A system of urban/rural typologies

Three levels of urban/rural classification based on population distribution

Grid cells

A classification of raster cells of 1 km² using criteria of population density and contiguity. Where available, the population distribution is derived from registers. Elsewhere, it is downscaled from local (LAU2) population figures.

LAU2 units

Degree of urbanisation

A classification of local administrative units (LAU2) based on the share of local population living in urban clusters and in urban centres.

NUTS 3 regions

Urban/rural typology

A typology of NUTS-3 regions based on the share of regional population living in rural grid cells and in urban clusters.

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