A classification of local administrative units

**Grid cells**
Raster cells of 1 km² are classified 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**
The degree of urbanisation is a classification of local administrative units (LAU2) based on the share of local population living in urban clusters and in urban centres.

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Data sources: Eurostat, DG JRC, national statistical institutes, EFGS.

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