

# Glossary: Nomenclature of territorial units for statistics (NUTS)

Statistics Explained

The **Nomenclature of territorial units for statistics**, abbreviated **NUTS** (from the French version *Nomenclature des Unités territoriales statistiques*) is a geographical nomenclature subdividing the economic territory of the [European Union \(EU\)](#) into [regions at three different levels](#) (NUTS 1, 2 and 3 respectively, moving from larger to smaller territorial units). Above NUTS 1, there is the 'national' level of the Member States.

The NUTS is based on [Regulation \(EC\) No 1059/2003](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS), which is regularly updated.

## Further information

- [NUTS dedicated section](#)

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