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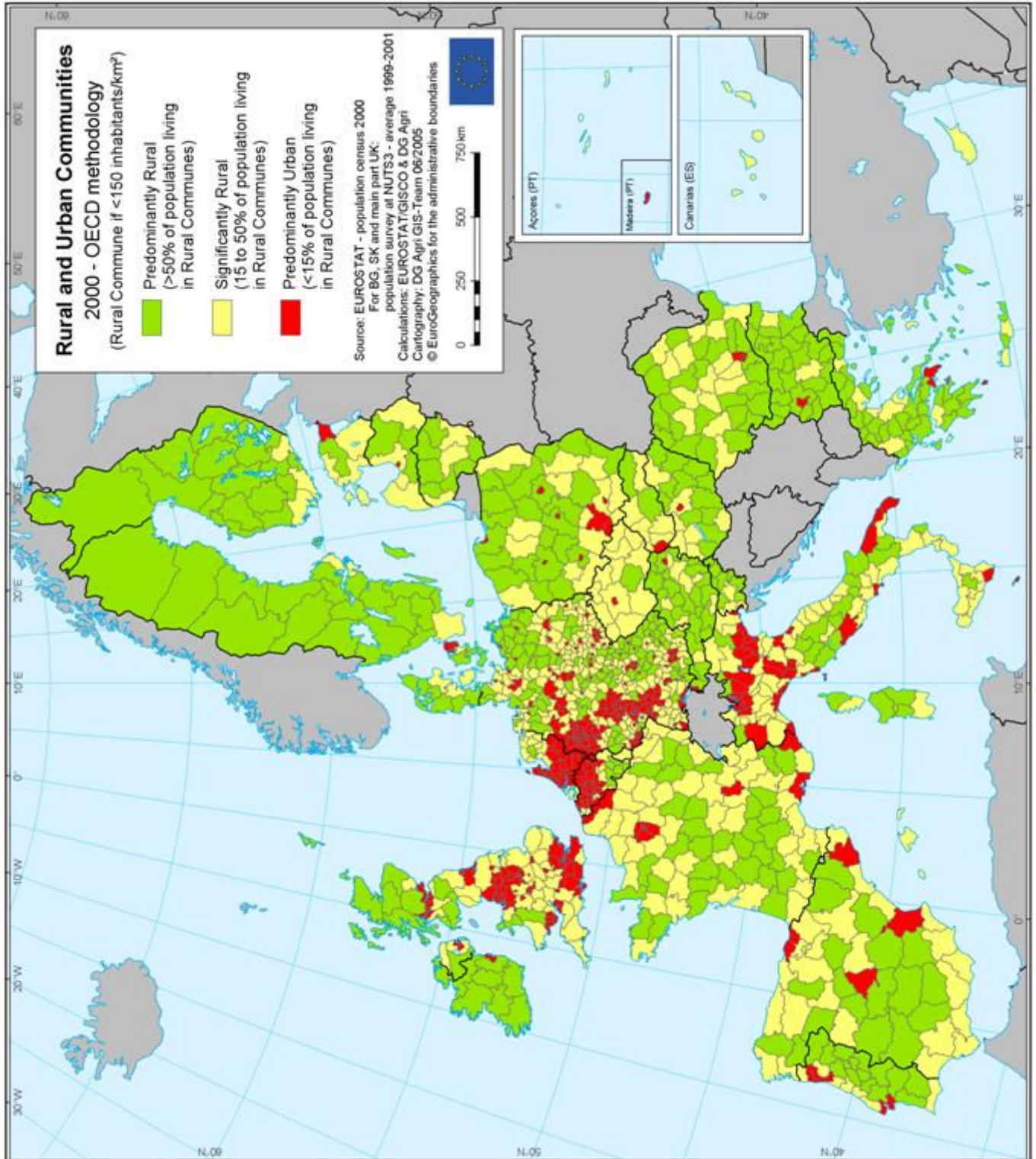
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Delegations will find attached Annex 2 to the Commission document SEC(2005) 914.

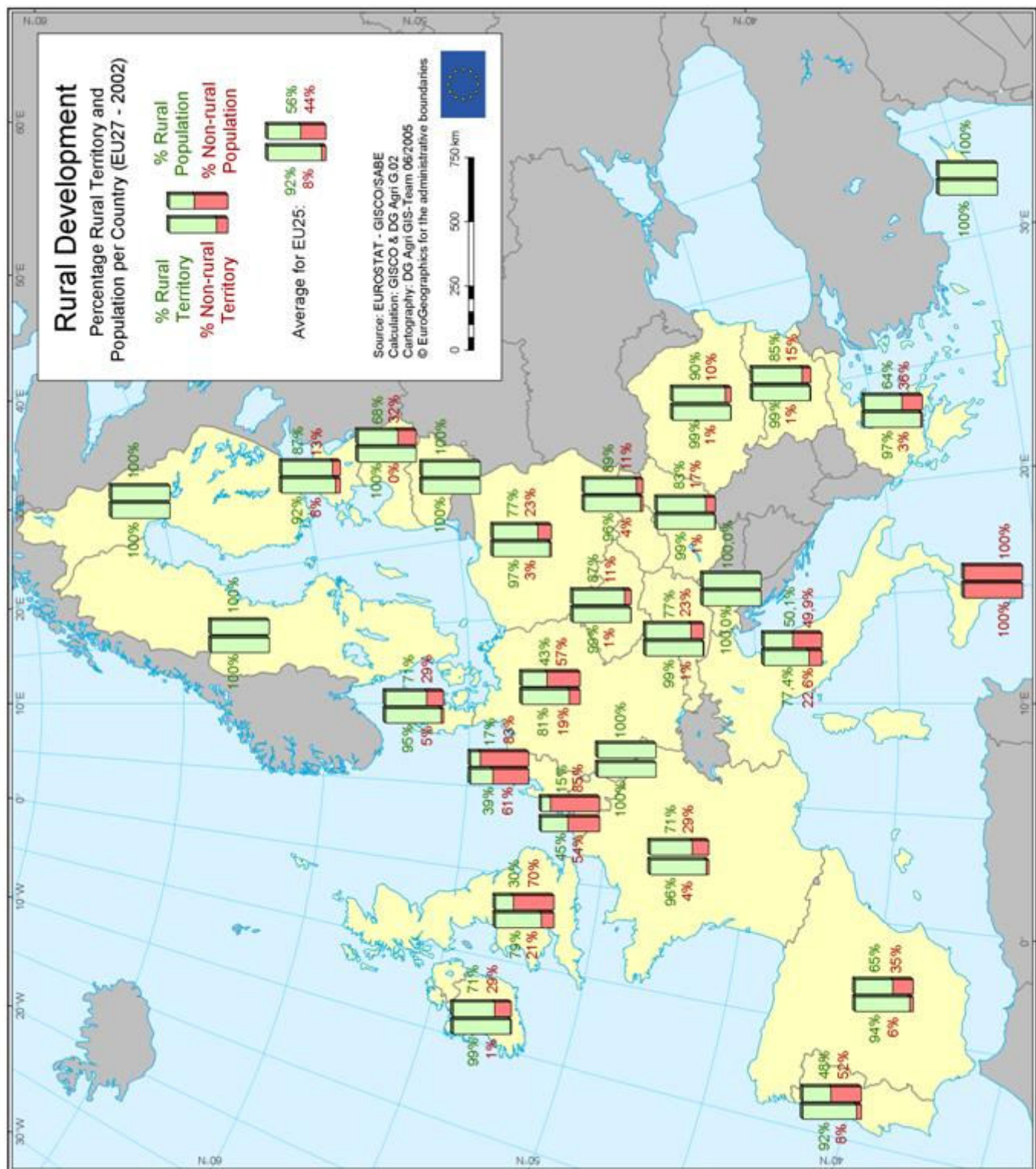
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ANNEX 2: MAPS

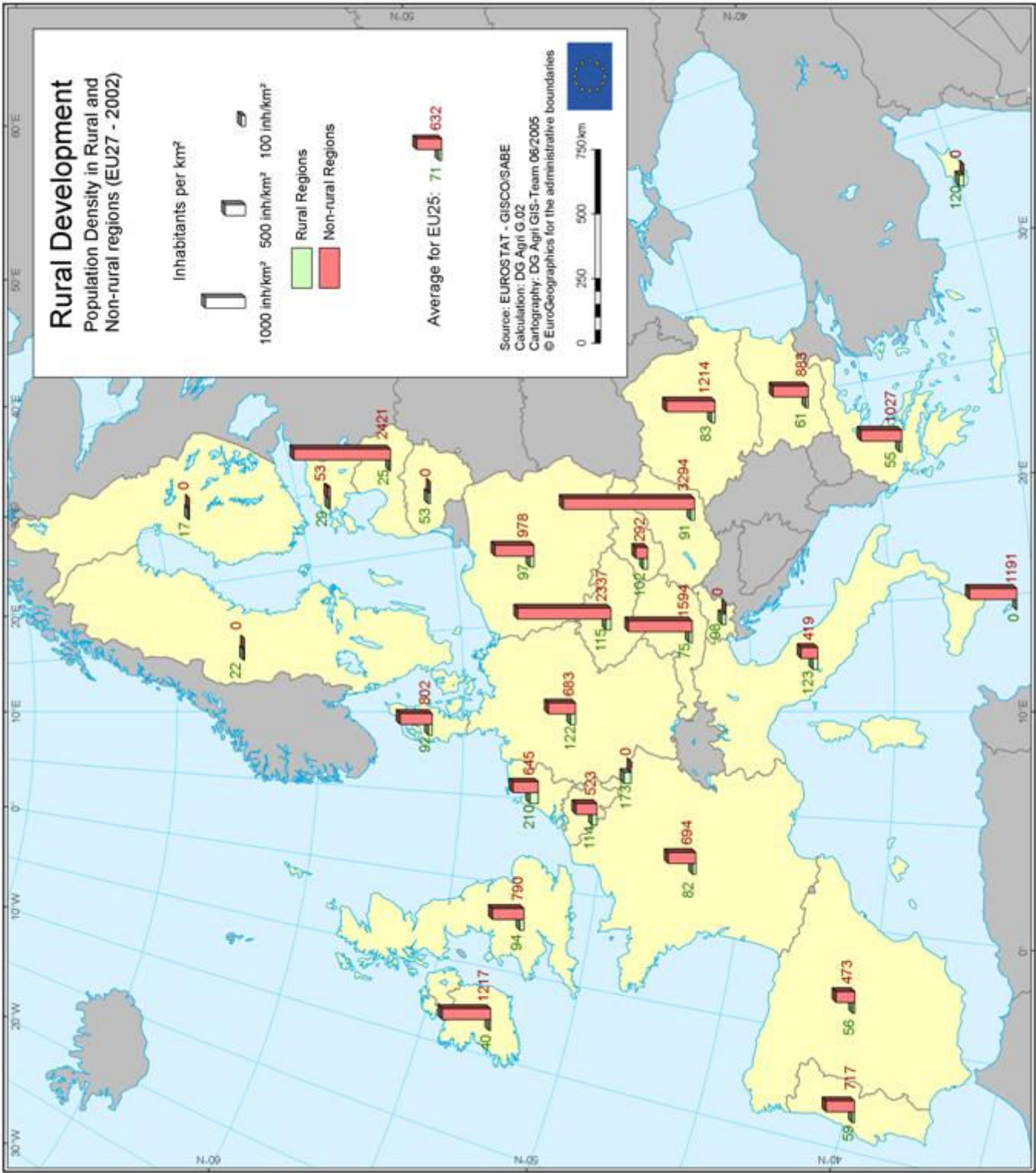
1. Designation of Rural Regions (OECD methodology)



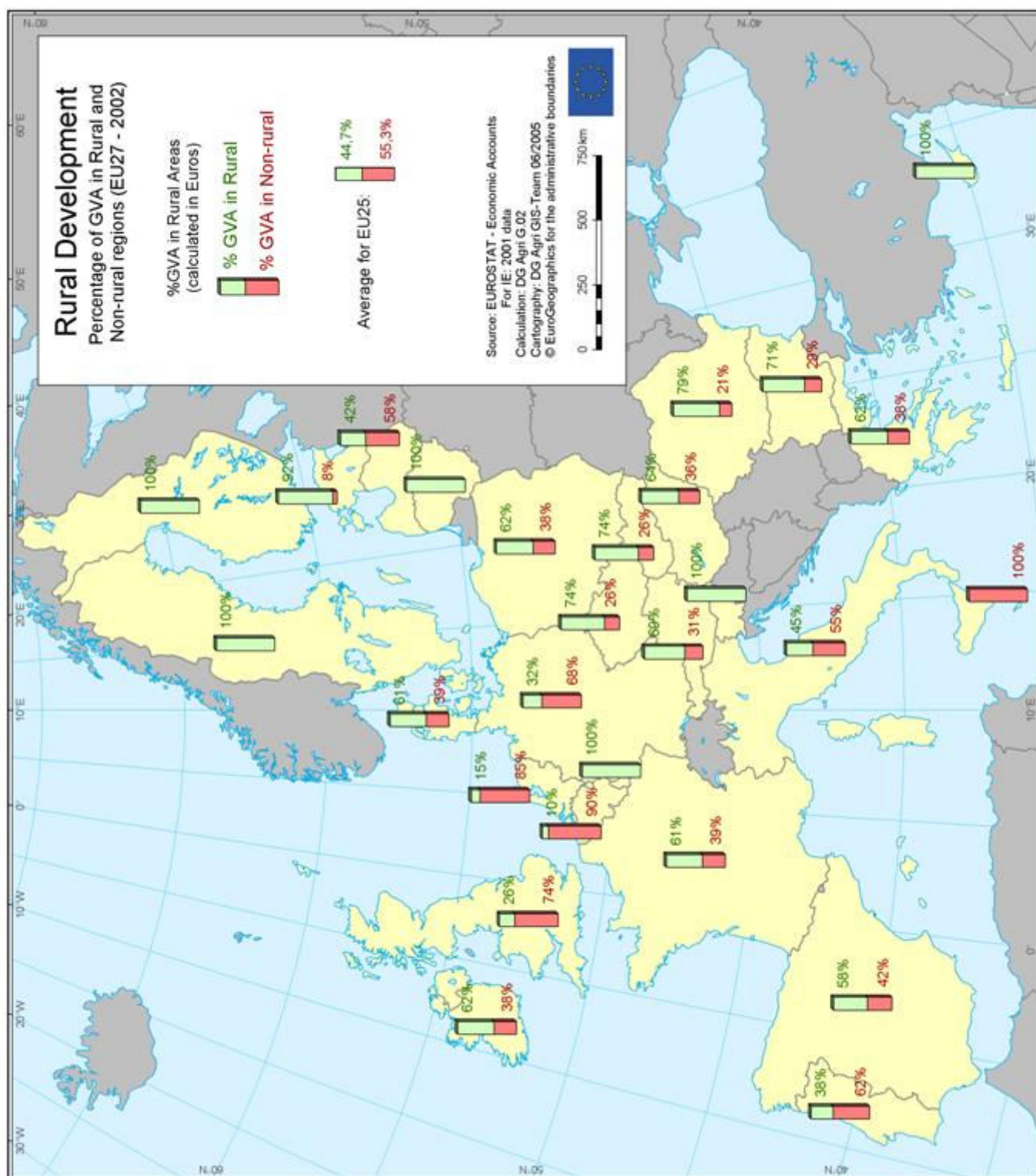
2. Importance of rural areas: share of territory and of population



3. Population density in rural areas



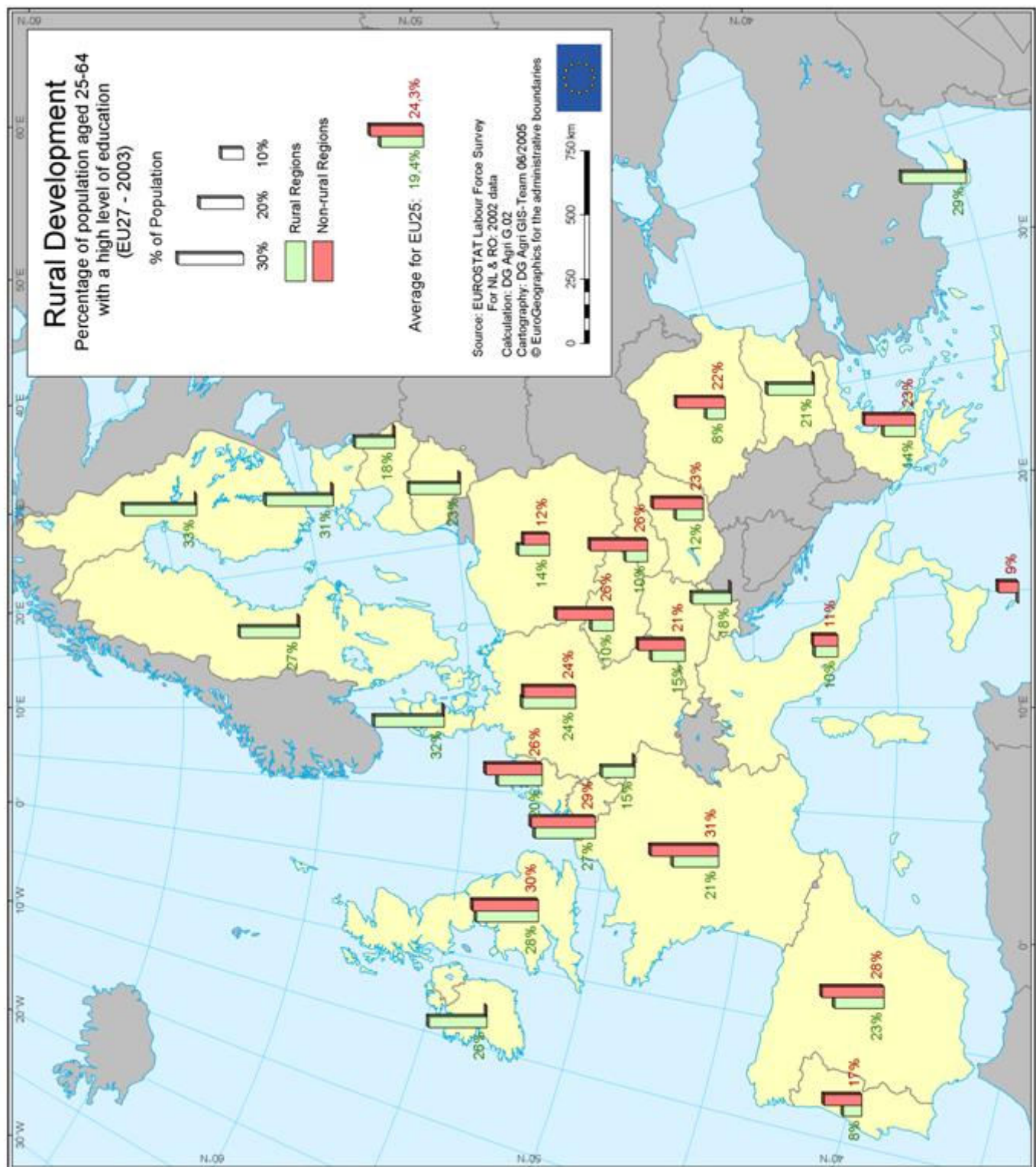
4. Share of Gross Value Added in rural areas



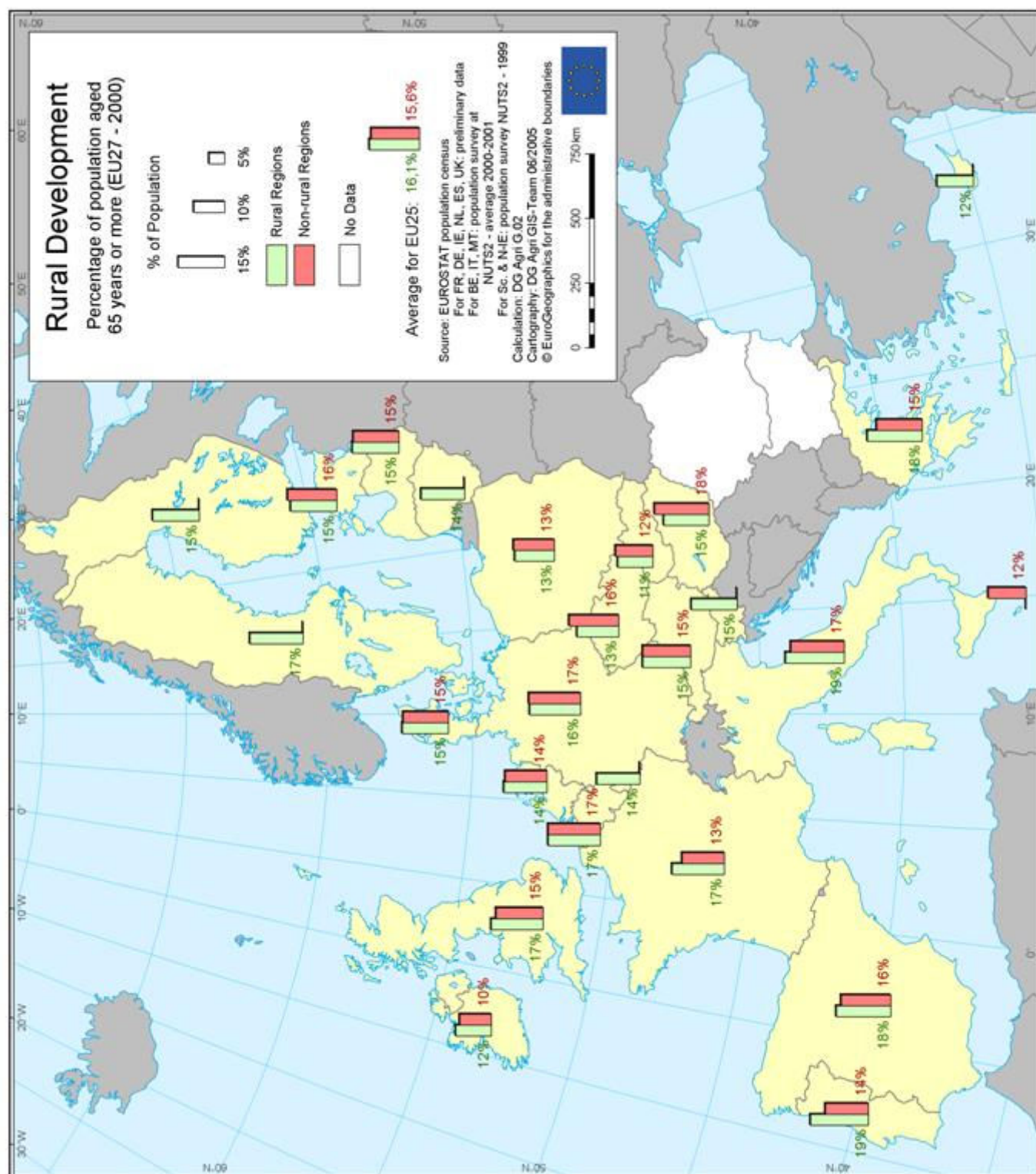
5. Share of employment in rural areas



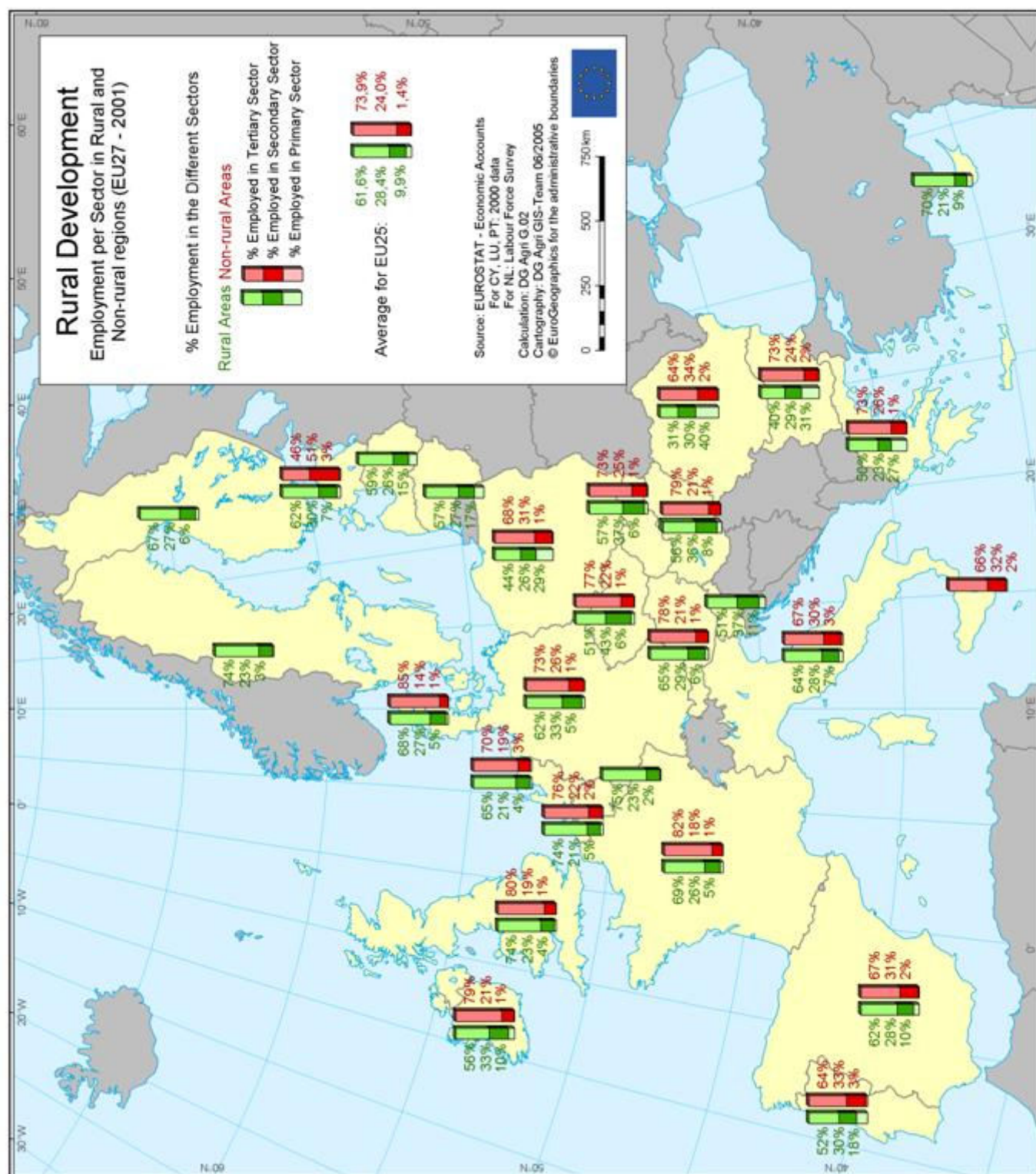
6. Share of population with high level of education



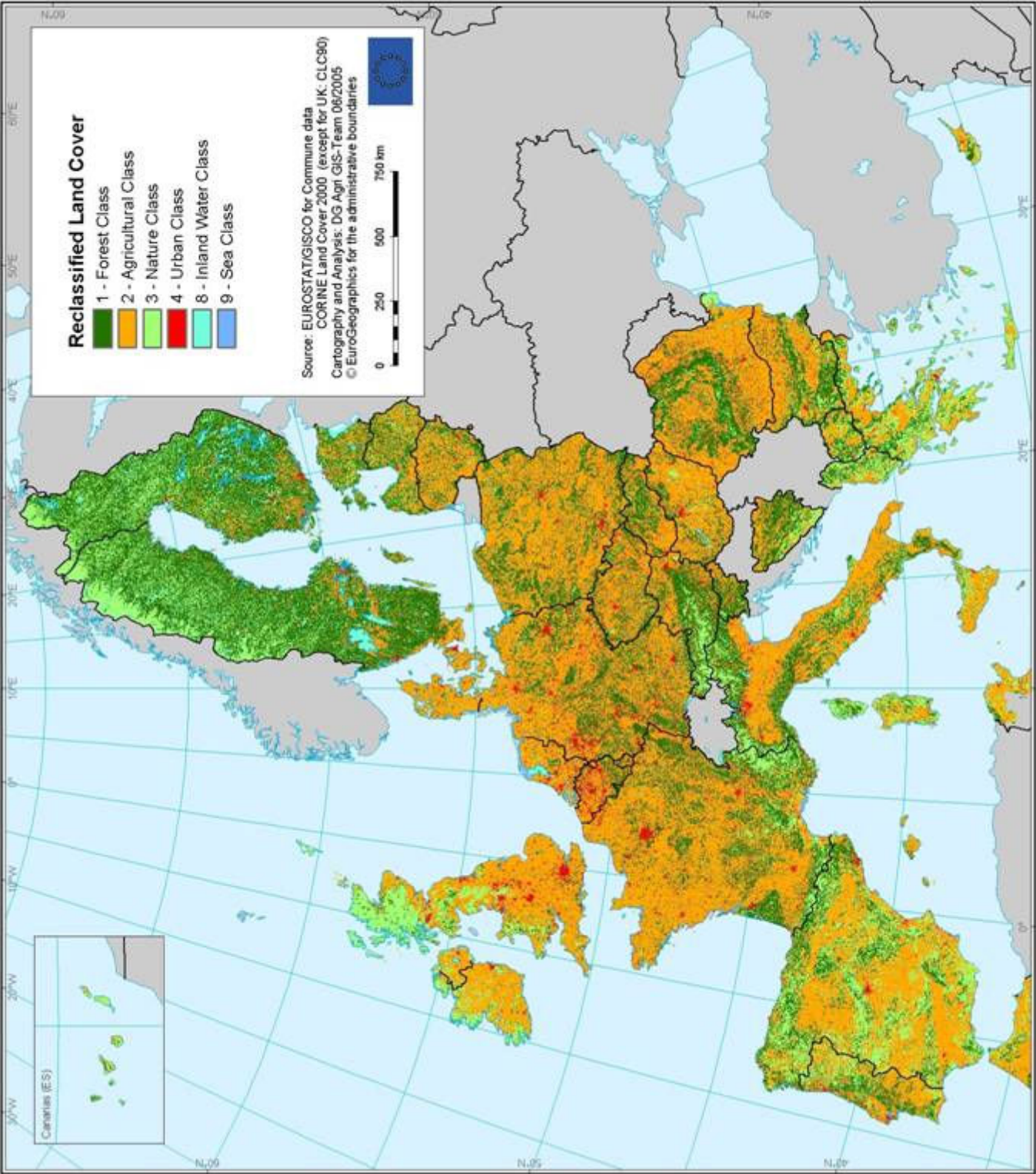
7. Share of population aged of 65 years or more



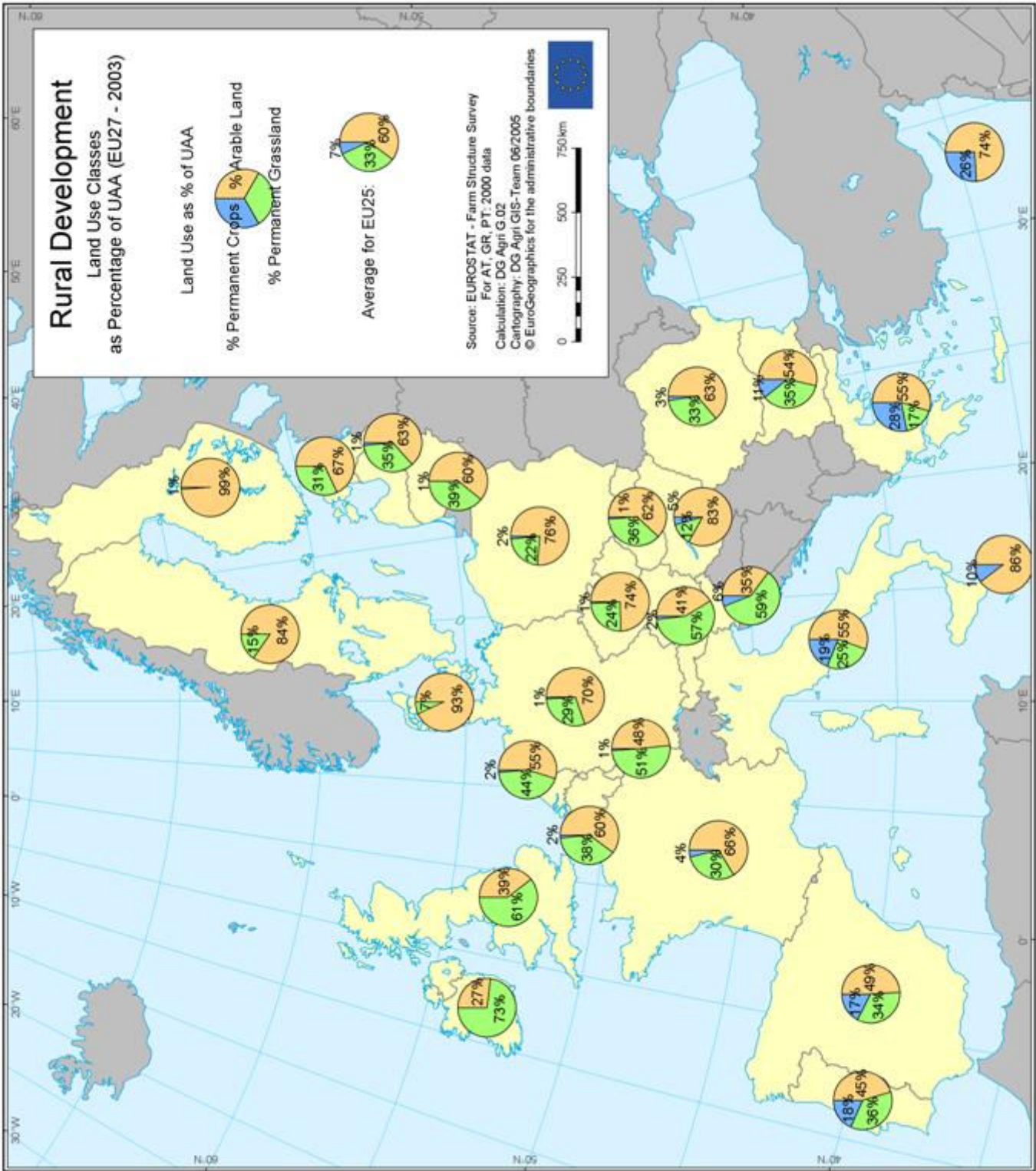
8. Share of sectors in terms of employment in rural areas



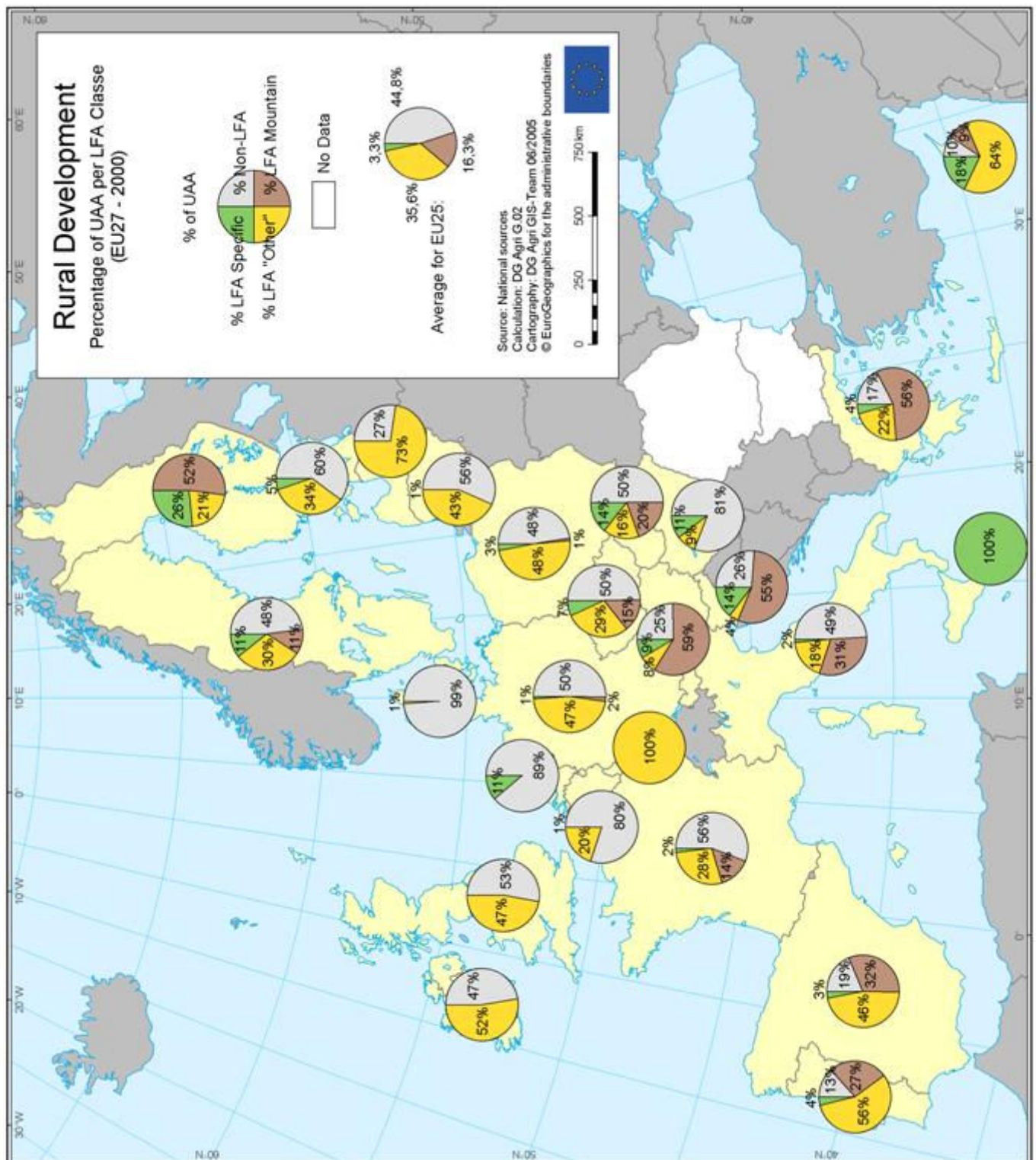
9. Land cover



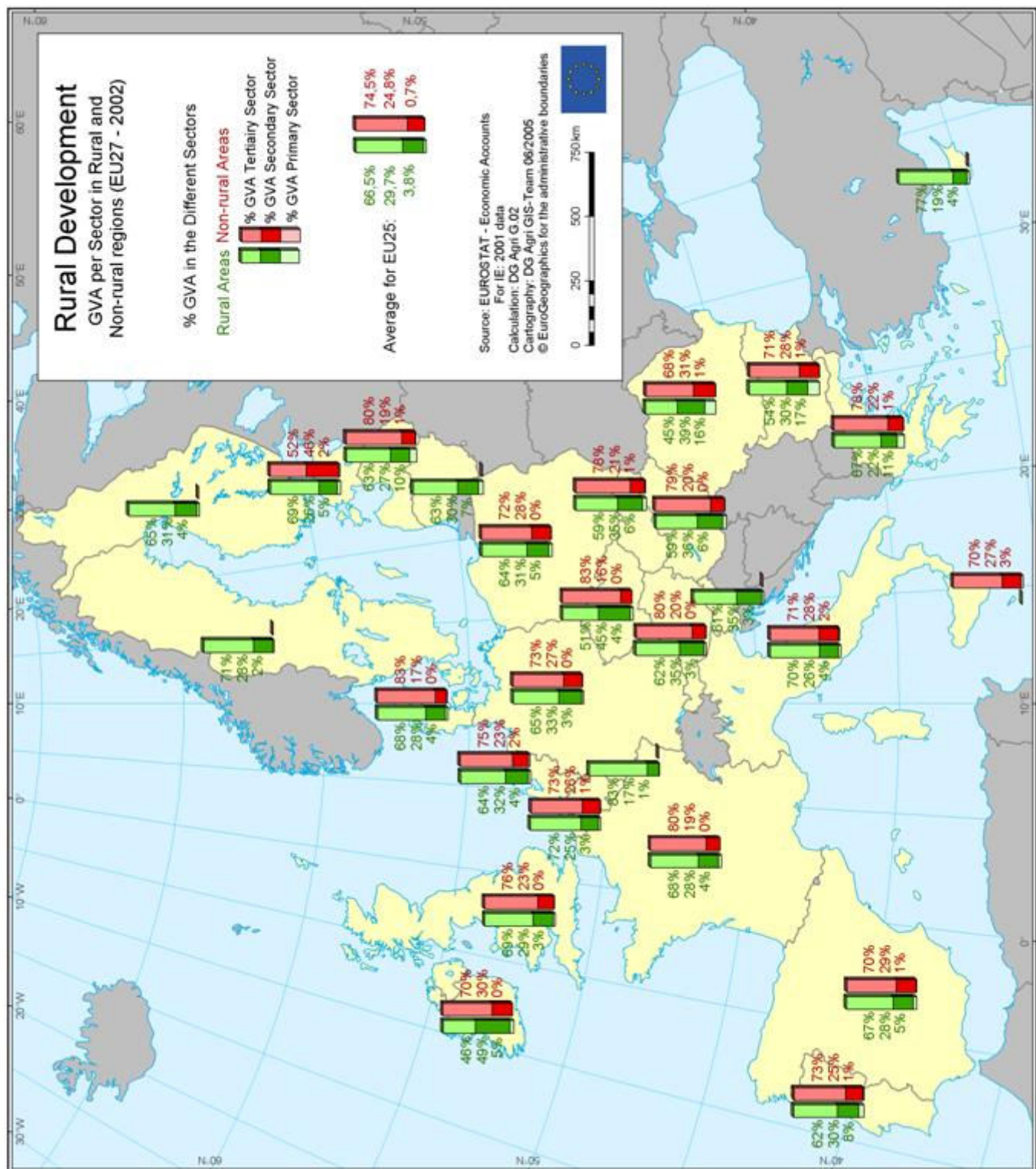
10. Land use of Utilised Agricultural Area



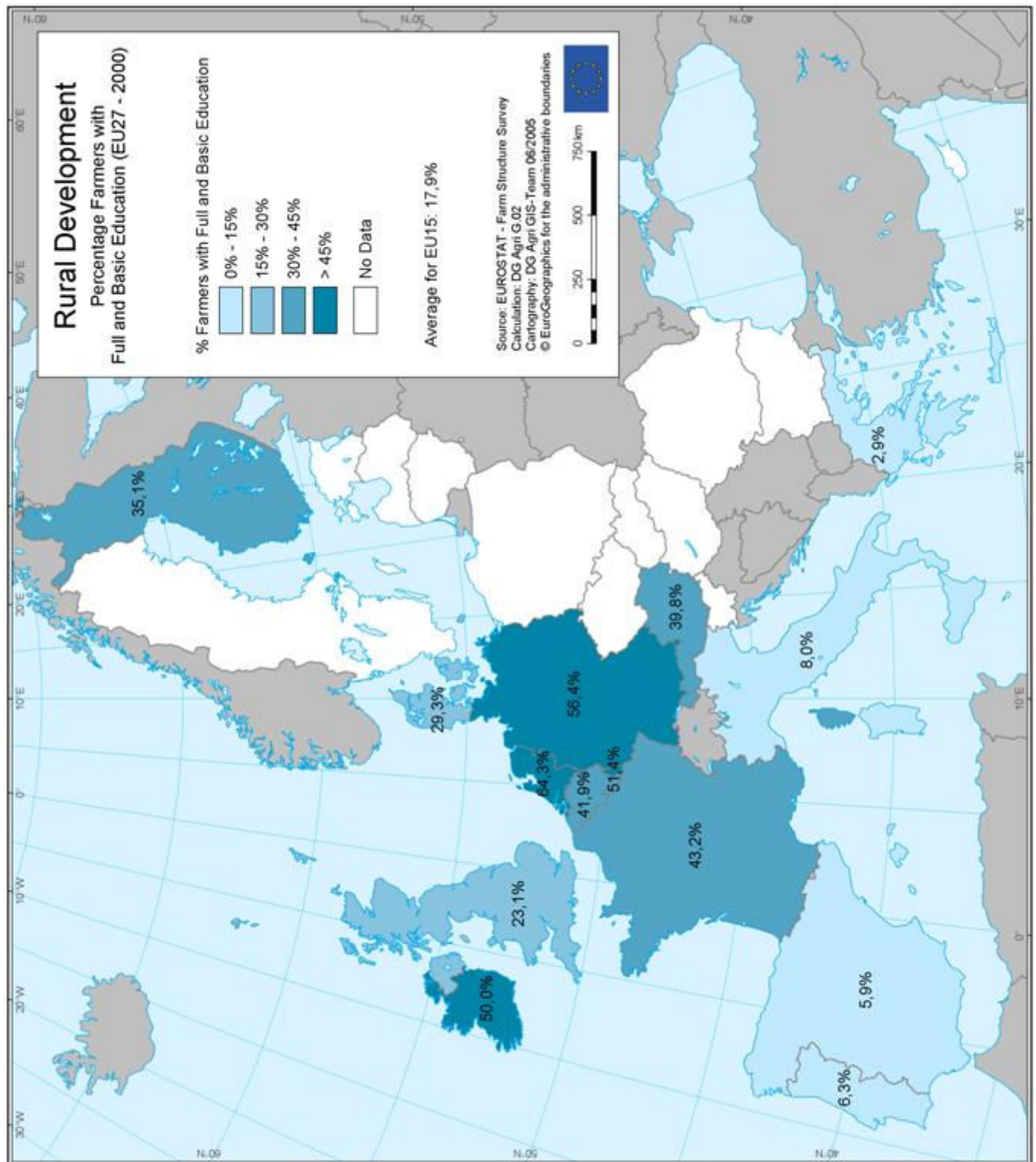
11. Distribution of Utilised Agriculture Area according to Less Favoured Areas status



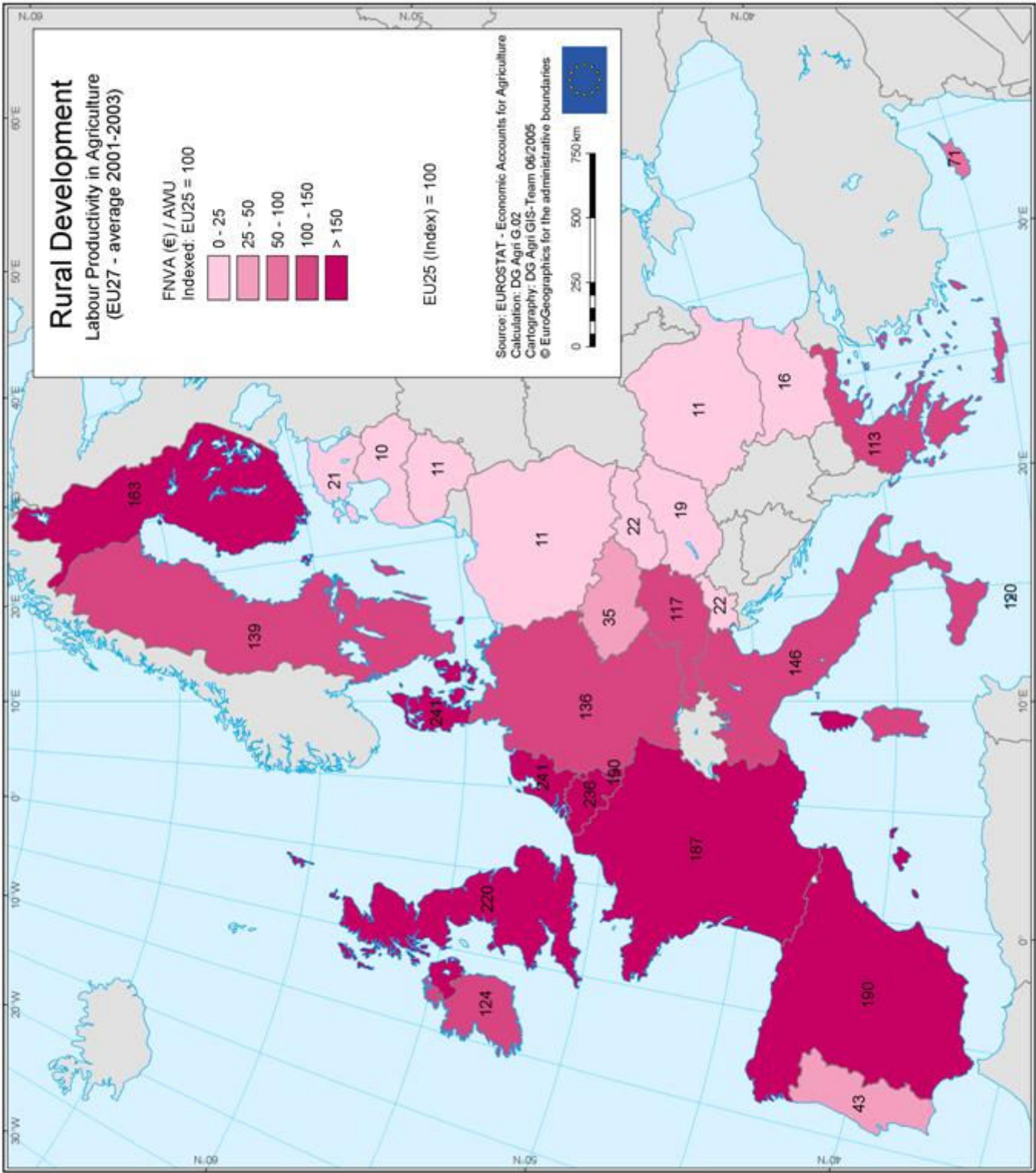
12. Share of sectors in terms of GVA in rural areas



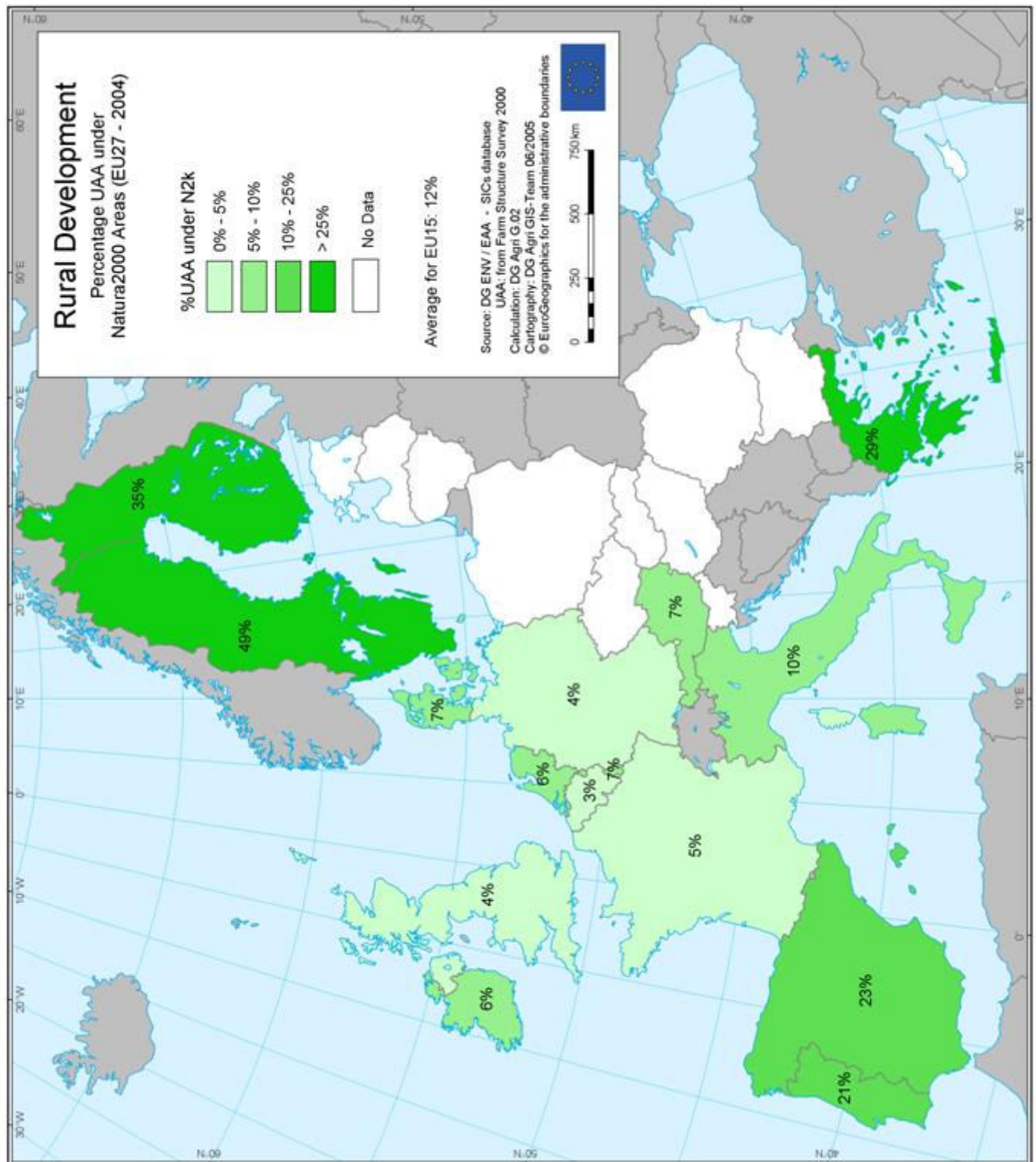
13. Educational level of farmers



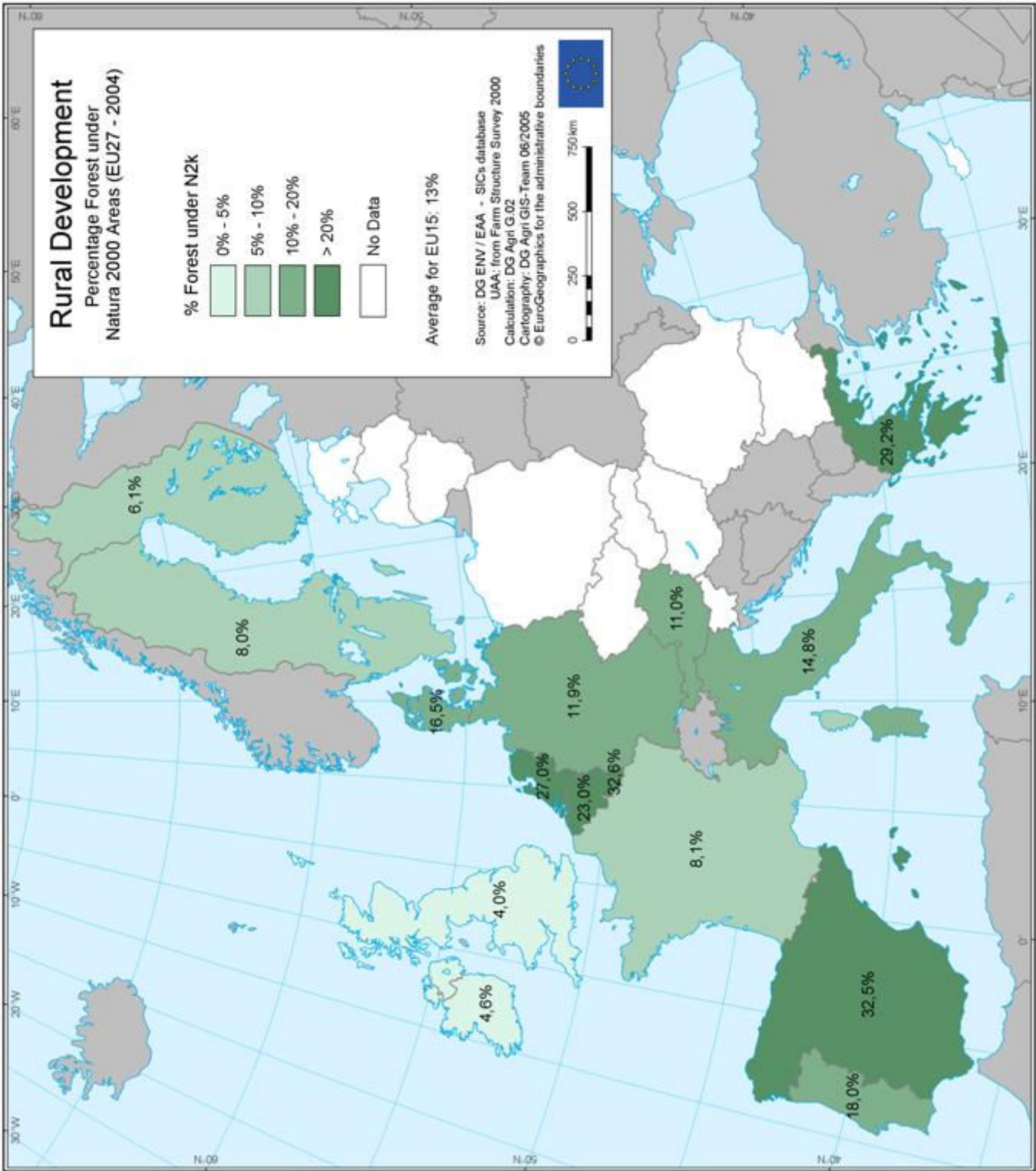
14. Labour productivity in agriculture



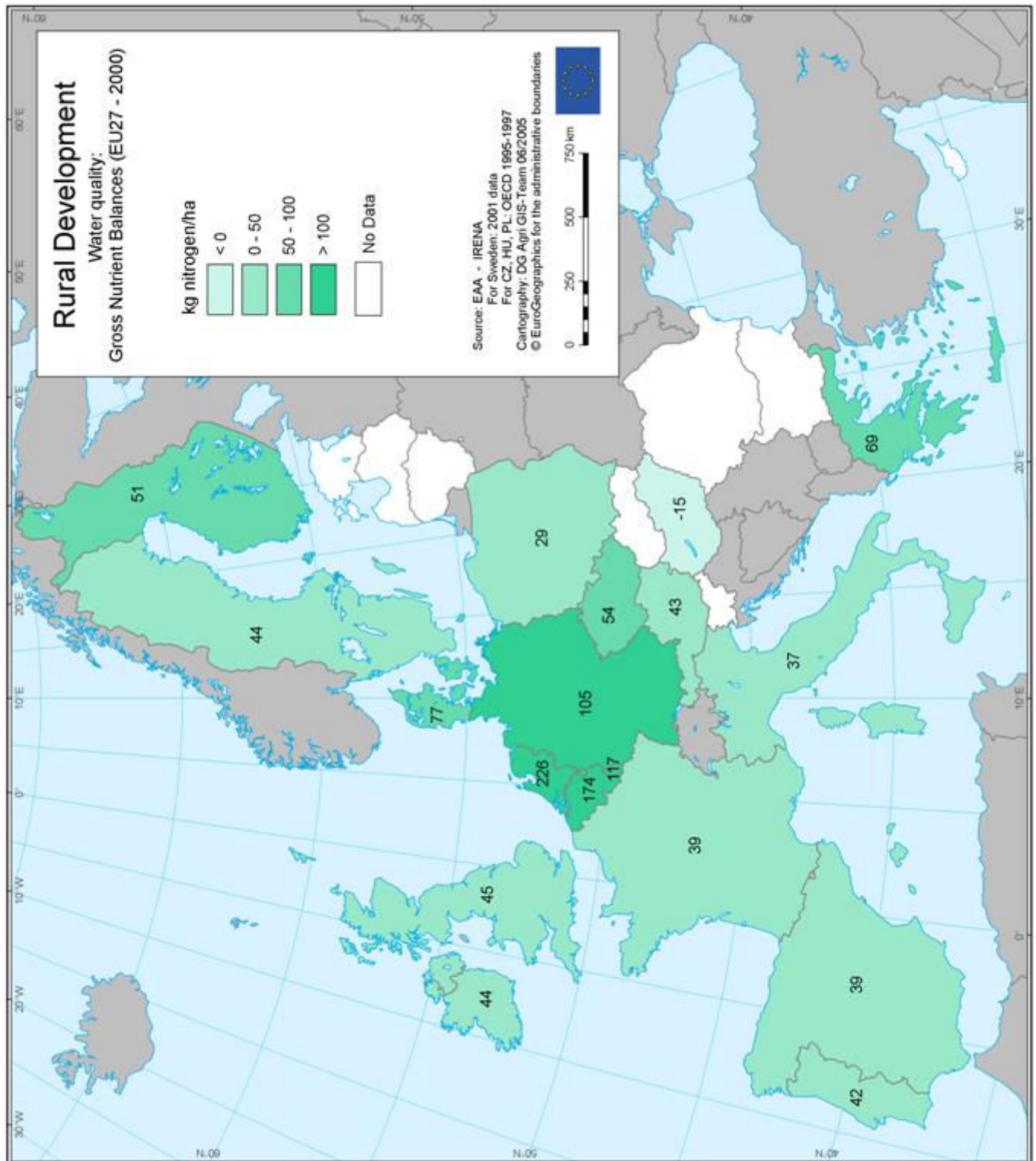
15. Share of Utilised Agriculture Area under NATURA 2000



16. Share of forestry area under NATURA 2000

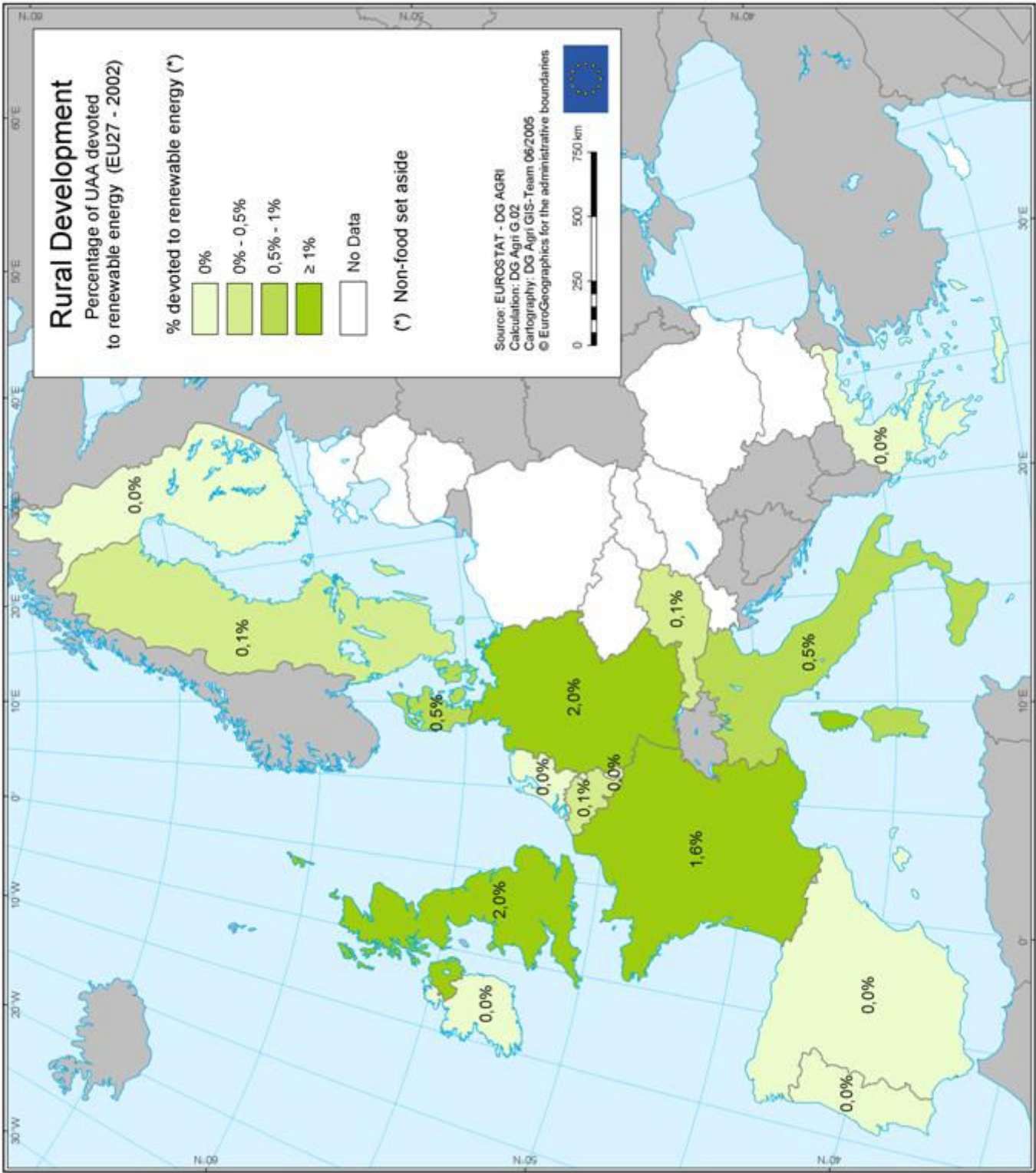


17. Water quality: Gross Nutrient Balances

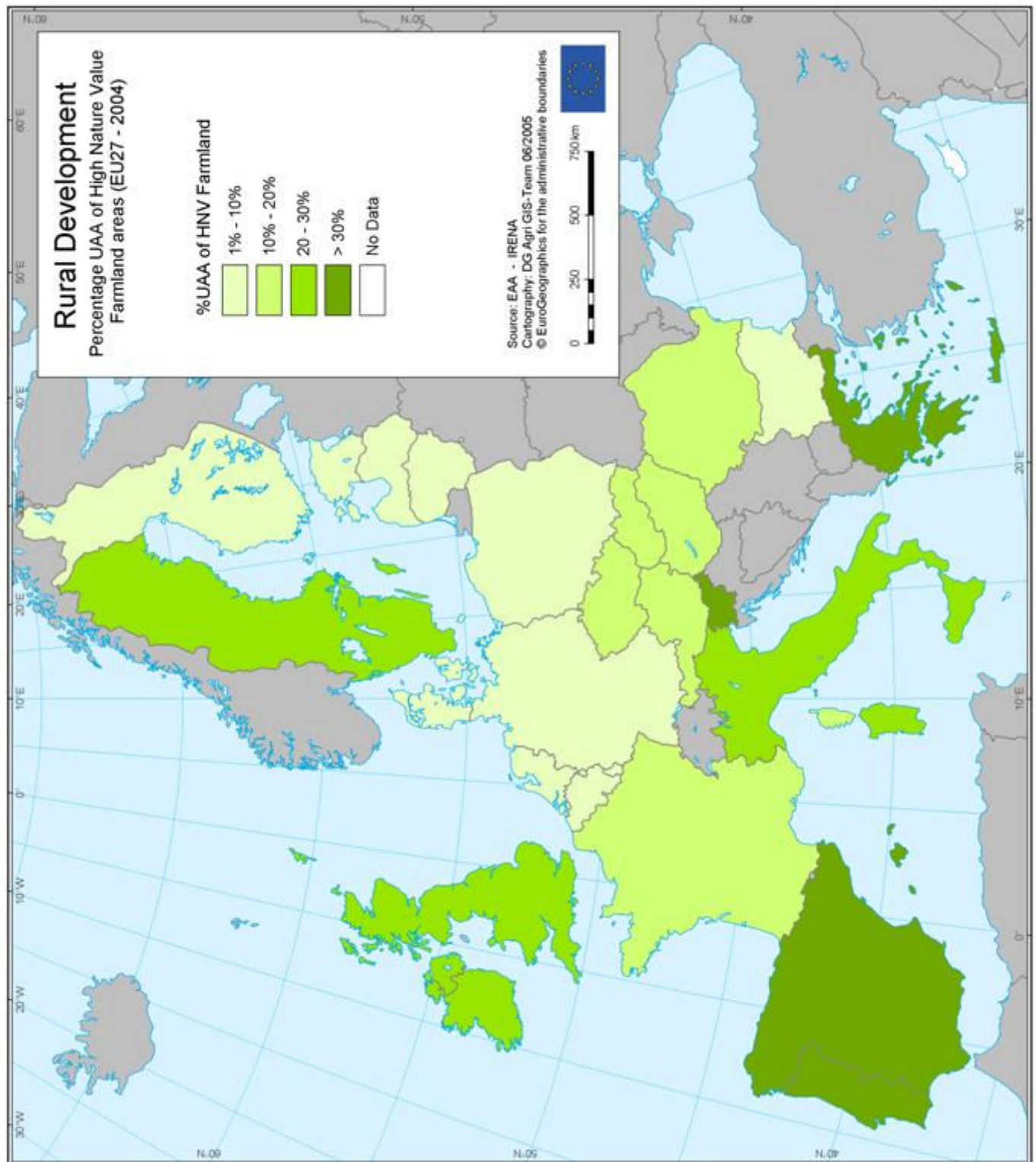


Note: A persistent surplus of nitrogen indicates potential environmental problems. In order to assess the actual environmental impact of excess nitrogen, more information is needed on farm nitrogen management, soil type, and climate conditions, all of which play a role in the fate of nitrogen in the environment. National balances can mask important regional differences in the surplus of nitrogen that determine actual nutrient leaching risk at regional or local level. This map should therefore be used with care.

18. Share of Utilised Agriculture Area devoted to renewable energy

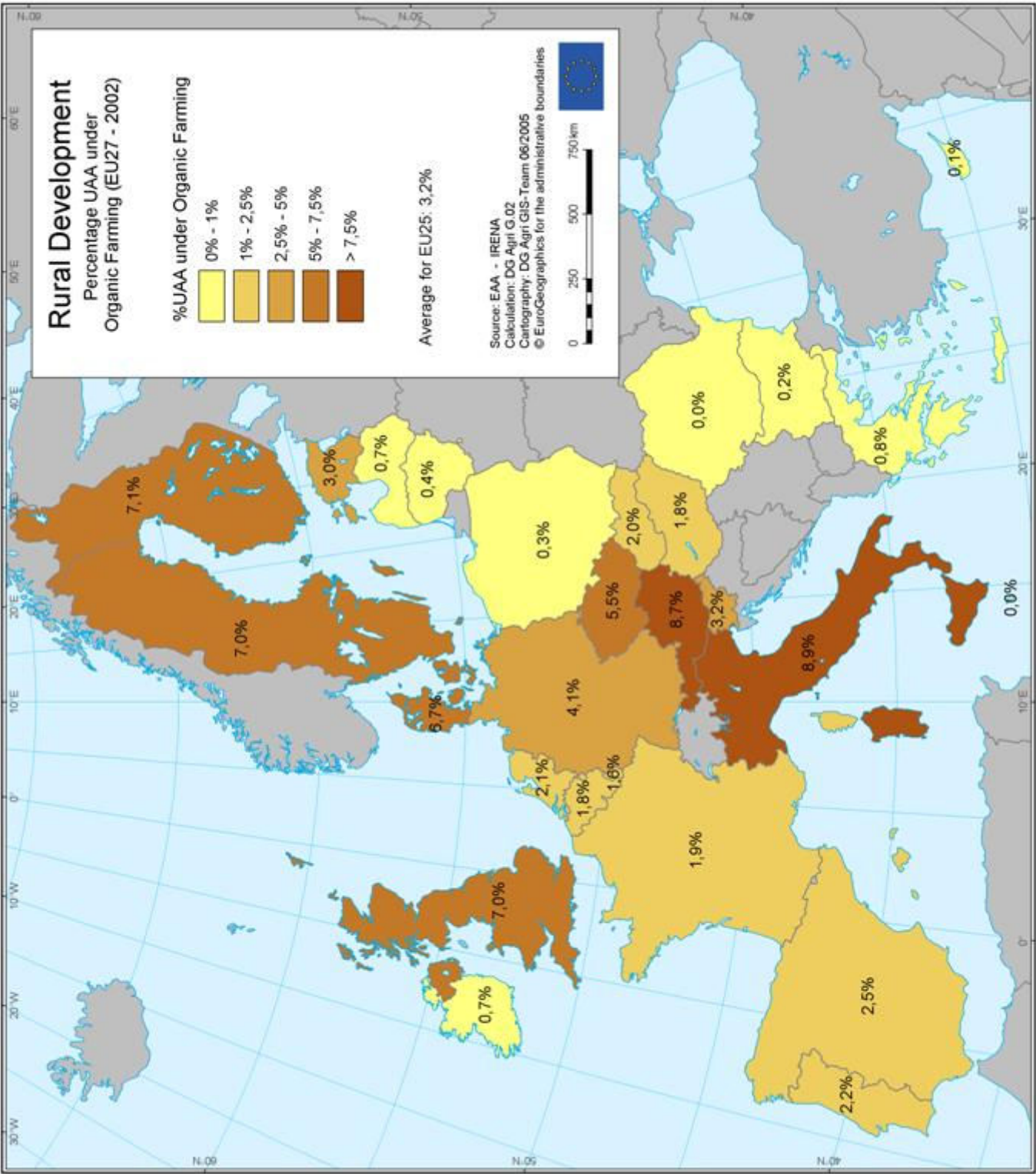


19. Share of Utilised Agriculture Area of High Nature Value Farmland Area

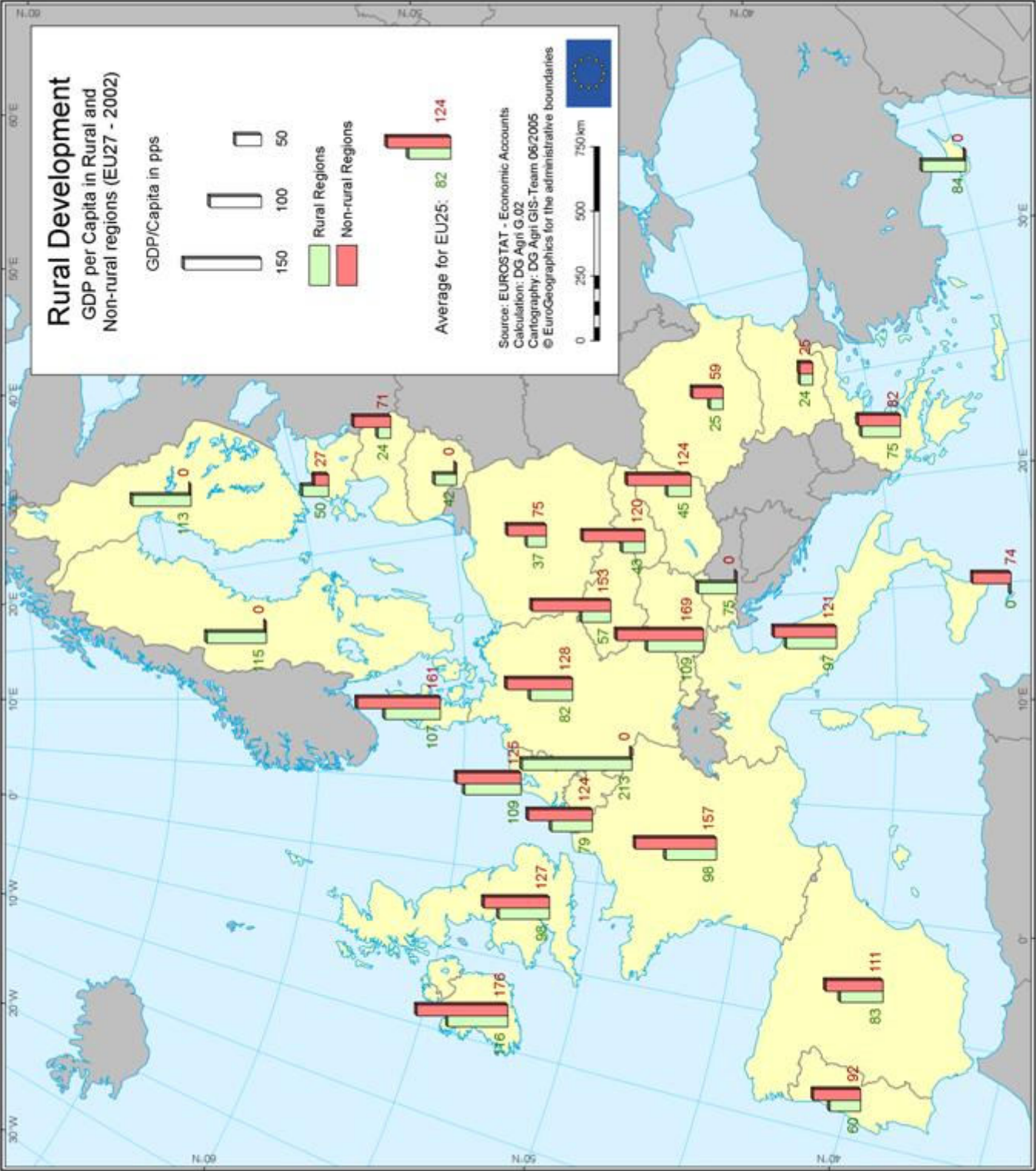


Note: there are still currently methodological developments of the concept and of the cartography of High Nature Value Area. This map shows preliminary results and should be used with care.

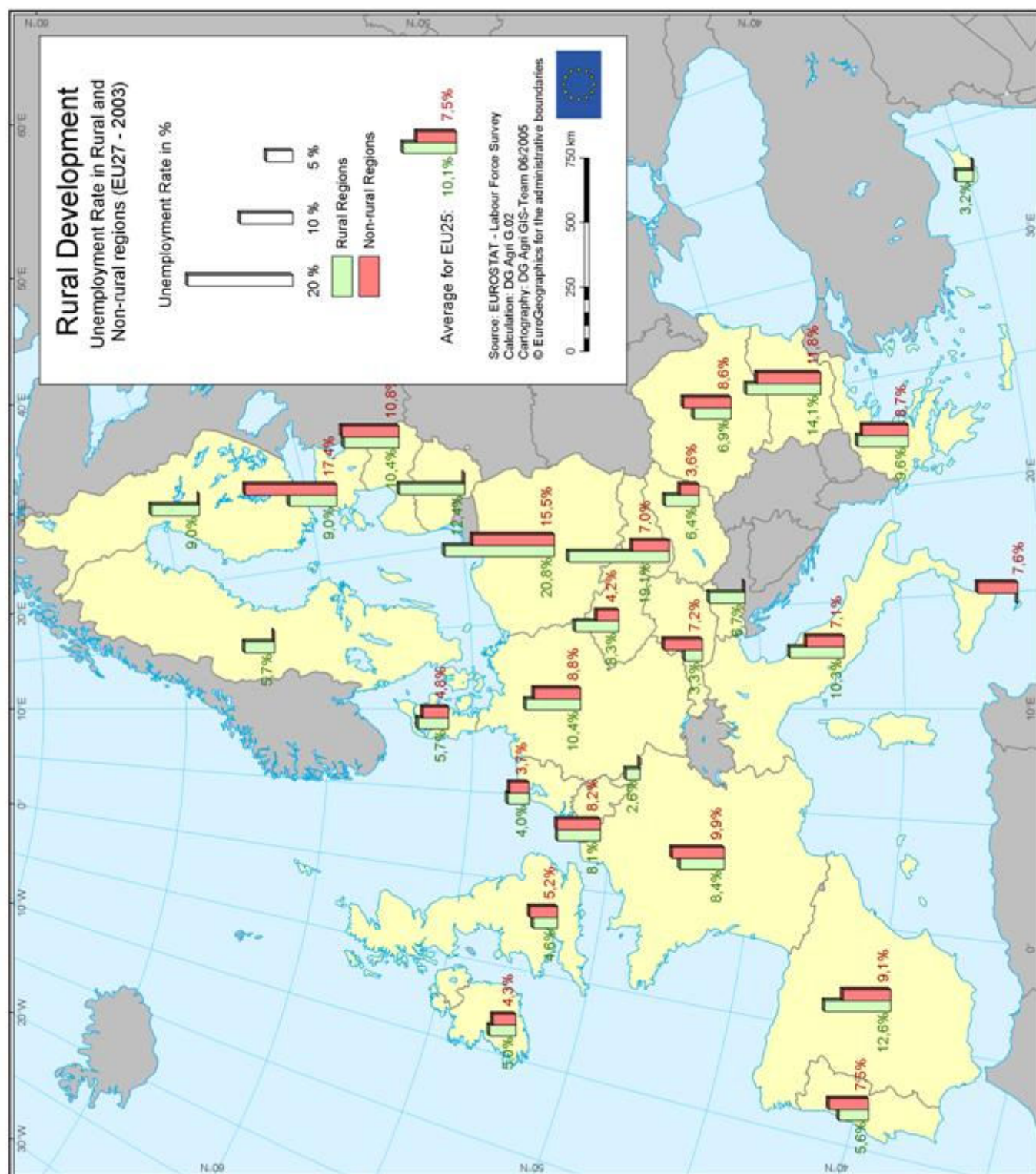
20. Share of Utilised Agriculture Area under organic farming



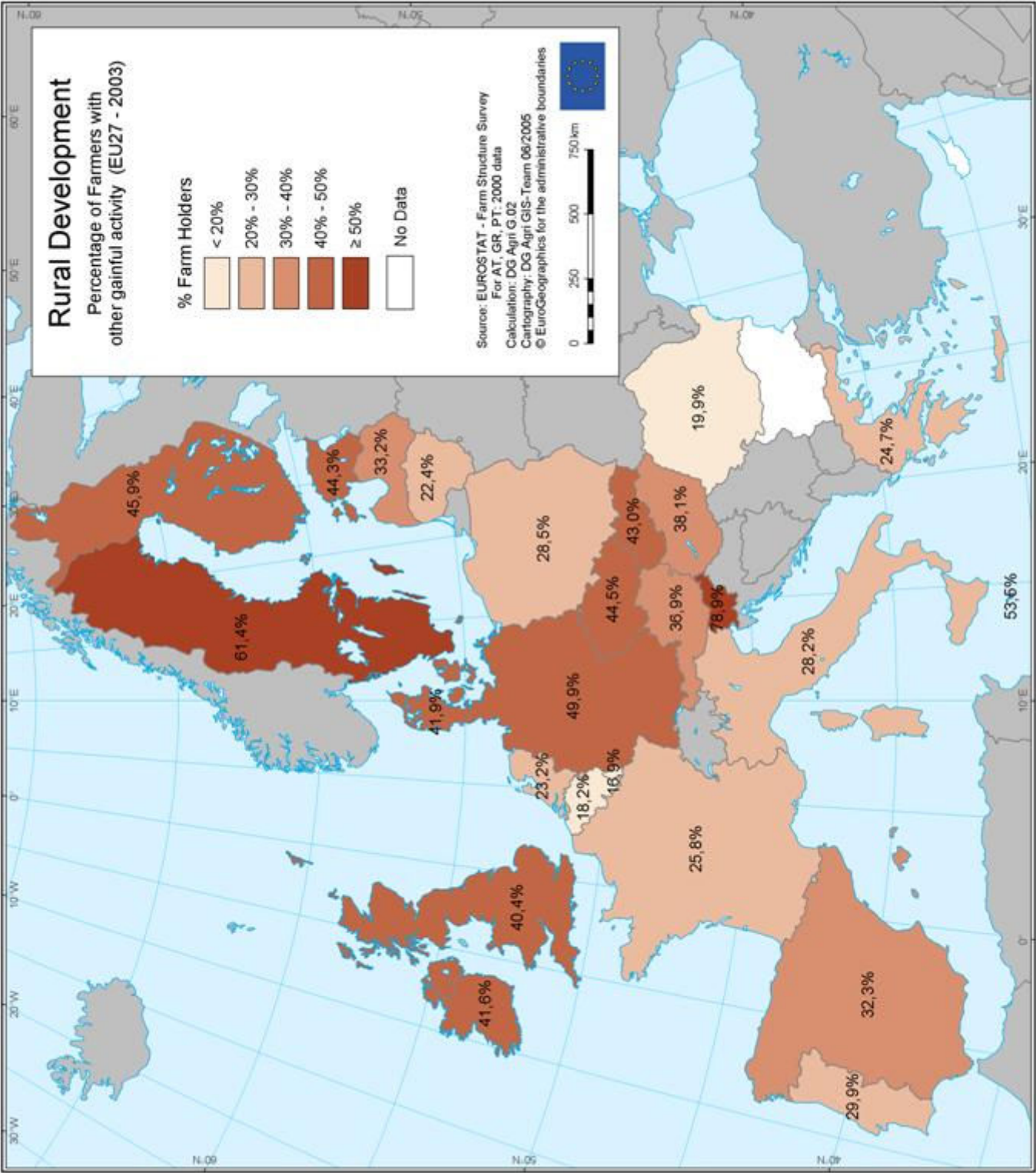
21. Gross Domestic Product per capita in rural areas



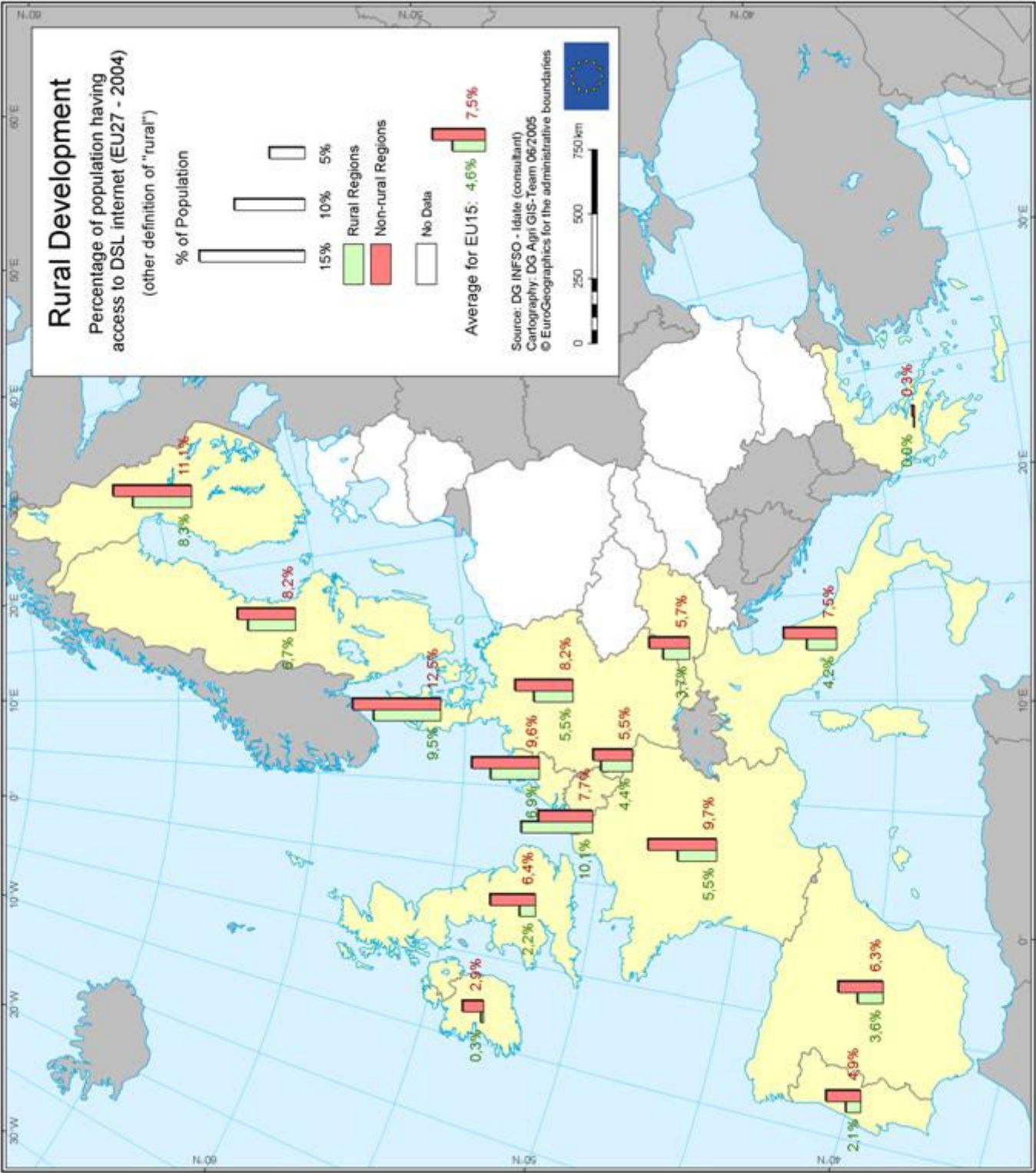
22. Unemployment rate in rural areas



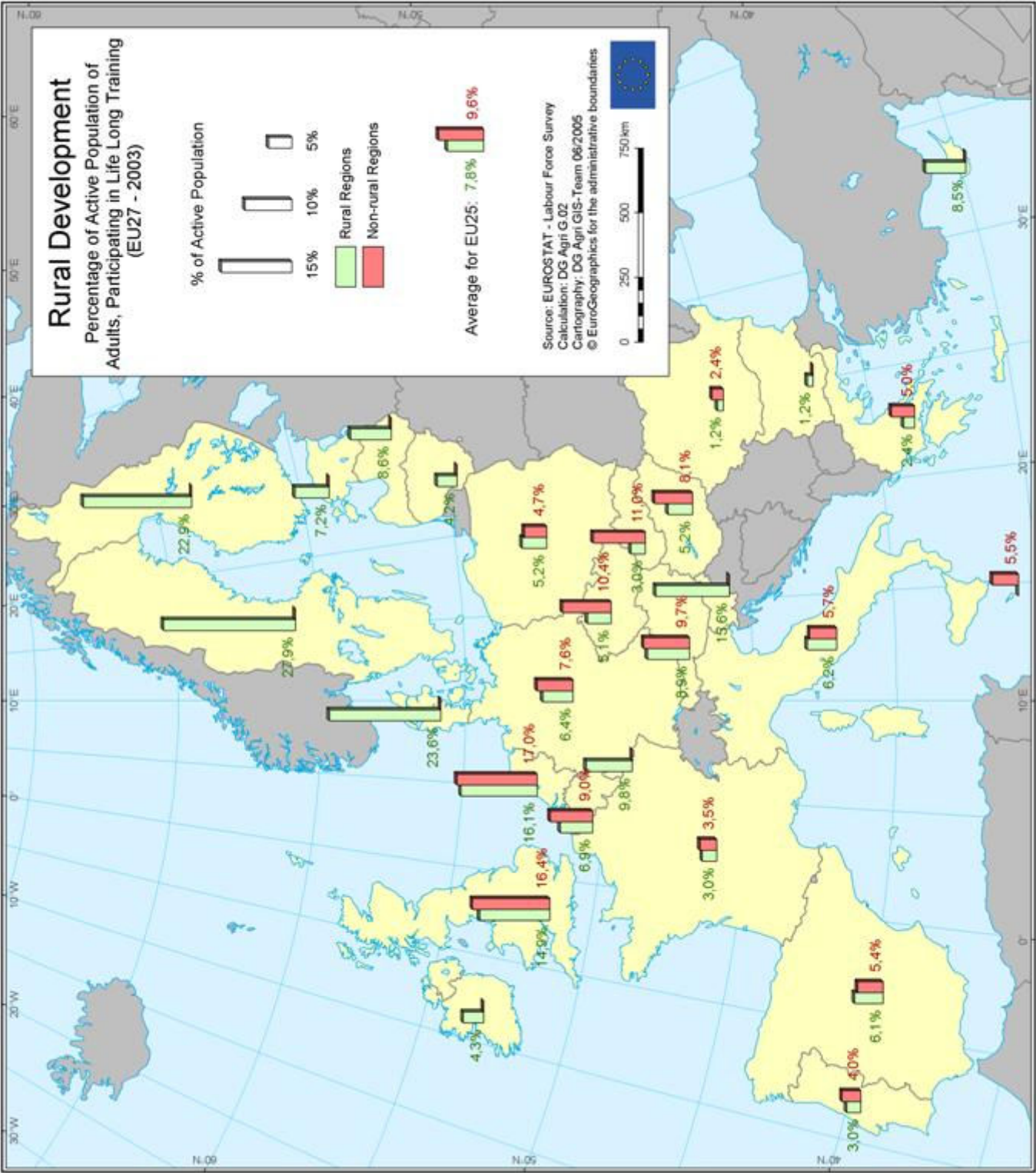
23. Percentage of farmers with other gainful activity



24. Share of population of rural areas having access to DSL internet



25. Share of active population of rural areas participating in life long training



26. Share of population covered by Local Action Groups (Leader)

