

# ANALYSIS OF TERRITORIAL CHALLENGES, NEEDS AND POTENTIALS OF THE DANUBE REGION

## PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

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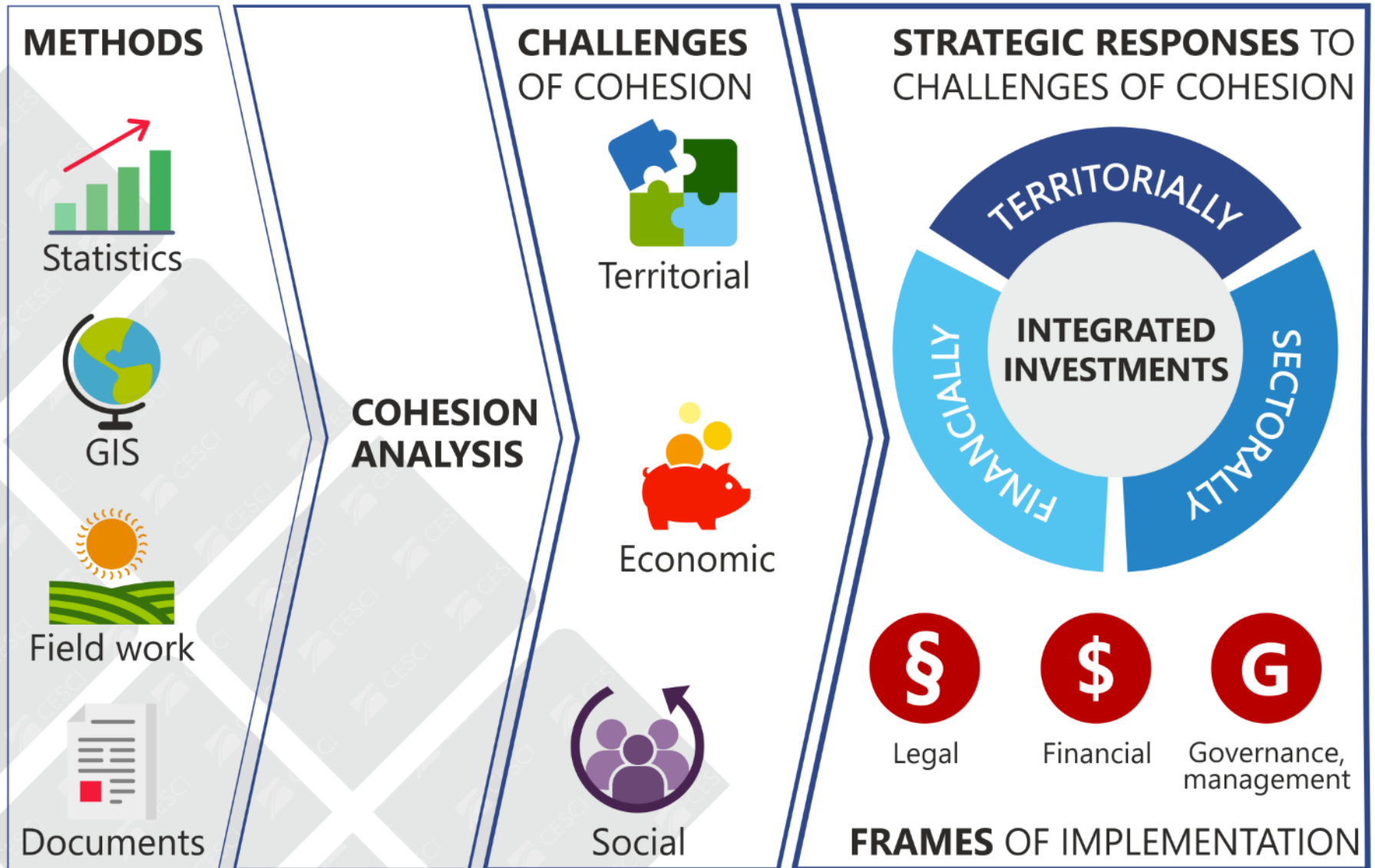
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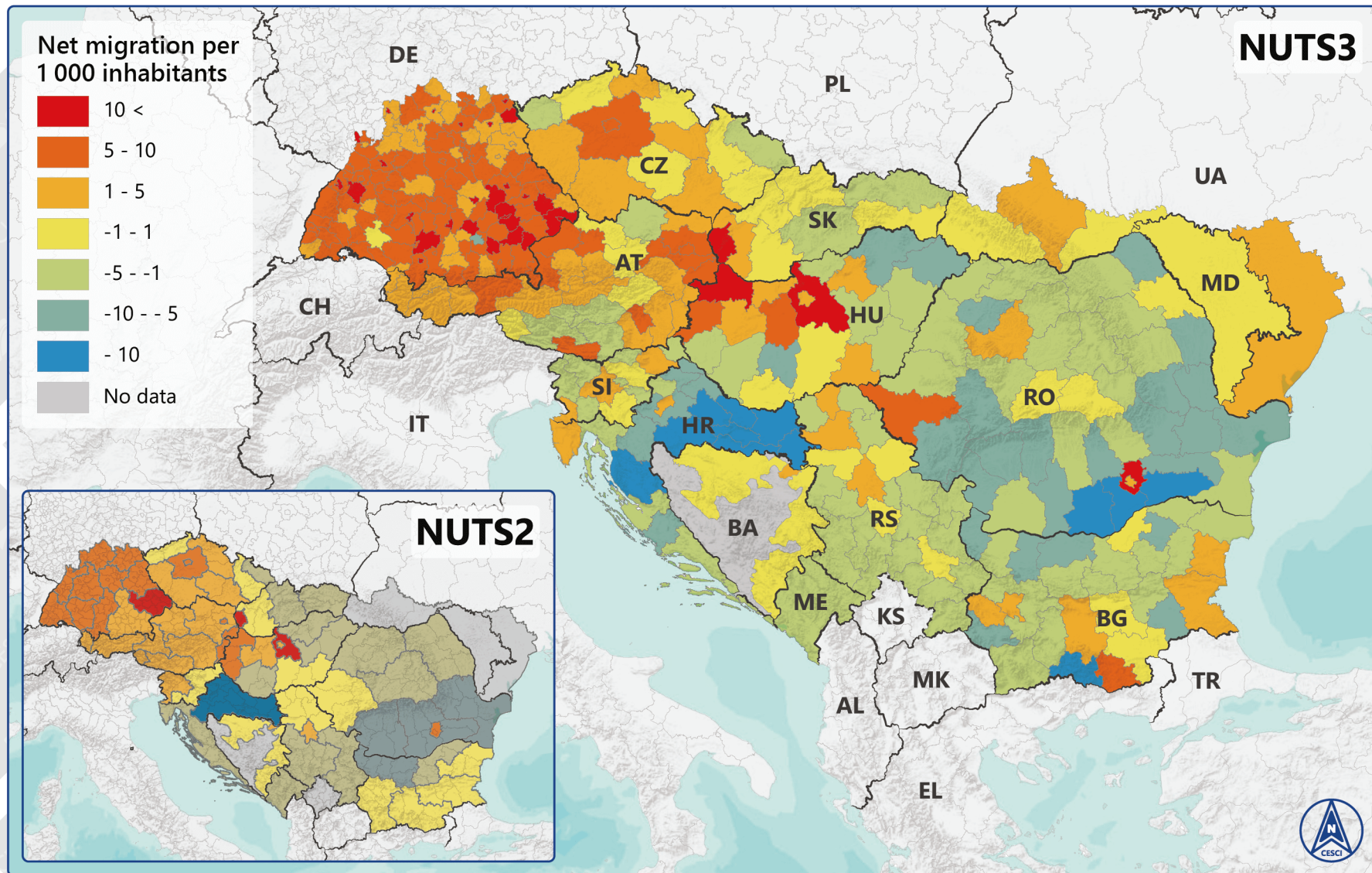
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**Preliminary findings**



- TA: mainly desk research
  - Statistical analysis with GIS backup
    - Lack of macroregion-wide comparable regional level data
  - Document analysis (national development plans, sectorial plans and macroregional strategic documents)
  - Consultation with PS and TF (seminars)



- 631 requested indicator in total
- 7 countries performed technically 100%  
(BA, CZ, HU, SK, SI, RO, HR)



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- Shared **water catchment areas** with important cross-border water resources
- Negative impacts of **climate change**
- Large number of **cultural heritage** sites with joint cultural roots and with similar natural endowments
- Large number of twin cities and **cities with cross-border hinterlands**, potentials to polycentric urban development
- Low density of **border crossings** in the south-eastern parts of the region
- Unfavourable territorial capacity regarding **cross-border traffic infrastructure**



- Persisting regional **disparities**
- Need for the utilisation of the **transit position** (Russia, China, Middle East, Western Europe)
- Relatively strong but unbalanced FDI and **trade flows** within the macro-region
- Slow economic restructuring, low share of **technology** and knowledge-intensive activities, low added value, overly concentrated RDI
- Weak **SME sector** and innovation ecosystem
- Strong east-west inequalities in accessibility, **missing links**
- High share of fossil fuels in consumption, **energy dependency** to external markets

- Severe **outmigration** from less developed and rural areas to more developed, western and major urban areas
- **Ageing**
- High **risk of poverty**, high income inequalities
- High differences in employment and **educational structure**
- Historical coexistence of numerous **ethnic, language** and religion groups
- **Roma people** across the macro-region, slow integration of the Roma and migrant communities

- Missing links: New progress in the **opening of** the central and south-eastern border sections, the **borderline** has loosened up between Member States
- Economic inequalities: Catching up of eastern member states in terms of **GDP** and economic interest
- Economic crisis: No further need for an overall economic **crisis management**
- Employment: High and increasing (long-term) **unemployment** is not the case anymore

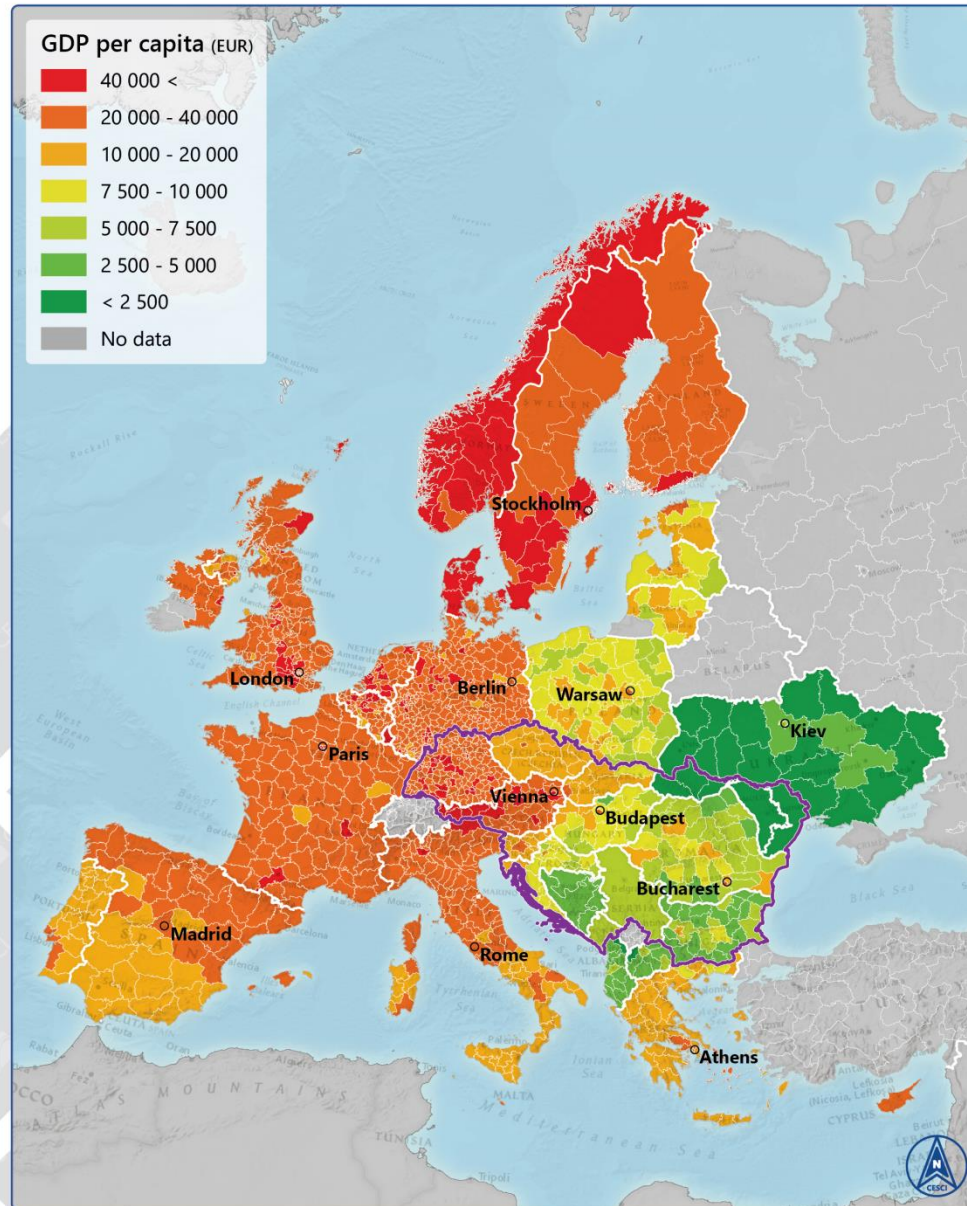
- Joint actions in combating **climate change**
- **Re-bordering**, re-emerging strict border regimes
- Emergence of **smart cities**
- High growth potential hindered by **labour shortage**
- Uncoordinated management of **immigration** to the region and **emigration** from the region
- **Digitalization**; Industry 4.0

## Main „Danubian“ trends & topics:

- Density of borders
- Transition region
- Demography: ageing
  
- Slow convergence in GDP-growth on national level, with fast divergence in urban-rural dimension
- Rich cultural heterogeneity + the situation of Roma people
- Heavy & strengthening internal migration: loser and winner regions
- Twist of labour market: from unemployment to the lack of labour force
- Energy: (in)dependence; inter-linkages; sustainability

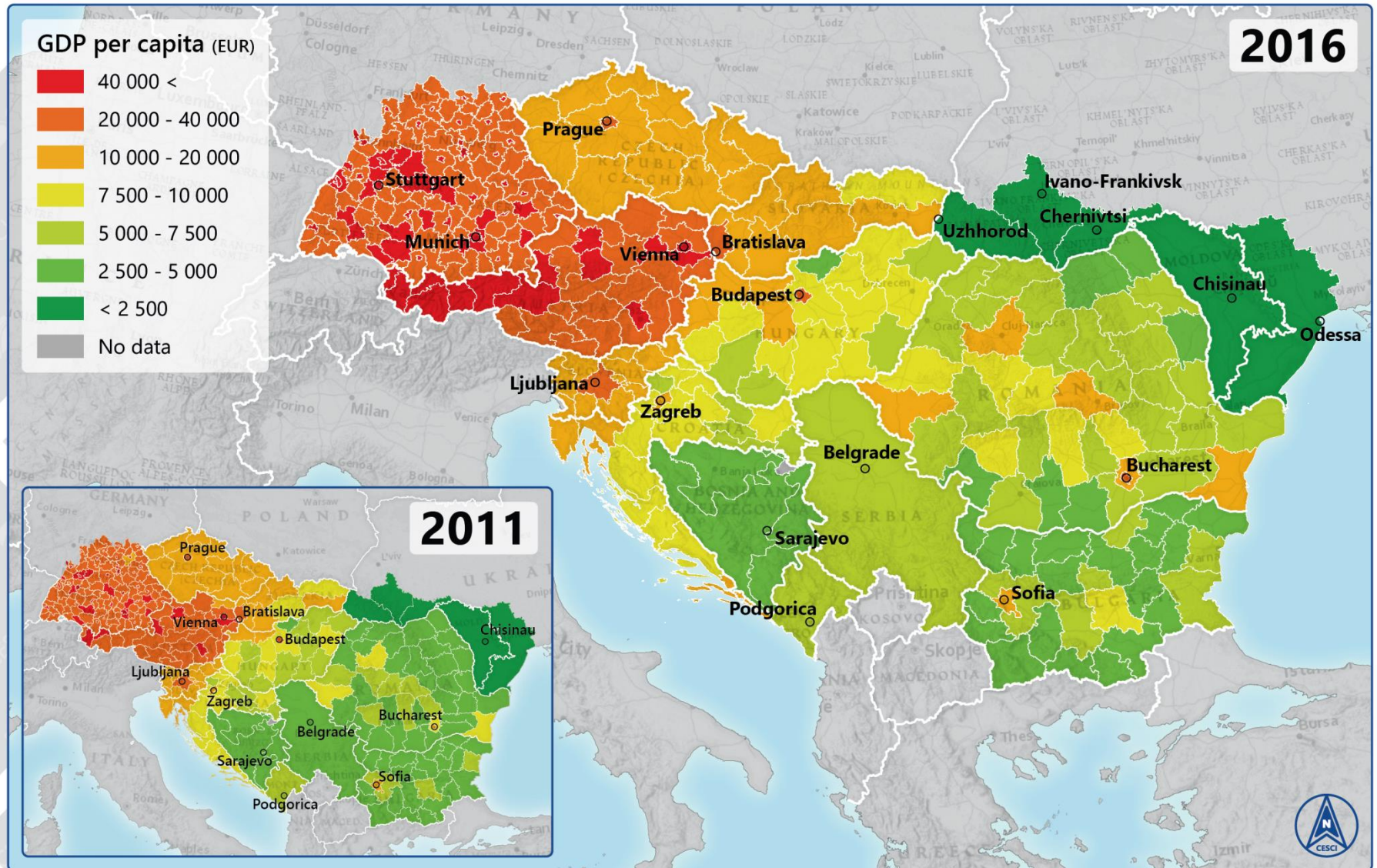


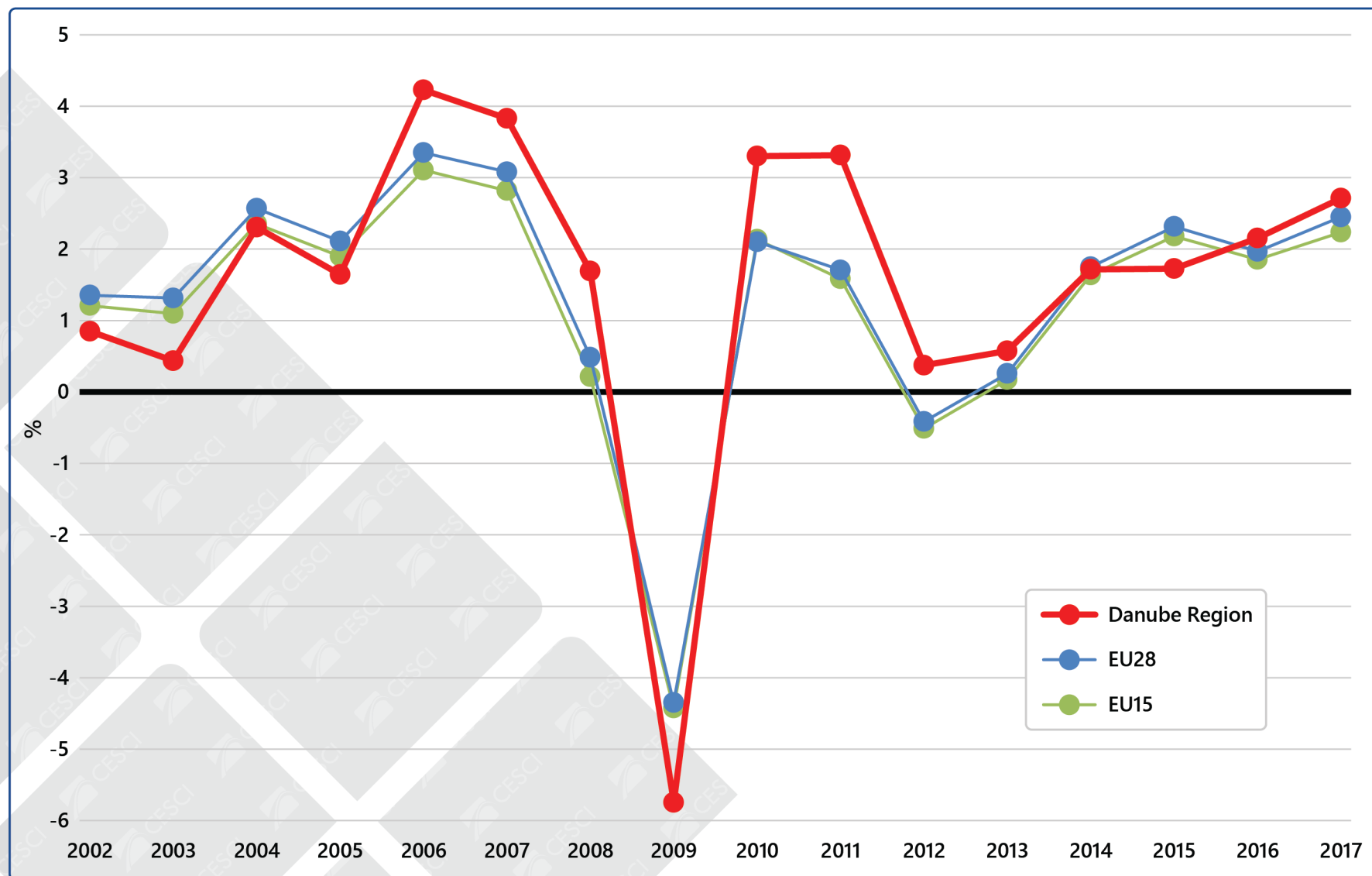




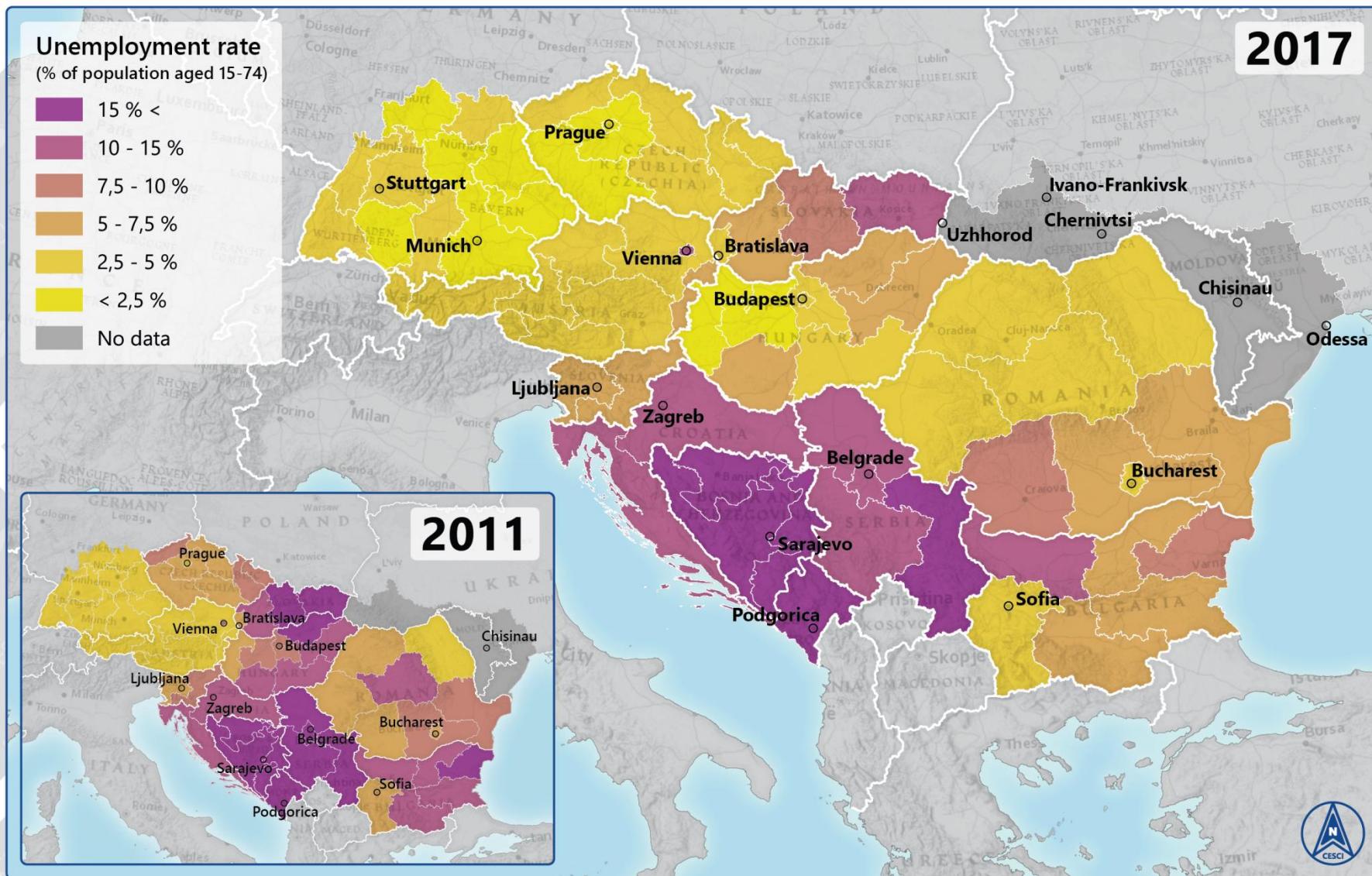


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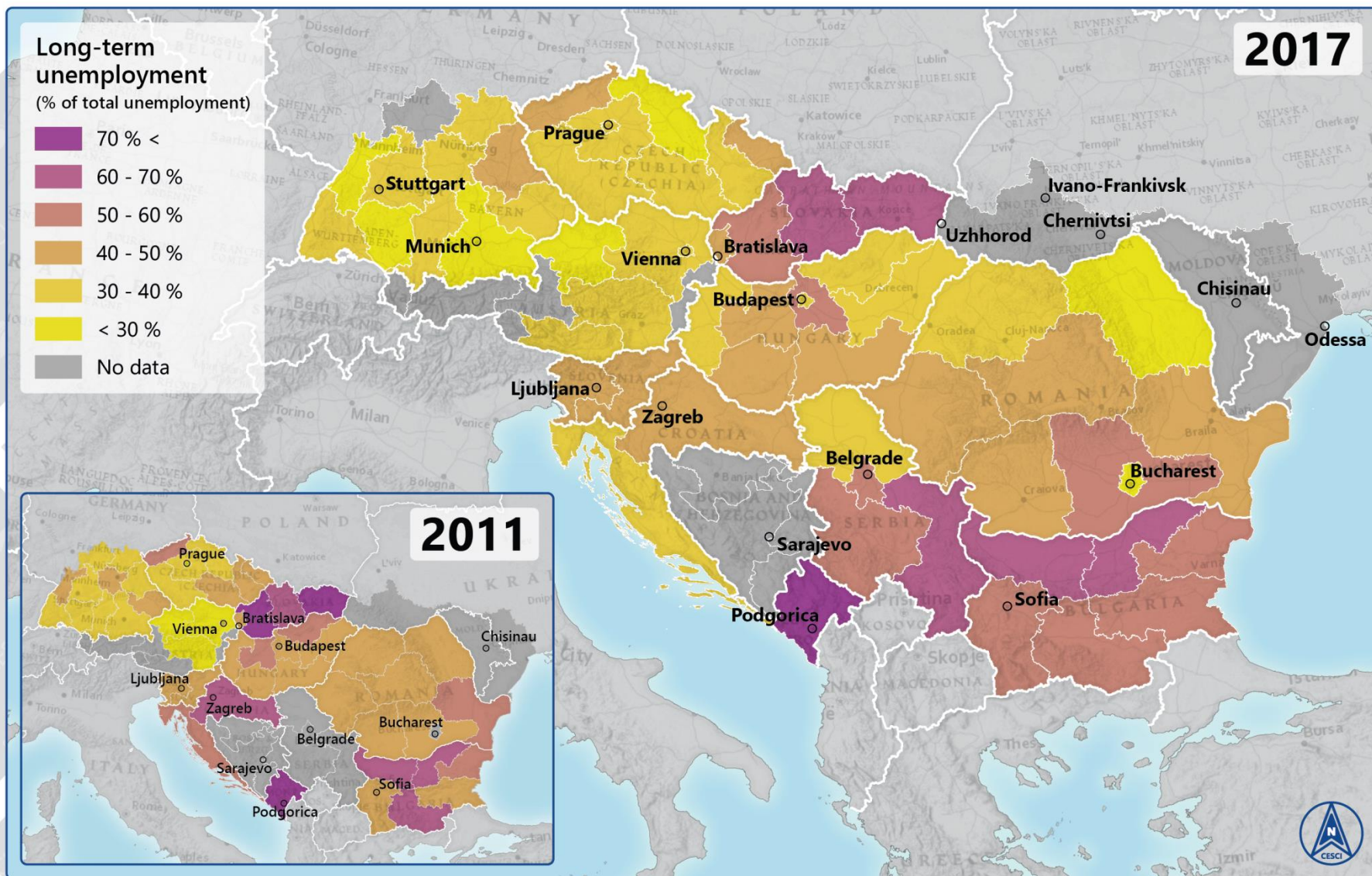




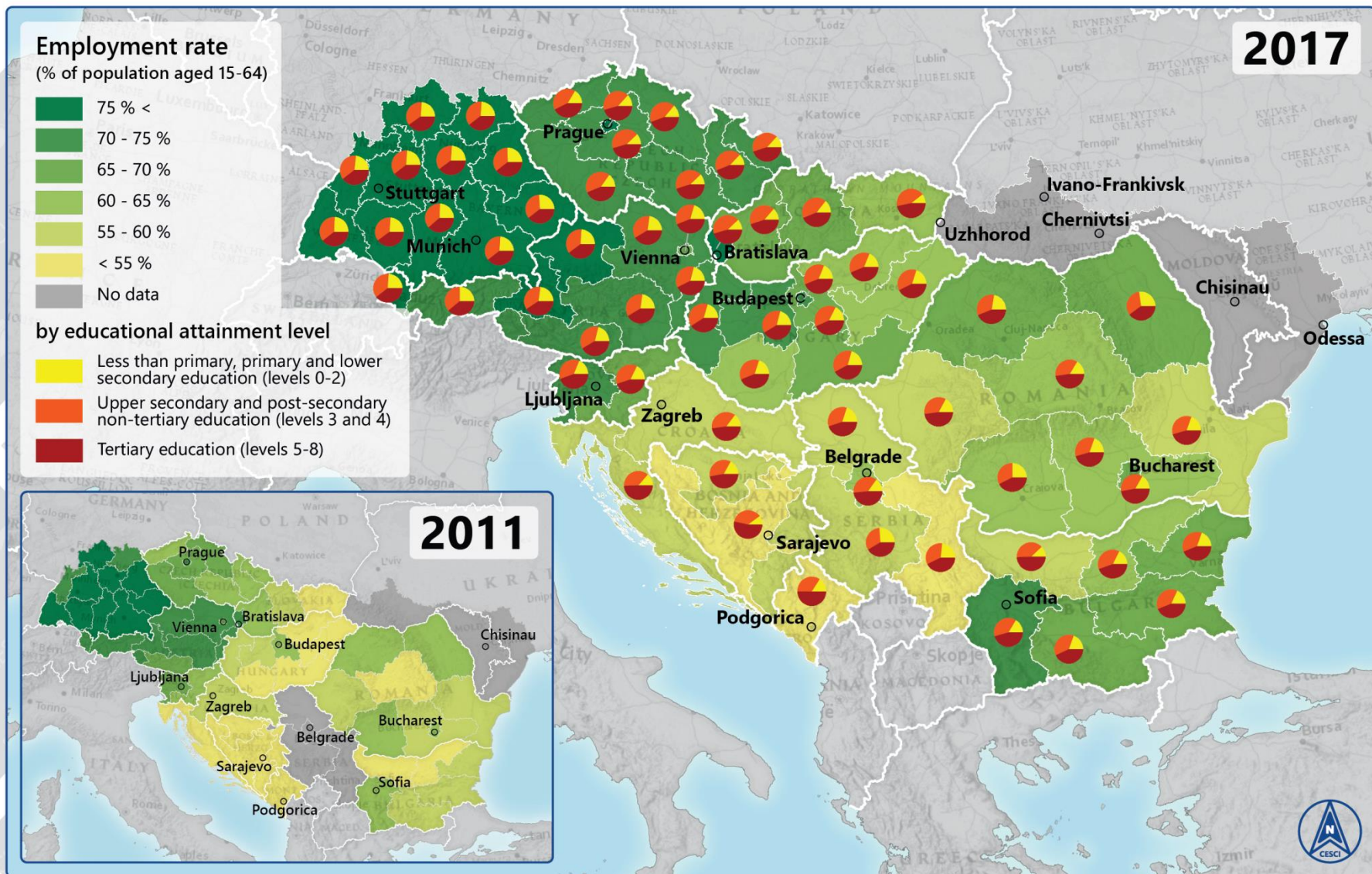




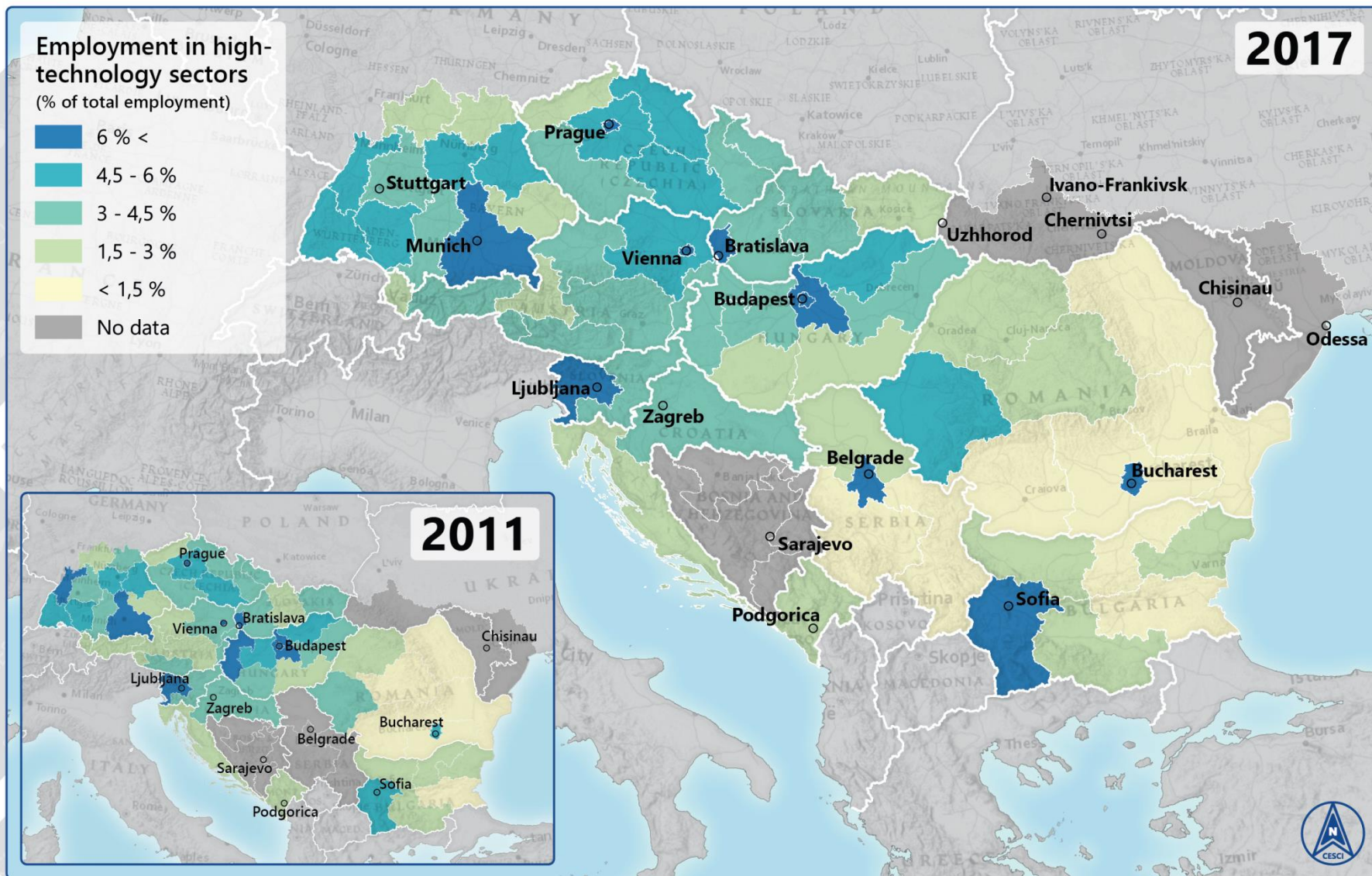
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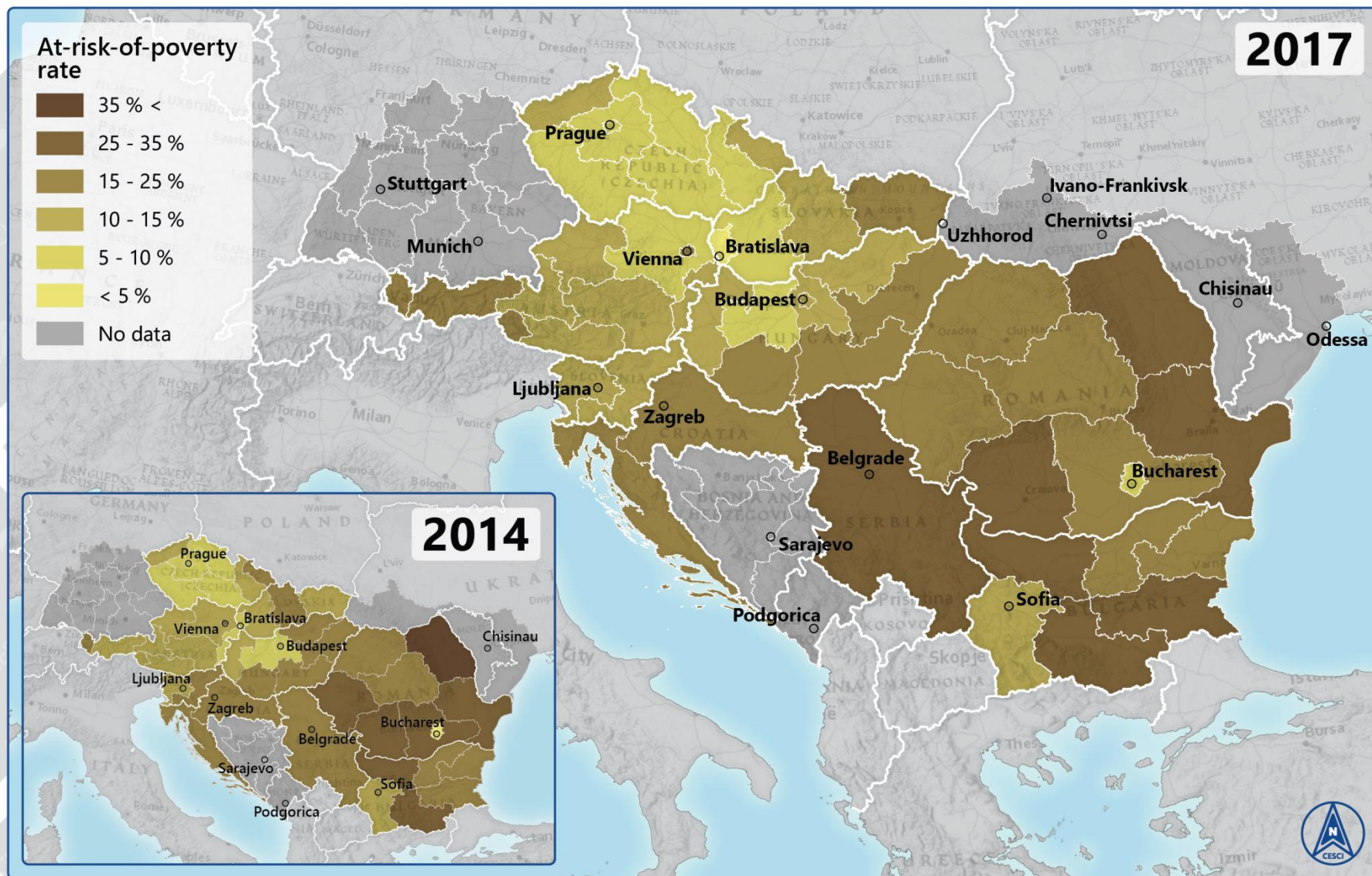




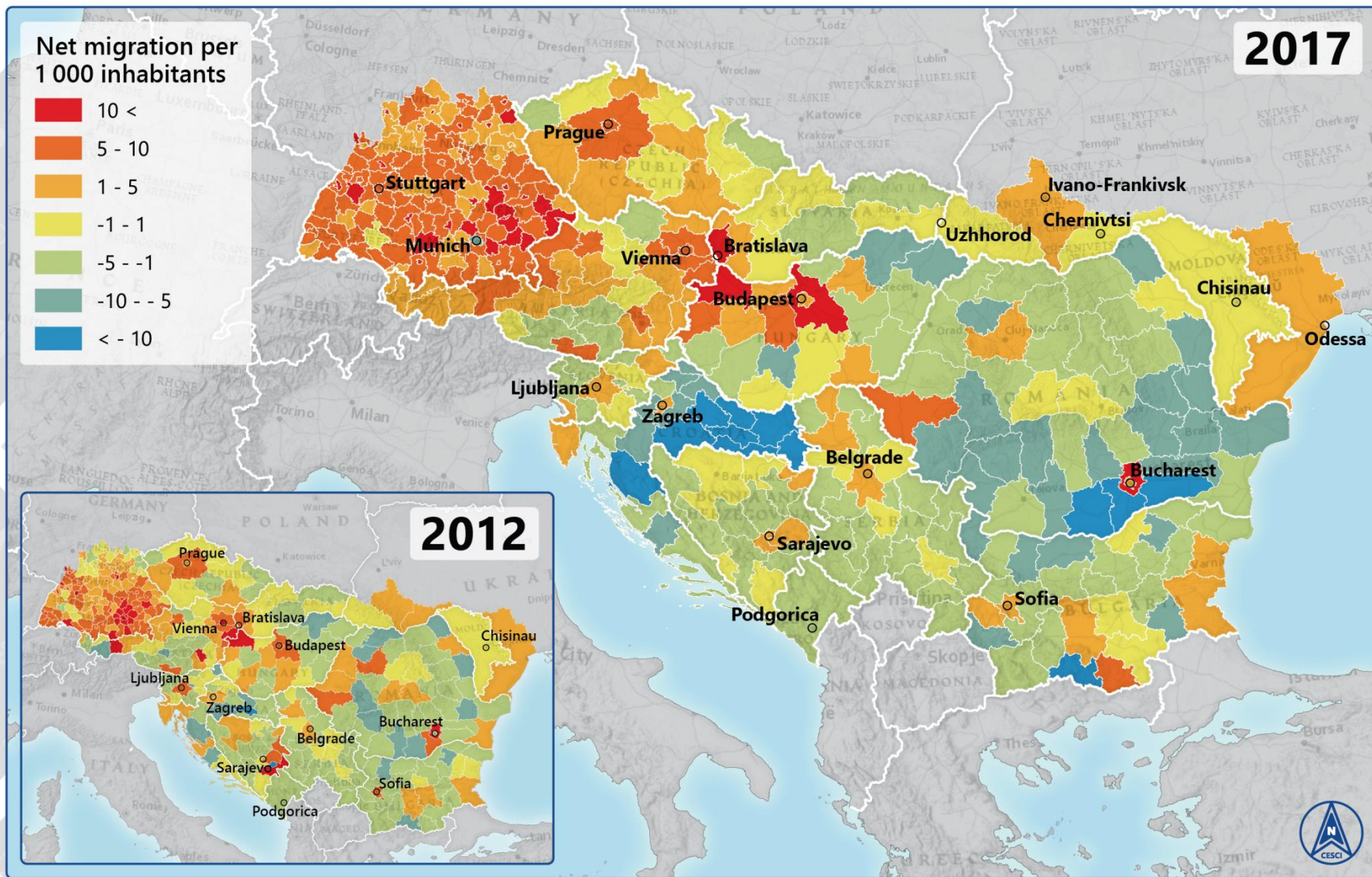




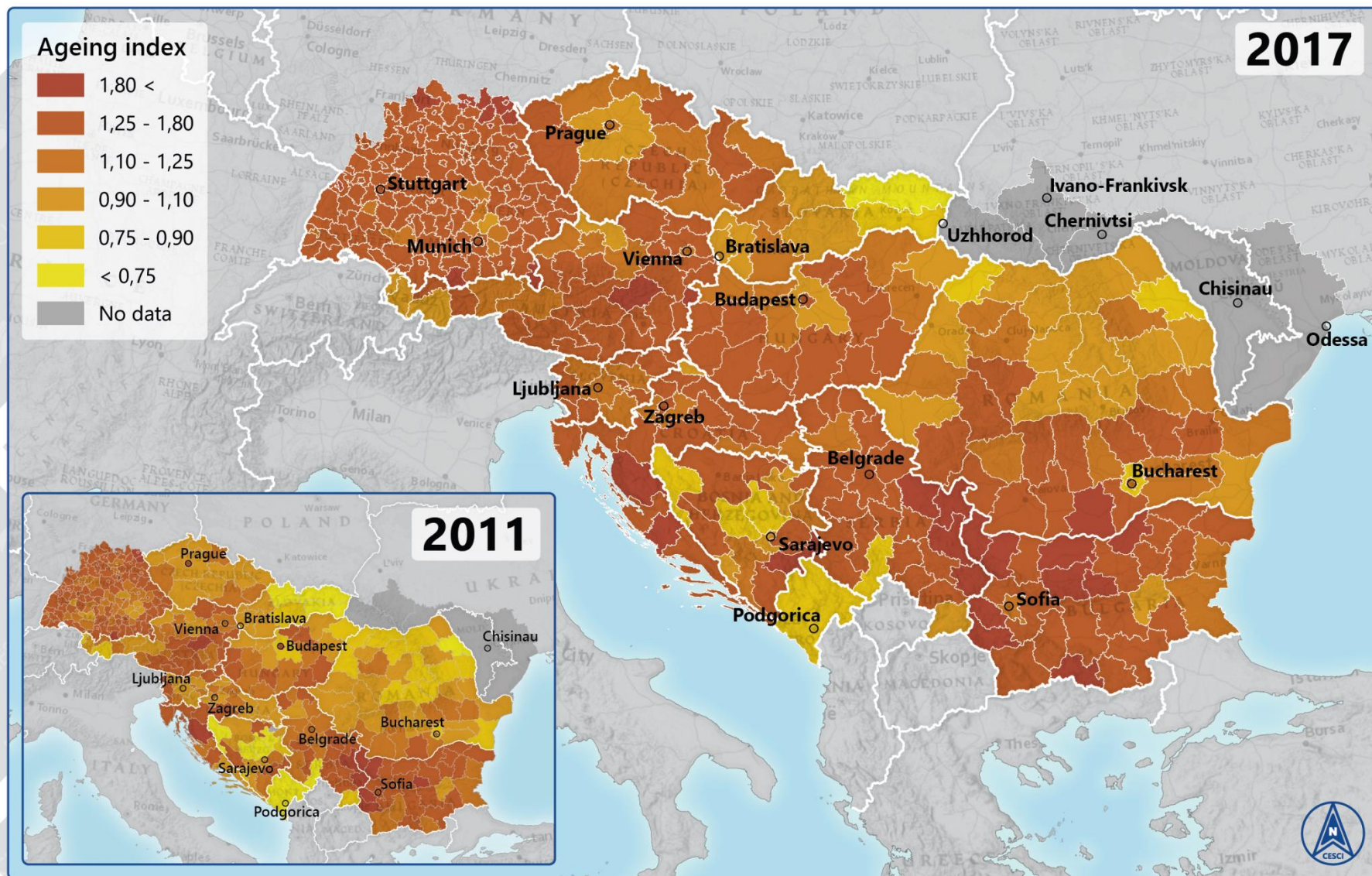












- SWOT-table



- Cohesion challenges



- Transnational cooperation needs

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