Workshop E: TERCET, a European regulation on statistical units and territorial typologies
NUTS (Nomenclature of territorial units for statistics)

- Establishes an official classification of territorial units for statistics since 2003...

- at three hierarchical levels based on population thresholds:
  - NUTS 1: 3 million – 7 million
  - NUTS 2: 800 000 – 3 million
  - NUTS 3: 150 000 – 800 000
  - LAU 1, LAU 2

- mirrors largely the administrative structure of the Member States

- to ensure comparable data and to enable comparisons and targeted support
But can we do better?

- rural areas and regions might have different needs than urban ones

- coastal areas and regions have some specificities as well ('blue economy')

- metropolitan regions are said to be economic powerhouses, but have their own problems

Can we measure that?

=> Legislative proposal to include the most important territorial typologies into the NUTS
Territorial typologies at NUTS 3 level:

a) **Urban/rural typology**
   - Predominantly urban regions
   - Intermediate regions
   - Predominantly rural regions

b) **Metropolitan typology**
   - Metropolitan regions
   - Non-metropolitan regions

c) **Maritime typology**
   - Coastal regions
   - Non-coastal regions
Urban/rural typology: unemployment rates
Urban/rural typology: GDP in PPS
Territorial typologies at LAU-level:

a) **Degree of urbanisation (DEGURBA)**
   - Urban areas
     - 'Cities' or 'Densely populated areas'
     - 'Towns and suburbs' or 'Intermediate density areas'
   - 'Rural areas' or 'Thinly populated areas'

b) **Functional urban areas (FUA)**
   - Cities
   - Commuting zones

c) **Coastal areas**
   - Coastal areas
   - Non-coastal areas
DEGURBA: Crime rate

Figure 14.11: People reporting crime, violence or vandalism in their area, by degree of urbanisation, 2013 (\(^1\))

\(\%\)

EU-28 (\(^1\))
Bulgaria
Cyprus
Romania
Hungary
Estonia
Belgium
Luxembourg
Czech Republic
France
Netherlands
Greece
Ireland
United Kingdom
Spain
Portugal
Slovenia
Latvia
Slovakia
Sweden
Finland
Austria
Denmark
Italy
Germany
Lithuania
Poland
Croatia
Malta (\(^1\))
Switzerland
Iceland (\(^1\))

Cities
Towns and suburbs
Rural areas
Thank you for the attention!

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