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COASTAL AREAS

**HOW CAN THE POST 2020 COHESIÓ
POLICY MEET EU ISLANDS CHALLENGES?**

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PRESENTATION CONTENT



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INCIDENCE OF INSULARITY
IN THE GROWTH DYNAMICS

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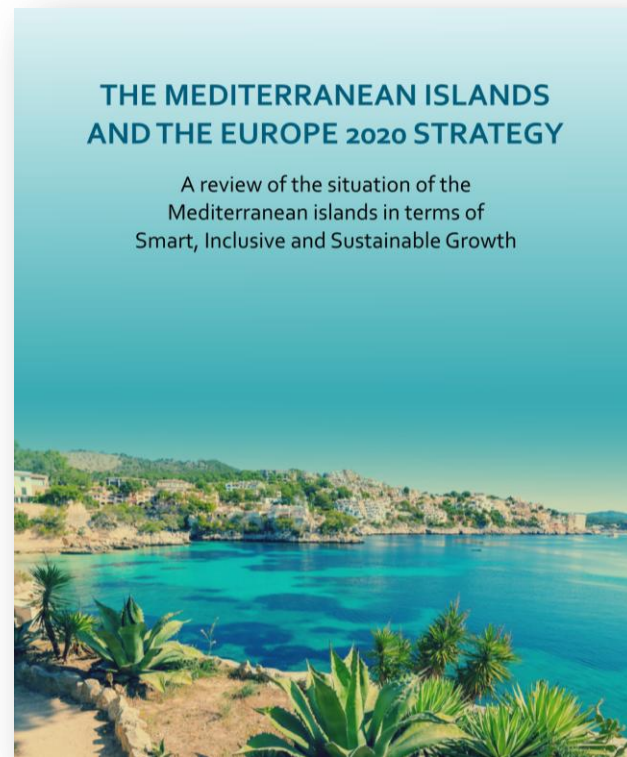
CONTRIBUTION OF THE
COHESION POLICY

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
THE POST 2020 PERIOD

THE MEDITERRANEAN ISLANDS AND THE EUROPE 2020 STRATEGY

A review of the situation of the
Mediterranean islands in terms of
Smart, Inclusive and Sustainable Growth



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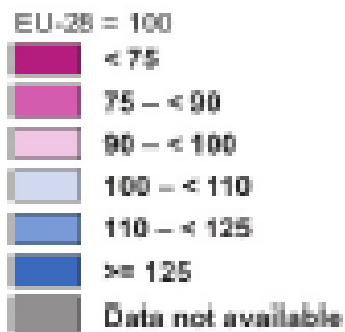


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OVERALL SITUATION

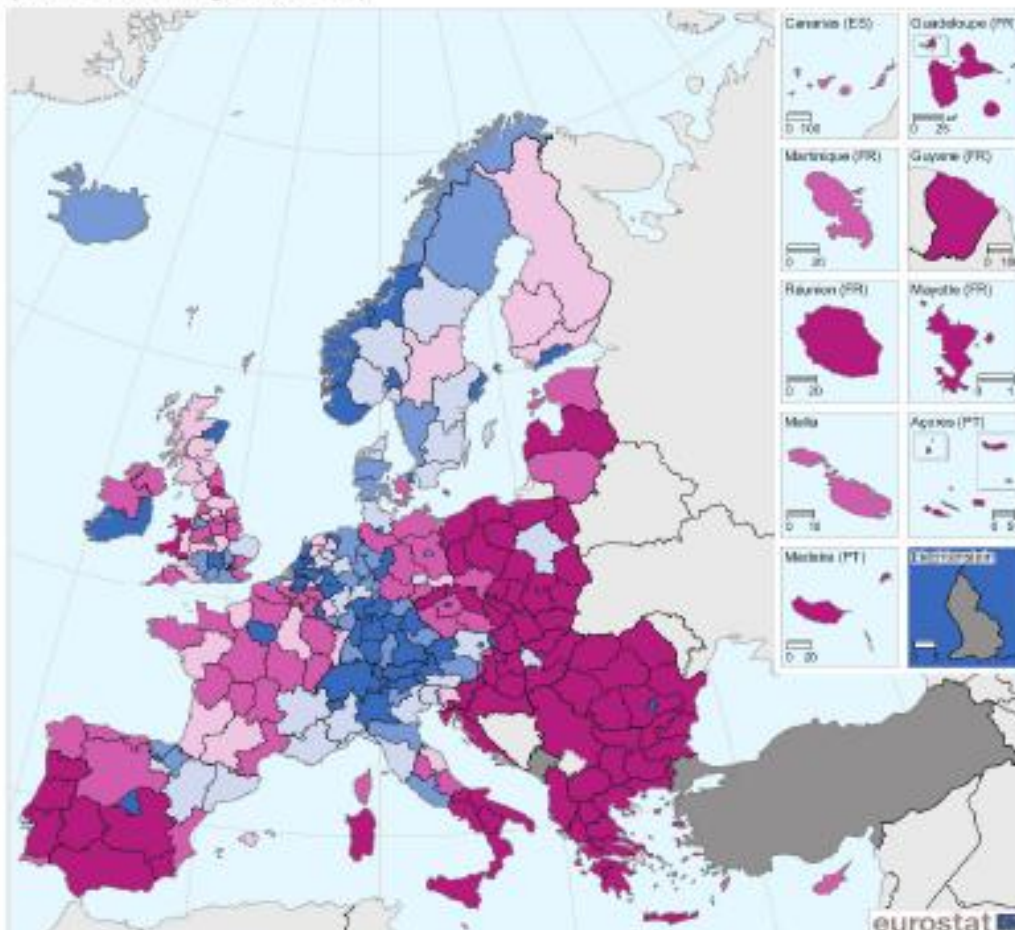
1. None of the MED islands exceeds the EU GDPbp average

2. Low competitiveness of insular economies does not predict a change in trend



GDP per inhabitant in PPS (2013).

Gross domestic product (GDP) per inhabitant in purchasing power standard (PPS) in relation to the EU-28 average, by NUTS 2 regions, 2014 (*)
(% of the EU-28 average, EU-28 = 100)



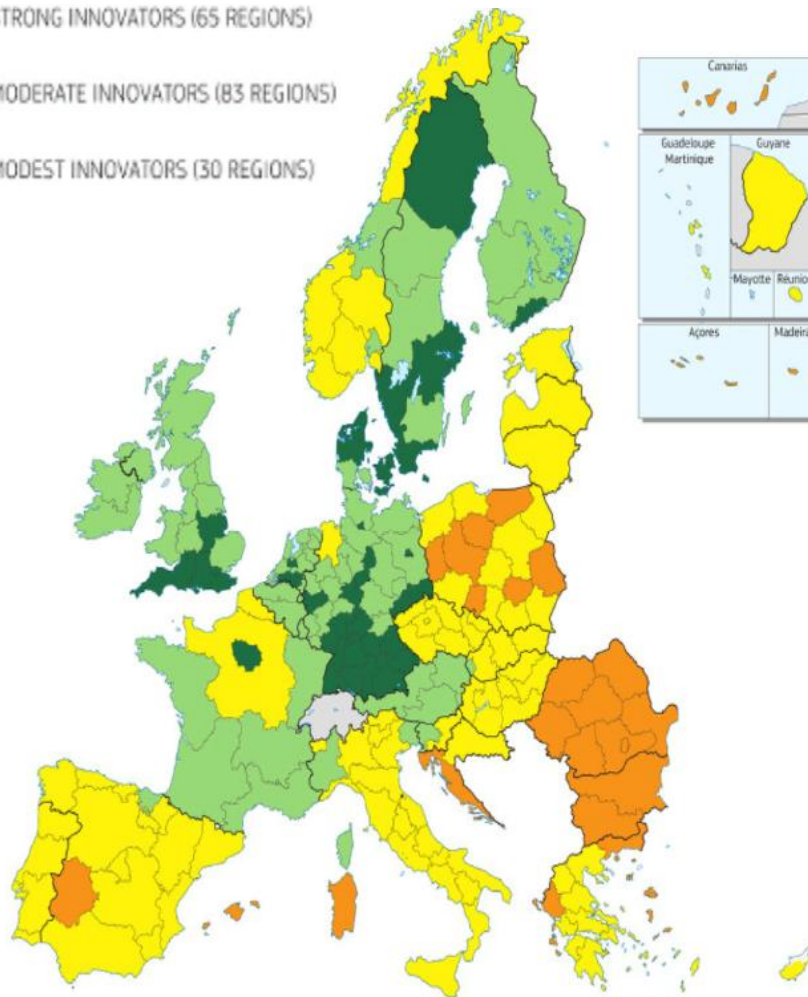


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A. SMART GROWTH

- Productive structure poorly diversified
- Low levels of investment in R+D, research staff and knowledge-intensive sectors
- Margins for a better use of digital economy
- Lower training and qualification of the population

Regional Innovation Scoreboard 2016



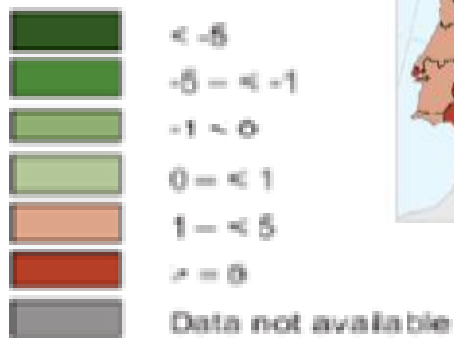
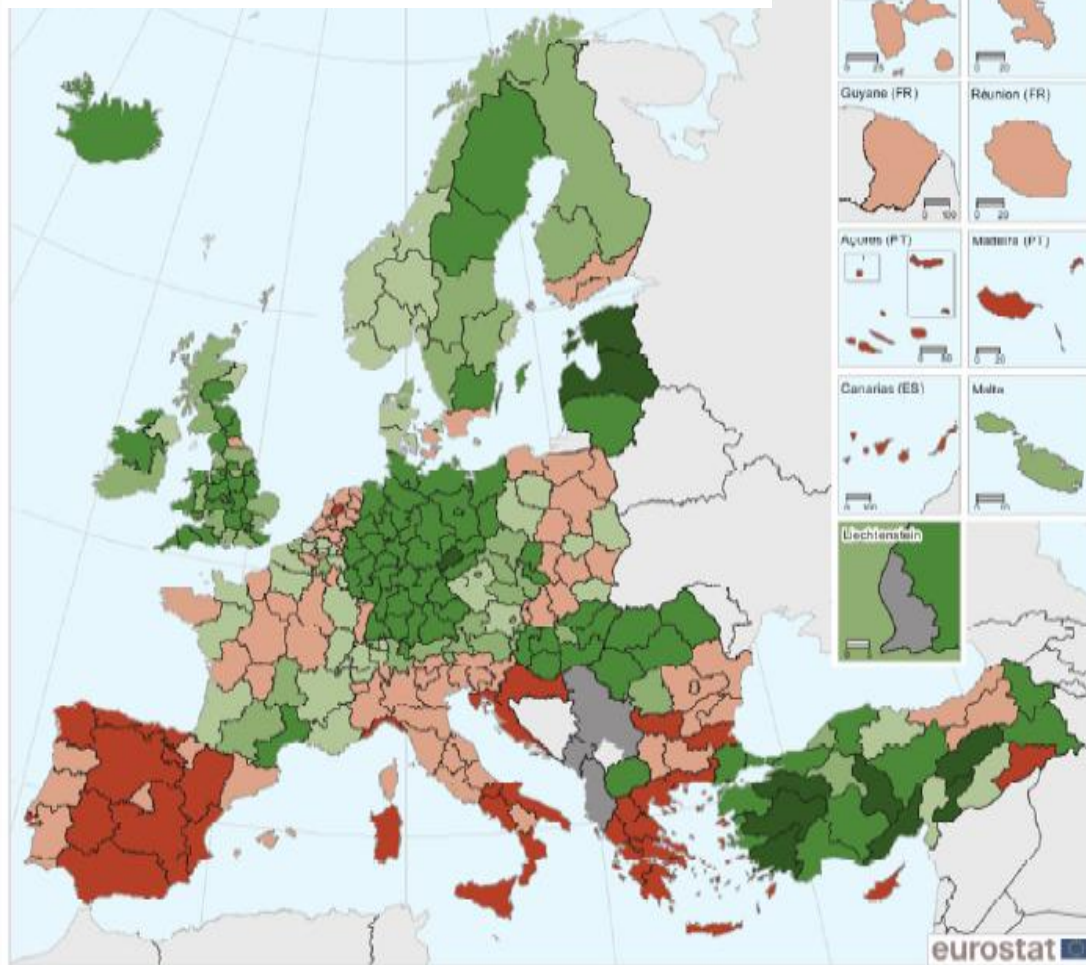


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B. INCLUSIVE GROWTH

- Greater impact of the crisis on employment
- Strong seasonability of the labour market (tourism sector)
- More intense increase in % population at risk of poverty

Change in Unemployment rate 2009-2014



(percentage points difference between 2014 and 2009)

EU-28 = 1.1



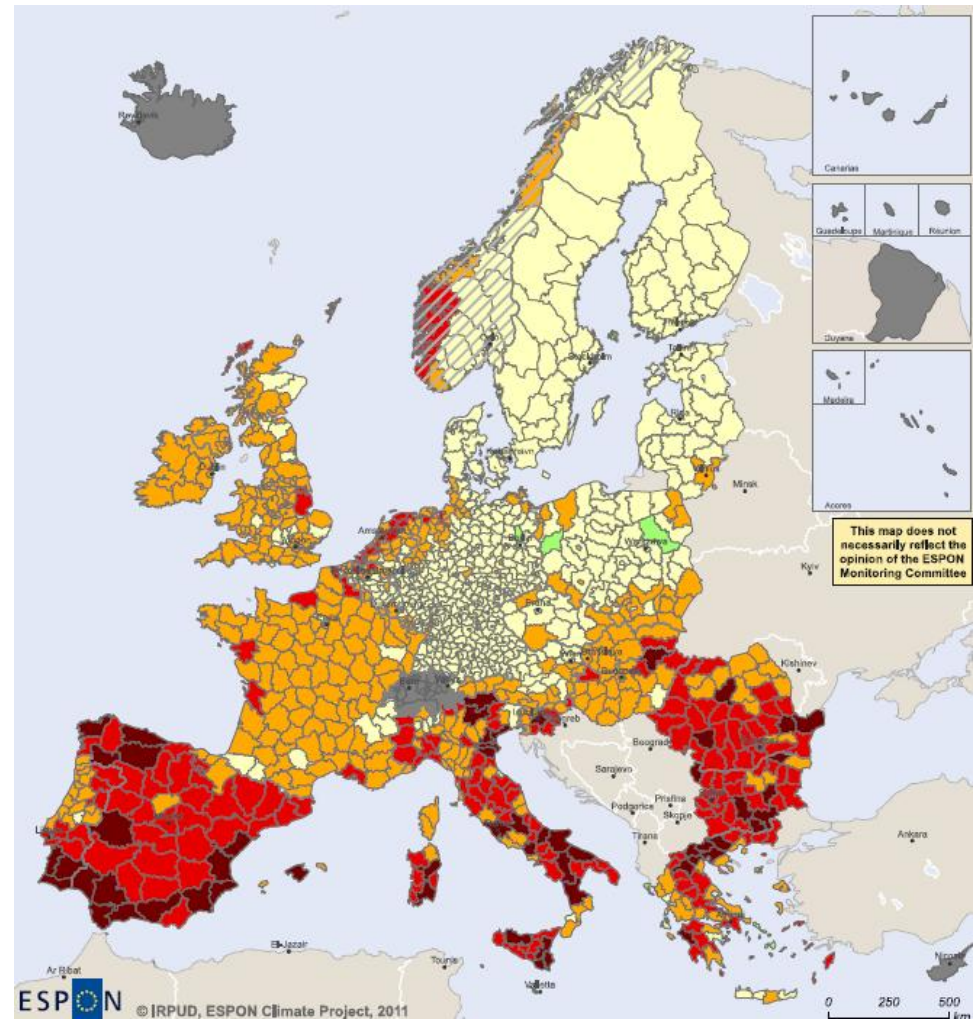


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C. SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

- Rich natural heritage but highly fragile
- Environmental assets as a factor of tourist attraction but increasing pressure on the territory
- High vulnerability to the consequences of climate change

Potential vulnerability to Climate Change





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A. IMPORTANCE OF THE TERRITORIAL APPROACH

- Insularity matters
- Its consequences can be addressed through appropriate policy interventions

B. ROLE OF THE COHESION POLICY

- Recognise the territorial diversity
- Key lever to boost economic transformation processes :

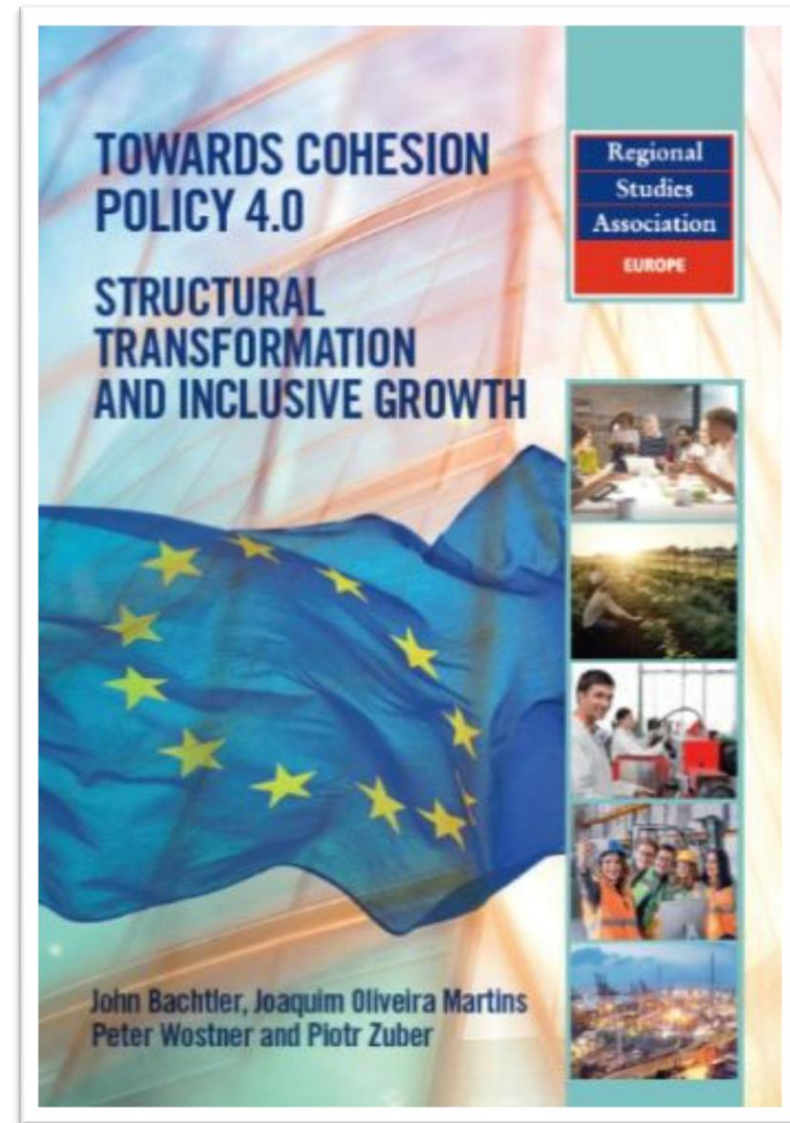




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SOME PROPOSALS TO CONSIDER

- Flexibilize the thematic concentration requirements of spending.
- Consider variable spending allocation criteria that reflect territorial differences, such insularity.
- Assess the modulation of the co-financing rate of funds.
- Increase the role of island territories within the objective of European Territorial Cooperation.
- Envisage the island regions to be considered as predetermined “c” zones within the framework of the application of State Aids.





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