



The challenges and solutions for middle-income regions within the EU Cohesion Policy beyond 2020

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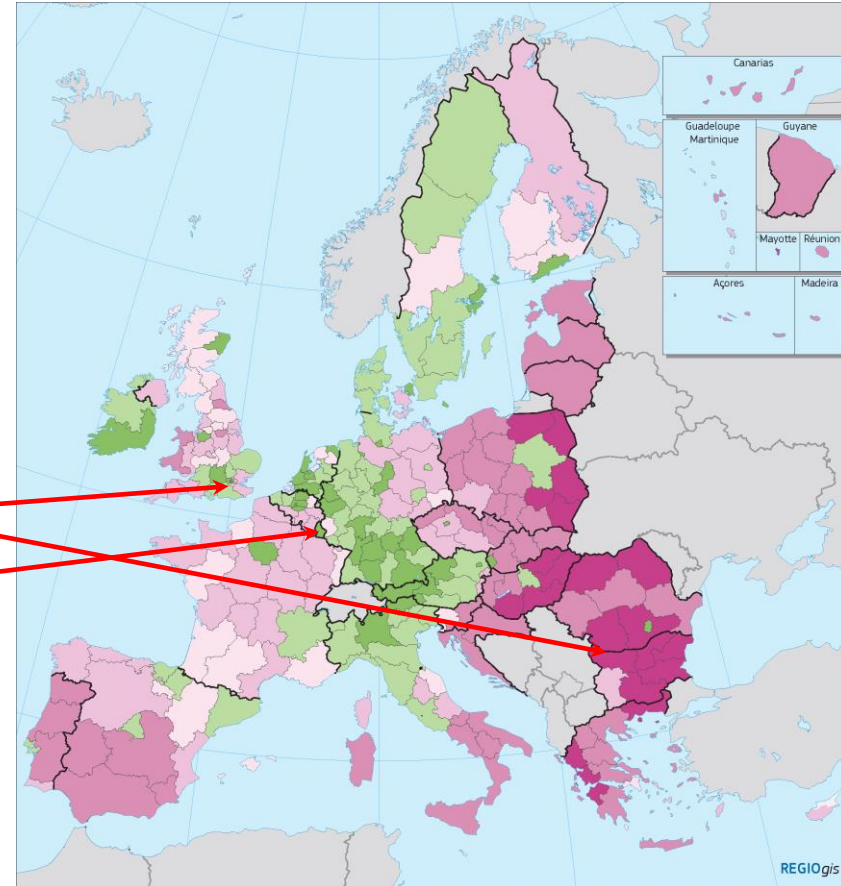
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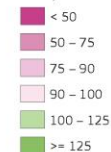
Disparities remain important: GDP per head

- Severozapaden: 29
- Inner London - West: 530
- Luxembourg: 264
- GDP per head in Luxemburg is more than 9 times higher than in Severozapaden



Map 1.1 GDP per head (PPS), 2015

Index, EU-28 = 100

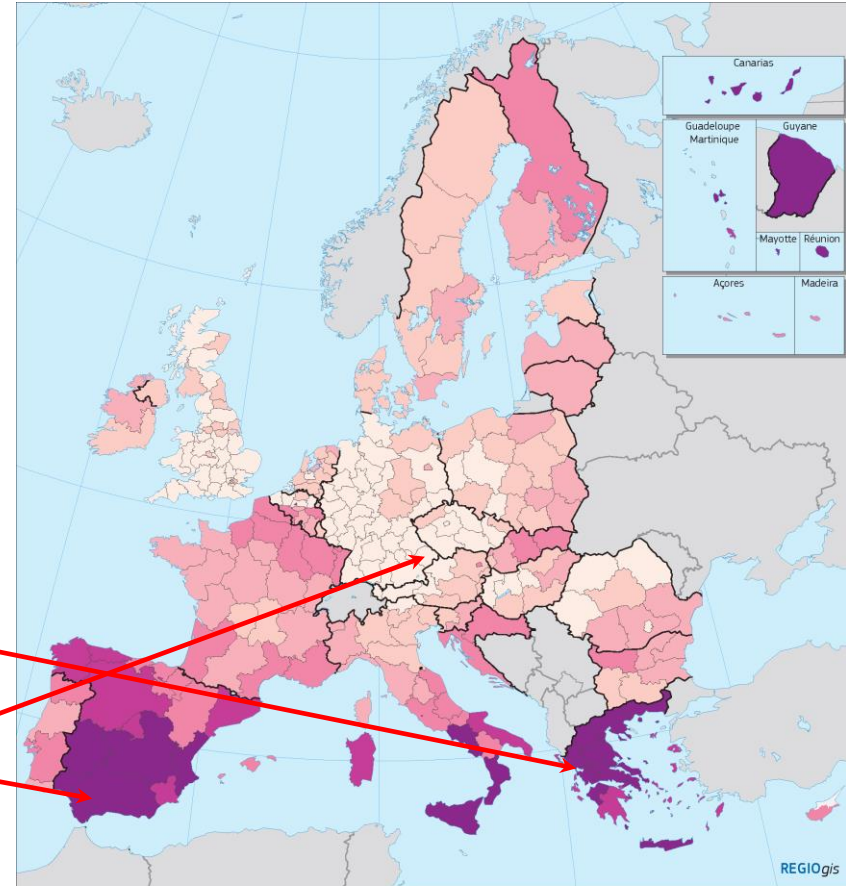


Values for the two regions in Ireland for 2015 have been estimated from the 2014 figures on the basis of the changes in the national figure.
Source: Eurostat, DG REGIO

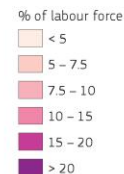
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- The unemployment rate across the EU has fallen from a high of 10.9% in 2013 to 8.6% in 2016 and 7.7% in 2017, still above the 7% it was in 2008
 - In some regions, the rate remains at historical heights
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- Dytiki Makedonia: 31.3%
 - Andaluc a: 28.9%
 - Niederbayern: 2.0%



Map 2.7 Unemployment rate, 2016



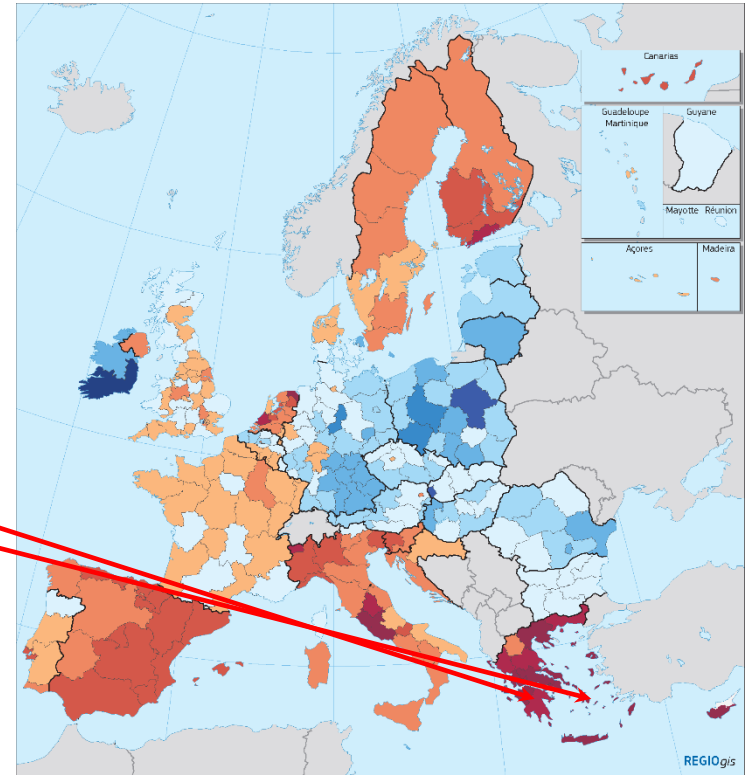
EU-28 = 8.6
Source: Eurostat

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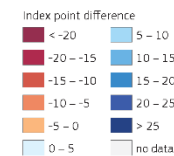
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- Regions in eastern Member States have converged to the EU average...
- ... but Greek and Italian regions diverged substantially

- Attiki: -32
- Notio Aigaio: -30



Map 2 Change in GDP per head index, 2008–2015



EU-28 = 0
Source: Eurostat, DG REGIO

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