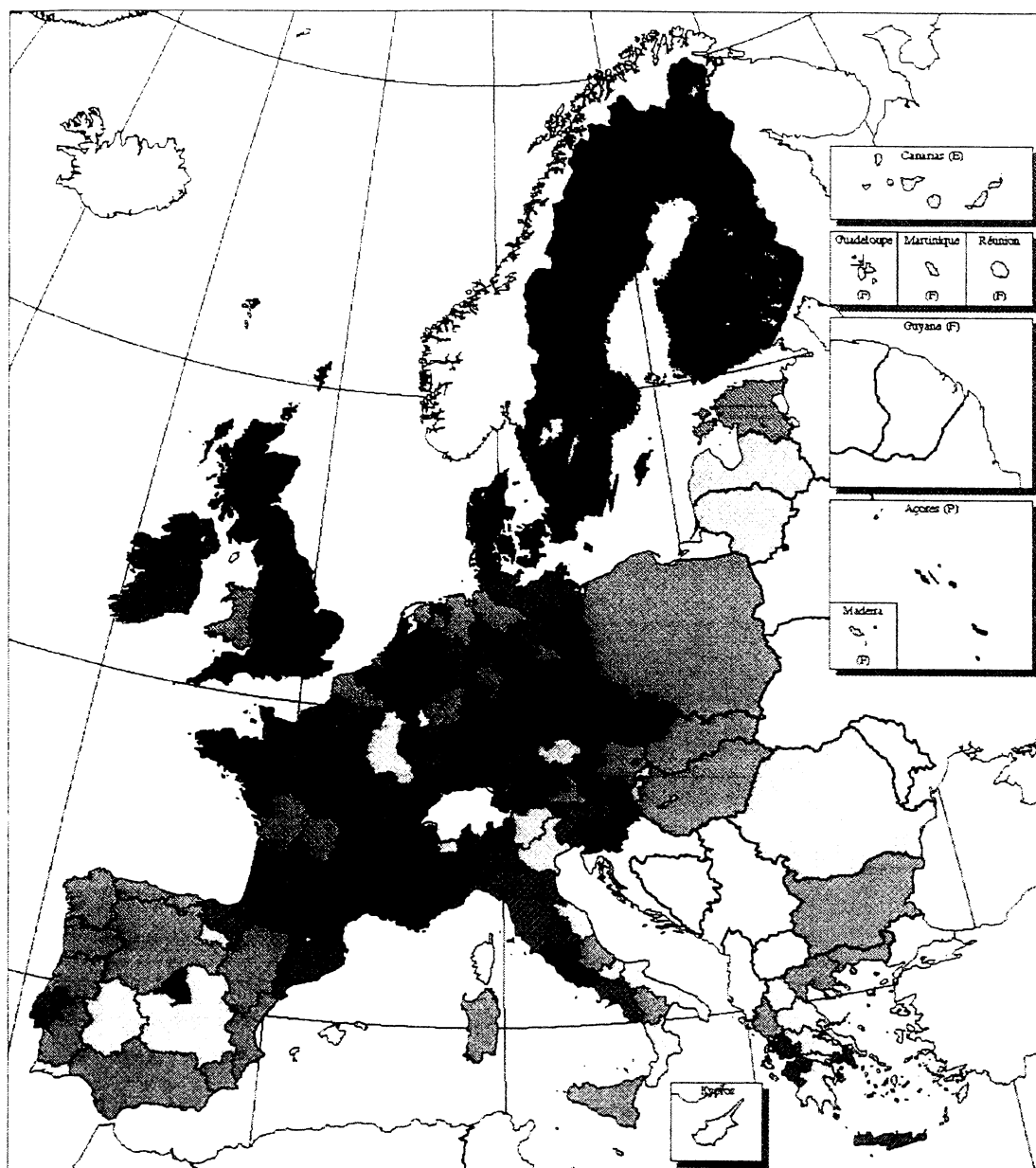
Map 6: Employment by sector, 2001





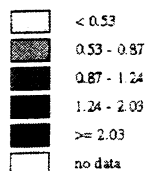
Map 8. High technology - employment and patents





Map 9. Research and development expenditure, 1999

Total expenditure, % GDP



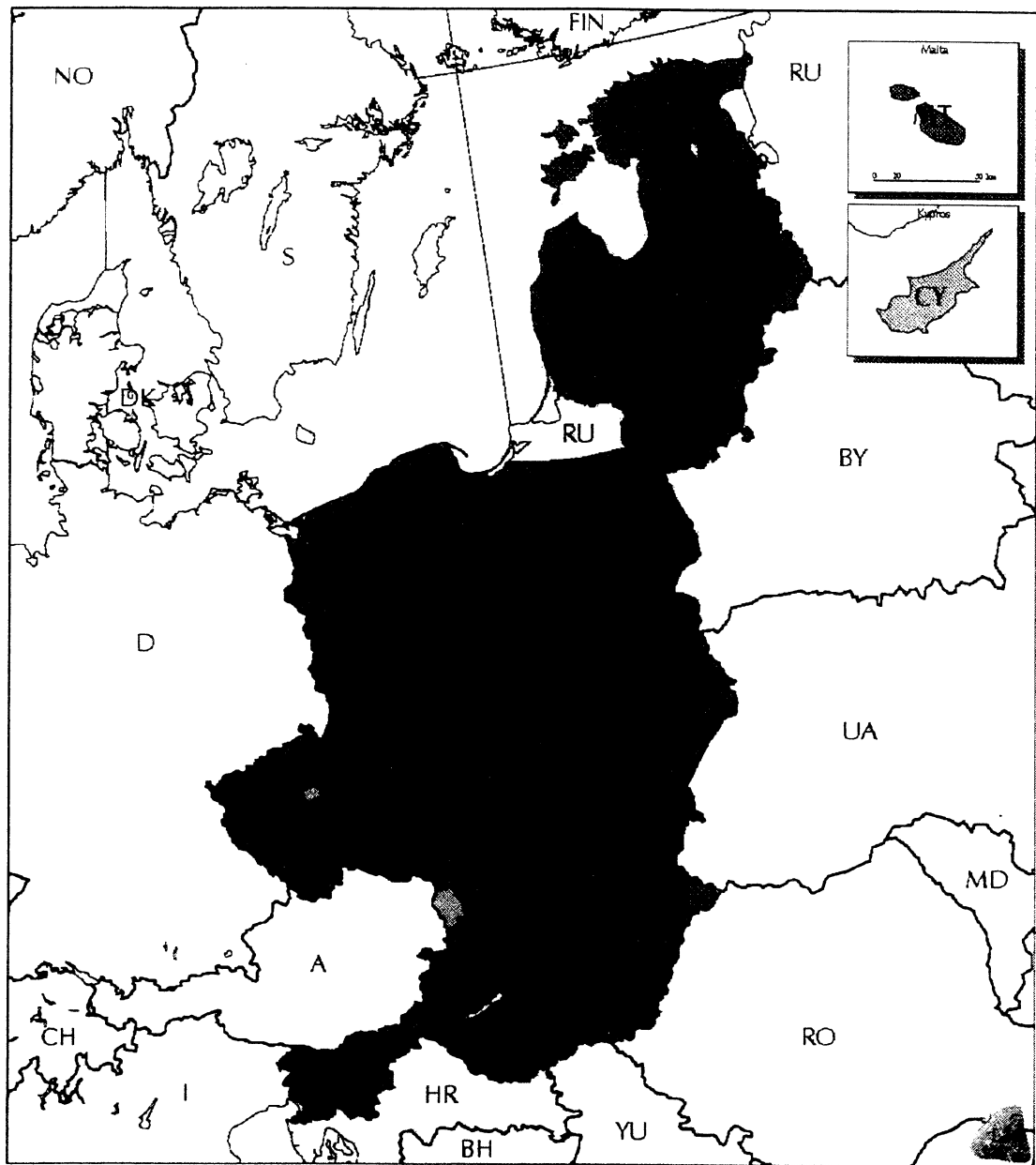
L: no data
 A: 1998
 B, DK, IRL, S, BG, CY, CZ,
 EE, HU, LT, LV, PL, RO, SI: National level data
 UK: NUTS1

EU15 = 1.93%

Source: Eurostat

0 100 200km

© EuroGeographics Association for the administrative boundaries



Map 10: Eligible areas in accession countries, Structural Funds 2004-2006

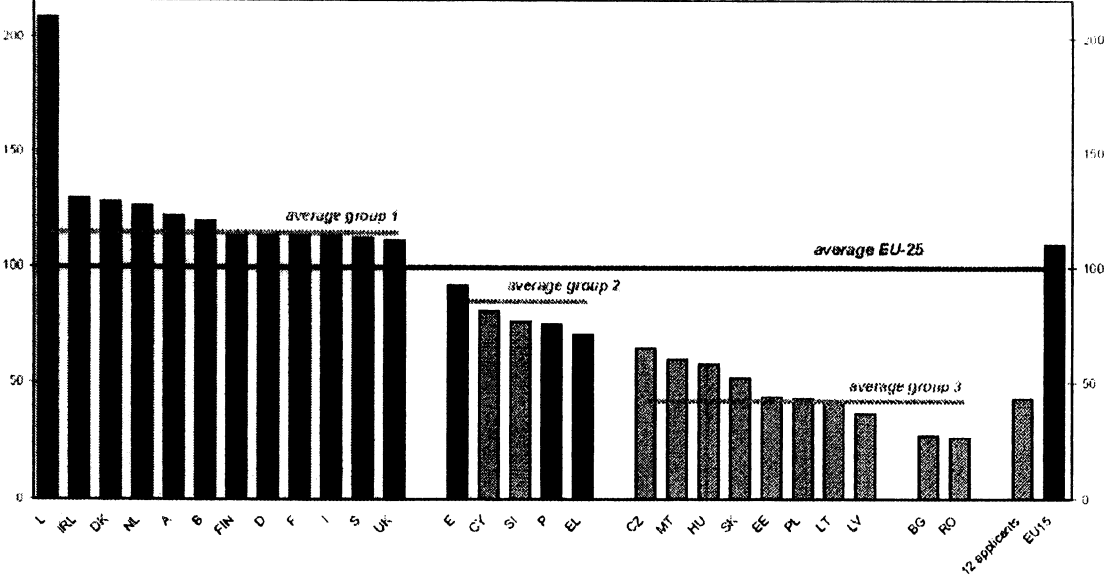
- Objective 1
- Objective 2 (partly)

0 50 250 km

© EuroGeographics Association for the administrative boundaries

Graph 1: GDP per capita (PPS), 2001

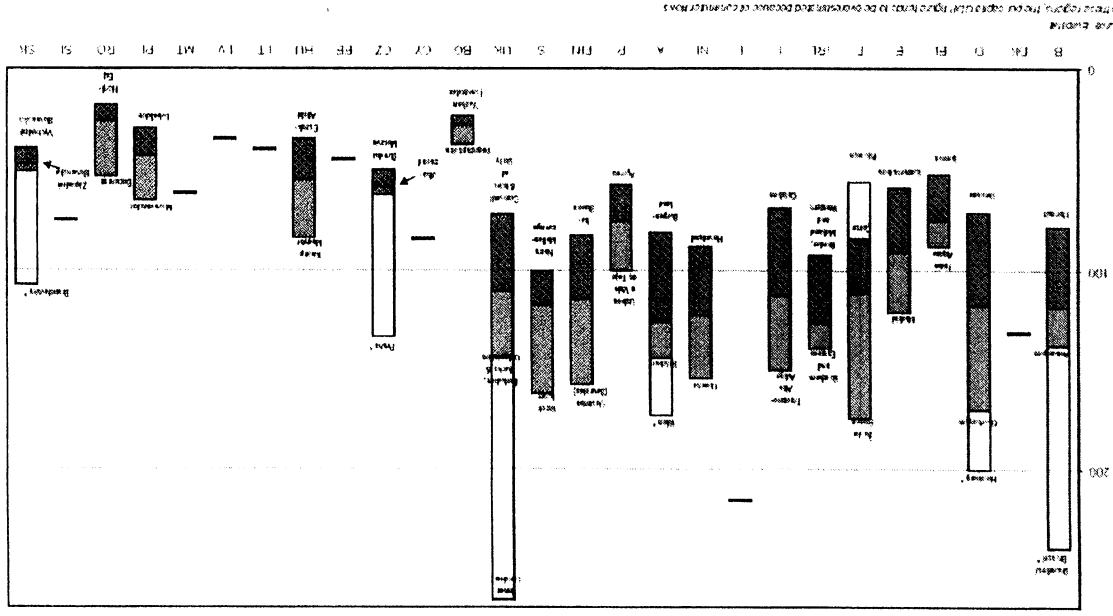
Index EU-25 = 100



Source: Eurostat calculations DG REGIO

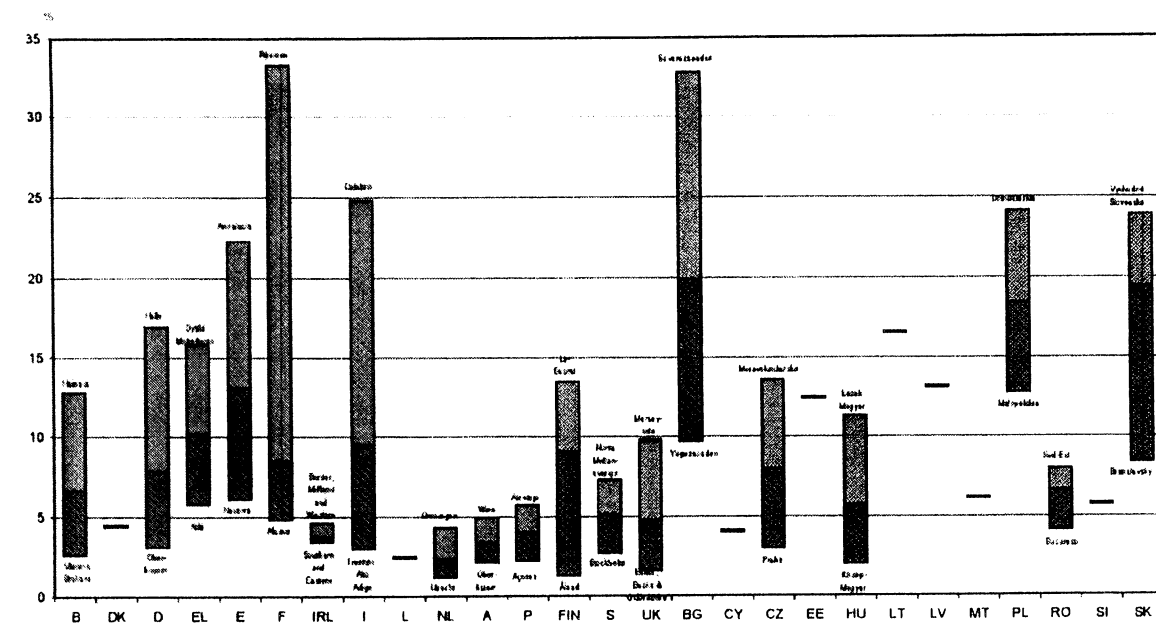
Graph 2: GDP/head (PPS) by country and regional extremes, 2000

Index: EU = 100



Source: Eurostat. The EU average is based on the average of the EU member states. The EU average is based on the average of the EU member states.

Graph 3: Unemployment rate by country and regional extremes, 2001



Source: Eurostat

Graph 4. Population with income below the risk-of-poverty threshold, 1999

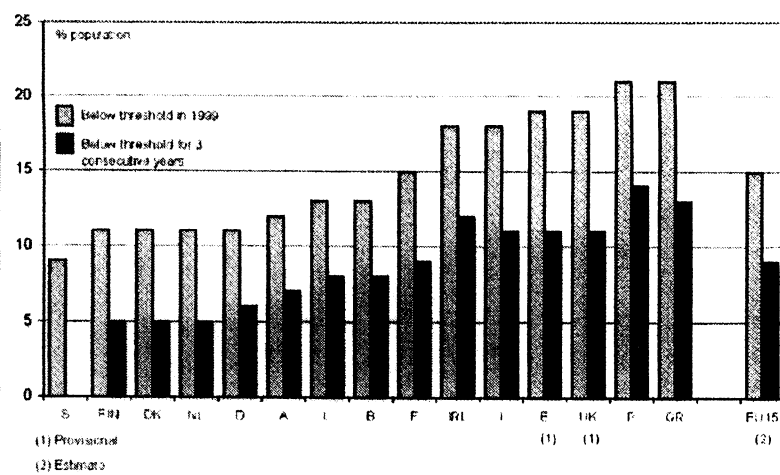


Table 1: GDP and population growth in cohesion countries, 1988-2003

	Period	EL	E	IRL	P	EU3 ⁽¹⁾	EU12 ⁽²⁾	EU15 ⁽²⁾
Annual average % change in GDP	88-98	1.9	2.6	6.5	3.1	2.6	2.0	2.0
	88-93	1.2	2.0	4.4	2.6	2.0	1.7	1.7
	93-98	2.7	3.1	8.7	3.6	3.1	2.4	2.5
	<i>projections</i>							
	98-03	3.9	3.1	6.8	2.1	3.1	2.0	2.1
Annual average % change in population	88-98	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.4
	88-93	0.7	0.1	0.2	-0.2	0.2	0.6	0.5
	93-98	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
	<i>projections</i>							
	98-03	0.9	0.7	1.4	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.4
GDP per head (PPS), EU15=100 ⁽³⁾	1988	58.3	72.5	83.8	59.2	67.8	106.6	100.0
	1989	59.1	73.1	86.3	59.4	68.4	106.4	100.0
	1990	57.4	74.1	71.1	58.5	68.6	106.4	100.0
	1991	60.1	78.7	74.7	63.8	73.0	105.2	100.0
	1992	61.9	77.0	78.4	64.8	72.3	105.3	100.0
	1993	64.2	78.1	82.5	67.7	74.0	105.0	100.0
	1994	65.2	78.1	90.7	69.5	74.4	104.9	100.0
	1995	65.9	78.2	93.3	69.7	74.6	104.8	100.0
	1996	66.6	79.3	93.5	70.0	75.5	104.7	100.0
	1997	65.9	79.9	103.7	73.3	76.3	104.5	100.0
	1998	66.9	79.2	106.1	72.2	75.9	104.6	100.0
	1999	68.2	82.1	112.2	71.9	77.9	104.2	100.0
	2000	67.7	82.2	115.2	68.0	77.3	104.3	100.0
	2001 ⁽⁴⁾	64.7	84.1	117.9	69.0	78.1	104.2	100.0
	<i>projections</i>							
	2002	69.0	83.4	119.1	72.5	79.0	104.1	100.0
	2003	70.4	83.8	119.9	72.1	79.5	104.0	100.0

(1) EL + E + P

(2) Growth rates 88-98 and 98-93: excluding new German Länder

(3) ESA95 methodology from 1995 onwards

(4) Greece: new population figure for 2001 (provisional census result)

Source: Eurostat (national accounts) + calculations (DGEC/GAO)

Table 2: Disparities in GDP per head in PPS by region within Member States, 1990-2000 ^(*)

(standard deviation of index EU15 = 100)

Member State	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
B	25.1	25.1	26.0	27.1	25.9	40.8	41.6	41.4	41.6	40.2	39.4
D		38.6	35.8	32.4	31.3	25.6	24.9	25.1	25.3	25.5	26.2
- excl. New Länder	21.8	22.7	23.0	22.8	23.4	20.1	20.5	20.9	21.0	21.5	22.1
EL	6.3	6.1	6.6	7.6	7.8	10.4	10.3	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.6
E	14.9	16.0	15.9	15.2	15.9	16.8	17.1	17.4	17.4	18.1	18.1
F	28.9	29.9	28.9	29.9	30.8	28.2	27.9	27.3	26.6	27.5	28.3
IRL						13.7	12.9	15.8	16.7	18.2	18.8
I	24.8	24.7	24.9	24.7	25.5	28.5	28.9	27.7	28.1	27.8	27.2
NL	10.6	11.8	11.3	11.5	10.8	13.5	14.6	15.3	15.7	15.8	15.5
A	27.5	28.6	28.7	30.3	28.1	25.4	24.8	23.6	22.7	22.5	23.9
P	13.5	15.0	13.6	14.3	13.8	15.2	15.4	17.3	17.9	17.6	16.6
FIN	17.9	17.7	15.4	17.0	17.1	19.5	21.2	20.8	23.9	24.2	25.0
S	10.8	12.0	10.9	12.8	11.0	12.0	13.0	15.2	16.3	20.1	20.9
UK	20.2	19.2	19.6	20.6	18.3	31.5	32.0	34.0	35.6	34.2	34.2
EU15 (by region)		29.4	28.6	27.7	27.5	28.7	28.4	28.5	28.9	28.6	28.9
- excl. New Länder	26.5	26.4	26.5	26.3	26.5	28.3	28.1	28.2	28.5	28.2	28.5
EU15 (by Member State)		13.1	13.2	12.5	12.7	12.5	11.8	11.6	11.7	11.0	11.4
- excl. New Länder	15.4	15.5	15.6	14.6	14.6	14.5	13.4	13.2	13.1	12.5	12.9

Source: Eurostat - calculations DG REGIO

(*) In 1991 GDP (LSA95 figures) for NUTS2 regions (v 90), from 1995 on GDP (LSA95 figures) for NUTS2 regions (v 90)

Table 3: GDP per head (in PPS) in Objective 1 regions (1994-99), 1995-2000

Region ⁽¹⁾	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
HAUT-DE-FRANCE	76	75	73	72	69	71
Obj. 1 BELGIQUE-BELGIË	76	75	73	72	69	71
BERLIN-OST, STADT	111	106	103	99	98	96
BRANDENBURG	72	73	73	71	71	69
MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN	71	72	72	70	71	69
SACHSEN	73	73	73	71	71	70
SACHSEN-ANHALT	67	68	70	68	69	68
THURINGEN	68	68	70	69	70	70
Obj. 1 DEUTSCHLAND	74	74	74	72	73	72
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	56	56	54	55	55	55
KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	64	69	68	68	69	68
DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	63	63	66	67	68	67
THESSALIA	57	58	57	59	62	61
IPEIROS	43	43	45	46	47	47
IONIA NISIA	56	57	51	50	50	59
DYTIKI ELLADA	53	53	51	51	52	51
STEREA ELLADA	93	85	81	80	79	76
PELOPONNISOS	52	52	54	56	58	58
ATTIKI	76	74	73	74	77	77
VOREIO AIGAIO	59	61	63	64	66	66
NOTIO AIGAIO	74	78	81	81	82	80
KRITI	65	68	66	66	67	66
Obj. 1 ELLADA	66	67	66	67	68	68
GALICIA	63	64	64	63	65	65
PRINCIPADO DE ASTURIAS	69	69	68	69	70	71
CANTABRIA	73	73	74	74	78	80
CASTILLA Y LEÓN	75	75	74	73	76	76
CASTILLA-LA MANCHA	64	65	65	65	66	67
EXTREMADURA	49	50	50	50	53	53
COMUNIDAD VALENCIANA	74	75	76	76	79	79
ANDALUCÍA	58	59	59	59	61	61
REGION DE MURCIA	65	66	67	67	69	69
CEUTA Y MELILLA	65	65	67	69	70	68
CANARIAS	75	76	76	76	79	78
Obj. 1 ESPAÑA	66	66	67	66	68	69
CORSE	75	72	72	73	76	76
GUADELOUPE	56	55	56	57	57	58
MARTINIQUE	64	63	65	66	66	67
GUYANE	55	52	54	56	55	54
REUNION	53	52	51	51	50	50
Obj. 1 FRANCE	59	58	58	59	59	59
IRELAND	93	93	104	106	112	115
ABRUZZO	88	89	85	85	84	84
MOLISE	77	80	81	79	78	79
CAMPANIA	65	65	65	67	66	65
PUGLIA	67	68	65	66	67	67
BASILICATA	70	73	72	73	75	73
CALABRIA	61	61	61	62	63	62
SICILIA	66	67	66	66	66	65
SARDEGNA	78	77	76	77	77	76
Obj. 1 ITALIA	68	68	67	68	68	68
FLEVOLAND	83	79	82	83	83	80
Obj. 1 NEDERLAND	83	79	82	83	83	80
BURGENLAND	71	72	72	71	73	73
Obj. 1 ÖSTERREICH	71	72	72	71	73	73
NORTE	59	59	61	59	59	56
CENTRO	57	57	59	57	58	54
LISBOA E VALE DO TEJO	91	91	97	97	96	91
ALENTEJO	59	60	62	59	57	54
ALGARVE	72	71	74	72	72	66
AÇORES	51	52	53	52	54	52
MADEIRA	66	67	74	76	77	74
Obj. 1 PORTUGAL	70	70	73	72	72	68
MERSEYSIDE	68	71	72	72	70	70
HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS	77	77	77	77	75	75
NORTHERN IRELAND	79	80	82	80	78	78
Obj. 1 UNITED KINGDOM	74	76	77	77	75	74
EU16	100	100	100	100	100	100
Total Objective 1 (89-99)⁽²⁾	68	69	69	70	71	70
Total Objective 1 (1994-99)⁽³⁾	70	70	71	70	71	71

(1) Only regions wholly eligible for Objective 1 (1989-93 and/or 1994-99)

(2) Only regions with Objective 1 status throughout the period

(3) Regions with Objective 1 status from 1994 to 1996 (i.e. including Abruzzo)

Source: Eurostat

Table 4: The most and least prosperous regions in the Union, 1990-2000 *

GDP per head (PPS) as % of EU average

Regions	EU-15		EU-25	EU-27
	1990	2000	2000	2000
10 % +	154.9	157.9	171.8	178.6
10 % -	55.2	61.0	38.7	29.8
ratio	2.8	2.6	4.4	6.0
25 % +	133.8	138.2	147.1	153.1
25 % -	66.4	68.4	53.9	45.1
ratio	2.0	2.0	2.7	3.4

Source: Eurostat, calculations DG REGIO

* 10% + and 25% + the regions with the highest GDP per head (PPS), accounting for 10% and 25% respectively of total population in the Union

* 10% - and 25% - the regions with the lowest GDP per head (PPS), accounting for 10% and 25% respectively of total population in the Union

Table 5(a): GDP/head (PPS) in the richest regions, EU-25, 2000

Region	GDP/head	Population
	Index, EU-25=100	1000 inh.
INNER LONDON (UK)	266.1	2824.5
REG. BRUXELLES-CAP. / BRUSSELS HFDST. GEW. (B)	239.9	961.4
LUXEMBOURG (GRAND-DUCHÉ) (L)	215.3	441.0
HAMBURG (D)	200.1	1710.1
ÎLE DE FRANCE (F)	174.5	11001.3
WIEN (A)	173.1	1608.6
OBERBAYERN (D)	170.2	4055.5
DARMSTADT (D)	164.0	3727.4
STOCKHOLM (S)	162.1	1820.8
UUSIMAA (SUURALUE) (FIN)	157.8	1386.9
BREMEN (D)	157.5	661.4
UTRECHT (NL)	154.7	1112.7
ÅLAND (FIN)	153.4	25.7
TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE (I)	150.2	941.8
LOMBARDIA (I)	148.3	9108.8
STUTTGART (D)	147.9	3926.0
10 % of total population with highest GDP/head represent 17.2 % of total GDP	171.8	45313.9
SALZBURG (A)	144.2	517.1
BERKSHIRE, BUCKS & OXFORDSHIRE (UK)	143.9	2125.8
NOORD-HOLLAND (NL)	143.5	2525.9
EMILIA-ROMAGNA (I)	142.3	4003.0
SOUTHERN AND EASTERN (IRL)	139.3	2796.5
MITTELFRANKEN (D)	139.2	1685.2
KARLSRUHE (D)	138.3	2680.1
ANTWERPEN (B)	137.8	1644.0
GRONINGEN (NL)	137.0	564.4
VALLE D'AOSTA (I)	135.7	120.4
NORTH EASTERN SCOTLAND (UK)	135.6	502.8
DÜSSELDORF (D)	133.6	5257.4
PRAHA (CZ)	133.4	1183.8
PIEMONTE (I)	131.8	4283.6
VENETO (I)	131.2	4534.4
DANMARK (DK)	130.7	5338.0
VORARLBERG (A)	130.0	349.4
ZUID-HOLLAND (NL)	127.6	3408.5
KÖLN (D)	127.3	4269.8
CHESHIRE (UK)	126.1	987.3
FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA (I)	125.8	1186.9
TOSCANA (I)	125.1	3542.6
LAZIO (I)	124.4	5294.8
TIROL (A)	124.4	669.7
VLAAMS BRABANT (B)	123.7	1016.0
TÜBINGEN (D)	121.4	1761.9
NOORD-BRABANT (NL)	121.3	2365.0
COMUNIDAD DE MADRID (E)	121.2	5150.5
25.4 % of total population with highest GDP/head represent 37.3 % of total GDP	147.1	115078.7

Source: Eurostat, calculations DG REGIO

Table 5(b): GDP/head (PPS) in the poorest regions, EU-25, 2000

Region	GDP/head	Population
	Index, EU-25=100	1000 inh.
LUBELSKIE (PL)	29.4	2233.3
PODKARPACKIE (PL)	30.5	2127.8
PODLASKIE (PL)	31.8	1222.0
WARMINSKO-MAZURSKIE (PL)	31.9	1466.2
SWIETOKRZYSKIE (PL)	33.5	1323.7
LATVIJA (LV)	34.0	2373.0
ÉSZAK-ALFÖLD (HU)	34.7	1547.8
ÉSZAK-MAGYARORSZÁG (HU)	35.4	1289.8
OPOLSKIE (PL)	36.6	1086.6
LÓDZKIE (PL)	38.0	2647.7
MALOPOLSKIE (PL)	38.2	3226.6
KUJAWSKO-POMORSKIE (PL)	38.4	2101.1
LUBUSKIE (PL)	38.4	1023.8
VYCHODNE SLOVENSKO (SK)	39.1	1552.3
LIETUVA (LT)	39.3	3506.0
DEL-ALFÖLD (HU)	39.4	1363.1
DEL-DUNANTUL (HU)	41.0	990.6
ZACHODNIOPOMORSKIE (PL)	42.3	1733.4
STREDNE SLOVENSKO (SK)	42.6	1355.7
POMORSKIE (PL)	43.1	2194.6
EESTI (EE)	44.2	1372.0
DOLNOSLASKIE (PL)	44.3	2975.1
WIELKOPOLSKIE (PL)	45.7	3357.5
ZÁPADNE SLOVENSKO (SK)	47.0	1875.7
10.1 % of total population with lowest GDP/head represent 3.9 % of total GDP	38.7	45945.5
SLASKIE (PL)	47.1	4857.8
STREDNI MORAVA (CZ)	49.6	1239.6
SEVEROZAPAD (CZ)	50.5	1131.5
MORAVSKOSLEZSKO (CZ)	51.4	1279.9
STREDNI CECHY (CZ)	51.8	1113.1
IFEIROS (EL)	51.9	376.1
SEVEROVYCHOD (CZ)	53.0	1488.9
JIHOVYCHOD (CZ)	53.9	1657.6
KÖZÉP-DUNANTUL (HU)	55.0	1129.0
RÉUNION (F)	55.6	722.2
DYTIKI ELLADA (EL)	55.3	741.1
AÇORES (P)	57.0	239.4
JIH ZAPAD (CZ)	57.7	1177.6
EXTREMADURA (E)	58.4	1073.9
GUYANE (F)	59.2	164.0
CENTRO (P) (P)	59.7	1773.3
ALENTEJO (P)	60.0	527.1
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI (EL)	60.2	564.1
MALTA (MT)	60.7	390.0
NORTE (P)	61.7	3635.5
NYUGAT-DUNANTUL (HU)	62.4	1001.0
GUADELOUPE (F)	63.5	427.9
PELOPONNISOS (EL)	63.6	671.1
MAZOWIECKIE (PL)	64.9	5068.7
IONIA NISIA (EL)	65.2	205.3
ANDALUCIA (E)	67.4	7237.5
THESSALIA (EL)	67.7	744.3
CALABRIA (I)	68.5	2040.4
DESSAU (D)	70.7	548.2
GALICIA (E)	71.3	2713.7
CORNWALL & ISLES OF SCILLY (UK)	71.6	497.1
CAMPANIA (I)	72.0	5774.0
SICILIA (I)	72.1	5069.5
VOREIO AIGAIÓ (EL)	72.3	183.2
CHEMNITZ (D)	72.7	1630.3
ALGARVE (P)	72.7	381.1
KRITI (EL)	72.9	566.0
CASTILLA-LA MANCHA (E)	73.6	1712.6
DYTIKI MAKEDONIA (EL)	73.9	304.3
PUGLIA (I)	74.0	4080.8
SLOVENIJA (SI)	74.0	1990.0
25.1 % of total population with lowest GDP/head represent 13.6 % of total GDP	53.9	114073.0

Source: Eurostat, calculations DG REGIO

Table 6: Summary statistics for regions falling below the 75% threshold (based on GDP/head in PPS, 2000)

	In the EU15	In the EU25		In the EU27	
<i>Index used:</i>	<i>EU15 = 100</i>	<i>EU15 = 100</i>	<i>EU25 = 100</i>	<i>EU15 = 100</i>	<i>EU27 = 100</i>
	€ 22603	€ 22603	€ 19661	€ 22603	€ 18530
Number of regions falling below the 75% threshold	48	85	67	99	68
of which in EU15	48	48	30	48	18
Population in those regions (millions)	68	137	116	168	122
of which in EU15	68	68	47	68	24
Population as a proportion of EU15/25/27	18%	30%	26%	35%	25%
EU15 regions as a proportion of EU15 total	18%	18%	12%	18%	6%
Average GDP/head (PPS) of regions falling below the threshold	65	53	54	47	46
of which in EU15	55	65	69	65	68

Source: Eurostat, calculations DG REGIO

Table 7(a): Regions with lowest employment rates (ages 15-64), EU15, 2001

Region	Population		Employment rate		Unemployment rate		GDP/head (PPS) (Index, EU25 = 100) 2000
	('000 inh.)	2000	(%)	2001	(%)	2001	
REUNION (F)	722.2	38.5	33.3			55.6	
CAMPANIA (I)	5774.0	40.7	22.4			72.0	
CALABRIA (I)	2040.4	41.1	24.8			58.5	
GUYANE (F)	164.0	41.6	20.5			59.2	
SICILIA (I)	5069.5	41.8	20.8			72.1	
GUADELOUPE (F)	427.9	42.2	29.0			63.5	
CORSE (F)	261.1	42.4	12.5			83.8	
PUGLIA (I)	4080.8	44.3	14.3			74.0	
BASILICATA (I)	603.9	44.3	15.7			80.9	
SARDEGNA (I)	1645.7	45.2	19.1			83.2	
MARTINIQUE (F)	384.6	45.4	26.3			74.3	
CEUTA Y MELILLA (E)	140.0	49.6	21.9			75.1	
ANDALUÑA (E)	7237.5	49.9	22.3			67.4	
STEREA ELIADA (E)	663.8	51.6	13.3			84.2	
VOREIO AIGAIQ (E)	183.2	52.1	6.1			72.3	
HAÏNAUT (B)	1279.0	52.3	12.8			78.0	
EXTREMADURA (E)	1073.9	52.4	22.1			58.4	
MOUSE (I)	326.7	52.7	13.1			86.8	
IFEIROS (E)	376.1	52.7	11.9			51.9	
PRINCPADO DE ASTURIAS (E)	1053.1	53.0	14.4			78.1	
LAZIO (I)	5294.8	53.7	10.3			124.4	
DYTIKI MAKEDONIA (E)	304.3	53.7	15.8			73.9	
REG. BRUXELLES-CAP. / BRUSSELS-HFST. GEW. (B)	961.4	53.9	11.0			239.9	
NORD - PAS-DE-CALAIS (F)	4009.2	54.0	12.6			88.9	
KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA (E)	1809.1	54.5	10.8			74.9	
DYTIKI ELIADA (E)	741.1	54.5	9.9			56.3	
ATIKI (E)	3456.3	54.8	10.4			85.0	
LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON (F)	2324.6	54.8	14.1			85.6	
THESSALIA (E)	744.3	55.1	11.6			67.7	
ABRUZZO (I)	1279.5	55.1	4.3			92.3	
LIEGE (B)	1019.2	56.0	10.7			90.1	
PROVENCE-ALPES-CÔTE D'AZUR (F)	4551.3	57.0	13.2			100.1	
NOTIO AIGAIQ (E)	273.3	57.0	9.7			87.9	
CASTILLA-LA MANCHA (E)	1712.6	57.1	12.9			73.6	
NAMUR (B)	444.6	57.1	10.3			82.6	
HALLE (D)	870.1	57.1	16.9			77.2	
LIGURIA (I)	1618.7	57.6	6.0			119.1	
CANTABRIA (E)	528.4	57.7	13.3			88.5	
DESSAU (D)	548.2	58.2	16.9			70.7	
CASTILLA Y LEÓN (E)	2469.5	58.3	12.2			83.7	
GALICIA (E)	2713.7	58.8	14.7			71.3	
BRABANT WALLON (B)	350.8	59.1	6.5			111.0	
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI (E)	564.1	59.6	9.0			60.2	
UMERIA (I)	839.3	59.6	4.8			110.9	
MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN (D)	1782.9	59.8	15.0			76.5	
REGION DE MURCIA (E)	1124.9	59.8	11.4			75.7	
LIMBURG (B) (E)	792.6	60.0	4.5			99.9	
ANTWERPEN (B)	1644.0	60.0	4.7			137.8	
AÇORES (F)	239.4	60.2	2.2			57.0	
BERLIN (D)	3383.8	60.2	12.5			105.4	
PELOPONNOSOS (E)	671.1	60.3	8.1			63.6	
CANARIAS (E)	1688.9	60.3	13.1			85.5	
ARAGON (E)	1168.7	60.6	8.4			96.9	
TOSCANA (I)	3542.6	60.7	5.0			125.1	
PICARDIE (F)	1865.3	60.9	10.2			90.7	
MARQIE (I)	1467.1	61.1	4.5			112.5	
10.2 % of total population in 21 regions		38802.2	48.2	17.4		63.1	
24.4 % of total population in 56 regions		92307.0	54.3	13.0		81.5	
total		378913.6	64.3	7.6		116.2	

Residence-based employment
Source: Eurostat (LFS)

Table 7(b): Regions with highest employment rates (ages 15-64), EU15, 2001

Region	Population		Employment rate		Unemployment rate		GDP/head (PPS)
	(1000 inh.)		(%)		(%)		
	2000		2001		2001		
ÅLAND (FIN)	257		80.7		1.3		153.4
BERKSHIRE, BUCKS & OXFORDSHIRE (UK)	2125.8		30.1		1.6		143.9
STOCKHOLM (S)	1820.8		79.3		2.7		162.1
GLOUCESTERSHIRE, WILTSHIRE & NORTH SOMERSET (UK)	2191.4		78.0		2.7		115.8
EAST ANGLIA (UK)	2205.6		77.8		3.1		120.4
SURREY, EAST & WEST SUSSEX (UK)	2604.3		77.2		2.0		116.1
NORTH EASTERN SCOTLAND (UK)	502.8		77.1		3.4		135.6
HEREFORDSHIRE, WORCESTERSHIRE & WARKS (UK)	1222.7		77.0		2.9		107.2
UTRECHT (NL)	1112.7		77.0		1.2		154.7
NORTH YORKSHIRE (UK)	752.0		76.8		3.1		103.9
BEDFORDSHIRE, HERTFORDSHIRE (UK)	1812.3		76.7		2.3		118.0
HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT (UK)	1790.3		76.6		2.4		120.5
NOORD-HOLLAND (NL)	2525.9		76.0		2.0		143.5
DANMARK (DK)	5338.0		75.9		4.4		130.7
LEICESTERSHIRE, RUTLAND & NORTHANTS (UK)	1563.3		75.8		3.8		113.1
SMÅLAND MED ÖARNA (S)	796.1		75.8		3.9		107.1
ESSEX (UK)	1624.8		75.8		2.9		103.2
UUSIMAA (SUURALUE) (FIN)	1386.9		75.8		5.2		157.8
DORSET & SOMERSET (UK)	1192.0		75.7		2.6		95.8
FLEVOLAND (NL)	323.0		75.6		1.9		88.1
VASTSVERIGE (S)	1767.3		75.2		5.3		111.7
GELDERLAND (NL)	1926.3		75.2		2.2		106.5
KENT (UK)	1593.3		75.1		3.4		103.3
ZUID-HOLLAND (NL)	3408.5		74.6		2.1		127.6
ILLES BALEARS (E)	789.8		74.0		6.6		108.4
NOORD-BRABANT (NL)	2365.0		73.8		2.0		121.3
DEVON (UK)	1081.6		73.7		3.8		97.3
SHROPSHIRE & STAFFORDSHIRE (UK)	1501.5		73.6		4.0		94.9
EASTERN SCOTLAND (UK)	1905.3		73.5		5.5		110.6
OBERRAVERN (D)	4055.5		73.4		3.1		170.2
CENTRO (P) (P)	1773.3		73.1		2.4		59.7
OSTRA MELLANSVERIGE (S)	1490.1		73.0		5.1		100.8
OVERIJSSEL (NL)	1081.7		73.0		2.5		104.1
CHESHIRE (UK)	987.3		73.0		3.7		126.1
LANCASHIRE (UK)	1432.4		72.6		4.6		89.4
LINCOLNSHIRE (UK)	831.4		72.1		3.6		93.5
NIEDERBAYERN (D)	1173.0		72.0		4.3		107.2
OUTER LONDON (UK)	4482.4		71.9		4.0		96.4
SCHWABEN (D)	1749.1		71.8		3.8		118.6
CATALUNA (E)	6169.6		71.6		3.8		109.7
TÜBINGEN (D)	1761.9		71.5		3.7		121.4
NORRA MELLANSVERIGE (S)	831.4		71.4		7.3		100.3
SYDSVERIGE (S)	1278.1		71.3		6.4		108.6
WEST YORKSHIRE (UK)	2124.5		71.1		5.7		100.9
ØVRE NORRLAND (S)	511.2		71.0		7.0		101.4
GRÖNINGEN (NL)	564.4		71.0		4.3		137.0
FRIESLAND (NL)	627.4		70.9		3.6		100.8
GREATER MANCHESTER (UK)	2585.8		70.9		5.3		97.7
STUTTGART (D)	3926.0		70.7		3.8		147.9
DRENTHE (NL)	472.1		70.7		3.4		96.9
SALZBURG (A)	517.1		70.7		3.0		144.2
LIMBURG (NL) (NL)	1141.7		70.6		2.5		107.6
MELLERSTA NORRLAND (S)	376.0		70.5		7.1		107.0
ZEELAND (NL)	373.3		70.5		2.3		107.5
OBERRAVERN (D)	1076.1		70.0		5.0		118.9
OBERSÖTTERICH (A)	1379.5		69.9		2.1		120.6
HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS (UK)	367.6		69.8		3.7		83.1
10 % of total population in 23 regions	38003.3		76.7		3.0		123.7
24.8 % of total population in 57 regions	93994.6		73.9		3.8		118.0
total	378913.6		64.3		7.6		110.2

Residence-based employment
Source: Eurostat (LFS)

Table 8(a): Regions worst affected by unemployment, EU-27, 2001

NUTS2 region	unemployment rate	unemployed	long-term unemployed	youth unemployment rate	female unemployment rate	total population 2000
	%	thousands	% of total unemployed	%	%	thousands
REUNION (F)	33.3	91	0.0	50.0	34.0	722
SEVEROZAPADEN (BG)	32.8	71	0.0	75.5	28.5	582
GUADELOUPE (F)	29.0	48	0.0	0.0	33.8	428
SEVEROIZTOCHEN (BG)	26.5	154	0.0	49.3	26.2	1339
MARTINIQUE (F)	26.3	41	0.0	37.0	31.3	385
CALABRIA (I)	24.8	185	66.0	58.5	36.4	2040
DOLNOSLASKIE (PL)	24.1	290	55.0	46.3	26.3	2975
VYCHODNÉ SLOVENSKO (SK)	23.9	172	56.7	46.9	22.4	1552
LUBUSKIE (PL)	23.6	114	43.7	50.1	27.9	1024
SEVEREN TSENTRALEN (BG)	23.3	115	0.0	44.2	21.1	1220
YUGOIZTOCHEN (BG)	22.9	77	0.0	49.2	23.4	822
CAMPANIA (I)	22.4	461	76.2	59.9	30.7	5774
ANDALUCÍA (E)	22.3	642	29.6	37.1	31.9	7238
WARMINSKO-MAZURSKIE (PL)	22.3	142	54.2	50.5	25.0	1466
EXTREMADURA (E)	22.1	97	18.5	31.5	34.1	1074
CEUTA Y MELILLA (E)	21.9	12	58.5	40.0	34.3	140
KUJAWSKO-POMORSKIE (PL)	21.8	220	49.4	43.4	22.4	2101
ZACHODNIOPOMORSKIE (PL)	21.5	157	39.9	47.2	22.9	1733
STREDNÉ SLOVENSKO (SK)	21.1	137	53.4	42.5	20.5	1356
SICILIA (I)	20.8	371	71.5	51.5	30.3	5070
YUZHEN TSENTRALEN (BG)	20.6	174	0.0	42.4	20.1	2065
GUYANE (F)	20.5	12	0.0	25.8	25.6	164
SLASKIE (PL)	20.4	383	59.9	44.9	23.0	4858
ŚWIĘTOKRZYSKIE (PL)	20.0	118	44.8	51.3	19.0	1324
9.8 % of total population in 24 regions	22.6	4286			26.7	47450
ŁÓDZKIE (PL)	19.6	279	55.2	45.1	22.9	2648
SARDEGNA (I)	19.1	124	62.9	51.9	27.4	1646
OPOLSKIE (PL)	19.1	93	39.5	43.4	20.7	1087
WIELKOPOLSKIE (PL)	19.0	302	38.1	40.8	21.2	3358
ZÁPADNÉ SLOVENSKO (SK)	18.6	171	66.5	36.0	18.0	1876
POMORSKIE (PL)	18.0	152	39.3	33.3	19.6	2195
PODKARPACKIE (PL)	17.5	165	60.1	46.3	18.3	2128
HALLE (D)	16.9	74	56.8	22.3	18.9	870
DESSAU (D)	16.9	47	62.5	18.5	19.8	548
LIETUVA (LT)	16.5	293	56.2	30.9	13.5	3506
DYTIKI MAKEDONIA (EL)	15.8	17	61.6	39.1	22.2	304
PODLASKIE (PL)	15.7	92	57.3	40.8	17.5	1222
BASILICATA (I)	15.7	33	65.4	42.5	25.2	604
MAGDEBURG (D)	15.4	96	59.8	17.6	17.4	1215
MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN (D)	15.0	138	44.8	15.1	16.3	1783
GALICIA (E)	14.7	170	35.5	30.3	20.5	2714
LUBELSKIE (PL)	14.7	164	38.0	38.4	16.1	2233
PRINCIPADO DE ASTURIAS (E)	14.4	57	24.7	30.4	22.3	1053
PUGLIA (I)	14.3	206	66.4	37.5	21.8	4081
DRESDEN (D)	14.3	127	53.3	17.9	15.6	1718
LEIPZIG (D)	14.3	92	56.8	16.5	15.2	1094
MAZOWIECKIE (PL)	14.2	340	53.1	32.4	14.4	5069
LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON (F)	14.1	117	45.8	26.9	16.9	2325
BRANDENBURG (D)	13.8	101	40.4	16.2	15.0	2600
CHEMNITZ (D)	13.6	112	55.4	15.5	16.2	1630
MORAVSKOSLEZSKO (CZ)	13.6	83	58.3	24.8	15.7	1280
ITA-SUOMI (FIN)	13.5	42	23.1	32.1	14.1	684
STEREA ELLADA (EL)	13.3	24	59.6	40.2	22.0	664
CANTABRIA (E)	13.3	29	34.6	22.6	20.4	528
PROVENCE-ALPES-CÔTE D'AZUR (F)	13.2	229	40.6	27.0	15.7	4551
LATVIJA (LV)	13.1	145	59.1	22.9	11.5	2373
CANARIAS (E)	13.1	92	28.0	24.7	17.7	1689
MOLISE (I)	13.1	17	64.7	37.8	20.3	327
CASTILLA-LA MANCHA (E)	12.9	89	23.8	22.6	22.4	1713
MALOPOLSKIE (PL)	12.8	198	52.7	34.8	14.3	3227
HAINAUT (B)	12.8	64	67.3	34.1	14.8	1279
POHJOIS-SUOMI (FIN)	12.8	34	19.0	28.4	12.7	557
SEVEROZAPAD (CZ)	12.7	72	56.7	24.6	15.2	1132
NORD - PAS-DE-CALAIS (F)	12.6	208	43.6	29.8	15.1	4009
25% of total population in 63 regions	17.8	9254			20.5	168416

Source: Eurostat and IISI, calculations DGREGIO

Table 8(b): Regions least affected by unemployment, EU-27, 2001

NUTS2 region	unemployment rate	unemployed	long-term unemployed	youth unemployment rate	female unemployment rate	total population 2000
	%	thousands	% of total unemployed	%	%	thousands
UTRECHT (NL)	1.2	7	45.3	2.1	1.1	1113
ÅLAND (FIN)	1.3	0	0.0	3.7	1.4	26
BERKSHIRE, BUCKS & OXFORDSHIRE (UK)	1.6	19	10.9	3.3	1.6	2126
FLEVOLAND (NL)	1.9	3	40.4	4.1	2.7	323
NOORD-HOLLAND (NL)	2.0	27	39.9	5.7	1.8	2526
SURREY, EAST & WEST SUSSEX (UK)	2.0	26	20.0	4.0	1.8	2604
KÖZÉP-MAGYARORSZÁG (HU)	2.0	25	50.3	3.0	2.0	2891
NOORD-BRABANT (NL)	2.0	25	36.6	4.8	2.7	2365
ZUID-HOLLAND (NL)	2.1	37	36.0	4.3	2.2	3409
OBERSÖSTERREICH (A)	2.1	14	25.6	3.8	2.6	1380
GELDERLAND (NL)	2.2	22	36.1	3.8	2.9	1926
AÇORES (P)	2.2	2	30.6	6.3	4.2	239
BEUTHENSHIRE, HERFORDSHIRE (UK)	2.3	20	19.7	5.0	2.2	1612
ZEELAND (NL)	2.3	4	23.6	0.0	4.3	373
CENTRO (P)	2.4	24	29.7	8.1	3.0	1773
HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT (UK)	2.4	22	10.6	5.5	2.1	1790
LUXEMBOURG (GRAND-DUCHÉ) (L)	2.4	4	27.6	7.2	3.1	441
LIMBURG (NL)	2.5	14	44.6	6.2	3.0	1142
OVERJUSSEL (NL)	2.5	14	31.1	5.8	2.9	1082
DORSET & SOMERSET (UK)	2.6	15	19.7	5.8	2.6	1192
VLAAMS BRABANT (B)	2.6	12	41.7	8.9	2.7	1016
VORARLBERG (A)	2.6	4	22.8	4.3	3.7	349
GLOUCESTERSHIRE, WILTSHIRE & NORTH SOMERSET (UK)	2.7	31	18.2	6.3	2.6	2191
STOCKHOLM (S)	2.7	27	11.2	4.4	2.9	1821
NIEDERÖSTERREICH (A)	2.8	20	25.0	4.4	3.3	1542
MADIRA (P)	2.8	3	62.6	4.5	3.4	245
ESSEX (UK)	2.9	24	21.0	7.2	3.0	1625
HEREFORDSHIRE, WORCESTERSHIRE & WARMS (UK)	2.9	18	27.4	7.8	3.0	1223
PRAHA (CZ)	3.0	19	34.6	8.2	3.5	1184
TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE (I)	3.0	13	20.1	5.5	4.0	942
SALZBURG (A)	3.0	9	12.3	5.6	3.8	517
EAST ANGLIA (UK)	3.1	36	25.8	7.7	3.0	2206
WEST-VLAANDEREN (B)	3.1	15	27.3	8.6	3.7	1129
NORTH YORKSHIRE (UK)	3.1	11	16.7	9.2	3.0	752
9.7 % of total population in 34 regions	2.4	568			2.6	4704
OBERSÄKERN (D)	3.1	66	47.0	3.2	3.3	4056
NYUGAT-DUNANTÚL (HU)	3.2	14	50.7	5.8	2.8	1001
BURGENLAND (A)	3.2	4	22.8	5.3	3.9	278
SOUTHERN AND EASTERN (IRL)	3.4	45	0.0	5.9	3.3	2797
KENT (UK)	3.4	28	25.0	7.9	3.1	1593
NORTH EASTERN SCOTLAND (UK)	3.4	8	14.8	7.5	3.2	503
DRENTE (NL)	3.4	8	31.8	8.4	3.9	472
STEIERMARK (A)	3.5	19	21.1	5.7	4.4	1202
VALLE D'AOSTA (I)	3.5	2	17.9	10.9	4.7	120
LINCOLNSHIRE (UK)	3.6	11	25.3	9.6	3.6	631
FRIESLAND (NL)	3.6	11	44.5	9.7	4.6	627
ALGARVE (P)	3.6	6	25.0	9.4	5.0	381
VENETO (I)	3.7	75	29.5	7.1	6.0	4534
NORTE (P)	3.7	70	44.4	6.1	4.7	3636
TÜBINGEN (D)	3.7	32	45.3	3.5	4.1	1762
CHESHIRE (UK)	3.7	18	17.8	10.6	3.2	987
HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS (UK)	3.7	11	24.9	7.6	3.3	368
STUTTGART (D)	3.8	73	43.5	4.2	4.2	3926
SCHWABEN (D)	3.8	33	43.1	4.2	4.0	1749
LEICESTERSHIRE, RUTLAND & NORTHANTS (UK)	3.8	31	26.9	9.4	3.9	1563
DEVON (UK)	3.8	20	16.7	9.4	3.6	1082
FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA (I)	3.8	19	37.0	7.6	6.7	1187
SMÅLAND MED ÖARNA (S)	3.9	16	25.1	8.6	4.1	796
LOMBARDIA (I)	4.0	164	45.6	11.1	5.9	9109
OUTER LONDON (UK)	4.0	91	23.4	7.8	4.2	4482
SHROPSHIRE & STAFFORDSHIRE (UK)	4.0	30	23.2	9.6	3.9	1502
OOST-VLAANDEREN (B)	4.0	25	39.4	9.7	4.4	1362
TIROL (A)	4.0	12	21.7	7.1	5.8	670
KYPROS (CY)	4.0	12	21.4	8.4	5.8	694
FREIBURG (D)	4.1	42	38.0	4.5	4.5	2131
BUCUREȘTI (RO)	4.1	41	49.7	10.6	4.6	2278
NIEDERBAYERN (D)	4.3	25	31.8	4.9	4.2	1173
ABRUZZO (I)	4.3	21	49.6	18.5	6.8	1280
KÖZÉP-DUNANTÚL (HU)	4.3	21	31.9	8.5	4.0	1128
KÄRNTEN (A)	4.3	10	18.5	7.7	5.9	563
GRONINGEN (NL)	4.3	12	43.3	9.4	4.9	564
DANMARK (DK)	4.4	125	22.0	9.7	5.1	5338
MARCHE (I)	4.5	29	45.4	11.8	5.9	1467
LIMBURG (B)	4.5	15	15.8	10.3	6.0	793
LANCASHIRE (UK)	4.6	32	30.8	12.6	3.7	1432
BORDER, MIDLAND AND WESTERN (IRL)	4.6	21	0.0	7.4	4.8	1003
24.6 % of total population in 75 regions	3.3	1918			3.7	119294

Source: Eurostat and NSI; calculations DGREGIO

Table 9. Patent applications per million people, 1998-2000

MS	All patents	High-tech patents
B	342	20
DK	298	29
D	567	36
GR	16	1
E	53	3
F	300	24
IRL	157	17
I	169	6
L	409	12
NL	394	48
A	305	13
P	7	0
FIN	577	119
S	651	80
UK	229	23
EU15	309	23

AC	All patents
BG	3
CY	10
CZ	11
EE	6
HU	14
LT	1
LV	4
PL	2
RO	1
SI	21
SK	5

Source: Eurostat

Table 10. R&D expenditure, composition and as % of GDP, 1999

MS	Business	Government	Higher education	Private non-profit	Total
B	71,4	3,1	24,0	1,0	2,0
DK	63,2	15,3	20,1	1,0	2,1
D	69,7	13,9	16,4	0,0	2,4
GR	28,4	22,4	49,3	0,0	0,7
E	52,3	17,0	30,7	1,1	0,9
F	63,3	18,3	17,0	1,4	2,2
IRL	72,7	5,8	21,5	0,0	1,2
I	49,0	19,2	31,7	0,0	1,0
NL	56,4	16,3	26,2	0,0	2,0
A	63,7	6,7	29,6	0,6	1,8
P	22,4	27,6	38,2	10,5	0,8
FIN	68,0	12,1	19,6	0,0	3,2
S	75,1	3,4	21,4	0,0	3,8
UK	67,6	10,8	20,0	1,6	1,9
EU15	64,8	14,0	20,2	1,0	1,9

AC	Business	Government	Higher education	Private non-profit	Total
BG	21,4	68,6	9,9	0,2	0,57
CY	21,3	46,6	24,8	7,3	0,25
CZ	60,0	25,3	14,2	0,5	1,24
EE	22,5	23,1	52,4	1,9	0,75
HU	44,3	26,1	24,0	5,6	0,69
LT	21,5	42,0	36,5	0,0	0,52
LV	40,3	22,1	37,6	0,0	0,41
PL	36,1	32,2	31,5	0,1	0,75
RO	69,4	18,8	11,8	0,0	0,40
SI	56,3	25,9	16,6	1,2	1,51
SK	65,8	24,7	9,5	0,0	0,66
All AC	46,1	28,8	24,0	1,1	0,79

Source: Eurostat

Table 11: Copenhagen: Distribution of Cohesion Fund and Structural Fund commitment appropriations for the 10 new Member States

Period 2004-2006

€ Million, 1999 prices

Country	Cohesion Fund	Structural Funds						
	Indicative allocation (as % of total)	Objective 1	Objective 2	Objective 3	FIFG	C.I.		Total
						Interreg	Equal	
CY	0,43%-0,84%	0	24,9	19,5	3,0	3,8	1,6	52,8
CZ	9,76%-12,28%	1286,4	63,3	52,2	0	60,9	28,4	1491,2
EE	2,88%-4,39%	328,6	0	0	0	9,4	3,6	341,6
HU	11,58%-14,61%	1765,4	0	0	0	60,9	26,8	1853,1
LT	6,15%-8,17%	792,1	0	0	0	19,9	10,5	822,5
LV	5,07%-7,08%	554,2	0	0	0	13,5	7,1	574,8
MT	0,16%-0,36%	55,9	0	0	0	2,1	1,1	59,1
PL	45,65%-52,72%	7320,7	0	0	0	196,1	118,5	7635,3
SI	1,72%-2,73%	210,1	0	0	0	21,0	5,7	236,8
SK	5,71%-7,72%	920,9	33,0	39,9	0	36,8	19,7	1050,3
Total	7590,5	13234,3	121,2	111,6	3,0	424,4	223,0	14117,5

€38,4 million is to be added to the total of €14117,5 million under technical assistance

Table 12: Main regional indicators

Region	Economy								Labour market				
	GDP/head (PPS)				Employment by sector (% of total), 2001			EPA patent applications per million inh., average 98-99, 2000	Unemployment rate (%)				
	1995, EU15 = 100	2000, EU15 = 100	average 1998-1999, 2000, EU15 = 100	2000, EU25 = 100	Agriculture	Industry	Services		Total, 1991	Total, 2001	Long term unemployed, 2001 (% of total unempl.)	Female, 2001	Young, 2001
EU15	100.0	100.0	100.0	110.2	4.1	28.5	66.7	140.1	7.9	7.6	42.6	8.9	15.1
10 accession candidates	41.3	43.7	44.1	48.2	13.2	33.2	53.6	5.7	:	14.5	51.4	15.3	31.4
EU25	90.2	90.7	90.7	100.0	5.5	29.4	65.1	117.8	:	8.7	45.0	10.0	17.7
12 accession candidates	37.8	38.0	38.5	41.9	20.8	31.4	47.8	4.5	:	13.0	52.3	13.3	28.6
EU27	86.2	86.5	86.6	95.3	7.6	29.3	63.1	110.5	:	8.8	45.8	9.9	18.0
Belgique-Belgie	112.5	107.4	108.2	118.4	1.4	25.5	73.1	145.0	6.1	6.6	50.9	7.5	17.5
Reg. Bruxelles-Cap. / Brussels Hfst. Gew.	227.9	217.6	222.2	239.9	0.2	16.2	83.6	154.9	7.8	11.0	55.2	10.9	27.2
Vlaams Gewest	110.4	106.1	106.2	116.9	1.4	27.5	71.1	159.5	4.4	3.8	37.0	4.4	10.1
Antwerpen	132.0	125.1	125.2	137.8	0.4	26.5	73.0	185.0	5.2	4.7	45.7	5.4	11.9
Limborg	96.3	90.6	91.0	99.9	2.0	31.3	66.7	85.3	6.3	4.5	15.6	6.0	10.3
Oost-Vlaanderen	97.8	93.7	93.7	103.3	1.4	30.9	67.7	135.7	4.2	4.0	39.4	4.4	9.7
Vlaams Brabant	110.5	112.2	111.6	123.7	1.4	17.2	81.4	254.1	3.4	2.6	41.7	2.7	8.9
West-Vlaanderen	103.5	98.6	99.6	108.7	2.1	31.7	66.2	118.0	3.3	3.1	27.3	3.7	8.6
Region Wallonne	83.3	78.2	78.8	86.2	1.7	23.9	74.3	116.7	8.7	10.6	59.7	12.2	29.7
Brabant Wallon	100.1	100.7	99.9	111.0	1.1	18.6	80.2	400.5	5.1	6.5	39.9	7.3	26.7
Hainaut	75.9	70.8	70.8	78.0	1.5	27.1	71.4	60.6	10.7	12.8	67.3	14.8	34.1
Liège	89.7	81.7	83.2	90.1	0.5	25.9	73.6	106.2	8.6	10.7	57.0	12.5	26.7
Luxembourg	83.8	76.3	78.0	84.1	5.8	18.1	76.2	96.8	4.7	5.6	38.3	6.8	21.3
Namur	79.4	74.9	75.9	82.6	3.1	18.9	77.9	91.3	8.1	10.3	57.0	11.9	30.9
Danmark	118.1	118.6	118.6	130.7	3.5	25.4	70.9	199.2	8.5	4.4	22.0	5.1	8.7
Deutschland	110.0	106.4	106.3	117.3	2.6	32.8	64.6	271.9	5.3	7.8	49.6	8.1	9.2
Baden-Württemberg	123.2	122.0	120.8	134.5	2.4	40.8	56.8	495.9	2.3	4.1	42.9	4.4	4.3
Stuttgart	133.5	134.1	132.6	147.9	2.7	43.0	54.3	596.6	2.0	3.8	43.5	4.2	4.2
Karlsruhe	126.8	125.4	123.8	138.3	0.9	37.9	61.2	428.3	2.9	4.7	44.1	4.9	4.8
Freiburg	107.5	105.2	104.4	115.9	3.6	38.6	57.8	451.5	2.4	4.1	38.0	4.6	4.5
Tübingen	113.4	110.1	109.6	121.4	2.8	42.8	54.4	427.9	2.1	3.7	45.3	4.1	3.5
Bayern	124.3	124.0	123.1	136.7	3.6	36.2	60.3	440.1	2.5	4.3	43.4	4.4	4.7
Oberbayern	148.9	154.4	152.3	170.2	3.7	30.1	66.3	705.7	2.1	3.1	47.0	3.3	3.2
Niederbayern	104.0	97.3	97.7	107.2	4.6	41.9	53.5	171.1	2.6	4.3	31.8	4.2	4.9
Oberpfalz	106.4	107.8	106.6	118.9	5.1	40.2	54.8	352.7	3.5	5.0	43.1	5.2	5.7
Oberfranken	109.4	103.6	103.7	114.2	3.4	41.2	55.4	224.1	3.0	6.4	38.9	6.6	8.0
Mittelfranken	126.2	126.3	124.4	139.2	2.9	36.7	60.4	445.5	2.8	5.2	46.0	5.4	5.3
Unterfranken	106.3	103.7	103.3	114.3	2.2	39.9	57.9	309.3	2.8	4.8	46.5	5.5	5.1
Schwaben	113.2	107.6	108.9	118.6	3.5	38.4	58.1	294.7	2.1	3.8	43.1	4.0	4.2
Berlin	111.2	95.6	97.6	105.4	0.6	20.0	79.4	167.8	8.1	12.5	54.4	11.6	18.0
Brandenburg	72.0	69.4	70.5	76.5	4.0	27.9	68.1	62.3	9.1	13.8	49.4	15.0	16.2
Bremen	144.8	142.9	141.7	157.5	1.1	24.7	74.2	79.8	7.8	10.7	52.5	9.5	13.7
Hamburg	185.4	181.5	181.7	200.1	1.1	21.1	77.8	195.7	5.8	6.5	53.8	5.7	7.5
Hessen	133.4	129.4	129.3	142.6	1.6	30.3	68.1	343.3	3.3	5.4	48.1	5.5	6.7
Darmstadt	152.7	148.8	148.4	164.0	1.5	28.3	70.3	449.4	2.7	4.7	45.2	4.7	5.9
Gießen	98.9	95.0	95.1	104.8	1.6	33.0	65.4	246.8	3.7	5.7	51.9	5.9	7.0
Kassel	105.9	101.3	102.1	111.7	2.1	34.7	63.3	114.3	4.6	7.6	52.3	7.7	6.6
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	71.2	69.4	69.8	76.5	5.8	26.5	67.7	30.1	12.0	15.0	44.8	16.3	15.1
Niedersachsen	101.5	96.0	96.5	105.8	3.2	31.3	65.5	194.9	5.2	7.7	46.3	7.8	10.6
Braunschweig	103.5	106.1	105.0	116.9	1.9	36.0	62.1	331.9	6.1	9.2	50.4	9.9	12.0
Hannover	114.2	108.2	108.3	119.3	2.0	29.7	68.3	226.1	5.1	7.9	42.6	7.6	10.6
Lüneburg	87.9	78.5	80.3	86.5	4.8	27.5	67.8	153.4	4.4	6.7	47.1	6.6	9.8
Weser-Ems	97.8	90.1	91.3	99.3	4.1	32.4	63.5	100.2	5.1	7.3	45.4	7.4	10.1
Nordrhein-Westfalen	114.2	108.6	108.5	119.8	1.6	32.9	65.5	260.8	5.4	7.5	48.1	7.5	8.9
Düsseldorf	124.2	121.2	119.9	133.6	1.3	30.9	67.9	319.8	6.0	7.8	51.8	7.6	9.6
Köln	123.8	115.5	117.0	127.3	1.2	29.6	69.3	321.6	5.1	7.0	45.4	6.8	8.2
Münster	95.7	87.7	87.9	96.7	3.2	33.1	63.7	181.5	5.3	7.6	48.3	7.6	9.0
Detmold	111.0	105.5	105.5	116.3	1.8	38.3	60.0	216.3	4.0	6.8	41.7	7.2	8.4
Amsberg	103.8	99.7	99.0	109.9	1.4	36.2	62.4	189.3	5.7	8.1	48.8	8.3	8.9
Rheinland-Pfalz	101.9	96.7	96.1	106.6	2.6	34.3	63.1	294.5	3.4	5.8	44.1	6.0	7.1
Koblenz	95.9	89.5	89.7	98.7	2.2	36.4	61.4	178.4	3.0				
Trier	92.0	85.4	85.8	94.1	4.2	31.2	64.6	82.2	3.7				
Rheinhausen-Pfalz	108.9	105.0	103.7	115.7	2.2	37.4	60.4	436.4	3.5				
Saarland	104.5	96.8	97.0	106.7	1.2	33.8	65.0	147.1	5.9	7.9	54.8	7.7	9.8
Sachsen	73.0	70.4	70.9	77.6	3.1	33.2	63.7	81.0	8.6	14.0	55.0	15.7	16.7
Chemnitz	67.1	65.9	66.8	72.7	2.9	38.3	58.8	52.6	8.6	13.6	55.4	16.2	15.5
Dresden	73.4	71.6	71.5	79.0	3.7	31.2	65.0	136.5	8.6	14.3	53.3	15.6	17.9
Leipzig	81.3	75.0	75.9	82.7	2.3	29.7	69.0	36.2	8.6	14.3	56.8	15.2	16.5
Sachsen-Anhalt	67.4	68.4	68.6	75.4	4.1	30.9	65.0	42.0	9.9	16.2	59.3	18.4	19.3
Dessau	64.3	64.2	63.7	70.7	3.6	33.8	62.6	26.3	9.9	16.9	62.5	19.8	18.5
Halle	70.8	70.0	70.4	77.2	3.5	30.9	65.6	58.5	9.9	16.9	56.8	18.9	22.3
Magdeburg	66.3	69.1	69.4	76.2	4.7	29.7	65.6	37.2	9.9	15.4	59.8	17.4	17.6
Schleswig-Holstein	105.1	96.2	97.8	106.0	3.9	24.1	72.0	130.4	4.6	7.1	44.8	6.4	9.9
Thüringen	67.5	69.6	69.5	76.7	3.4	33.6	63.0	70.1	9.9	12.3	49.8	14.4	14.3

			Demography						Education			Region
Employment rate (ages 15-64 as % of pop. aged 15-64), 2001			1000 inhabitants, 2000	Population density (inh./km ²), 2000	% of the population aged (2000)			Educational attainment of persons aged 25-59 (% of total), 2001				
Total	Female	Male			<15	15-64	65+	low	medium	high		
64.3	55.1	73.5	378914	118.7	16.8	68.9	16.3	34.2	43.5	22.3	EU15	
56.8	51.1	62.7	74855	101.8	18.3	68.7	12.9	17.2	68.6	14.2	10 accession candidates	
63.1	54.4	71.7	453769	115.6	17.1	67.2	15.7	30.7	48.7	20.6	EU25	
57.8	52.4	63.3	105460	97.2	18.2	68.6	13.2	19.1	66.8	14.0	12 accession candidates	
62.9	54.5	71.3	484374	113.3	17.1	67.3	15.6	30.4	49.4	20.2	EU27	
59.7	50.7	68.6	10246	335.7	17.6	65.6	16.8	38.2	32.6	29.2	Belgique-Belgie	
53.9	46.4	61.5	961	5966.4	17.8	65.4	16.8	38.4	26.3	35.3	Reg. Bruxelles-Cap. / Brussels Hfdst. Gew.	
63.0	54.0	71.7	5943	439.8	17.1	66.2	16.7	36.1	34.2	29.7	Vlaams Gewest	
60.0	48.9	70.9	1644	573.3	17.2	65.9	16.9	36.7	32.1	31.3	Antwerpen	
60.0	50.5	69.2	793	327.2	17.4	68.8	13.8	41.7	33.9	24.4	Limburg	
64.9	56.4	73.2	1362	456.7	16.6	66.3	17.1	39.5	34.2	26.4	Oost-Vlaanderen	
65.7	59.1	72.2	1016	482.4	17.1	66.1	16.8	26.7	35.0	38.4	Vlaams Brabant	
64.6	56.4	72.5	1129	360.1	17.0	64.9	18.1	35.9	36.8	27.3	West-Vlaanderen	
55.4	46.1	64.8	3341	198.4	18.6	64.6	16.8	41.8	31.7	26.6	Région Wallonne	
59.1	51.2	67.1	351	321.6	19.7	65.6	14.7	27.8	30.1	42.1	Brabant Wallon	
52.3	43.4	61.2	1279	337.8	18.2	64.6	17.3	45.7	32.4	21.9	Hainaut	
56.0	45.9	66.1	1019	263.9	18.1	64.6	17.2	43.7	29.8	26.5	Liege	
61.5	51.5	71.0	248	55.8	20.4	63.4	16.2	38.8	33.0	28.2	Luxembourg	
57.1	47.1	67.0	445	121.3	19.0	64.7	16.3	39.0	34.3	26.7	Namur	
75.9	71.4	80.2	5338	123.9	18.4	66.8	14.8	18.5	54.2	27.3	Danmark	
65.7	58.7	72.6	82188	230.2	16.7	68.1	16.3	16.1	59.7	24.2	Deutschland	
69.9	62.4	77.5	10499	293.7	16.8	67.7	15.5	20.0	54.3	25.7	Baden-Württemberg	
70.7	62.8	78.4	3926	371.9	16.8	68.0	15.3	20.8	53.5	25.7	Stuttgart	
68.5	61.1	76.0	2680	387.3	15.9	68.1	16.0	18.2	55.0	26.8	Karlsruhe	
69.0	61.7	76.4	2131	227.8	17.1	67.0	15.9	20.5	56.1	23.5	Freiburg	
71.5	64.1	78.7	1762	197.6	18.0	67.2	14.8	20.2	53.1	26.7	Tübingen	
71.4	63.9	78.7	12187	172.7	16.4	67.6	16.0	18.5	58.3	23.3	Bayern	
73.4	66.1	80.6	4056	231.4	15.7	69.0	15.4	17.7	54.6	27.7	Oberbayern	
72.0	64.3	79.5	1173	113.6	17.1	67.0	15.9	19.6	61.0	19.5	Niederbayern	
70.0	62.8	76.9	1076	111.0	17.2	67.0	15.9	18.6	64.1	17.4	Oberpfalz	
69.4	63.2	75.6	1113	154.0	16.1	66.4	17.4	19.5	60.1	20.5	Oberfranken	
69.3	62.9	75.6	1685	232.6	16.0	67.7	16.4	18.6	56.7	24.7	Mittelfranken	
69.2	59.9	78.3	1334	156.4	17.1	66.8	16.1	17.7	61.9	20.4	Unterfranken	
71.8	63.3	80.2	1749	175.0	17.5	66.5	16.1	19.4	59.0	21.6	Schwaben	
60.2	57.1	63.2	3384	3796.1	13.8	72.1	14.2	16.7	50.8	32.6	Berlin	
61.3	58.1	64.5	2600	38.2	14.1	71.1	14.9	5.0	65.2	29.8	Brandenburg	
61.9	56.0	67.9	561	1636.3	14.0	67.9	16.1	20.5	59.2	20.3	Bremen	
66.9	60.9	72.8	1710	2264.2	13.5	69.8	16.7	17.5	55.6	26.8	Hamburg	
67.9	60.6	75.1	6058	286.9	15.5	68.3	16.2	16.9	57.9	25.4	Hessen	
69.2	62.0	76.3	3727	500.7	15.1	69.3	15.7	17.0	55.3	27.7	Darmstadt	
66.8	59.6	73.7	1063	197.5	16.4	67.4	16.2	17.0	60.1	22.9	Gießen	
64.9	57.0	72.6	1268	153.0	16.0	66.1	17.8	15.9	64.1	20.0	Kassel	
59.8	56.1	63.3	1783	76.9	14.5	71.0	14.5	9.0	63.6	28.4	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	
65.0	57.3	72.4	7911	166.1	16.6	66.8	16.6	16.0	63.9	20.1	Niedersachsen	
63.2	55.8	70.4	1669	206.1	15.5	66.8	17.7	14.7	65.7	19.6	Braunschweig	
65.3	59.2	71.2	2156	238.4	15.4	67.1	17.5	16.4	62.2	21.5	Hannover	
66.3	58.6	73.9	1666	107.4	17.1	66.8	16.1	16.0	62.9	21.1	Lüneburg	
64.9	55.8	73.8	2419	161.7	18.3	66.5	15.2	16.5	64.9	18.6	Weser-Ems	
63.5	54.7	72.2	17998	528.1	16.3	67.1	16.6	19.2	59.9	20.8	Nordrhein-Westfalen	
63.4	54.4	72.5	5257	993.8	15.5	67.3	17.2	20.9	59.2	19.9	Düsseldorf	
63.7	55.0	72.4	4270	579.8	16.1	68.2	15.7	19.3	56.3	24.4	Köln	
62.4	53.6	71.0	2610	378.0	17.6	66.6	15.9	16.9	64.3	18.8	Münster	
67.7	60.0	75.3	2052	314.8	17.6	65.6	16.8	16.5	60.9	22.6	Detmold	
61.8	52.9	70.6	3809	476.0	16.1	66.8	17.1	19.9	61.4	18.7	Amsberg	
66.4	57.4	75.3	4030	203.1	16.4	66.6	17.0	18.2	59.9	21.9	Rheinland-Pfalz	
63.7	54.9	72.2	1518	188.0	16.8	65.7	17.5				Koblenz	
63.5	52.9	74.0	511	103.8	16.5	65.8	17.7				Trier	
66.0	57.5	74.2	2002	292.2	16.1	67.4	16.5				Rheinhausen-Pfalz	
61.6	51.7	71.4	1070	416.2	15.0	67.2	17.8	17.8	64.7	17.5	Saarland	
62.2	58.8	65.5	4442	241.3	13.0	69.1	18.0	4.7	65.2	30.2	Sachsen	
62.5	58.1	66.9	1630	267.4	12.7	68.2	19.1	3.9	68.0	28.1	Chemnitz	
62.2	59.8	64.6	1718	216.7	13.4	69.2	17.4	5.2	62.3	32.5	Dresden	
61.7	58.4	64.9	1094	249.4	12.8	70.0	17.2	5.1	65.4	29.5	Leipzig	
59.4	55.2	63.4	2633	128.6	13.5	69.7	16.9	7.5	66.9	25.6	Sachsen-Anhalt	
58.2	53.4	62.8	548	128.1	13.1	69.8	17.1	8.2	66.6	25.2	Dessau	
57.1	52.5	61.5	370	196.4	13.1	69.6	17.3	6.3	66.8	26.8	Halle	
61.5	57.9	64.9	1214	103.5	13.8	69.7	16.5	8.0	67.1	24.9	Magdeburg	
66.6	59.5	73.6	2782	176.5	16.1	67.6	16.4	15.4	63.4	21.2	Schleswig-Holstein	
63.7	58.4	68.8	2440	150.9	13.5	70.3	16.3	6.2	63.5	30.3	Thüringen	

Region	Economy								Labour market				
	GDP/head (PPS)				Employment by sector (% of total), 2001			EPA patent applications per million inh., average 98-99-2000	Unemployment rate (%)				
	1995, EU15 = 100	2000, EU15 = 100	average 1999-2000, EU15 = 100	2000, EU25 = 100	Agriculture	Industry	Services		Total, 1991	Total, 2001	Long term unemployed, 2001 (% of total unempl.)	Female, 2001	Young, 2001
Ellada	65.9	67.7	67.6	74.6	16.0	22.8	61.2	6.7	6.9	10.2	52.8	15.4	28.0
<u>Voreia Ellada</u>	61.2	64.2	64.4	70.8	23.3	24.0	52.8	4.6	5.7	11.0	50.7	17.1	28.1
Anatoliko Makedonia, Thraki	55.6	54.6	54.9	60.2	33.2	22.3	44.5	1.2	4.8	9.0	43.7	13.7	19.9
Kentriki Makedonia	64.4	67.9	68.4	74.9	17.8	25.7	56.5	7.4	5.5	10.8	48.0	16.7	28.7
Dytiki Makedonia	63.0	67.0	67.5	73.9	18.4	34.5	47.2	1.1	7.2	15.8	61.6	22.2	39.1
Thessalia	57.1	61.4	60.8	67.7	30.8	17.1	52.2	1.8	6.2	11.6	56.6	19.5	30.2
<u>Kentriki Ellada</u>	58.9	59.1	59.6	65.2	30.1	20.5	49.4	1.4	6.5	10.1	60.3	16.0	32.9
Ipeiros	43.0	47.1	46.7	51.9	23.4	22.6	54.1	0.9	8.8	11.9	71.4	20.5	36.3
Ionía Nisia	56.2	59.2	59.8	65.2	26.8	13.6	59.6	0.0	3.5	6.7	32.1	7.4	17.7
Dytiki Ellada	52.7	51.1	51.3	56.3	32.5	18.0	49.6	3.2	7.8	9.9	64.9	14.8	33.9
Stereá Ellada	82.7	76.4	79.7	84.2	24.0	31.4	44.6	0.5	6.3	13.3	59.6	22.0	40.2
Peloponnisos	51.8	57.7	57.1	63.6	37.1	16.1	46.8	1.2	5.0	8.1	54.6	13.5	27.3
<u>Atiki</u>	75.7	77.1	76.1	85.0	1.4	24.5	74.1	14.0	9.9	10.4	54.9	14.7	27.4
<u>Nisia Aigaiou, Knti</u>	66.3	69.7	70.2	76.8	24.5	16.9	58.6	2.8	4.3	6.8	28.6	10.9	21.0
Voreio Aigaiou	58.9	65.6	65.3	72.3	16.7	19.9	61.4	0.0	7.9	6.1	50.0	11.3	20.5
Noto Aigaiou	73.9	79.8	80.8	87.9	7.9	21.0	71.1	0.0	3.2	9.7	11.7	14.6	21.3
Knti	65.2	66.1	66.6	72.9	32.9	14.4	52.7	5.0	3.6	5.8	35.1	9.4	20.9
España	78.2	82.2	81.2	90.6	6.5	31.6	61.9	22.0	16.0	13.1	31.0	19.0	24.9
<u>Noroeste</u>	65.8	68.1	67.3	75.1	12.6	31.7	55.7	7.8	13.6	14.4	33.0	20.9	29.4
Galicía	63.2	64.7	64.4	71.3	15.4	31.4	53.2	6.9	12.4	14.7	35.5	20.5	30.3
Principado de Asturias	68.9	70.9	69.9	78.1	7.1	32.1	60.9	9.5	16.1	14.4	24.7	22.3	30.4
Cantabria	72.7	80.3	77.2	88.5	7.8	32.8	59.4	8.8	15.3	13.3	34.6	20.4	22.6
<u>Noreste</u>	91.4	97.4	95.6	107.3	4.5	36.8	58.7	32.6	14.6	9.4	33.0	14.6	19.9
País Vasco	93.3	101.5	99.3	111.9	1.6	37.2	61.2	34.3	19.1	11.2	41.8	16.8	23.9
Comunidad Foral de Navarra	99.1	105.3	103.1	116.1	6.5	37.6	55.6	48.2	10.5	6.1	14.0	9.1	15.0
La Rioja	89.6	91.2	91.5	100.5	9.9	38.8	51.3	9.4	9.1	7.3	23.1	10.3	13.8
Aragón	84.8	87.9	86.6	96.9	7.7	35.1	57.3	27.9	9.4	8.4	20.2	13.7	16.1
<u>Comunidad de Madrid</u>	102.9	110.0	108.9	121.2	0.8	25.0	74.3	57.1	11.8	9.8	33.6	13.3	21.5
<u>Centro</u>	66.1	68.2	67.3	75.2	11.3	31.9	56.8	7.3	16.2	14.5	26.5	23.9	27.6
Castilla y León	74.5	75.9	74.8	83.7	9.9	32.5	57.7	9.5	14.5	12.2	34.8	20.3	30.0
Castilla-La Mancha	64.2	66.8	66.0	73.6	11.1	34.5	54.4	6.8	13.6	12.9	23.6	22.4	22.6
Extremadura	49.3	53.0	51.9	58.4	15.0	26.0	58.9	3.2	24.2	22.1	18.5	34.1	31.5
<u>Este</u>	87.9	92.0	90.8	101.4	3.2	37.2	59.6	39.0	13.0	9.6	35.1	13.7	17.8
Cataluña	95.5	99.5	98.2	109.7	2.5	39.2	58.3	51.2	11.8	8.8	42.4	11.9	16.6
Comunidad Valenciana	74.2	79.2	78.1	87.3	4.6	36.6	58.8	24.8	15.9	11.4	28.2	17.5	20.0
Illes Balears	97.1	98.3	98.4	108.4	1.7	25.1	73.2	13.5	9.6	6.6	20.4	9.1	15.0
<u>Sur</u>	59.1	62.3	61.4	68.6	11.1	26.3	62.6	6.5	23.7	20.8	29.4	30.1	34.9
Andalucía	58.0	61.2	60.2	67.4	11.1	25.7	63.2	5.9	24.7	22.3	29.6	31.9	37.1
Región de Murcia	65.2	68.7	68.2	75.7	12.0	31.0	57.0	11.3	16.5	11.4	20.2	18.3	21.2
Cataluña y Melilla	65.3	68.1	69.0	75.1	0.4	14.3	85.3	0.0	29.8	21.9	58.5	34.3	40.0
<u>Canarias</u>	75.2	77.5	77.6	85.5	5.5	22.9	71.6	7.0	24.4	13.1	28.0	17.7	24.7
France	103.8	101.1	99.8	111.5	4.0	25.5	68.6	128.7	9.0	8.5	36.8	10.5	19.0
<u>Ile de France</u>	160.3	158.3	155.3	174.5	0.3	18.5	81.2	290.4	7.6	7.6	42.0	8.5	12.4
<u>Bassin Parisien</u>	93.5	90.1	89.3	99.3	5.6	31.1	63.3	86.8	9.0	8.6	34.8	10.9	22.8
Champagne-Ardenne	95.2	94.6	94.4	104.2	8.7	30.4	60.6	66.8	9.9	9.2	31.2	12.0	22.0
Picardie	87.7	82.3	82.4	90.7	5.0	33.1	61.9	90.5	9.2	10.2	35.0	12.9	29.7
Haute-Normandie	97.4	95.2	92.8	105.0	2.7	30.3	66.9	103.5	11.2	9.7	41.1	11.8	26.4
Centre	96.2	90.8	90.3	100.1	4.6	33.4	61.9	98.6	3.3	6.6	31.3	8.4	15.9
Basse-Normandie	88.7	85.3	83.7	94.1	8.5	27.6	63.9	53.9	9.1	9.4	34.6	11.6	23.6
Bourgogne	94.4	92.7	92.3	102.2	6.5	28.7	64.9	92.0	9.6	7.7	35.8	10.3	21.2
<u>Nord - Pas-de-Calais</u>	92.5	80.6	79.5	88.9	2.6	29.1	68.3	42.3	11.6	12.6	43.6	15.1	29.8
<u>Est</u>	96.6	90.9	90.3	100.2	3.0	34.2	62.7	118.9	6.9	5.8	29.7	7.5	12.6
Lorraine	89.7	83.5	83.0	92.0	2.8	31.9	65.3	79.3	8.4	6.7	36.0	8.8	15.6
Alsace	108.9	102.9	102.1	113.4	2.5	35.3	62.2	173.2	4.8	4.8	20.1	6.0	9.5
Franche-Comté	92.2	87.6	87.2	96.6	4.4	37.2	58.4	116.7	7.3	5.2	27.8	7.1	12.1
<u>Ouest</u>	88.6	87.1	85.8	96.0	6.8	29.2	64.0	61.9	9.2	7.5	28.8	9.6	17.5
Pays de la Loire	91.3	90.0	88.4	99.3	5.9	32.5	61.6	58.3	9.0	7.5	28.6	9.7	17.4
Bretagne	87.0	86.2	85.1	95.0	7.4	26.4	66.2	71.6	8.6	6.6	26.4	8.2	15.8
Poitou-Charentes	86.1	82.9	82.0	91.4	7.5	28.3	64.2	51.8	10.9	9.2	32.6	12.0	21.2
<u>Sud-Ouest</u>	90.9	88.6	87.9	97.7	6.8	24.4	68.8	68.5	9.0	8.4	35.4	11.0	19.3
Aquitaine	92.3	90.4	90.1	99.6	7.1	22.8	70.1	50.0	10.4	8.3	33.8	11.0	19.2
Midi-Pyrénées	91.4	88.5	87.4	97.6	6.0	26.0	68.0	97.0	9.0	9.0	38.4	11.8	20.8
Limousin	84.1	82.0	80.8	90.4	8.7	25.5	65.8	42.7	7.9	6.4	32.8	8.0	14.7
<u>Centre-Est</u>	101.1	100.0	99.1	110.3	4.4	29.8	65.8	197.6	8.4	7.2	30.7	9.0	17.0
Rhône-Alpes	104.7	103.1	102.2	113.7	3.5	30.3	66.2	222.6	8.0	7.0	29.4	8.7	15.9
Auvergne	86.2	86.5	85.6	95.3	8.5	27.1	64.2	89.7	10.0	8.2	37.1	10.7	22.8
<u>Méditerranée</u>	99.6	96.0	95.0	94.8	4.5	17.0	78.5	80.5	11.9	13.4	42.1	16.1	27.0
Languedoc-Roussillon	79.6	77.7	77.0	85.6	8.5	15.8	75.7	58.0	12.7	14.1	45.8	16.9	26.9
Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur	95.3	90.8	89.7	100.1	2.6	17.5	79.9	96.2	11.6	13.2	40.6	15.7	27.0
Corse	75.2	76.0	75.1	83.8	3.9	17.5	78.9	7.0	11.3	12.5	33.2	17.1	28.3
<u>Départements d'Outre-Mer</u>	56.6	56.4	56.3	62.2	4.9	14.5	80.6	2.4		29.4		32.5	45.7
Guadeloupe	56.2	57.6	57.2	63.5	3.6	14.6	81.8	4.3		29.0		33.8	
Martinique	64.2	67.4	66.7	74.3	6.5	13.0	80.5	0.6		26.3		31.3	37.0
Guyane	55.2	53.7	54.7	59.2	3.3	18.2	78.6	0.7		20.5		25.6	25.8
Réunion	52.8	50.4	50.4	56.6	5.0	14.6	80.4	2.5		33.3		34.0	50.0

			Demography						Education			Region
Employment rate (ages 15-64 as % of pop. aged 15-64), 2001			1000 inhabitants, 2000	Population density (inh./km ²), 2000	% of the population aged (2000)			Educational attainment of persons aged 25-59 (% of total), 2001				
Total	Female	Male			<15	15-64	65+	low	medium	high		
55.6	41.2	71.0	10558	80.2	15.2	67.6	17.3	44.6	36.9	18.5	Ellada	
55.4	40.3	71.7	3422	60.6	15.4	67.6	17.0	49.7	32.5	17.8	<u>Voreia Ellada</u>	
59.6	45.4	75.2	564	39.8	16.0	66.2	17.9	59.3	26.6	14.1	Anatolik Makedonia, Thrac	
54.5	39.4	71.0	1809	96.2	15.3	68.6	16.1	45.1	35.4	19.5	Kentriki Makedonia	
53.7	39.5	68.7	304	32.2	15.8	66.3	17.9	53.9	31.0	15.1	Dytiki Makedonia	
55.1	38.8	72.0	744	53.0	15.2	66.7	18.2	52.8	29.8	17.4	Thessalia	
55.5	39.2	72.2	2657	49.3	14.0	66.6	19.4	56.7	30.4	13.0	<u>Kentriki Ellada</u>	
52.7	36.4	69.6	376	40.9	13.2	67.2	19.6	57.7	26.4	16.0	Ipeiros	
61.2	48.5	74.7	205	39.0	14.8	64.7	20.5	56.8	30.6	12.6	Ionia Nisia	
54.5	37.5	71.6	741	65.3	15.5	67.1	17.4	57.9	29.6	12.5	Dytiki Ellada	
51.6	33.8	69.7	664	42.7	13.2	67.7	19.1	59.5	30.1	10.5	Stereia Ellada	
60.3	44.7	76.3	671	43.3	13.2	65.3	21.5	52.0	33.9	14.2	Peloponnisos	
54.6	41.8	66.7	3456	907.6	15.3	68.8	15.9	32.8	44.5	22.6	<u>Atiki</u>	
60.3	45.5	75.8	1023	56.6	16.8	65.6	17.6	56.7	30.5	12.8	<u>Nisia Aigaiou, Knti</u>	
52.1	33.1	72.6	183	47.9	15.4	61.6	23.0	52.3	36.3	11.4	Voreio Aigaiou	
57.0	39.8	75.9	273	51.7	17.5	67.5	15.0	61.6	28.1	10.3	Norio Aigaiou	
64.6	52.5	76.9	566	67.9	16.9	66.1	17.1	55.7	29.8	14.5	Knti	
60.6	44.4	77.1	39927	79.1	14.9	68.4	16.8	57.6	17.6	24.9	España	
57.3	43.4	71.5	4295	34.8	12.0	68.2	19.8	61.0	16.6	22.5	<u>Nordeste</u>	
58.6	45.8	72.3	2714	92.2	12.3	68.0	19.7	63.4	14.6	22.0	Galicia	
53.0	38.0	68.1	1053	39.7	10.9	68.3	20.8	58.4	19.7	21.9	Principado de Asturias	
57.7	41.8	74.2	528	99.7	12.7	68.8	18.6	53.9	20.3	25.8	Cantabria	
63.1	47.2	79.1	4036	57.4	12.6	68.8	18.6	48.7	19.1	32.2	<u>Nordeste</u>	
63.0	47.9	78.4	2064	234.3	12.1	70.7	17.2	45.0	19.9	35.1	Pais Vasco	
67.5	51.6	82.9	538	51.6	13.7	68.3	18.0	48.3	18.0	33.7	Comunidad Foral de Navarra	
66.3	48.3	83.5	265	52.6	13.3	67.4	19.3	56.2	17.8	26.1	La Rioja	
60.6	43.9	77.5	1169	24.5	12.8	65.9	21.4	54.2	18.4	27.4	Aragon	
63.6	49.8	78.4	5150	644.2	14.6	70.1	15.4	45.5	20.2	34.3	<u>Comunidad de Madrid</u>	
56.7	37.9	75.1	5256	24.4	14.5	65.4	20.1	61.6	16.7	21.7	<u>Centro</u>	
58.3	40.9	75.0	2470	26.2	12.4	66.0	21.6	54.9	19.2	25.9	Castilla y León	
57.1	36.1	78.4	1713	21.6	16.1	64.7	19.2	67.0	14.6	18.3	Castilla-La Mancha	
52.4	33.9	70.4	1074	25.9	16.6	65.3	18.1	68.6	14.2	17.2	Extremadura	
68.9	53.2	84.8	10998	182.5	14.5	68.7	16.8	58.3	17.8	23.9	<u>Este</u>	
71.6	57.4	85.9	6170	193.2	13.9	68.6	17.5	55.1	18.7	26.3	Cataluña	
63.6	46.4	81.9	4039	173.3	15.1	68.9	16.1	62.9	15.6	21.4	Comunidad Valenciana	
74.0	57.2	91.4	790	157.5	16.4	68.3	15.3	60.2	21.9	17.9	Illes Balears	
51.2	33.7	69.1	8502	36.2	17.9	68.1	14.1	63.9	15.6	20.7	<u>Sur</u>	
49.9	32.7	67.7	7237	82.9	17.8	68.1	14.1	64.5	15.2	20.3	Andalucía	
59.6	41.3	78.2	1125	99.4	18.0	67.8	14.3	60.8	16.6	22.6	Región de Murcia	
49.6	28.6	71.9	140	4516.2	21.4	66.5	12.2	50.7	26.5	22.9	Ceuta y Melilla	
60.3	42.0	79.7	1689	233.2	17.1	71.0	11.9	61.4	18.8	19.7	Canarias	
62.7	56.7	69.8	60689	111.4	18.9	65.1	16.0	34.6	41.7	23.7	France	
66.6	61.6	71.8	11001	915.8	19.8	68.1	12.1	31.1	34.5	34.4	<u>Ile de France</u>	
62.8	55.3	70.5	10492	72.0	19.2	64.4	16.4	40.0	42.4	17.6	<u>Bassin Parisien</u>	
61.3	52.1	70.8	1343	52.4	19.2	65.1	15.7	43.3	40.3	16.4	Champagne-Ardenne	
60.9	52.1	69.6	1865	96.2	20.6	65.2	14.2	44.5	39.5	16.0	Picardie	
61.8	54.3	69.6	1789	145.3	20.3	65.2	14.5	40.1	39.4	20.6	Haute-Normandie	
65.0	58.4	71.8	2454	62.7	18.4	63.8	17.8	39.4	45.5	16.1	Centre	
64.2	58.6	69.8	1429	81.3	19.1	63.6	17.3	36.7	44.7	18.6	Basse-Normandie	
63.3	55.7	70.9	1612	51.1	17.7	63.4	18.9	36.5	44.9	18.7	Bourgogne	
54.0	44.1	64.0	4009	323.0	21.3	64.8	13.9	43.6	39.0	17.5	<u>Nord - Pas-de-Calais</u>	
64.4	55.8	73.0	5189	109.0	19.1	65.9	15.0	33.9	45.9	20.3	<u>Est</u>	
62.7	53.7	71.6	2313	98.2	19.0	65.6	15.4	34.4	46.6	19.0	Lorraine	
66.4	57.7	75.0	1754	211.8	19.2	66.8	13.9	31.0	46.8	22.3	Alsace	
65.1	57.2	73.1	1121	69.2	19.1	65.0	15.9	36.7	43.3	20.1	Franche-Comte	
64.2	57.6	70.6	7834	92.1	16.4	63.9	17.7	31.7	47.0	21.3	<u>Ouest</u>	
64.5	57.7	71.4	3255	101.5	19.2	64.4	16.4	33.1	46.9	20.1	Pays de la Loire	
63.7	57.7	69.8	2929	107.6	18.3	63.8	18.0	29.3	46.7	24.0	Bretagne	
64.5	58.0	70.7	1651	63.9	17.0	63.1	19.9	34.2	47.9	18.0	Poitou-Charentes	
62.4	55.3	69.5	6220	60.0	16.6	63.8	19.6	30.7	45.9	23.4	<u>Sud-Ouest</u>	
61.1	54.0	68.4	2932	71.0	16.9	64.0	19.1	33.3	45.4	21.3	Aquitaine	
63.6	55.9	71.2	2576	56.8	16.7	64.1	19.2	27.4	45.4	27.3	Midi-Pyrénées	
63.5	59.8	67.4	711	42.0	14.6	62.4	23.0	31.4	50.2	18.4	Limousin	
64.5	57.8	71.4	7008	100.5	18.9	65.3	15.8	31.1	43.8	25.2	<u>Centre-Est</u>	
64.8	58.1	71.6	5697	130.4	19.5	65.5	15.0	30.8	43.2	26.1	Rhône-Alpes	
63.3	56.1	70.7	1310	50.4	16.2	64.3	19.6	32.6	46.6	20.8	Auvergne	
55.9	48.7	63.7	7137	105.8	17.8	63.5	18.7	39.1	39.8	21.1	<u>Méditerranée</u>	
54.8	47.5	62.6	3225	84.9	17.5	63.2	19.3	39.2	40.6	20.2	Languedoc-Roussillon	
57.0	49.6	64.8	4551	144.9	18.0	63.7	18.4	38.5	40.0	21.5	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur	
42.4	36.1	49.0	261	30.1	16.9	64.4	18.7	53.5	24.8	21.7	Corse	
41.3	35.5	47.4	1699	19.0	27.6	64.3	8.1				<u>Départements d'Outre-Mer</u>	
42.2	38.3	46.6	428	251.0	25.2	65.2	9.6				Guadeloupe	
45.4	40.5	50.9	385	341.0	23.5	65.1	11.5				Martinique	
41.6	33.0	50.4	164	2.0	35.6	60.6	3.8				Guyane	
38.5	31.7	45.6	722	236.6	29.5	64.2	6.3				Réunion	

Region	Economy								Labour market				
	GDP/head (PPS)				Employment by sector (% of total), 2001			EPA patent applications per million inh., average 98-99, 2000	Unemployment rate (%)				
	1995, EU15 = 100	2000, EU15 = 100	average 1998-1999-2000, EU15 = 100	2000, EU25 = 100	Agriculture	Industry	Services		Total, 1991	Total, 2001	Long term unemployed, 2001 (% of total unempl.)	Female, 2001	Young, 2001
Ireland	93.2	115.2	111.2	126.9	7.0	29.0	63.6	70.8	14.6	3.7	:	3.6	6.2
Border, Midland and Western	70.5	89.8	81.3	92.4	12.0	32.6	55.0	42.1	13.6	4.6		4.8	7.4
Southern and Eastern	101.5	126.4	121.9	139.3	5.3	27.8	66.4	80.8	15.0	3.4		3.3	5.9
Italia	103.4	102.0	102.9	112.4	5.2	31.7	63.1	68.1	8.7	9.5	62.9	12.9	28.2
North-Ovest	117.9	116.5	117.3	128.5	3.9	33.8	62.3	94.2	5.5	5.3	49.7	7.5	17.1
Piemonte	121.6	119.6	120.3	131.8	3.9	37.7	58.4	110.5	5.2	5.2	49.3	7.3	14.6
Valle d'Aosta	139.7	123.1	128.5	135.7	6.2	22.5	71.3	17.8	2.9	3.5	17.9	4.7	10.8
Liguria	106.8	108.1	108.5	119.1	3.7	23.1	73.2	56.9	6.7	6.0	52.2	8.3	26.3
Lombardia	137.6	134.5	136.5	148.3	2.1	40.4	57.5	146.9	2.9	4.0	45.6	5.9	11.1
North-Est	123.5	120.6	121.7	132.9	4.5	36.4	59.1	93.8	3.5	3.4	29.7	5.4	8.9
Trentino-Alto Adige	137.3	136.3	137.3	150.2	7.4	27.1	65.4	53.1	2.9	3.0	20.1	4.0	5.5
Veneto	121.9	119.0	120.2	131.2	4.2	40.0	55.9	98.2	3.5	3.7	29.5	6.0	7.1
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	116.9	114.1	115.1	125.8	3.3	30.3	66.5	109.0	4.3	3.8	37.0	6.7	7.5
Emilia-Romagna	132.6	129.1	130.3	142.3	5.7	36.1	58.2	146.6	3.6	4.6	29.9	5.9	11.6
Centro	108.7	108.8	108.9	119.9	4.1	36.2	59.9	54.9	6.4	5.0	43.6	7.6	16.2
Toscana	112.6	113.5	113.4	125.1	4.2	34.1	61.7	59.2	6.4	5.0	41.0	7.9	17.3
Umbria	101.6	100.6	100.6	110.9	4.2	33.1	62.7	36.2	9.0	4.8	52.5	7.7	12.1
Marche	103.1	102.1	102.7	112.5	3.6	43.0	53.4	55.9	5.5	4.5	45.4	5.9	11.8
Lazio	117.1	112.9	115.3	124.4	3.1	19.2	77.8	44.0	8.6	10.3	75.7	13.8	33.3
Abruzzo-Molise	36.0	82.7	83.1	91.2	6.3	32.0	61.7	49.3	9.0	7.4	56.3	12.3	26.2
Abruzzo	98.3	83.7	84.3	92.3	5.5	32.8	61.8	59.6	8.0	4.3	49.6	6.8	18.5
Molise	77.4	78.8	78.7	86.8	9.7	29.0	61.4	9.2	12.8	13.1	64.7	20.3	37.8
Campania	65.3	65.3	66.0	72.0	6.9	24.7	68.5	9.8	17.8	22.4	76.2	30.7	59.9
Sud	65.4	66.2	66.2	73.0	11.4	25.1	63.6	9.0	15.2	18.3	66.2	27.6	45.0
Puglia	66.7	67.1	66.9	74.0	11.7	26.5	61.8	9.4	13.2	14.3	66.4	21.6	37.5
Basilicata	70.4	73.4	74.0	80.9	10.4	34.7	54.9	13.3	17.0	15.7	65.4	25.2	42.5
Calabria	61.2	62.1	62.3	68.5	10.8	18.8	70.3	7.0	18.6	24.6	66.0	36.4	56.5
Sicilia	65.9	65.4	66.0	72.1	9.9	19.4	70.7	13.8	18.7	20.8	71.5	30.3	51.5
Sardegna	76.0	75.5	76.6	83.2	8.5	23.3	68.2	9.7	15.7	19.1	62.9	27.4	51.9
Luxembourg (Grand-Duché)	170.8	195.3	187.0	215.3	1.5	21.4	76.8	171.6	1.5	2.4	27.8	3.1	7.2
Nederland	108.2	111.2	113.8	122.8	3.0	20.4	71.2	196.8	5.7	2.3	37.7	2.8	5.0
North-Nederland	104.5	101.6	103.7	112.0	3.8	24.1	66.8	73.2	7.1	3.8	39.2	4.5	9.3
Groningen	129.7	124.3	125.9	137.0	2.9	20.7	71.3	78.7	7.6	4.3	43.3	4.9	9.4
Friesland	31.1	91.5	93.7	100.8	4.8	25.7	64.5	65.4	6.9	3.6	44.5	4.6	9.7
Drenthe	91.6	87.9	90.3	96.9	3.8	26.2	64.2	77.0	6.8	3.4	31.8	3.9	8.4
East-Nederland	34.1	94.3	96.6	103.9	3.1	23.1	68.3	133.1	5.9	2.3	35.1	2.9	4.5
Overijssel	33.8	94.4	96.4	104.1	3.5	26.3	65.2	136.5	6.4	2.5	31.1	2.9	5.8
Gelderland	35.8	96.6	99.2	106.5	2.5	22.2	69.8	136.5	5.6	2.2	36.1	2.9	3.8
Flevoland	33.3	79.9	82.1	88.1	6.0	18.3	70.0	100.2	5.6	1.9	40.4	2.7	4.1
West-Nederland	119.9	123.4	125.9	136.0	2.5	15.8	76.1	134.7	5.5	2.0	37.5	2.0	4.2
Utrecht	130.4	140.3	142.7	154.7	1.1	14.9	79.4	173.1	4.7	1.2	45.3	1.1	2.1
Noord-Holland	125.8	130.2	133.2	143.5	2.0	14.4	77.8	118.6	6.0	2.0	39.9	1.8	5.7
Zuid-Holland	113.8	115.7	118.1	127.6	3.3	16.3	74.5	139.1	5.4	2.1	36.0	2.2	4.3
Zeeland	105.7	97.5	99.1	107.5	3.4	24.3	67.8	89.6	4.5	2.3	23.6	4.3	
Zuid-Nederland	102.8	106.0	108.2	116.8	3.3	26.1	65.1	449.8	5.5	2.2	39.4	2.8	5.2
Noord-Brabant	106.4	110.0	112.0	121.3	3.2	26.0	65.1	577.8	5.4	2.0	36.6	2.7	4.8
Limburg	95.6	97.6	100.3	107.6	3.6	26.3	65.1	187.0	5.7	2.5	44.6	3.0	6.2
Osterreich	110.3	114.3	111.7	126.0	5.8	29.4	64.8	144.5	3.8	3.4	26.1	4.1	5.5
Oststerreich	118.9	123.1	120.2	135.7	4.8	25.1	70.1	124.3	4.0	3.8	30.5	4.1	5.7
Burgenland	71.4	73.2	72.4	80.7	7.0	31.6	61.2	56.5	3.1	3.2	22.8	3.9	5.3
Niederösterreich	88.6	96.8	94.8	106.7	8.8	29.5	61.7	124.5	2.9	2.8	25.0	3.3	4.4
Wien	155.7	157.0	152.8	173.1	0.9	20.0	79.1	135.6	5.2	4.9	34.2	4.9	7.2
Südösterreich	92.6	95.9	94.0	105.7	7.8	32.5	59.7	130.9	4.3	3.7	20.3	4.8	6.3
Kärnten	94.4	96.0	94.4	105.8	6.3	30.7	63.0	128.1	4.7	4.3	18.5	5.9	7.7
Steiermark	92.0	95.9	93.7	105.7	9.5	33.3	58.3	132.3	4.2	3.5	21.1	4.4	5.7
Westösterreich	110.8	115.0	112.7	126.8	5.8	32.6	61.6	176.9	3.3	2.7	22.6	3.7	4.9
Oberösterreich	103.4	109.4	106.9	120.6	7.8	34.6	57.7	178.5	3.0	2.1	25.6	2.6	3.8
Salzburg	127.9	130.8	128.0	144.2	4.6	27.5	67.9	117.1	3.1	3.0	12.3	3.8	5.6
Tirol	111.2	112.8	111.7	124.4	4.5	28.6	66.9	123.3	4.5	4.0	21.7	5.8	7.1
Vorarlberg	114.7	117.9	114.7	130.0	2.6	39.7	57.7	362.4	2.5	2.6	22.8	3.7	4.3
Portugal	69.7	68.0	70.7	75.0	13.0	34.0	53.0	3.7	3.6	4.0	38.0	5.1	9.0
Continente	70.3	68.2	71.0	75.2	12.9	34.2	52.9	3.8	3.6	4.1	37.6	5.1	9.2
Norte	59.0	56.0	58.1	61.7	12.7	43.9	43.4	2.8	2.7	3.7	44.4	4.7	6.1
Centro	57.0	54.2	56.4	59.7	27.3	31.2	41.5	3.4	2.3	2.4	29.7	3.0	8.1
Lisboa e Vale do Tejo	90.7	90.9	94.6	100.2	4.8	29.0	67.2	5.6	4.4	5.3	35.0	6.4	13.5
Aleentejo	59.2	54.5	56.9	60.0	14.5	22.3	63.3	1.3	9.1	5.7	39.9	6.4	15.3
Algarve	71.7	66.0	69.8	72.7	8.7	21.1	70.2	2.6	3.9	3.6	25.0	5.0	9.4
Açores	51.5	51.7	52.6	57.0	13.8	29.6	56.5	0.7	3.7	2.2	30.6	4.2	6.3
Madeira	66.2	74.4	75.9	82.1	13.1	30.3	56.6	2.6	3.0	2.8	62.6	3.4	4.5

Employment rate (ages 15-64 as % of pop. aged 15-64), 2001			Demography					Education			Region
Total	Female	Male	1000 inhabitants, 2000	Population density (inh./km ²), 2000	% of the population aged (2000)			Educational attainment of persons aged 25-59 (% of total), 2001			
					<15	15-64	65+	low	medium	high	
65.1	54.0	76.0	3799	54.1	21.9	66.9	11.2	38.5	36.9	24.6	Ireland
62.1	50.2	73.6	1002	30.1	22.3	64.9	12.8	46.2	35.3	18.6	Border, Midland and Western
66.1	55.4	76.8	2797	75.6	21.7	67.7	10.6	36.0	37.4	26.6	Southern and Eastern
64.5	40.9	68.1	57762	191.7	14.4	67.6	18.0	53.8	35.6	10.6	Italy
60.4	49.6	71.1	6023	176.7	11.5	67.0	21.5	53.4	35.8	10.9	<u>Nord-Ovest</u>
61.2	50.8	71.6	4284	168.7	11.9	67.7	20.4	54.3	35.7	10.1	Piemonte
64.6	56.0	72.6	120	36.9	12.6	68.7	18.7	58.0	34.5	7.5	Valle d'Aosta
57.6	45.9	69.5	1619	298.8	10.4	64.9	24.7	50.6	36.1	13.3	Liguria
62.0	50.0	73.7	9109	381.6	13.0	69.5	17.5	51.5	37.9	10.6	<u>Lombardia</u>
62.5	50.3	74.5	5663	167.3	13.3	68.5	18.2	52.5	37.6	10.0	<u>Nord-Est</u>
64.6	53.1	76.3	942	69.2	15.9	67.5	16.6	49.9	40.3	9.8	Trentino-Alto Adige
62.3	49.7	74.7	4534	246.9	13.3	69.0	17.8	53.9	35.9	10.2	Veneto
61.3	50.4	72.0	1187	151.3	11.2	67.7	21.1	48.7	42.1	9.2	Friuli-Venezia Giulia
65.0	55.7	74.3	4003	180.9	11.2	66.7	22.1	50.3	37.9	11.8	<u>Emilia-Romagna</u>
60.6	50.0	71.3	5849	142.2	12.0	66.2	21.8	53.3	36.3	10.4	<u>Centro</u>
60.7	49.6	71.9	3543	154.1	11.5	66.6	21.9	55.0	35.3	9.7	Toscana
59.6	49.3	70.0	939	99.3	12.2	65.6	22.2	45.5	44.2	10.4	Umbria
61.1	51.4	70.8	1467	151.4	12.9	65.8	21.3	53.6	34.1	12.3	Marche
53.7	40.3	67.6	5295	307.3	14.2	68.8	17.0	45.7	40.6	13.8	<u>Lazio</u>
54.6	38.7	70.7	1606	105.4	14.4	65.7	19.9	52.7	37.5	9.7	<u>Abruzzo-Molise</u>
55.1	38.9	71.5	1279	118.5	14.4	65.9	19.8	52.6	37.6	9.8	Abruzzo
52.7	37.9	67.4	327	73.6	14.7	64.8	20.5	53.1	37.3	9.6	Molise
40.7	24.1	57.7	5774	424.7	19.3	67.2	13.6	58.1	32.7	9.2	<u>Campania</u>
43.3	26.1	61.0	6725	151.4	17.2	67.1	15.7	59.0	31.2	9.8	<u>Sud</u>
44.3	26.1	63.1	4081	210.8	17.3	67.7	15.1	61.2	29.0	9.8	Puglia
44.3	27.5	61.3	604	60.4	16.3	66.0	17.9	57.9	35.0	7.2	Basilicata
41.1	25.5	56.9	2040	135.3	17.4	66.3	16.3	54.7	34.7	10.7	Calabria
41.8	24.1	60.1	5070	197.2	18.0	65.9	16.1	59.5	30.7	9.9	Sicilia
45.2	29.3	61.2	1646	68.3	14.6	70.2	15.3	61.8	29.5	8.7	Sardegna
63.0	50.8	74.8	441	170.5	18.9	66.8	14.3	39.2	41.8	19.0	Luxembourg (Grand-Duché)
74.1	65.3	82.7	10922	469.9	18.6	67.9	13.6	31.6	43.8	24.6	Nederland
70.9	62.1	79.4	1654	199.2	18.2	67.2	14.7	33.2	46.2	20.6	<u>Noord-Nederland</u>
71.0	62.8	78.9	564	241.1	16.8	68.7	14.5	30.8	44.6	24.6	Groningen
70.9	60.9	80.5	627	186.7	19.0	66.7	14.3	34.2	46.8	19.0	Friesland
70.7	62.8	78.5	472	178.0	18.6	66.1	15.3	34.6	47.4	18.0	Drenthe
74.5	64.6	84.2	3331	341.7	19.6	67.3	13.2	33.2	45.2	21.6	<u>Oost-Nederland</u>
73.0	62.7	82.8	1032	324.3	19.5	66.9	13.7	34.0	46.2	19.9	Overijssel
75.2	65.6	84.7	1926	386.1	19.0	67.5	13.6	32.5	44.4	23.1	Geierland
75.6	64.9	86.1	323	226.9	23.8	67.3	8.9	34.4	46.8	18.8	Flevoland
75.2	67.2	83.2	7420	954.9	18.4	68.0	13.6	29.6	42.3	28.1	<u>West-Nederland</u>
77.0	67.7	86.4	1113	916.0	19.0	68.6	12.5	27.5	39.1	33.3	Utrecht
76.0	69.1	82.8	2526	949.9	17.8	68.8	13.5	26.6	43.0	30.5	Noord-Holland
74.6	66.3	82.6	3408	1188.9	18.6	67.6	13.8	32.4	42.2	25.4	Zuid-Holland
70.6	59.6	80.7	373	208.5	18.5	65.2	16.4	32.2	48.4	19.4	Zeeland
72.8	63.3	81.9	3507	493.8	18.2	68.5	13.4	33.5	44.6	21.9	<u>Zuid-Nederland</u>
73.8	63.9	83.3	2365	479.5	18.6	68.6	12.8	32.6	44.7	22.7	Noord-Brabant
70.6	61.9	79.1	1142	526.5	17.3	68.2	14.6	35.3	44.3	20.3	Limburg
67.8	59.8	75.9	8110	96.7	16.8	67.7	15.5	20.7	64.2	15.1	Osterreich
68.2	61.1	75.3	3429	145.6	15.8	67.9	16.3	20.3	63.1	16.7	<u>Ostösterreich</u>
65.5	58.8	72.0	278	70.1	15.2	66.7	18.1	27.6	61.6	10.8	Burgenland
68.5	60.2	76.6	1542	90.4	16.8	66.6	16.5	19.6	66.9	13.6	Niederösterreich
68.4	62.3	74.6	1609	3976.2	15.0	69.3	15.7	19.7	60.0	20.3	Wien
64.7	55.8	73.6	1765	68.1	16.5	67.2	16.4	18.4	68.8	12.9	<u>Südösterreich</u>
62.2	53.0	71.5	563	59.1	16.9	66.9	16.2	16.0	70.8	13.2	Kärnten
65.9	57.1	74.5	1202	73.4	16.2	67.3	16.5	19.5	67.8	12.7	Steiermark
69.3	60.5	78.1	2916	94.8	18.2	67.7	14.0	22.7	62.9	14.4	<u>Westösterreich</u>
69.9	61.6	78.2	1379	115.1	18.0	67.1	14.9	24.0	62.3	13.7	Oberösterreich
70.7	63.9	77.7	517	72.3	17.9	68.6	13.5	19.6	64.4	16.0	Salzburg
66.8	56.4	77.4	670	52.9	18.4	68.2	13.4	21.1	65.0	13.9	Tirol
69.4	59.1	79.7	349	134.3	19.2	68.4	12.4	25.2	59.4	15.5	Vorarlberg
68.8	61.0	76.9	10231	111.3	16.0	67.6	16.4	78.8	11.5	9.7	Portugal
69.1	61.7	76.9	9747	109.8	15.8	67.7	16.5	78.5	11.6	9.9	<u>Continente</u>
69.2	61.0	77.8	3636	170.9	17.5	68.5	14.0	82.8	9.5	7.7	Norte
73.1	67.1	79.3	1773	74.9	14.9	65.5	19.6	81.0	10.7	8.3	Centro
67.6	61.0	74.7	3430	287.5	14.9	68.8	16.3	72.4	14.4	13.3	Lisboa e Vale do Tejo
66.1	55.6	76.8	527	19.6	13.6	62.9	23.5	78.0	10.8	11.2	Alentejo
67.5	57.9	77.3	381	76.4	14.7	66.6	18.7	83.4	11.5	5.2	Algarve
60.2	42.2	78.2	239	102.6	21.9	65.8	12.4	85.0	8.1	6.9	Açores
63.9	54.5	74.3	245	314.4	19.4	67.2	13.4	83.4	11.1	5.5	Madeira

Region	Economy								Labour market				
	GDP/head (PPS)				Employment by sector (% of total), 2001			EPA patent applications per million inhabitants, average 98-99-2000	Unemployment rate (%)				
	1995, EU15 = 100	2000, EU15 = 100	average 1998-1999-2000, EU15 = 100	2000, EU25 = 100	Agriculture	Industry	Services		Total, 1991	Total, 2001	Long term unemployed, 2001 (% of total unempl.)	Female, 2001	Young, 2001
Suomi/Finland	96.9	104.0	102.0	114.6	5.8	27.0	66.9	290.6	7.0	9.1	22.9	9.8	19.8
<u>Maaneri-Suomi</u>	96.8	103.8	101.9	114.4	5.8	27.1	66.8	291.8	7.0	9.1	23.0	9.8	19.9
Itä-Suomi	75.2	74.5	74.6	82.2	11.1	25.0	63.8	77.5	9.7	13.5	23.1	14.1	32.1
Väli-Suomi	82.0	84.4	83.3	93.1	10.5	30.1	59.2	159.2	7.8	9.7	25.8	11.1	22.6
Pohjois-Suomi	88.5	91.5	87.9	100.8	7.8	26.5	65.3	278.8	10.0	12.8	19.0	12.7	28.4
Uusimaa (Suuralue)	128.8	143.2	140.7	157.8	1.0	20.4	78.3	533.0	3.5	5.2	22.8	5.3	8.2
Etelä-Suomi	90.6	96.0	94.4	105.8	6.1	32.7	61.0	247.8	7.6	9.8	23.8	11.2	22.5
<u>Åland</u>	119.2	139.2	135.9	153.4	7.4	20.6	72.1	95.8	1.8	1.3	0.0	1.4	3.7
Sverige	106.1	106.6	105.5	117.5	2.7	24.1	73.0	320.7	2.7	5.1	19.7	5.0	10.7
Stockholm	129.6	147.0	142.9	162.1	0.5	14.7	84.5	550.5	1.9	2.7	11.2	2.9	4.4
Östra Mellansverige	96.6	91.5	91.8	100.6	3.0	26.8	70.1	291.1	2.5	5.1	17.7	5.1	11.8
Sydsverige	96.5	98.5	96.9	108.6	3.2	24.6	71.9	355.2	2.9	6.4	25.8	6.9	12.9
Norra Mellansverige	102.8	91.0	92.5	100.3	3.5	28.5	67.8	195.3	3.4	7.3	24.6	6.6	18.4
Mellersta Norrland	108.6	97.1	97.9	107.0	3.4	22.1	74.3	134.8	3.7	7.1	28.1	5.4	16.6
Övre Norrland	105.6	92.0	93.8	101.4	3.3	23.1	73.3	187.6	4.3	7.0	18.1	5.1	15.4
Småland med Öarna	101.0	97.1	97.1	107.1	4.2	34.0	61.6	117.2	2.3	3.9	25.1	4.1	8.6
Västssverige	101.4	101.3	100.5	111.7	3.1	25.4	70.4	311.5	2.7	5.3	15.3	5.6	11.2
United Kingdom	96.4	100.3	101.4	110.6	1.4	24.9	73.5	111.0	8.6	4.8	27.7	4.3	11.4
<u>North East</u>	79.9	77.4	78.5	85.3	0.8	27.1	71.7	75.1	11.8	8.1	34.4	6.1	18.5
Tees Valley & Durham	79.2	76.0	77.2	83.8	0.9	31.0	67.5	67.0	11.5	8.2	37.5	6.4	19.9
Northumberland and Tyne & Wear	80.4	78.5	79.6	96.6	0.7	24.0	75.1	81.8	12.0	7.9	31.9	5.8	17.4
<u>North West (inc. Merseyside)</u>	86.7	87.2	88.2	96.1	0.9	26.1	72.9	87.7	9.7	5.7	27.3	4.6	14.8
Cumbria	97.7	91.1	92.2	100.4	3.4	29.1	67.4	80.9	6.5	5.1	27.1	4.6	11.4
Cheshire	111.6	114.4	115.7	126.1	1.3	27.3	71.2	189.0	6.7	3.7	17.8	3.2	10.6
Greater Manchester	87.1	88.6	89.6	97.7	0.3	25.4	74.3	65.4	10.0	5.3	22.3	4.1	13.1
Lancashire	83.5	81.1	82.1	89.4	1.1	30.0	68.6	66.3	7.3	4.6	30.8	3.7	12.6
Merseyside	68.4	70.2	71.0	77.4	0.5	20.9	78.3	81.6	14.9	9.8	35.9	7.7	25.5
<u>Yorkshire & the Humber</u>	84.9	88.1	89.0	97.2	1.4	27.9	70.6	75.2	9.2	6.0	28.8	5.1	14.9
East Riding & North Lincolnshire	92.0	94.6	95.6	104.3	2.2	31.8	65.6	56.0	10.3	7.7	30.6	7.0	19.4
North Yorkshire	90.4	94.2	95.4	103.9	4.3	21.5	74.1	127.6	5.1	3.1	16.7	3.0	9.2
South Yorkshire	70.2	74.8	75.4	82.4	0.6	29.6	69.7	40.5	11.6	7.0	31.4	5.6	19.7
West Yorkshire	89.0	91.5	92.4	100.9	0.4	27.7	71.8	82.8	8.9	5.7	29.0	4.7	12.5
<u>East Midlands</u>	90.3	93.9	95.2	103.5	1.4	30.7	67.8	104.0	7.5	4.6	29.1	4.4	11.3
Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire	85.8	89.9	91.1	99.1	0.7	31.8	67.3	98.6	9.3	5.5	31.4	5.1	13.4
Leicestershire, Rutland & Northants	99.5	102.6	104.1	113.1	1.6	30.4	67.9	135.7	6.3	3.8	26.9	3.9	9.4
Lincolnshire	82.0	84.8	86.1	93.5	2.6	28.4	68.9	43.6	7.4	3.6	25.3	3.6	9.6
<u>West Midlands</u>	89.6	92.0	92.9	101.4	1.3	31.4	67.0	87.2	9.8	5.7	32.3	5.1	13.2
Herefordshire, Worcestershire & Warks	92.7	97.2	98.3	107.2	2.2	30.7	67.0	156.3	5.9	2.9	27.4	3.0	7.8
Shropshire & Staffordshire	81.2	86.1	87.0	94.9	1.9	31.3	66.7	67.4	6.7	4.0	23.2	3.9	9.6
West Midlands	93.0	92.9	93.7	102.4	0.4	31.9	67.3	66.5	11.5	8.1	36.2	7.1	17.5
<u>Eastern</u>	96.8	103.9	104.9	114.6	1.3	25.4	73.2	216.5	6.2	2.8	22.7	2.8	6.7
East Anglia	103.1	109.3	110.2	120.4	2.1	26.7	71.2	271.4	6.2	3.1	25.8	3.0	7.7
Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire	99.1	107.0	108.0	118.0	0.5	24.0	75.3	188.5	5.8	2.3	19.7	2.2	5.0
Essex	86.2	93.7	94.5	103.2	1.1	25.0	73.8	169.9	6.7	2.9	21.0	3.0	7.2
<u>London</u>	138.5	147.0	148.9	162.0	0.2	14.4	85.1	91.9	10.0	5.7	29.6	5.9	10.9
Inner London	229.8	241.4	245.0	266.1	0.3	10.9	88.5	106.1		8.5	35.9	8.7	15.9
Outer London	82.1	87.5	88.5	96.4	0.2	16.5	83.1	82.9		4.0	23.4	4.2	7.8
<u>South East</u>	100.7	110.6	111.4	121.9	1.5	22.9	75.5	179.2	5.7	2.2	17.0	2.1	4.8
Berkshire, Bucks & Oxfordshire	119.9	130.6	131.6	143.9	1.5	22.4	75.8	267.8	4.8	1.6	10.9	1.6	3.3
Surrey, East & West Sussex	94.3	105.4	106.3	116.1	1.5	19.9	78.5	141.8	5.0	2.0	20.0	1.8	4.0
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	95.6	109.3	110.1	120.5	1.5	24.9	73.5	177.7	6.4	2.4	10.6	2.1	5.5
Kent	91.5	93.7	94.4	103.3	1.4	25.1	72.5	120.5	7.0	3.4	25.0	3.1	7.9
<u>South West</u>	89.3	91.0	92.2	100.3	2.0	23.9	74.0	123.4	7.3	3.1	18.2	3.0	7.3
Gloucestershire, Wiltshire & N Somerset	103.2	105.0	106.4	115.8	1.1	23.2	75.7	197.9	6.6	2.7	18.2	2.6	6.3
Dorset & Somerset	94.3	86.9	88.0	95.8	2.6	25.9	71.2	76.5	6.9	2.6	19.7	2.6	5.8
Cornwall & Isles of Scilly	61.5	65.0	65.8	71.6	5.3	22.4	72.3	59.8	9.8	4.9	19.9	5.0	10.6
Devon	79.3	79.2	80.2	87.3	1.9	23.8	74.0	53.2	8.1	3.8	16.7	3.6	9.4
<u>Wales</u>	90.8	80.6	81.5	88.8	2.2	26.9	70.8	64.4	9.1	5.9	26.8	5.0	14.6
West Wales & the Valleys	69.8	70.7	71.5	78.0	2.4	28.3	69.2	43.7		6.6	24.0	5.6	16.3
East Wales	100.6	97.8	99.0	107.8	1.7	24.8	73.2	96.6		4.8	31.7	4.1	11.8
<u>Scotland</u>	98.2	97.2	98.1	107.2	2.5	25.2	72.2	77.3	9.9	6.2	27.4	5.1	14.5
North Eastern Scotland	129.1	123.0	123.8	135.6	4.0	32.5	63.3	177.2		3.4	14.8	3.2	7.5
Eastern Scotland	101.4	100.3	101.5	110.6	1.8	23.3	74.7	95.0		5.5	31.7	4.6	14.1
South Western Scotland	92.3	92.7	93.3	102.1	2.1	24.9	72.9	49.3		8.3	27.5	6.6	17.9
Highlands & Islands	77.3	75.4	75.8	83.1	4.8	26.1	68.8	26.9		3.7	24.9	3.3	7.6
<u>Northern Ireland</u>	78.6	77.8	78.7	85.7	3.7	26.2	69.5	28.8	16.0	7.4	44.0	6.7	15.7

Employment rate (ages 15-64 as % of pop. aged 15-64), 2001			Demography						Education			Region
			1000 inhabitants, 2000	Population density (inh./km ²), 2001	% of the population aged (2000)			Educational attainment of persons aged 25-59 (% of total), 2001				
					<15	15-64	65+	low	medium	high		
Total	Female	Male										
69.1	66.6	71.6	5176	17.0	18.2	66.9	14.8	23.5	42.7	33.8	Suomi/Finland	
69.1	66.6	71.6	5150	17.0	18.2	66.9	14.8	23.5	42.7	33.8	Manner-Suomi	
61.6	59.3	63.7	684	9.7	17.6	65.4	17.0	25.6	46.5	27.9	Itä-Suomi	
67.2	63.0	71.3	705	16.5	18.8	64.9	16.4	24.7	44.5	30.8	Väli-Suomi	
62.9	60.5	65.1	557	4.3	20.7	66.2	13.2	21.8	47.9	30.4	Pohjois-Suomi	
75.8	74.2	77.4	1387	152.2	18.6	69.9	11.5	21.5	37.7	40.8	Uusimaa (Suuralue)	
69.1	66.0	72.1	1818	34.5	17.3	66.3	16.4	24.4	43.4	32.2	Etelä-Suomi	
80.7	75.0	87.2	26	16.9	18.8	65.2	16.0	28.6	41.4	30.0	Åland	
74.4	72.6	76.1	8871	21.6	18.5	64.2	17.3	17.3	56.5	26.2	Sverige	
79.3	78.0	80.5	1821	280.6	18.6	67.0	14.4	13.2	53.0	33.8	Stockholm	
73.0	70.4	75.6	1490	38.8	18.7	64.0	17.3	18.1	57.4	24.5	Östra Mellansverige	
71.3	69.4	73.2	1278	31.5	18.2	63.9	18.0	18.8	54.2	27.0	Sydsverige	
71.4	69.1	73.6	831	13.0	18.0	62.3	19.7	19.5	61.5	19.0	Norra Mellansverige	
70.5	70.3	70.9	376	5.3	17.5	62.5	20.0	17.0	59.5	23.6	Mellersta Norrland	
71.0	70.4	71.5	511	3.3	18.4	64.2	17.4	13.1	63.1	23.8	Övre Norrland	
75.8	74.0	77.5	796	23.9	18.8	62.3	18.9	22.3	57.7	20.1	Småland med Öarna	
75.2	73.1	77.3	1767	60.1	18.9	63.6	17.3	18.3	56.0	25.7	Västssverige	
71.6	64.9	78.2	59766	245.1	19.1	65.4	15.6	18.1	53.0	29.0	United Kingdom	
65.1	58.9	71.3	2596	301.5	18.8	65.2	16.1	21.2	56.2	22.6	North East	
65.0	56.8	73.0	1170	384.2	19.3	65.2	15.5	21.1	58.7	20.2	Tees Valley & Durham	
65.3	60.6	70.0	1426	256.2	18.3	65.2	16.5	21.4	54.1	24.6	Northumberland and Tyne & Wear	
69.7	64.2	75.1	6912	488.0	19.4	65.0	15.6	18.2	55.1	26.7	North West (inc. Merseyside)	
68.7	61.9	75.1	495	72.6	17.7	64.3	17.9	14.4	62.9	22.8	Cumbria	
73.0	67.0	78.9	997	423.5	19.0	65.6	15.5	14.7	52.6	32.7	Cheshire	
70.9	66.4	75.2	2586	201.9	20.1	65.4	14.5	20.1	53.2	26.7	Greater Manchester	
72.6	66.1	79.0	1432	466.6	19.3	64.3	16.4	17.1	57.5	25.4	Lancashire	
62.4	57.1	68.0	1412	2154.7	19.4	64.5	16.1	20.0	55.3	24.7	Merseyside	
70.2	64.4	75.9	5072	325.8	19.2	65.0	15.8	21.1	53.9	25.0	Yorkshire & the Humber	
67.3	61.2	73.3	897	242.6	19.3	64.2	16.5	19.1	57.5	23.5	East Riding & North Lincolnshire	
76.8	71.2	82.4	752	90.4	17.8	64.4	17.8	13.9	54.8	31.3	North Yorkshire	
67.2	62.3	71.9	1398	838.9	18.9	65.3	15.8	24.6	53.3	23.2	South Yorkshire	
71.1	64.8	77.2	2124	1044.4	19.9	65.4	14.7	22.3	52.6	25.2	West Yorkshire	
72.3	65.1	79.3	4213	269.6	18.8	65.3	15.9	20.4	55.1	24.5	East Midlands	
69.6	62.3	76.6	2018	421.5	18.6	65.4	16.0	22.5	53.7	23.8	Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire	
75.8	69.1	82.4	1563	317.9	19.6	65.9	14.5	19.0	55.6	25.3	Leicestershire, Rutland & Northants	
72.1	63.9	80.2	631	106.6	17.7	63.3	19.0	16.8	58.6	24.6	Lincolnshire	
70.9	63.6	78.1	5363	412.4	19.5	64.9	15.6	22.2	53.2	24.7	West Midlands	
77.0	70.9	82.8	1223	207.2	18.3	65.2	16.5	15.9	52.3	31.9	Herefordshire, Worcestershire & Warks	
73.6	66.4	80.6	1502	242.1	18.7	65.8	15.6	20.4	56.2	23.4	Shropshire & Staffordshire	
66.5	58.5	74.3	2639	236.5	20.5	64.2	15.3	26.6	51.7	21.7	West Midlands	
76.9	69.8	83.8	5443	284.7	18.9	65.1	16.0	14.9	58.1	27.0	Eastern	
77.6	70.7	84.7	2206	175.5	18.4	64.4	17.2	15.6	57.9	26.5	East Anglia	
76.7	69.9	83.3	1612	560.8	19.9	66.0	14.2	11.7	55.4	32.9	Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire	
75.8	68.6	82.9	1625	442.1	18.7	65.0	16.3	17.3	61.1	21.6	Essex	
69.0	61.2	76.6	7307	4613.8	19.3	68.2	12.5	17.4	42.0	40.7	London	
64.5	57.0	71.8	2825	8812.9	19.2	69.8	10.9	19.3	32.5	48.2	Inner London	
71.9	64.0	79.7	4482	3548.4	19.4	67.1	13.6	16.1	48.0	35.8	Outer London	
77.4	70.0	84.8	8114	424.6	18.8	65.2	16.0	12.5	55.9	31.6	South East	
80.1	71.8	88.1	2126	370.3	19.6	67.5	12.9	11.3	53.3	35.4	Berkshire, Bucks & Oxfordshire	
77.2	69.9	84.6	2604	476.9	17.9	63.7	18.4	11.2	52.5	36.3	Surrey, East & West Sussex	
76.6	69.4	83.5	1790	429.0	18.6	65.4	16.0	12.8	59.4	27.8	Hampshire & Isle of Wight	
75.1	68.3	82.1	1593	426.6	19.3	64.4	16.4	15.9	61.4	22.7	Kent	
75.6	69.4	81.8	4962	207.0	18.0	63.6	18.4	12.6	57.5	29.9	South West	
78.0	71.5	84.1	2191	288.2	18.7	65.2	16.1	10.7	55.1	34.2	Gloucestershire, Wiltshire & N Somerset	
75.7	68.8	82.7	1192	195.2	17.4	61.9	20.7	14.1	58.9	27.0	Dorset & Somerset	
68.9	61.7	76.4	497	139.7	17.4	62.6	20.0	17.9	56.9	25.1	Cornwall & Isles of Scilly	
73.7	69.3	78.2	1082	161.4	17.5	62.6	19.9	12.5	61.6	25.9	Devon	
65.2	59.1	71.1	2958	142.4	19.0	63.8	17.3	23.4	50.4	26.2	Wales	
62.7	57.2	68.2	1881	143.4	18.8	63.3	17.9	25.9	52.2	21.8	West Wales & the Valleys	
69.4	62.5	76.1	1077	140.8	19.4	64.6	16.1	19.3	47.3	33.4	East Wales	
70.2	65.1	75.5	5117	65.5	18.3	66.3	15.4	19.5	49.2	31.3	Scotland	
77.1	70.0	84.0	503	68.5	18.4	67.4	14.2	15.1	48.3	36.6	North Eastern Scotland	
73.5	69.4	77.7	1905	105.9	18.0	66.4	15.7	16.3	49.7	34.0	Eastern Scotland	
66.0	60.7	71.5	2341	179.7	18.5	66.3	15.2	23.6	47.5	28.9	South Western Scotland	
69.8	63.7	76.0	368	9.2	18.6	64.8	16.6	17.9	55.0	27.1	Highlands & Islands	
64.4	56.4	72.6	1699	120.0	22.5	64.5	13.0	28.4	48.7	23.0	Northern Ireland	

Region	Economy								Labour market				
	GDP/head (PPS)				Employment by sector (% of total), 2001			EPA patent applications per million inh., average 98-99-2000	Unemployment rate (%)				
	1995, EU15 = 100	2000, EU15 = 100	average 1998-1999-2000, EU15 = 100	2000, EU25 = 100	Agriculture	Industry	Services		Total, 1991	Total, 2001	Long term unemployed, 2001 (% of total unempl.)	Female, 2001	Young, 2001
Balkanja	33.0	26.6	27.3	28.2	6.7	34.4	58.9	3.1	:	19.9	62.6	18.9	39.3
Severozapaden	27.9	24.0	23.9	26.4	6.8	37.3	56.0		:	32.8		28.5	75.5
Severni Tsentralni	28.0	22.5	23.4	24.8	7.8	38.8	53.4		:	23.3		21.1	44.2
Severoztochen	28.9	23.0	24.3	25.4	10.1	29.9	60.0		:	26.5		26.2	49.3
Jugozapaden	44.8	33.6	36.0	37.0	2.4	32.0	65.6		:	9.7		9.0	17.2
Juzhen Tsentralni	30.2	21.2	23.0	23.3	9.4	37.1	54.5		:	20.6		20.1	42.4
Jugoztochen	28.0	25.7	28.5	28.4	8.9	34.3	56.8		:	22.9		23.4	49.2
Kypros	82.6	78.7	79.9	83.5	3.2	24.5	72.3	10.0	:	4.0	21.4	5.8	8.4
Ceska Republika	62.1	56.2	58.4	61.9	4.9	40.5	54.7	10.6	:	8.0	51.5	9.6	16.3
Praha	114.0	121.0	122.2	133.4	0.7	21.8	77.6		:	3.0	34.6	3.5	8.2
Střední Čechy	48.3	47.0	48.1	51.3	5.6	40.0	54.5		:	6.0	47.6	7.9	11.8
Jihozapad	59.0	52.4	54.4	57.7	7.6	41.7	50.7		:	5.7	48.2	7.2	10.7
Severozapad	58.2	45.8	48.7	50.5	3.8	42.7	53.5		:	12.7	56.7	15.2	24.6
Severovýchod	54.1	48.1	49.9	53.0	5.5	46.7	47.8		:	6.4	40.2	7.8	13.5
Jihovýchod	55.3	48.9	51.0	53.9	6.9	41.0	52.1		:	8.0	54.6	9.6	16.4
Střední Morava	52.8	45.0	47.3	49.6	5.6	46.2	48.2		:	9.2	51.1	11.1	18.5
Moravskoslezsko	58.7	46.6	50.2	51.4	2.6	44.5	52.9		:	13.6	58.3	15.7	24.8
Esti	33.6	40.1	39.3	44.2	7.1	34.2	58.7	5.8	:	12.4	46.6	13.1	24.5
Magyarország	45.5	49.7	48.8	54.8	5.3	36.5	59.3	14.4	:	5.7	44.8	4.9	10.5
Közép-Magyarország	65.7	75.6	73.4	83.4	1.6	26.4	72.0		:	2.0	50.3	2.0	3.0
Közép-Dunántúl	41.2	49.9	47.5	55.0	5.5	46.4	48.2		:	4.3	31.9	4.0	8.5
Nyugat-Dunántúl	46.9	56.6	55.2	62.4	5.0	43.7	51.3		:	3.2	50.7	2.8	5.8
Öst-Dunántúl	37.2	37.2	37.3	41.0	3.9	34.2	56.9		:	7.6	47.1	6.7	14.6
Észak-Magyarország	33.1	32.1	32.3	35.4	4.7	39.4	55.8		:	11.3	48.3	9.2	19.6
Észak-Alföld	32.5	31.5	31.7	34.7	7.0	35.8	57.2		:	10.3	41.7	8.6	18.0
Öst-Alföld	37.9	35.7	36.2	39.4	10.3	36.7	53.0		:	6.5	37.1	5.8	13.0
Lietuva	32.0	36.7	36.4	39.3	16.5	27.2	56.3	0.9	:	16.5	56.2	13.5	30.9
Latvija	24.7	30.9	29.2	34.0	15.1	25.3	58.6	4.0	:	13.1	59.1	11.5	22.9
Malta	52.4	53.1	54.9	60.7	1.7	33.0	66.2		:	6.1		6.1	11.0
Polska	34.3	38.9	38.6	42.8	19.2	30.7	50.1	1.9	:	18.4	50.1	20.0	41.5
Dolnoslaskie	35.7	40.2	39.4	44.3	10.6	31.5	57.7		:	24.1	55.0	26.3	46.3
Kujawsko-Pomorskie	34.2	34.8	34.9	38.4	19.6	31.1	49.3		:	21.8	49.4	22.4	43.4
Lubelskie	26.4	26.6	27.2	29.4	38.0	20.1	41.9		:	14.7	38.0	16.1	38.4
Lubuskie	33.7	34.9	35.0	38.4	10.3	33.8	56.0		:	23.6	43.7	27.9	50.1
Łódzkie	31.3	34.5	34.6	38.0	17.2	33.0	49.8		:	19.6	55.2	22.9	45.1
Małopolskie	30.4	34.7	34.7	38.2	24.8	29.5	45.7		:	12.8	52.7	14.3	34.8
Mazowieckie	42.7	58.9	57.6	64.9	20.4	24.2	55.4		:	14.2	53.1	14.4	32.4
Opolskie	33.9	33.2	33.2	36.6	20.1	36.1	43.8		:	19.1	39.5	20.7	43.4
Podkarpackie	26.6	27.6	28.4	30.5	30.4	28.6	41.1		:	17.5	60.1	18.3	46.3
Podlaskie	26.0	28.9	28.8	31.8	36.4	21.6	42.0		:	15.7	57.8	17.5	40.8
Pomorskie	34.4	39.1	38.7	43.1	8.6	30.7	60.7		:	18.0	39.8	19.6	33.3
Slaskie	42.2	42.8	42.8	47.1	5.4	43.2	51.4		:	20.4	59.9	23.0	44.9
Świętokrzyskie	27.3	30.4	30.1	33.5	30.3	29.2	40.5		:	20.0	44.8	19.0	51.3
Warmińsko-Mazurskie	27.4	29.0	29.5	31.9	14.3	31.4	54.3		:	22.3	54.2	25.0	50.5
wielkopolskie	33.8	41.4	40.9	45.7	19.3	35.2	45.6		:	19.0	38.1	21.2	40.8
Zachodniopomorskie	35.3	38.3	38.2	42.3	6.2	31.8	62.0		:	21.5	39.9	22.9	47.2
România	27.9	23.3	23.9	25.7	44.4	25.9	29.7	1.1	:	6.6	48.6	6.0	17.6
Nord-Est	22.3	16.3	20.9	17.9	57.8	20.1	22.1		:	7.0	52.0	5.7	19.9
Sud-Est	27.4	20.7	21.4	22.8	44.1	23.2	32.7		:	8.0	50.8	8.1	20.1
Sud	26.6	19.1	19.5	21.1	52.5	23.4	24.2		:	6.9	41.3	6.0	19.3
Sud-Vest	26.8	19.7	20.7	21.7	59.8	20.3	19.9		:	6.4	41.9	5.4	22.1
Vest	30.3	24.0	25.8	26.5	36.0	30.1	33.9		:	6.7	46.8	6.5	17.1
Nord-Vest	26.2	21.7	21.6	23.9	42.3	26.3	31.4		:	4.8	53.1	4.4	9.6
Centru	30.0	24.9	24.9	27.4	32.4	36.3	31.3		:	7.8	51.5	7.6	18.5
Bucuresti	38.1	48.1	42.0	53.0	5.5	36.1	58.4		:	4.1	49.7	4.6	10.6
Slovenija	62.8	67.2	67.3	74.0	10.0	38.6	51.4	21.2	:	5.7	63.3	6.0	15.7
Slovenská Republika	45.9	46.9	48.4	50.6	6.3	37.1	56.7	5.4	:	18.4	58.3	18.5	38.9
Bratislavský	91.5	97.9	99.2	107.9	1.9	26.3	71.8		:	8.4	40.0	8.6	19.5
Západné Slovensko	43.1	42.6	44.7	47.0	6.9	40.3	52.9		:	18.6	66.5	18.0	36.0
Stredné Slovensko	39.6	38.7	41.4	42.6	6.7	41.1	52.2		:	21.1	53.4	20.5	42.5
východné Slovensko	36.4	35.5	38.6	39.1	7.4	35.1	57.5		:	23.9	56.7	22.4	46.9

Source: Eurostat (REGIO, LFS), national statistical institutes - calculations DG REGIO
 GDP/head: Malta 1999, average 1996-99
 Employment by sector: F(DOM) estimates, MT: national source
 EPA patent applications: excluding MT
 Long-term unemployment: labour force survey 2001, NL: 1999, EU15 excl. Ireland, accession candidates excl. MT
 Employment rates: labour force survey 2001, F(DOM) total employed as % of population aged 15-64, MT: national source
 Population by age class: F(DOM) 1996, MT 1999
 Educational attainment: labour force survey 2001, accession candidates excl. MT

Employment rate (ages 15-64 as % of pop. aged 15-64), 2001			Demography					Education			Region
Total	Female	Male	1000 inhabitants, 2000	Population density (inh./km ²), 2000	% of the population aged (2000)			Educational attainment of persons aged 25-59 (% of total), 2001			
					<15	15-64	65+	low	medium	high	
50.7	47.9	53.6	8170	73.7	15.9	67.9	16.2	26.0	52.1	21.9	Bългария
42.0	40.1	44.0	582	54.9	15.3	63.4	21.3	26.7	58.1	15.2	Severozapaden
49.6	47.3	51.9	1220	68.1	14.8	66.5	18.7	23.5	55.2	21.4	Severen Tsentralen
49.4	44.7	54.1	1339	67.0	16.9	68.6	14.5	33.8	47.9	18.2	Severoztochen
55.5	53.4	57.7	2143	105.7	14.9	69.6	15.5	16.6	53.0	30.4	Yugozapaden
51.1	48.6	53.7	2065	75.1	16.4	68.2	15.4	30.1	51.0	19.0	Yuzhen Tsentralen
46.0	42.0	50.0	822	56.2	17.4	67.5	15.1	30.9	51.1	18.0	Yugoztochen
68.0	56.5	79.7	694	117.6	23.2	65.5	11.3	32.6	39.3	28.1	Kypros
65.0	57.0	73.2	10272	130.3	16.6	69.6	13.8	12.2	75.8	12.0	Česka Republika
72.0	67.0	77.4	1184	2387.3	13.9	69.8	16.3	5.3	69.0	25.7	Praha
66.6	57.4	75.8	1113	101.1	15.3	69.3	14.4	20.8	69.8	9.5	Střední Čechy
68.2	59.6	76.8	1178	66.8	16.6	69.6	13.8	11.4	78.2	10.4	Jihozápad
62.6	53.7	71.5	1132	130.6	17.3	70.7	12.0	16.6	76.3	7.1	Severozápad
66.4	57.9	75.1	1489	119.7	17.1	69.1	13.9	11.5	79.1	9.4	Severovýchod
64.8	57.3	72.2	1658	118.5	16.9	69.0	14.1	10.4	77.3	12.3	Jihovýchod
62.5	53.4	71.7	1240	136.2	17.0	69.5	13.6	11.7	77.4	11.0	Střední Morava
57.8	49.6	66.0	1280	230.4	17.6	70.2	12.2	12.1	77.5	10.4	Moravskoslezsko
61.1	56.9	65.6	1372	30.3	18.0	67.5	14.5	11.8	58.6	29.6	Esti
56.3	49.6	63.3	10211	109.8	17.1	68.3	14.6	26.1	59.5	14.4	Magyarország
60.7	53.8	68.2	2891	417.9	15.5	69.3	15.2	19.6	58.9	21.5	Közép-Magyarország
60.1	52.7	67.5	1128	100.1	17.4	69.5	13.2	25.4	63.1	11.5	Közép-Dunántúl
62.8	55.1	70.5	1001	99.5	16.3	68.9	14.8	24.9	62.2	12.9	Nyugat-Dunántúl
52.7	46.4	59.3	991	69.9	17.1	68.3	14.7	29.3	58.1	12.6	Dél-Dunántúl
49.6	43.6	55.6	1290	96.1	18.2	67.0	14.8	29.9	59.2	10.9	Észak-Magyarország
49.2	42.9	55.6	1548	87.2	19.4	67.1	13.5	32.1	57.0	10.9	Észak-Alföld
56.1	49.3	63.0	1363	74.4	17.1	67.5	15.5	29.1	60.2	10.7	Dél-Alföld
58.6	57.4	59.8	3806	53.7	19.8	66.9	13.4	11.5	41.9	46.6	Lietuva
58.9	56.1	61.9	2373	36.7	17.8	67.5	14.7	18.5	63.0	18.5	Latvija
64.2	32.0	76.1	380	1173.4	20.8	67.2	12.0	:	:	:	Malta
53.8	48.4	59.2	38646	123.6	18.8	68.9	12.3	17.0	70.7	12.3	Polska
48.3	43.2	53.8	2975	149.1	17.2	70.4	12.4	15.8	71.6	12.7	Dolnośląskie
52.0	47.1	57.2	2101	116.9	19.4	69.1	11.4	23.0	70.6	9.4	Kujawsko-Pomorskie
57.7	53.9	61.4	2233	98.9	19.6	66.6	13.6	19.3	67.0	13.6	Lubelskie
50.0	42.5	57.6	1024	73.2	19.4	69.8	10.8	13.9	74.9	11.2	Lubuskie
53.7	48.6	59.0	2648	145.3	17.0	68.7	14.3	19.1	68.7	12.3	Łódzkie
60.1	54.5	65.8	3227	213.1	20.0	67.7	12.3	15.6	70.3	14.1	Małopolskie
59.2	55.5	62.8	5069	142.4	17.8	68.3	14.0	15.9	68.7	15.5	Mazowieckie
53.2	47.6	58.6	1087	115.4	19.1	70.2	11.7	15.9	74.1	10.0	Opolskie
55.3	51.1	59.4	2128	118.7	21.4	66.8	11.9	15.6	73.5	10.8	Podkarpackie
58.3	52.0	64.7	1222	60.6	20.1	66.4	13.5	22.4	64.7	12.9	Podlaskie
53.4	46.3	61.1	2195	120.0	19.8	69.4	10.7	17.3	70.1	12.7	Pomorskie
48.5	41.8	55.2	4858	395.1	17.3	71.2	11.5	13.6	77.1	9.4	Śląskie
50.0	45.6	54.2	1324	113.4	18.6	67.4	13.8	21.9	68.5	9.6	Świętokrzyskie
49.2	43.0	55.5	1466	60.6	20.7	69.0	10.4	23.6	66.6	9.8	Warmińsko-Mazurskie
54.0	48.3	59.8	3358	112.6	19.8	68.9	11.3	15.5	74.6	10.0	Wielkopolskie
50.7	44.3	57.3	1733	75.7	18.7	70.4	10.9	18.9	68.1	13.0	Zachodniopomorskie
63.3	58.2	68.6	22435	94.1	18.5	68.3	13.2	25.3	64.4	10.3	Romania
66.9	64.1	69.7	3824	103.6	21.2	66.2	12.6	29.1	63.7	7.2	Nord-Est
58.9	50.7	67.2	2935	82.1	18.8	68.7	12.6	29.8	61.7	8.5	Sud-Est
65.5	59.2	71.9	3468	100.7	18.2	67.0	14.7	26.3	65.0	8.8	Sud
70.4	66.2	74.5	2401	82.2	18.5	67.0	14.5	26.2	65.4	8.4	Sud-Vest
61.9	56.4	67.7	2040	63.7	17.7	69.4	12.9	24.8	64.0	11.2	Vest
63.4	59.5	67.5	2846	93.3	19.0	68.6	12.4	28.0	61.9	10.1	Nord-Vest
62.2	57.6	66.8	2642	77.5	18.5	69.2	12.3	21.9	67.7	10.5	Centru
55.5	50.0	61.7	2278	1251.1	14.3	72.1	13.6	13.4	66.3	20.3	București
63.6	58.6	68.5	1980	98.2	16.1	70.0	13.9	22.8	62.6	14.6	Slovenija
56.7	51.8	61.8	6401	110.1	19.8	68.8	11.4	12.9	76.1	11.0	Slovenska Republika
69.5	64.8	74.6	617	300.7	15.4	71.6	12.0	7.8	67.6	24.6	Bratislavský
57.2	52.1	62.3	1876	125.1	18.5	69.5	12.0	14.1	76.6	9.3	Západné Slovensko
55.2	49.3	61.3	1356	83.5	20.2	68.4	11.5	13.7	77.1	9.2	Stredné Slovensko
52.1	47.8	56.5	1552	98.6	22.4	67.2	10.4	12.7	78.4	8.9	Východné Slovensko