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Introduction









Statistical data at the regional level

The Structural Funds for the period 2007 to 2013 were decided in December 2005. This decision was based on the objective regional statistics compiled by Eurostat, thus highlighting the importance of our effort to produce a wide range of comparable regional information.

This yearbook shows many aspects of this regional data and suggests in the various chapters some of the analyses which can be made with them. But we also invite you the reader to yourself continue the analyses of the regional data supplied in each of the different themes presented here. We also hope that this publication will make you keen to further investigate Eurostat's statistical databases (available free of charge on the internet).

In keeping with the traditions of the Regional yearbook, we try to renew the publication a little each year, but also to keep its structure basically unchanged. In this way, many subjects reappear from year to year, but the theme or focus of the subject is always slightly different. This year we again have one theme that is totally new for the Regional Yearbook, namely "labour productivity", which combines statistics on GDP with labour market statistics in a very interesting way. This kind of cross-cutting of different statistical domains could of course also be conducted with other statistical themes, but we will for the moment leave that to a future edition of the yearbook.

Some highlights

We will not present here the content of all chapters of this Regional Yearbook. Here, however, are some hints to whet your appetite to read it carefully:

- The population chapter this year focuses on old and young dependency ratios in the coming decades, highlighting the drastic changes of society we will have to cope with.
- The chapter on regional GDP centres its attention on growth rates between 1999 and 2003, giving interesting insights into regional differences.

- The Urban Audit chapter concentrates on the competitiveness of cities, analysing various facets of benchmarking cities that compete against each other.
- The chapter on the Structural Business Survey focuses on specialised regions in different industrial and service activities. This highlights the heterogeneity of European regions in terms of the production process and skills.

Regional classification

All regional analysis in this yearbook is based on NUTS 2003. In the meantime, the ten new Member States have also been formally integrated into the new regional classification in the form of an amendment to the NUTS Regulation. The texts of the Regulation and the amendment are available on the CD-ROM – as is the annex, which lists the regions making up the nomenclature in each country.

Coverage

No distinction is made in the yearbook between the old Member States, the countries that became Member States in 2004 and those due to join in 2007 or 2008: wherever data are available for Bulgaria and Romania, these of course also feature in the maps and commentaries. In the case of Turkey and Croatia, there are still too few regional data to justify including them in the analyses.

Structure

In each chapter, regional distributions are highlighted by colour maps and graphs which are then evaluated by expert authors in text commentaries. In keeping with the traditions of the yearbook, an effort has been made to focus on aspects not recently covered.

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In order to assist the understanding of the maps, the data series used for the maps in the yearbook are provided as Excel files on the CD-ROM.

In the maps, the statistics are presented at NUTS level 2. A map giving the code numbers of the regions can be found in the sleeve of this publication. At the end of the publication there is a list of all the NUTS-2 regions in the European Union, together with a list of the level 2 statistical regions in Bulgaria and Romania. Full details of these national regional breakdowns, including lists of level 2 and level 3 regions and the appropriate maps, may be consulted on the RAMON server.¹

More regional information needed?

The public REGIO database on the Eurostat website contains more extensive time series (which may go back as far as 1970) and more detailed statistics than those given in this yearbook, such as population, death and birth by single years of age, detailed results of the Community labourforce survey, etc. Moreover, there is coverage in REGIO of a number of indicators at NUTS level 3 (such as area, population, births and deaths, gross domestic product, unemployment rates). This is important because there are no fewer than eight EU Member States (Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta and Slovenia) that do not have a level 2 breakdown.

For more detailed information on the contents of the REGIO database, please consult the Eurostat publication 'European regional and urban statistics — Reference Guide 2003', a copy of which is available in PDF format on the accompanying CD-ROM.

In addition, the reader is also invited to consult the web version of the "Portraits of the Regions", which give regional profiles of all individual regions across Europe.² These regional topical profiles describe the geography and history of the region, before going on to assess its strengths and weaknesses in terms of demographic, economic and cultural issues. Among the aspects examined are the labour market, education, infrastructure and resources.

Regional interest group on the web

Eurostat's regional statistics team maintains a publicly accessible interest group on the web ('CIRCA site') with many useful links and documents.³

Among other resources, you will find:

- a list of all regional coordination officers in the Member States, the candidate countries and the EFTA countries;
- the latest edition of the "Regional and Urban Reference Guide";
- PowerPoint presentations of Eurostat's work concerning regional and urban statistics;
- the regional classification NUTS for the Member States and the regional classification of the candidate countries.

Closure date for the yearbook data

The cut-off date for this issue was the 15th of May 2006.

- See http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/ramon/index. cfm?TargetUrl=DSP_PUB_WELC
- ² See http://forum.europa.eu.int/irc/dsis/regportraits/info/ data/en/index.htm
- ³ See http://forum.europa.eu.int/Public/irc/dsis/regstat/information

Urban statistics











What is the Urban Audit?

The Urban Audit pilot project was commenced in 1998 to test the feasibility of collecting comparable indicators of the quality of life in European cities. The positive results led the Commission to launch a large scale "Urban Audit" covering Member States and candidate countries. This was done by the Directorate-General for Regional Policy in association with Eurostat and the National Statistical Institutes in 2003. It covered 189 cities in the EU-15, with a further 69 from the new Member States, Bulgaria and Romania joining the project in 2004. This publication is based on the data set gathered in these audits, i.e. covering 258 cities from the EU-27. Subsequently, in 2005, 26 cities from Turkey joined the project but this data has yet to be fully integrated into the analysis. However, the complete data set is available in Eurostat's statistical databases and is structured around three major dimensions: spatial units, indicators and time.

Spatial units

The Urban Audit aims to cover a balanced sample, so the selection of cities was a compromise between several criteria. In general, the cities selected should reflect a geographical cross-section of each country and cover approximately 20% of the national population. All cities except one have a population of over 50 000.

The Audit collected data at three spatial levels. The most important is the *core city* level, i.e. the city as defined by its administrative/political boundaries - this ensures that data is directly relevant to policy makers. To counterbalance the "artificial" nature of the delimitation of the core city, for most participating cities a level known as the larger urban zone was defined. The larger urban zone includes a city and its "hinterland", acknowledging the fact that economic activity, labour flows, etc. evidently cross the administrative boundaries of a city. Graph 6.4 illustrates the same indicator for the larger urban zone and for the core city. To provide information on internal disparities within core cities, a third spatial level, the sub-city district, was introduced. Sub-city districts were defined in such a way that, as far as possible, the population limits set for them (minimum 5 000 and maximum 40 000 inhabitants) should be respected and that the data should be available. For the EU-27, almost 6 000 sub-city districts were defined. Graph 6.5 was drawn using data at sub-city-district level. To allow comparative analysis, national-level data has also been compiled. Map 6.1, for instance, is partly based on national-level figures. Unless otherwise indicated, the data published here - in particular all data used to produce the maps in this chapter refers to the core city.

Indicators

270 derived indicators were calculated from the 336 variables defined for this exercise, covering most aspects of urban life, i.e. demography, housing, health, crime, labour market, economic activity, income disparity, local administration, civic involvement, educational qualifications, the environment, climate, travel patterns, information society, cultural infrastructure and tourism. Response rates for the variables vary extensively. For those such as demography, where data can be retrieved from the census, the response rate is

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over 90%, while in fields like information society it is below 50%.

The perception of quality of life held by the residents of a given city is important information that complements the statistical data gathered. Telephone opinion polls were carried out covering a representative sample of inhabitants in 31 selected cities from the EU-15 in 2004. Graph 6.2 presents some of the results of this perception survey.

Time

Three reference periods have been defined so far for the Urban Audit: 1989 to 1993, 1994 to 1998 and 1999 to 2003. Within each period a reference year was set: 1991, 1996 and 2001. Where possible, cities were asked to provide data for these years. For the years 1991 and 1996, data was collected only for a reduced number of 80 variables.





Urban competitiveness

Cities are well positioned to benefit from the current economic changes and become more significant economic actors. Consequently, the concept of competitiveness can be extended and analysed at city level as well. Several of the 270 Urban Audit indicators could be related to urban competitiveness. The ones described below were chosen, on the one hand, to show important inputs for urban competitiveness (labour supply, human capital, business structure, etc.), outputs (gross domestic product), and outcomes (income, etc) and, on the other hand, to demonstrate the various aspects of the Urban Audit data set, such as the range of spatial units applied or the different data sources used. The following sections are primarily intended to raise awareness of and stimulate interest in urban statistics and to encourage readers to consult the information in Eurostat's statistical databases for themselves.

Outputs

Measures of economic success are indispensable for measuring competitiveness. Gross domestic product (GDP) is a measure of economic activity and per capita GDP is a broad indicator of economic living standards. It is defined as the value of all goods and services produced, less the value of any goods or services used in their creation.

Each country calculates GDP in its own currency, so to compare countries these estimates are converted into euros using the official exchange rate. In Map 6.1 the colour of the circles shows GDP per capita expressed in relation to the EU-25 average, which is set to equal 100%. There are substantial differences between the cities. Generally speaking, we find high levels of GDP per capita in north-western Europe. Proximity to these countries seems to be a factor in Spain and Italy, where GDP per capita is higher in their northern cities. It is significantly lower in the cities of the new Member States. To some extent this reflects the differences in price levels. Note that the GDP figures displayed in the maps and graphs in this chapter have not been converted to reflect purchasing power standards. The sizes of the circles in Map 6.1 illustrate GDP per capita as a percentage of the national average. In both old and new Member States as well as in Bulgaria and Romania, capitals have GDP per capita substantially above the national average.

Graph 6.1 shows the concentration of GDP in selected cities. Comparing cities' share of GDP



Data for 2000 in DK, DE, FR, IE, IT, NL, PL, FI and SE

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Map 6.2

with population share of cities reveals that almost all cities account for a greater proportion of national GDP than national population. Frankfurt am Main, for example, concentrates 0.8% of Germany's population but more than 2% of its GDP. This is true not only in relative but also in absolute terms. For instance, more than 50% of Latvia's GDP (and 32% of its population) is concentrated in Riga. These results seem to confirm the phenomenon evident in several countries whereby, as the knowledge economy develops and activity shifts from manufacturing to services, capitals and other major cities have become the driving force of the national economy.

Multimodal accessibility is another key component of competitiveness. Map 6.2 illustrates the relationship between this variable and GDP per capita. The data source for multimodal accessibility is the European Spatial Planning Observation Network (ESPON). Cities with accessibil-

ity well above average are located mainly in a "pentagon" stretching from Liverpool (UK) and London (UK), through Paris (FR), the Benelux regions and along the Rhine in Germany to Northern Italy. However, some agglomerations in more remote areas such as København (DK), Athina (EL), Budapest (HU), Warszawa (PL), and Praha (CZ) could also be classified as highly accessible, mainly due to their good access to international air transport. Most cities in southern Europe, northern Europe and the new Member States have below average accessibility. Poor accessibility could lead to low economic performance. Small circles - low accessibility - tend to be green or purple, indicating below-average levels of GDP per capita, while large circles have a tendency to be red or orange, signalling above-average GDP per capita.

Inputs

Labour market competitiveness has several aspects and could be measured through a number of indicators, such as activity rate, employment rate, the qualifications of the workforce, skills etc. Map 6.3 shows the economic activity level in Urban Audit cities. The activity rate is the proportion of working age population that is economically active – the economically active population comprises both employed and unemployed persons. Low activity rates can be the consequence of demographic trends but policies on early retirement can also have a significant affect. Cities in Greece, Ireland, Hungary, Poland and Romania and southern Italy are characterised as having a low activity rate.

Another important indicator related to the labour force is the perception of employment opportunities. The perception survey results reflect general pessimism in the labour market in this respect. Respondents were asked whether they agree or disagree with the statement that in their city it is easy to find a good job. 60% of the respondents did not consider it easy to find a job. As graph 6.2 shows, however, there is considerable variation between cities. The graph illustrates the synthetic index for employment opportunities. This was calculated in two steps: first, the difference between the number of those who agree and disagree was divided by the number of respondents. Secondly, the index was standardised at a value between 0 and 100 by multiplying the resulting figure by 50 and then adding 50. The higher the index value, the greater the level of agreement in the city. Values below 50 – which appear for 28 cities in Graph 6.2 – suggest that most respondents disagreed. In Dublin (IE), Manchester (UK) and London (UK) a narrow majority considered it easy to find a good job. At the other extreme we find Napoli (IT) and the German cities of Leipzig and Berlin. Looking at – Graph 6.3 - the unemployment rates of the NUTS 3 regions in which these cities are located, we can conclude that their pessimistic outlook is supported by the quantitative data. In all three of these regions the unemployment rate was over 15%. On the other hand, in some cases – for instance Bruxelles/Brussel (BE) - the results seem contradictory.

The activity rate gives an overall picture of the labour market, showing the proportion of people who supply or want to supply their labour, to produce goods and services. Map 6.4 shows another feature of the labour market: the share of employment in services and trade. Employment in services has a significant influence on overall employment rates and the share of services could also be used as a proxy for measuring economic development. An above-average share of employment in services and trade is characteristic for capitals in all Member States. Likewise, in cities in the Mediterranean tourist areas, services and trade have a significant share of employment.

In developed economies innovation is one of the most important contributors to enhancing productivity and competitiveness. Innovation depends to a large extent on human capital; therefore, the presence of a highly-educated labour force is essential. Graph 6.4 depicts, for selected cities and across various spatial levels, the proportion of the population that has tertiary education. It can be interpreted as an approximate indicator of the advanced skill-sets available on the labour market. As expected, cities attract a high proportion of people with university and college diplomas. A remarkable feature, visible on graph 6.4, is the magnitude of this phenomenon. The two large cities London (UK) and Paris (FR), for example, are characterized by figures twice as high as the national average in this respect. The largest difference was recorded in Slovakia where there is a factor of 3.2 between the proportion of population with tertiary education in Bratislava (SK) and the national average. Values for the larger urban zone tend to be in between the national and core city value.

Graph 6.2: Perception of employment opportunities in cities — synthetic index — 2004





Graph 6.3: Unemployment rate in NUTS 3 regions - 2003



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household income is an indicator of material living standards or, more precisely, of the level of consumption of goods and services that people could potentially attain. Analysing the spread of indicator values within individual cities makes it possible to portray a detailed picture of disposable household income. The wider the range, the greater the disparities within the city. Cities in Slovakia and

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6.5 provides a comparison of median disposable

household income across sub-city districts and the

core city for selected countries. Median disposable





Belgium seem to have a narrower spread, while in large French and German cities – Paris (FR), Marseille (FR), Köln (DE) and Hamburg (DE) - the values behind the averages vary greatly (averages are indicated by the round marker). Graph 6.5 also confirms that disparities between neighbourhoods within a given city are much larger than disparities between cities within the country.

Outlook

An audit signifies a methodical examination and in the "urban" context the methods are continuously evolving. As a preparatory act for the next round of data collection, Eurostat sought to improve the methodology used in order to enhance

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Graph 6.4: Proportion of population with tertiary education — 2001

For the core city of London the data for Inner London (in the Urban Audit terminology the Kernel) - an amalgamation of 13 boroughs - was used Data for FR - 1999; EE, LV - 2000; IE, NL, PL, SI, RO - 2002;

Graph 6.5: Neighbourhood median disposable income (EUR) - 2000



the quality of the data with the involvement of experts from the Member States. Spatial units, lists of variables and indicators and definitions have all been reviewed and modified. With regard to policy relevance and data availability, several variables were dropped and new ones added. The new round of data collection starts in May 2006 and includes additional cities, raising the number of Urban Audit cities to 300. It will also include a new perception survey, this time covering all 25 EU Member States. The first results of the data collection will be available in 2007.



EUROPEAN UNION: NUTS 2 regions

BE10	Région de Bruxelles-
	Capitale/Brussels
	Hoofdstedelijk Gewest
BE21	Prov. Antwerpen
BE22	Prov. Limburg (BE)
BE23	Prov. Oost-Vlaanderen
BE24	Prov. Vlaams-Brabant
BE25	Prov. West-Vlaanderen
DE2J	Prov. Brahant Wallon
DEDI	Drow Hainaut
DESZ	Prov. Hallaut
BE33	Prov. Liege
BE34	Prov. Luxembourg
	(BE)
BE35	Prov. Namur
CZ01	Praha
CZ02	Střední Čechy
CZ03	Jihozápad
CZ04	Severozápad
CZ05	Severovýchod
CZ06	Jihovýchod
CZ07	Střední Morava
CZ08	Moravskoslezsko
DK00	Danmark
DF11	Stuttgart
DE11 DE12	Karlsruhe
DE12	Eroiburg
DE13 DE14	Tühingen
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DE22	Niederbayern
DE23	Oberpfalz
DE24	Obertranken
DE25	Mittelfranken
DE26	Unterfranken
DE27	Schwaben
DE30	Berlin
DE41	Brandenburg —
	Nordost
DE42	Brandenburg —
	Südwest
DE50	Bremen
DE60	Hamburg
DE71	Darmstadt
DE72	Gießen
DE73	Kassel
DE80	Mecklenburg-
DLOU	Vorpommern
DE91	Braupschweig
	Uannover
DE92	
DE75	Luileburg
	Weser-Ems
DEAI	Dusseldorf
DEA2	Koln
DEA3	Munster
DEA4	Detmold
DEA5	Arnsberg
DEB1	Koblenz
DEB2	Trier
DEB3	Rheinhessen-Pfalz

DEC0 Saarland DED1 Chemnitz DED2 Dresden DED3 Leipzig DEE1 Dessau DEE2 Halle DEE3 Magdeburg DEF0 Schleswig-Holstein DEG0 Thüringen EE00 Eesti GR11 Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki GR12 Kentriki Makedonia GR13 Dytiki Makedonia GR14 Thessalia GR21 Ipeiros GR22 Ionia Nisia GR23 Dytiki Ellada GR24 Sterea Ellada GR25 Peloponnisos GR30 Attiki GR41 Voreio Aigaio GR42 Notio Aigaio GR43 Kriti ES11 Galicia ES12 Principado de Asturias ES13 Cantabria ES21 País Vasco Comunidad Foral de ES22 Navarra ES23 La Rioja ES24 Aragón ES30 Comunidad de Madrid ES41 Castilla y León ES42 Castilla-La Mancha ES43 Extremadura ES51 Cataluña ES52 Comunidad Valenciana ES53 **Illes Balears** ES61 Andalucía ES62 Región de Murcia Ciudad Autónoma de ES63 Centa Ciudad Autónoma de ES64 Melilla ES70 Canarias FR10 Île-de-France FR21 Champagne-Ardenne FR22 Picardie Haute-Normandie FR23 FR24 Centre FR25 Basse-Normandie FR26 Bourgogne Nord - Pas-de-Calais FR30 FR41 Lorraine FR42 Alsace

FR43 Franche-Comté FR51 Pays de la Loire FR52 Bretagne FR53 Poitou-Charentes FR61 Aquitaine Midi-Pyrénées FR62 FR63 Limousin Rhône-Alpes FR71 FR72 Auvergne FR81 Languedoc-Roussillon FR82 Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur FR83 Corse FR91 Guadeloupe Martinique FR92 FR93 Guyane FR94 Réunion IE01 Border, Midland and Western **IE02** Southern and Eastern ITC1 Piemonte Valle d'Aosta/Vallée ITC2 d'Aoste ITC3 Liguria ITC4 Lombardia ITD1 Provincia Autonoma Bolzano/Bozen ITD2 Provincia Autonoma Trento Veneto ITD3 ITD4 Friuli-Venezia Giulia ITD5 Emilia-Romagna Toscana ITE1 ITE2 Umbria ITE3 Marche ITE4 Lazio Abruzzo ITF1 ITF2 Molise ITF3 Campania ITF4 Puglia ITF5 Basilicata ITF6 Calabria ITG1 Sicilia ITG2 Sardegna CY00 Kypros/Kıbrıs LV00 Latvija LT00 Lietuva LU00 Luxembourg (Grand-Duché) HU10 Közép-Magyarország HU21 Közép-Dunántúl HU22 Nyugat-Dunántúl HU23 Dél-Dunántúl HU31 Észak-Magyarország HU32 Észak-Alföld HU33 Dél-Alföld MT00 Malta NL11 Groningen

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NL12	Friesland
NL13	Drenthe
NL21	Overijssel
NL22	Gelderland
NL23	Flevoland
NL31	Utrecht
NL32	Noord-Holland
NL33	Zuid-Holland
NL34	Zeeland
NL41	Noord-Brabant
NL42	Limburg (NL)
AT11	Burgenland
AT12	Niederösterreich
AT13	Wien
AT21	Kärnten
AT22	Steiermark
AT31	Oberösterreich
AT32	Salzburg
AT33	Tirol
AT34	Vorarlberg
PL11	Łódzkie
PL12	Mazowieckie
PL21	Małopolskie
PL22	Ślaskie
PL31	Lubelskie
PL32	Podkarpackie
PL33	Świetokrzyskie
PL34	Podlaskie
PL41	Wielkopolskie
PL42	Zachodniopomorskie
PL43	Lubuskie
PL51	Dolnoślaskie
PL.52	Opolskie
PL61	Kujawsko-Pomorskie
PL62	Warmińsko-Mazurskie
PL63	Pomorskie
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PT16	Centro (PT)
PT17	Lisboa
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	Açores
PT30	Região Autónoma da
	Madeira
SI00	Slovenija
SK01	Bratislavský kraj
SK02	Západné Slovensko
SK03	Stredné Slovensko
SK04	Východné Slovensko
FI13	Itä-Suomi
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FI1A	Pohjois-Suomi
FI20	Åland
SE01	Stockholm
SE02	Östra Mellansverige
SE04	Sydsverige
SE06	Norra Mellansverige
SE07	Mellersta Norrland
SE08	Övre Norrland
SE09	Småland med öarna
SEOA	Västsverige
UKC1	Tees Valley and
	Durham
UKC2	Northumberland and
	Tyne and Wear
UKD1	Ċumbria
UKD2	Cheshire
UKD3	Greater Manchester
UKD4	Lancashire
UKD5	Merseyside
UKE1	East Riding and North
	Lincolnshire
UKE2	North Yorkshire
UKE3	South Yorkshire
UKE4	West Yorkshire
UKF1	Derbyshire and
	Nottinghamshire
UKF2	Leicestershire,
	Rutland and
	Northamptonshire

UKF3	Lincolnshire
UKG1	Herefordshire.
	Worcestershire and
	Warwickshire
UKG2	Shropshire and
	Staffordshire
UKG3	West Midlands
UKH1	East Anglia
UKH2	Bedfordshire and
	Hertfordshire
UKH3	Essex
UKI1	Inner London
UKI2	Outer London
UKJ1	Berkshire,
-	Buckinghamshire and
	Oxfordshire
UKJ2	Surrey, East and West
	Sussex
UKJ3	Hampshire and Isle of
	Wight
UKJ4	Kent
UKK1	Gloucestershire,
	Wiltshire and North
	Somerset
UKK2	Dorset and Somerset
UKK3	Cornwall and Isles of
	Scilly
UKK4	Devon
UKL1	West Wales and the
	Valleys
UKL2	East Wales
UKM1	North Eastern
	Scotland
UKM2	Eastern Scotland
UKM3	South Western
	Scotland
UKM4	Highlands and Islands
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