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Preface

Dear Reader,

Once again Eurostat is pleased to provide you with an overview of the most recent developments in the regions of the European Union, covering as far as possible the current 27 Member States as well as EFTA countries. The themes selected represent those that we consider to have something interesting to show about the various facets of economic, social and demographic development across Europe's regions. For the first time we have included a contribution on the GDP aspect, authored in cooperation with the Regional Policy DG, our primary client for regional data.

This is a very significant moment in regional policy in that it is the first year of implementation of the new cohesion policy of the Union, which runs until 2013 and carries with it the largest ever investment the Community has made in regional development, some EUR 347 billion. These regional statistics will form part of the yardstick against which the development of the EU regions will be measured. You will



also find in this publication a chapter on urban statistics, which is the result of our cooperation with the Regional Policy DG on the Urban Audit exercise. This is an increasingly important component of the regional development policy initiative.

Meanwhile, in cooperation with our ESS partners we shall continue to progressively expand the regional information, both in terms of detail and coverage that we have available, to provide an increasingly complete picture of the complexities of regional development across the EU.

I wish you a pleasant and interesting reading.

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Introduction





Only regional statistics give the complete picture

Regional statistics are of the utmost importance for understanding economic and social trends in the European Union. The enormous Structural Funds budget of EUR 347 billion for 2007–13 highlights how much importance the EU attaches to reducing the gaps between regions in terms of their economic and social development.

Should you want to dig deeper into the way the regions of Europe are evolving in a host of very different statistical domains, this is the publication for you! The texts and statistical maps offer a wealth of information on life in the European regions. In its second chapter (on gross domestic product), this edition of the regional year-book also gives for the first time an overview of the European Union's cohesion policy, written by a specialist from the Directorate-General for Regional Policy, one of the main users of statistics at a regional level.

This year we also see the welcome reappearance of statistics on tourism and on education, two very interesting topics we are happy to address again. The chapter on labour productivity, which appeared for the first time last year, focuses this year on productivity in different business areas. And of course, when we analyse regional trends in Europe, we also cover the situation in European cities; hence the chapter on urban statistics, this time concentrating on demographic trends in cities.

The NUTS classification

All statistics at regional level within the EU are based on the nomenclature of territorial units for statistics (NUTS). The NUTS classification has been used for many decades for regional statistics, and was always the base for regional funding policy. It was only in 2003, though, that NUTS acquired a legal basis, when the NUTS regulation was adopted by the Parliament and the Council (1).

Whenever new Member States join the EU, the NUTS regulation is of course amended to include the regional classification in those countries. This was the case in 2004, when the EU took in 10 new Member States. Bulgaria and Romania became members of the European Union on 1 January 2007. Both countries have had statistical regions, similar to NUTS, since 1998. For NUTS purposes, though, they acquired new codes, and these have been valid since 1 January 2007.

The NUTS regulation provides for a review to be conducted every three years whereby the regional classification can be changed and adapted to new administrative boundaries or economic circumstances. In 2006, this exercise took place for the first time, but since the resultant changes to the NUTS classification will only be put into practice at the beginning of 2008, this edition still follows the 2003 version of NUTS. Next year's edition will thus see a number of changes to the regional classification of countries.

With this publication you will find a folding map showing all the regions corresponding to NUTS level 2 in the 27 Member States of the EU (EU-27) and the EFTA countries, and in Annex 1 you will find the full list with the codes and names of these regions.

Coverage

This regional yearbook contains statistics for all 27 Member States of the European Union, including the two new Member States, Bulgaria and Romania. This year coverage has been extended to take in the EFTA countries, so you will now also find commentaries on regional developments in Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

Regions in the EFTA countries are called statistical regions and follow the same rules as the NUTS regions in the EU, except that there is no legal base. Data from the EFTA countries are still unavailable in some policy areas, but the data availability situation is improving, and next year we hope to have even better coverage. It is often interesting to compare regional data from the EFTA countries with the neighbouring Member States, for instance to compare Norway with Sweden or Switzerland with Austria. Of course there are many similarities between neighbouring regions in different countries, but sometimes the disparities can be just as interesting.

Data from the three candidate countries, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey, have not been included in this year's edition of the regional yearbook, because we still have too little data at regional level.

More regional information

Under the theme 'General and regional statistics' on the Eurostat website you will find tables with statistics on both 'Regions' and the 'Urban Audit' with more detailed time series (some of them going back as far as 1970) and more

(¹) More information on the NUTS classification can be found on the Internet (http://ec.europa. eu/eurostat/ramon/nuts/ splash_regions.html).



detailed statistics than in this yearbook. You will also find a number of indicators at NUTS level 3 (such as area, demography, gross domestic product and labour market data). This is important because there are currently eight Member States (Denmark, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta and Slovenia) that do not have a NUTS level 2 classification. Next year, when the amended NUTS classification comes into use, Denmark too will have NUTS level 2 regions.

For more detailed information on the contents of the regional and urban databases please consult the Eurostat publication *European regional and urban statistics* — *Reference Guide* — 2007 *edition*, which you can download from the Eurostat website.

Previously, a CD-ROM was always attached to this publication. This tradition has now been stopped as all the information that used to be on the CD-ROM can now be found on the Eurostat website. This includes the specific data used for producing the maps in this regional yearbook, which can be found as Excel tables on the website.

Data extraction

The statistical data set out in the *Eurostat regional yearbook* 2007 were extracted during the first few months of 2007; the final closure date was 15 May 2007, so the data represent the latest available information at that time. For the very latest statistics on each subject, please consult the Eurostat website (http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat).

Tourism



Introduction

Tourism is an important part of the economy for the Member States of the European Union altogether. However, the economic importance of tourism for the various regions within the EU differs a lot. In rural regions in particular, which are usually peripheral to the economic centres of their respective countries, tourism is often the main source of income and the most important factor for creating and securing an adequate level of employment.

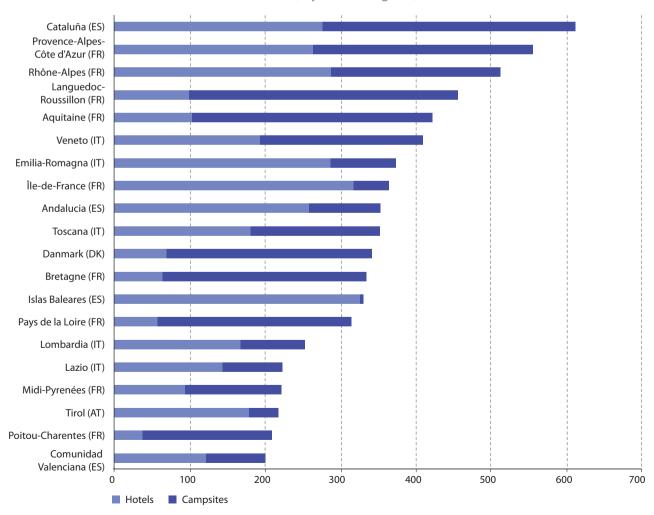
Tourism is an industry that typically cuts across many different sectors, all of which offer services to tourists and whose development is thus largely dependent on the demand created by them — the main examples being accommodation, transport and cafés/restaurants. In regions where tourism is developed, the retail sector also benefits considerably from the demand created by tourists. The same applies to many cultural and leisure facilities.

Accommodation capacity

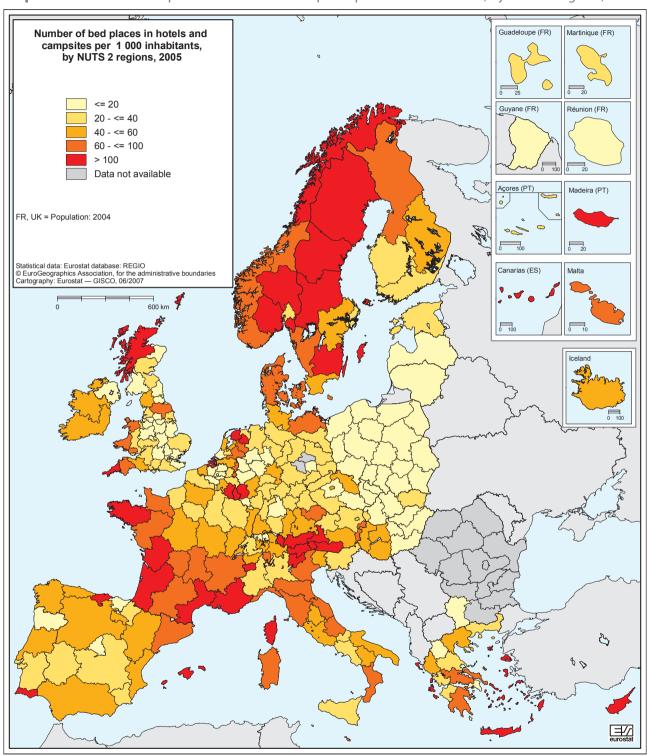
Figure 10.1 shows the 20 regions in the EU-27 with the largest hotel and campsite capacity. Accommodation capacity on campsites is made comparable with that in hotels by multiplying the number of pitches by four, assuming that an average of four people can stay on each pitch.

The EU region with the greatest capacity is the Spanish region of Cataluña, with 612 000 bed places, followed by the four French regions of Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (555 000 bed places), Rhône-Alpes (511 000), Languedoc-Roussillon (455 000) and Aquitaine (422 000), and the two Italian regions of Veneto (409 000) and Emilia-Romagna (373 000). Eighteen of the top 20 regions in terms of accommodation capacity are in France, Spain or Italy, with just two elsewhere — Denmark with 339 000 bed places, which, in its entirety, constitutes a NUTS 2 region, and Tirol in Austria (218 000 bed places).





Map 10.1: Number of bed places in hotels and campsites per 1 000 inhabitants, by NUTS 2 regions, 2005



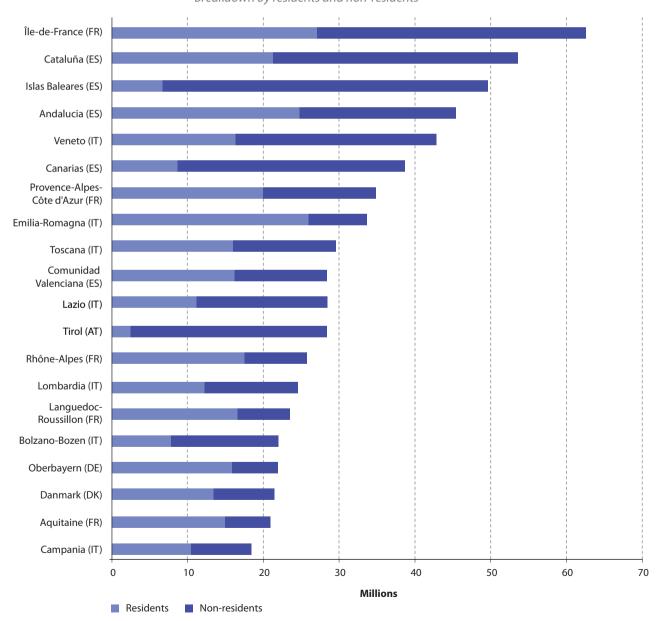
Map 10.1 shows the number of bed places in hotels and on campsites per 1 000 inhabitants (bed density) for the countries of Europe. This link with the number of inhabitants shows the relative importance of tourism capacity per head of population. This indicator is therefore affected not only by the number of available bed places (accommodation facilities) but also by the population figure. It can be seen that the highest bed densities are to be found primarily in coastal regions and on certain islands, as well as in most Alpine regions and in Luxembourg, together with its two neighbouring regions to the east and west.

Capacity utilisation data

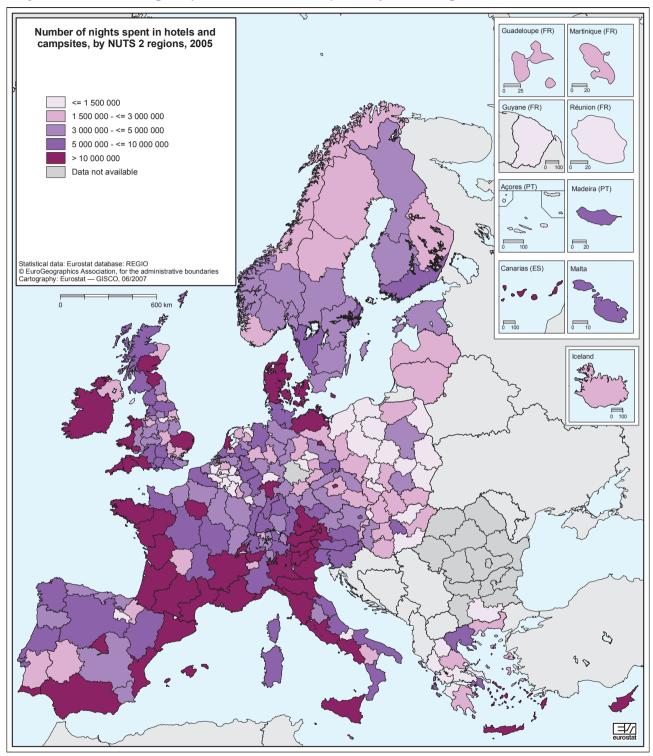
The capacity utilisation data show the extent to which the tourism capacity of a region actually meets the demand. The number of overnight stays by guests in hotels is normally used as a basis. The 20 regions (see Figure 10.2) accounting for most overnight stays are, not surprisingly, mainly the same as those with the highest number of beds available. With 6.3 million overnight stays, Îlede-France is at the top of the list, followed by the three Spanish regions of Cataluña (5.4 million), Illes Balears (5.0 million) and Andalucia (4.5

Figure 10.2: Top 20 EU-27 tourist regions, number of nights spent in hotels and campsites, by NUTS 2 regions, 2005

Breakdown by residents and non-residents



Map 10.2: Number of nights spent in hotels and campsites, by NUTS 2 regions, 2005





million). The top 20 regions in terms of the number of overnight stays is also heavily dominated by regions in Italy, France and Spain. Only Tirol (Austria), Oberbayern (Germany) and Denmark make it into this group despite not being in one of these three countries.

Map 10.2 gives an overview for all regions of the number of overnight stays in hotels and on campsites. It shows clearly that the areas most frequently visited by tourists are the coastal regions and islands belonging to the EU. It can also be seen that tourism is much more important in southern Europe, particularly in the Mediterranean countries, than in northern Europe.

Tourism intensity

Comparing the number of overnight stays to the number of inhabitants yields the tourism intensity (see Map 10.3). This map serves as an indicator of the relative importance of tourism for a region. It is generally a better guide to the economic im-

portance of tourism than the absolute number of overnight stays. The considerable importance of tourism can be seen for many of Europe's coastal regions and islands, as well as for the Austrian, Italian and Swiss Alpine regions. The Spanish Illes Balears, with 51 754 overnight stays per 1 000 inhabitants, have the highest tourism intensity, followed by the Italian Alpine Provincia Autonoma Bolzano/Bozen (46 385 overnight stays per 1 000 inhabitants), the Greek Notio Aigaio (42 126), the Austrian Tirol (41 073), the Portuguese Algarve (37 827) and the Greek Ionia Nisia (32 100).

The development of tourism 2000–05

Tourism showed a generally positive trend in the Member States of the EU between 2000 and 2005. The number of overnight stays in hotels and on campsites increased in the EU countries by an average of 0.9 % a year (see Figure 10.3).

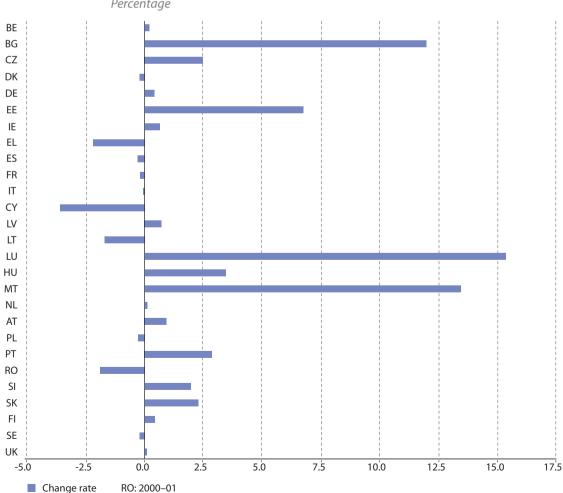
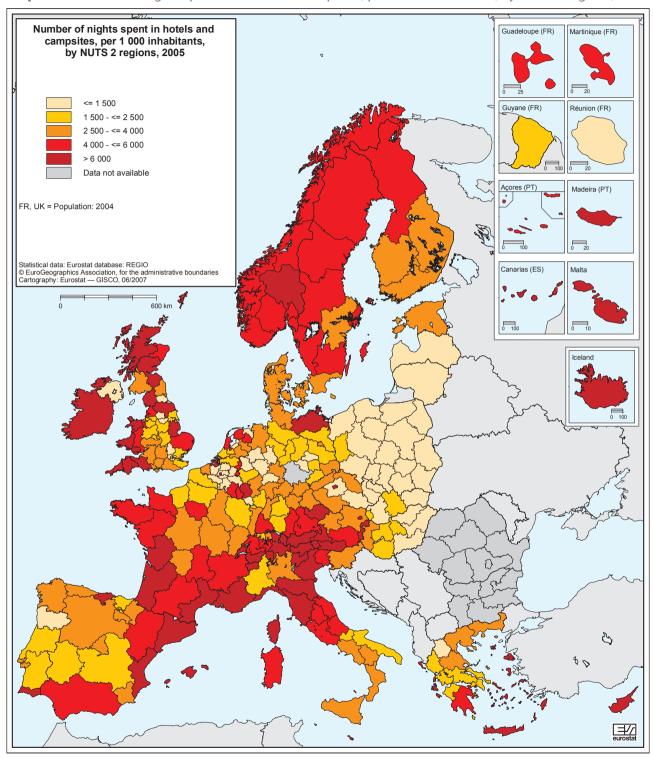


Figure 10.3: Nights spent in hotels and campsites, EU-27, change rate 2000–05 *Percentage*

Tourism

Map 10.3: Number of nights spent in hotels and campsites, per 1 000 inhabitants, by NUTS 2 regions, 2005



Primarily the new Member States experienced above-average growth in the number of overnight stays (see Map 10.4), particularly the three Baltic States, of which Lithuania saw the highest growth at 18.7 %. However, Latvia and Estonia, with growth rates of 12.2 % and 9.3 % respectively, were also far above the EU average. Most regions of Poland, northern Spain, Ireland, Malta and most of the United Kingdom regions also saw above-average growth in overnight stays.

Inbound international tourism

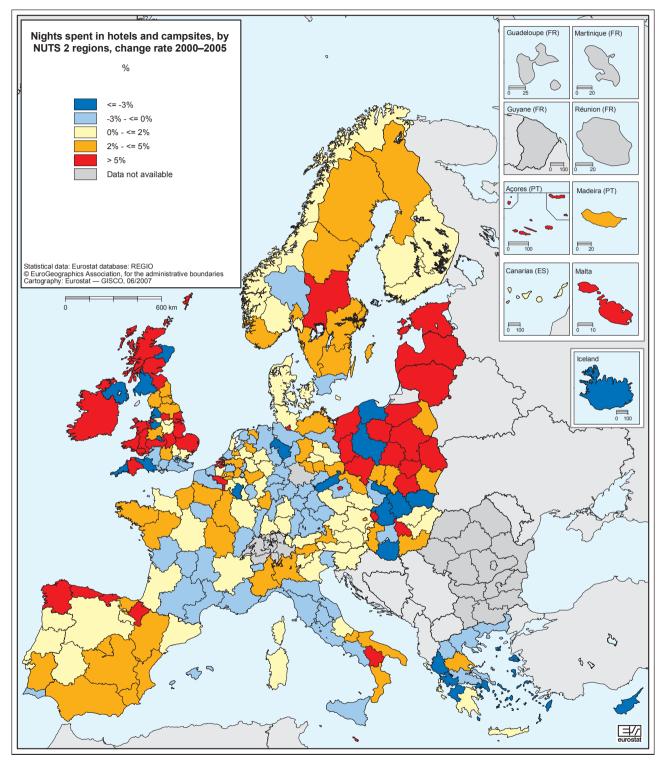
Of particular interest to the analysis of the tourism development of a region is inbound international tourism, i.e. visits to the region by foreigners. Their status as foreigners, or more precisely as non-resident visitors, is determined in the tourism statistics according to their usual place of residence. The proportion of foreign tourists is an indicator of the attractiveness and competitiveness of a region internationally. Foreign tourists tend to spend more money than resident tourists, and the revenue thus earned has a positive impact on a country's balance of payments. It may, for instance, help to offset deficits on external trade in goods. On average in 2005, around 41 % of all overnight stays in the EU were by foreign guests. Here too, the differences between regions are interesting. In Malta, Luxembourg und Cyprus, more than 90 % of stays were by foreigners (in small countries such as these, the high proportion of foreign tourists is due to statistical factors), as was also the case in Praha, Kriti and Tirol, whilst the figure was less than 10 % for certain regions of Germany, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, France and Italy (see Map 10.5).

Outlook

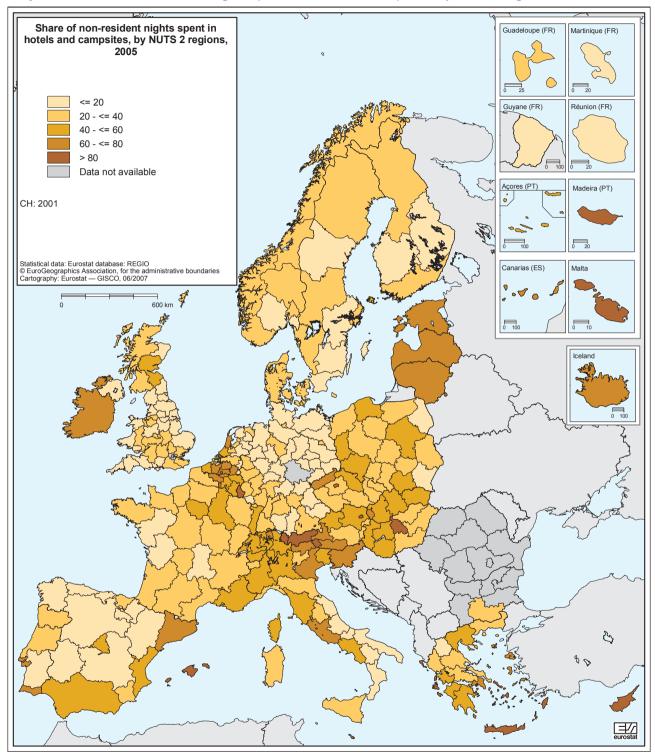
According to the World Tourism Organisation, Europe is the most visited continent on earth. The diversity of its cultures and variety of its landscapes are the main reasons for this exceptional position, and both of these aspects have been further strengthened by the accession of the 12 new Member States in 2004 and 2007. These new Member States are developing their tourism infrastructure particularly dynamically. They offer new and attractive destinations for visitors from both the old Member States and non-EU countries.

In parallel, tourism in the traditional tourist centres has remained remarkably stable. The public's desire to travel has not been permanently curbed by dramatic events such as terrorist attacks. We can therefore expect, in the light of a clearly improving economic background, that tourism in Europe will continue to develop positively over the coming years.

Map 10.4: Nights spent in hotels and campsites, by NUTS 2 regions, change rate 2000–05 *Percentage*



Map 10.5: Share of non-resident nights spent in hotels and campsites, by NUTS 2 regions, 2005



Methodological notes

The data in this chapter are based on surveys carried out by the Member States to meet the requirements of Council Directive 95/57/EC of 23 November 1995 on the collection of statistical information in the field of tourism. Under that directive, information is collected about accommodation capacity (establishments, rooms and beds), use of that accommodation (quest arrivals and overnight stays) and the population's travel behaviour. As this yearbook is concerned with results for the regions of the EU, this chapter is confined to information about accommodation capacity and its use, as only these data are available with a regional breakdown (NUTS 2). Information on travel behaviour is available only at Member State (national) level.

All the information in this chapter relates to hotels and campsites. The other types of accommodation, such as holiday dwellings and other forms of accommodation, mentioned in the tourism statistics directive are not taken into account as the surveys conducted in the Member States are currently very varied and the results for these different kinds of accommodation are difficult to compare. Neither are they available in full for all the Member States.



Annex

European Union: NUTS 2 regions

Belgium	DE13 Freiburg	Estonia
BE10 Région de Bruxelles-Capitale/	DE14 Tübingen	EE00 Eesti
Brussels Hoofdstedelijk Gewest	DE21 Oberbayern	
BE21 Prov. Antwerpen	DE22 Niederbayern	Ireland
BE22 Prov. Limburg (B)	DE23 Oberpfalz	IFO1 Daviday Midley day d Mastern
BE23 Prov. Oost-Vlaanderen	DE24 Oberfranken	IE01 Border, Midland and Western
BE24 Prov. Vlaams-Brabant	DE25 Mittelfranken	IE02 Southern and Eastern
BE25 Prov. West-Vlaanderen	DE26 Unterfranken	Grand
BE31 Prov. Brabant Wallon	DE27 Schwaben	Greece
BE32 Prov. Hainaut	DE30 Berlin	GR11 Anatoliki Makedonia,Thraki
BE33 Prov. Liège	DE41 Brandenburg — Nordost	GR12 Kentriki Makedonia
BE34 Prov. Luxembourg (B)	DE42 Brandenburg — Südwest	GR13 Dytiki Makedonia
BE35 Prov. Namur	DE50 Bremen	GR14 Thessalia
	DE60 Hamburg	GR21 Ipeiros
Bulgaria	DE71 Darmstadt	GR22 Ionia Nisia
BG31 Severozapaden	DE72 Gießen	GR23 Dytiki Ellada
BG32 Severen tsentralen	DE73 Kassel	GR24 Sterea Ellada
BG33 Severoiztochen	DE80 Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	GR25 Peloponnisos
BG34 Yugoiztochen	DE91 Braunschweig	GR30 Attiki
BG41 Yugozapaden	DE92 Hannover	GR41 Voreio Aigaio
BG42 Yuzhen tsentralen	DE93 Lüneburg	GR42 Notio Aigaio
	DE94 Weser-Ems	GR43 Kriti
Czech Republic	DEA1 Düsseldorf	
CZ01 Praha	DEA2 Köln	Spain
CZ02 Střední Čechy	DEA3 Münster	ES11 Galicia
CZ03 Jihozápad	DEA4 Detmold	ES12 Principado de Asturias
CZ04 Severozápad	DEA5 Arnsberg	ES13 Cantabria
CZ05 Severovýchod	DEB1 Koblenz	ES21 País Vasco
CZ06 Jihovýchod	DEB2 Trier	ES22 Comunidad Foral de Navarra
CZ07 Střední Morava	DEB3 Rheinhessen-Pfalz	ES23 La Rioja
CZ08 Moravskoslezsko	DEC0 Saarland	ES24 Aragón
	DED1 Chemnitz	ES30 Comunidad de Madrid
Denmark	DED2 Dresden	ES41 Castilla y León
	DED3 Leipzig	ES42 Castilla-La Mancha
DK00 Danmark	DEE1 Dessau	ES43 Extremadura
Commons	DEE2 Halle	ES51 Cataluña
Germany	DEE3 Magdeburg	ES52 Comunidad Valenciana
DE11 Stuttgart	DEF0 Schleswig-Holstein	ES53 Illes Balears

DEG0 Thüringen

DE12 Karlsruhe

ES61 Andalucía



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EFTA countries: Statistical regions at level 2

Iceland

IS Ísland

Liechtenstein

LI Liechtenstein

Norway

NO01 Oslo og Akershus

NO02 Hedmark og Oppland

NO03 Sør-Østlandet

NO04 Agder og Rogaland

NO05 Vestlandet

NO06 Trøndelag

NO07 Nord-Norge

Switzerland

CH01 Région lémanique

CH02 Espace Mittelland

CH03 Nordwestschweiz

CH04 Zürich

CH05 Ostschweiz

CH06 Zentralschweiz

CH07 Ticino