

# **Green Paper on Territorial Cohesion**

**Turning territorial  
diversity into strength**



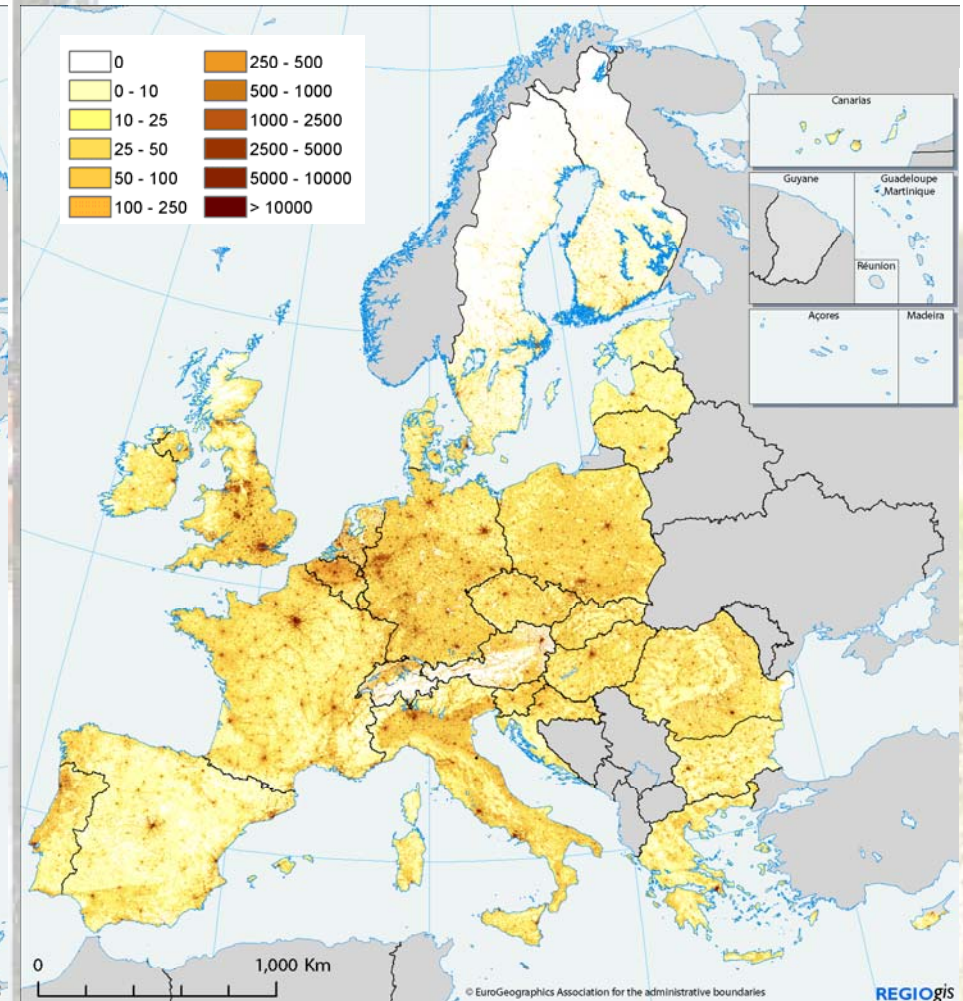
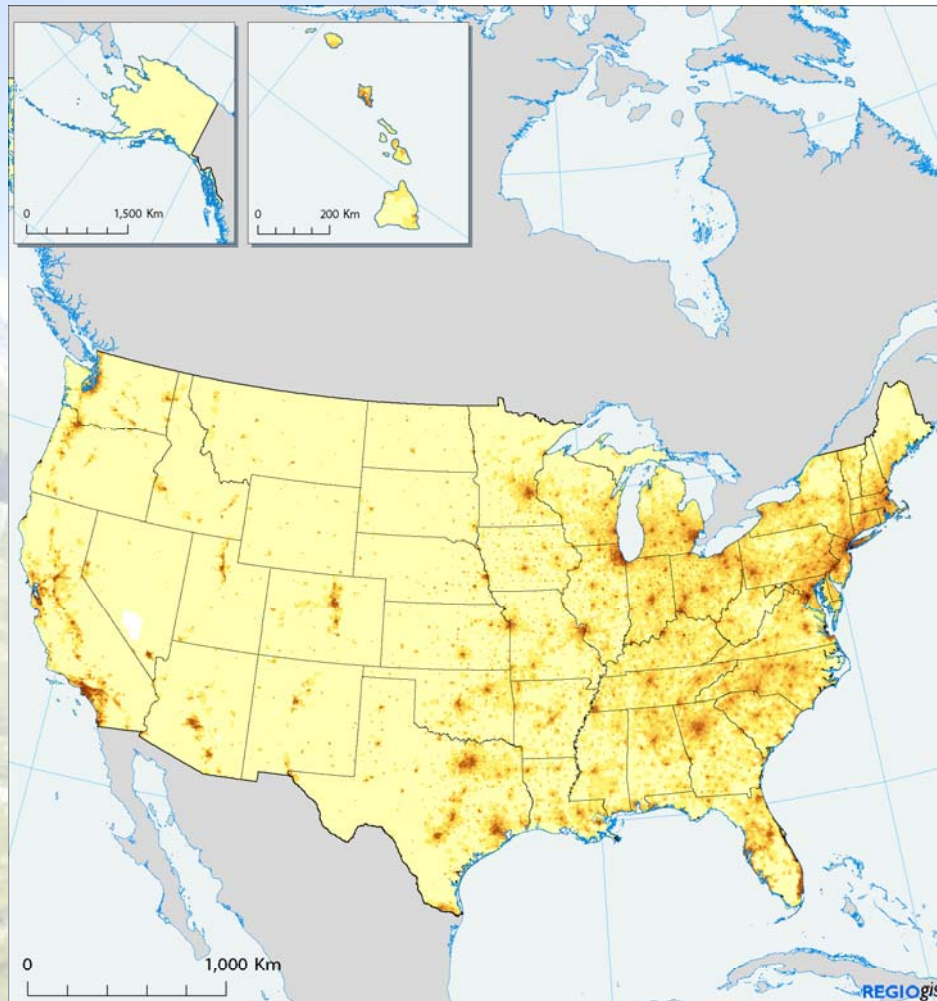
# Why a Green Paper?

**The consolidation of a open process:**

- **Late 90s: Member States adopt the European Spatial Development Perspective (ESDP)**
- **2000-2006: reinforcement of INTERREG and launch of the ESPON programmes**
- **2007: Member States adopt the Territorial Agenda (Leipzig) and its Action programme(Açores)**
- **2008: Green Paper on territorial cohesion**

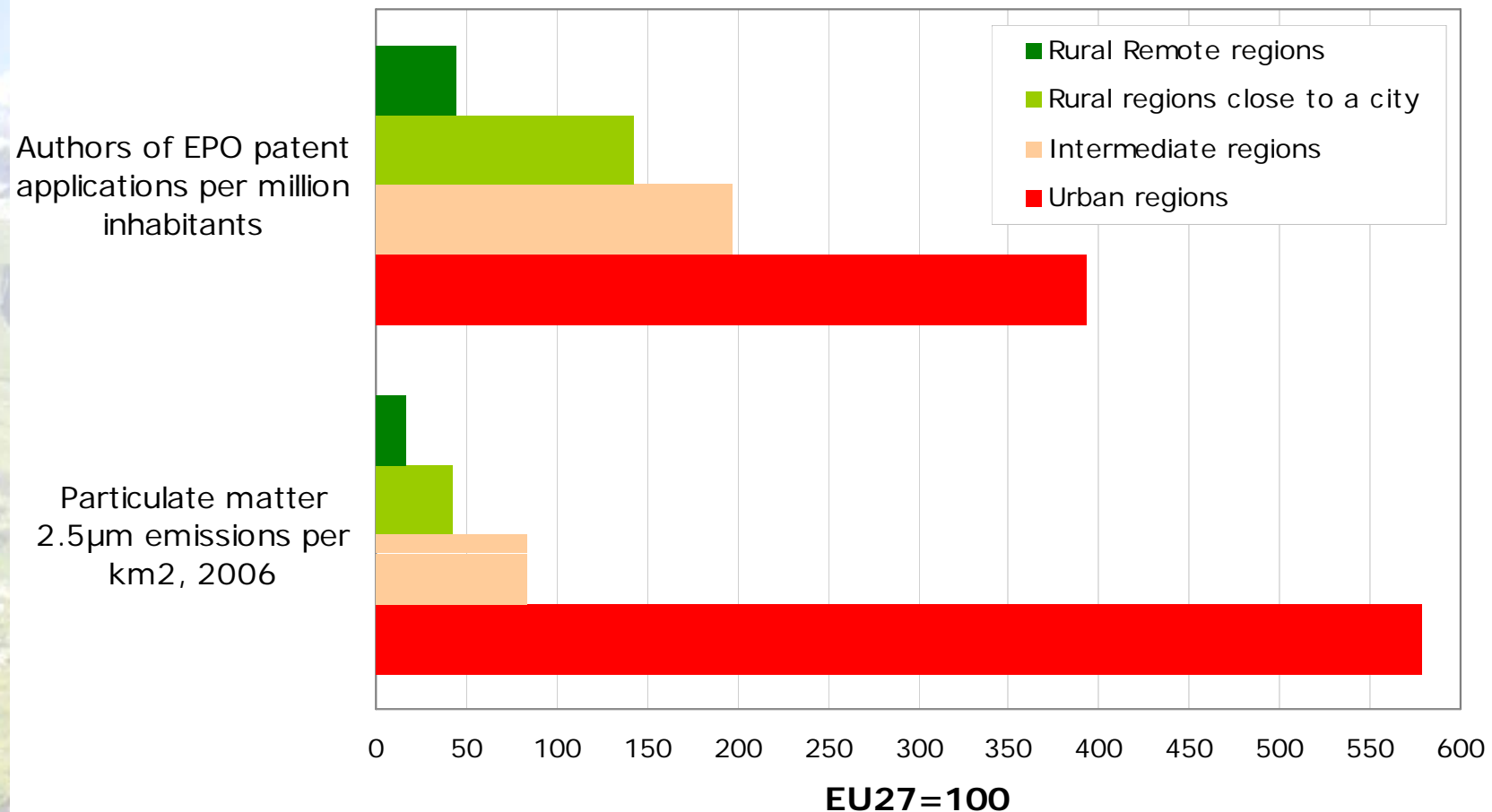


# EU and USA: distinct settlement structures



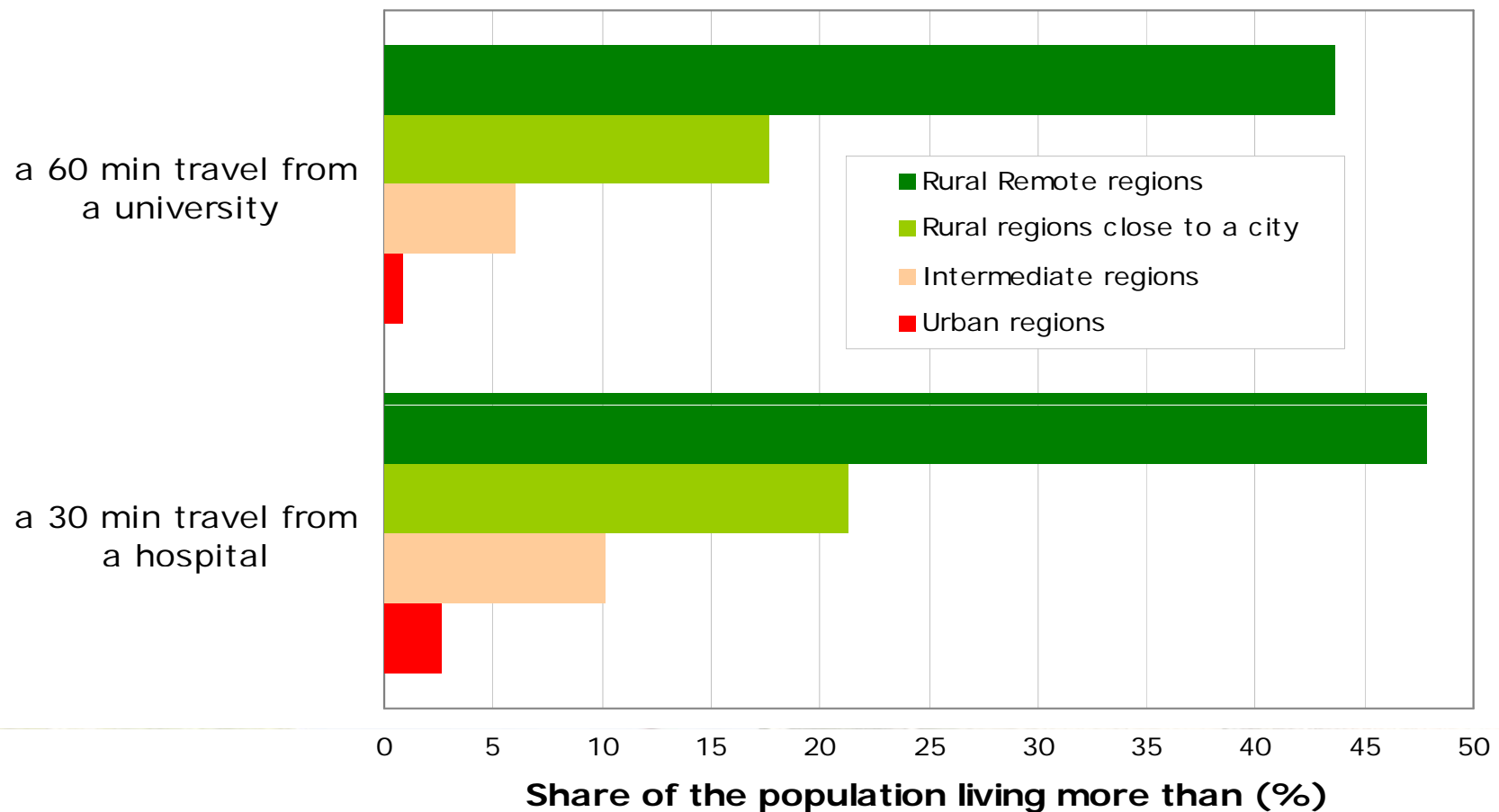
# Concentration

## Advantages and disadvantages of agglomeration



# Connection

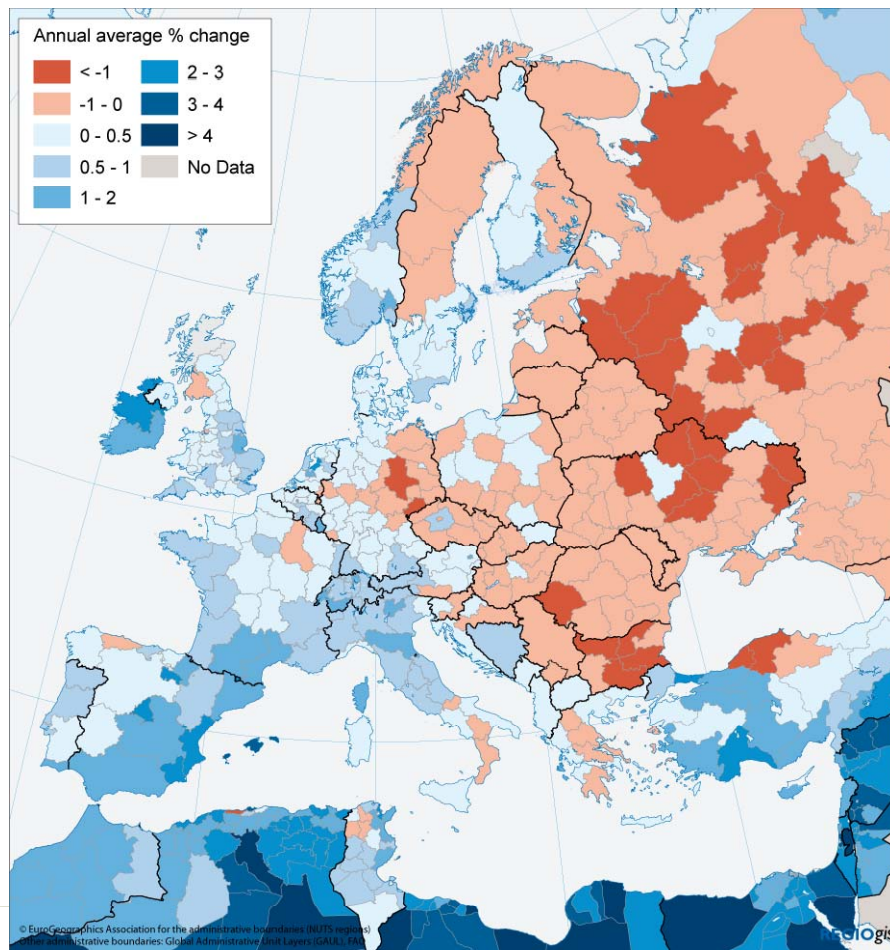
## Lack of access to universities and hospitals



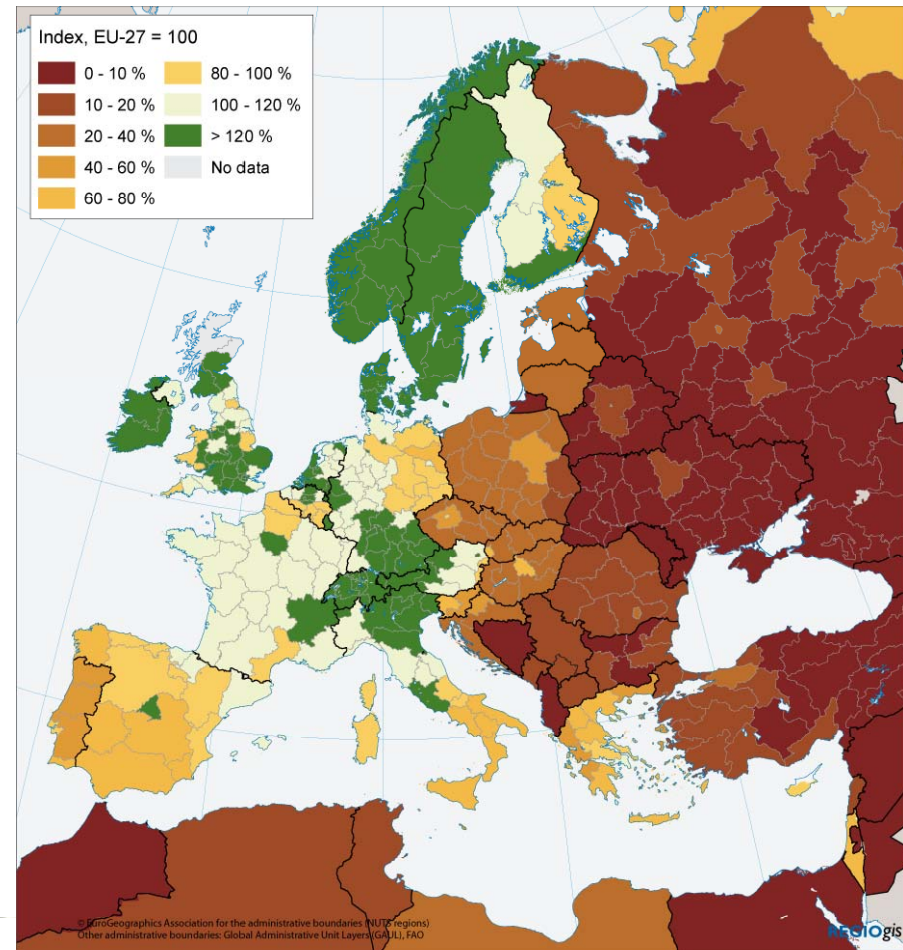


# Cooperation

Population growth, 2000-2005



GDP/head (Euro), 2005





# Six Questions:

## 1. **Definition:**

what does territorial cohesion add to economic and social cohesion?

## 2. **Geography:** what are the most relevant territorial levels for policy design and implementation?

## 3. **Cooperation:** how can cooperation between territories be strengthened?

## 4. **Coordination:**

how can coordination between sectoral and territorial policies be improved?

## 5. **Partnerships:** how can policy design be made more inclusive?

## 6. **Monitoring:** what new indicators could developed?

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