

# **Social challenges of labour migration and possible regional co-operation and action**

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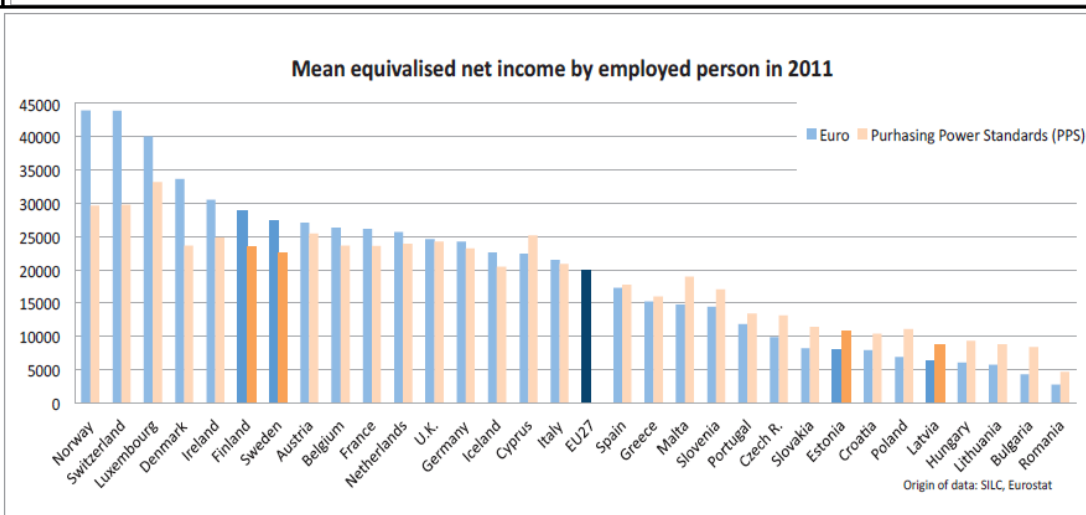
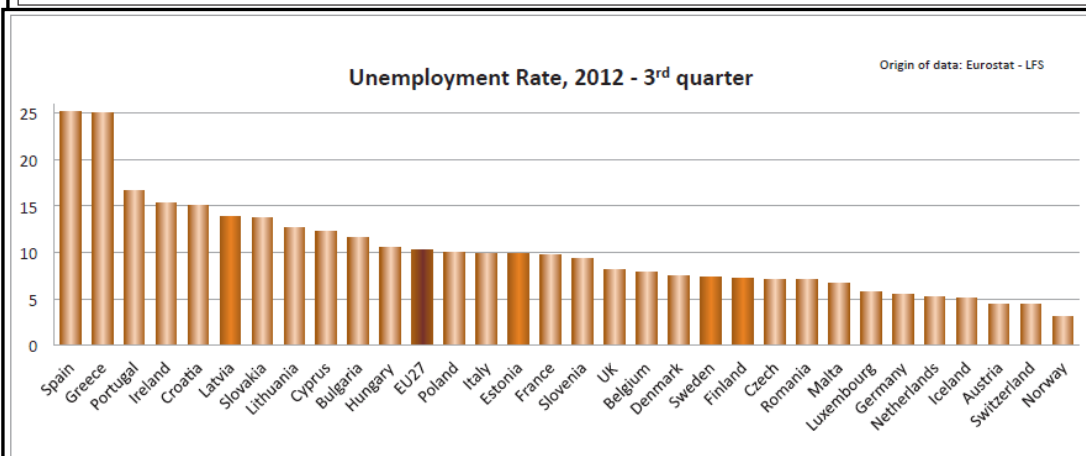
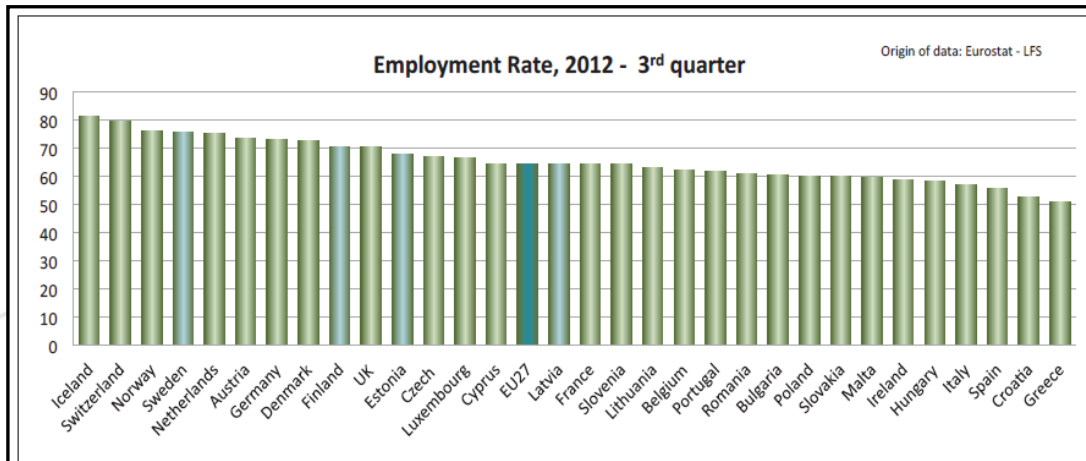
# Impact of intra Baltic Sea region labour migration on national social security systems.

Labour market challenges  
Individual approaches

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# Labour market status

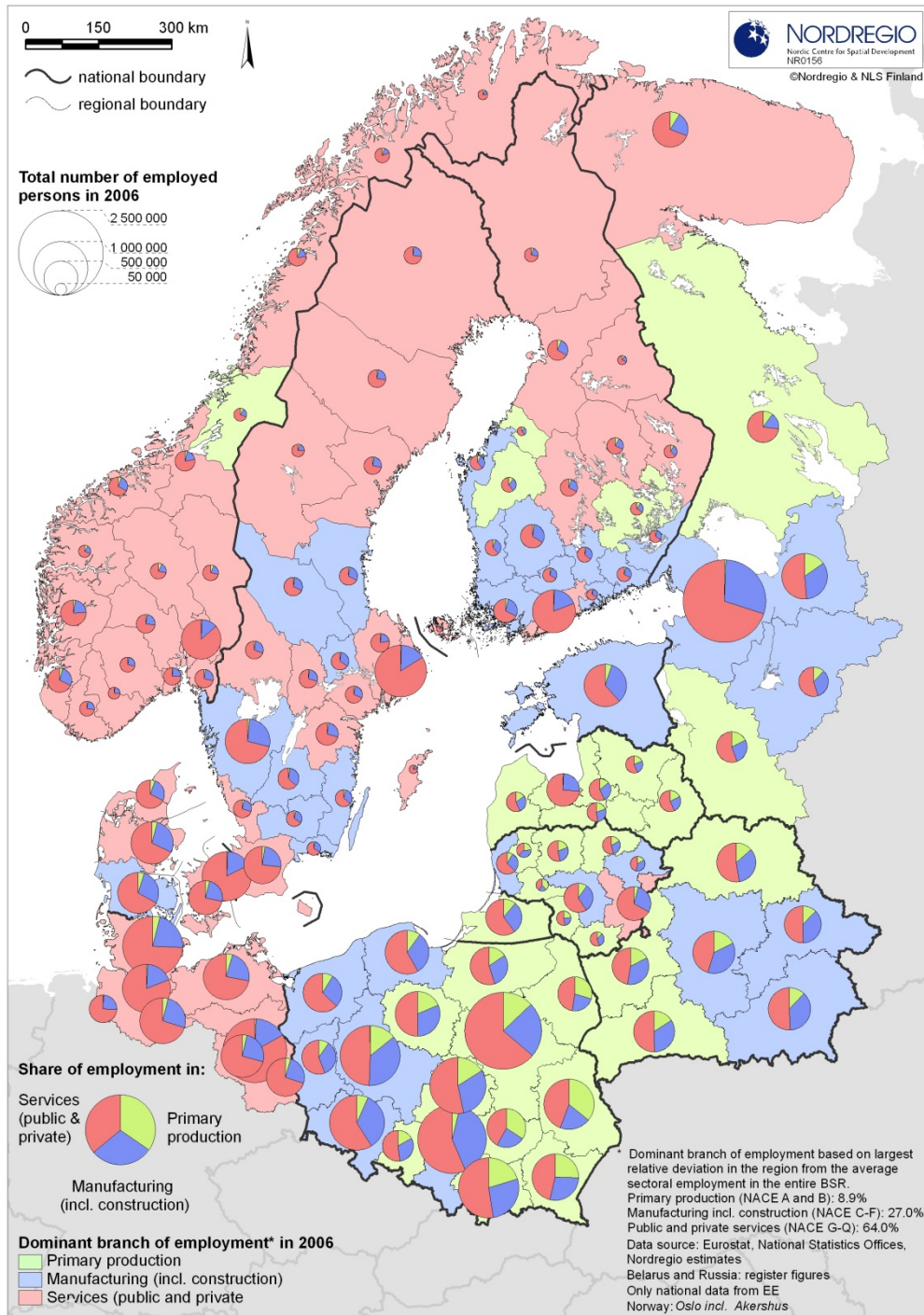
- Employment
- Unemployment
- Incomes



## Eurobarometer message

- Europeans living in the new Member States are more likely to be motivated to work abroad for economic reasons while the citizens of EU-15 countries are more likely to be motivated by lifestyle or cultural factors. Current wage gaps remain substantial as drivers of migration from the new Member States to the EU-15 countries.





# Employment

- Share of employment in the primary, secondary and tertiary sectors



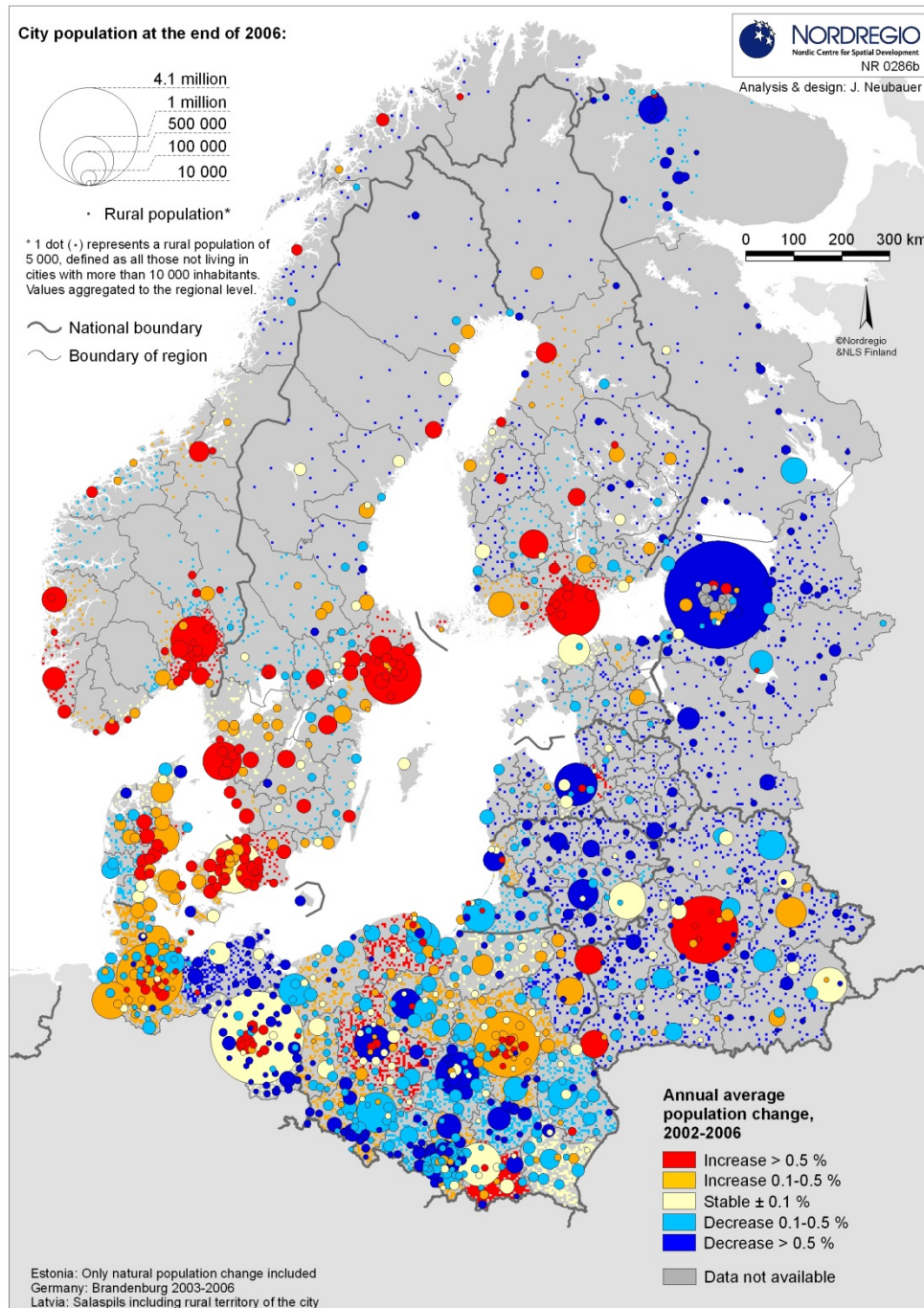
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# Joining the Green wave



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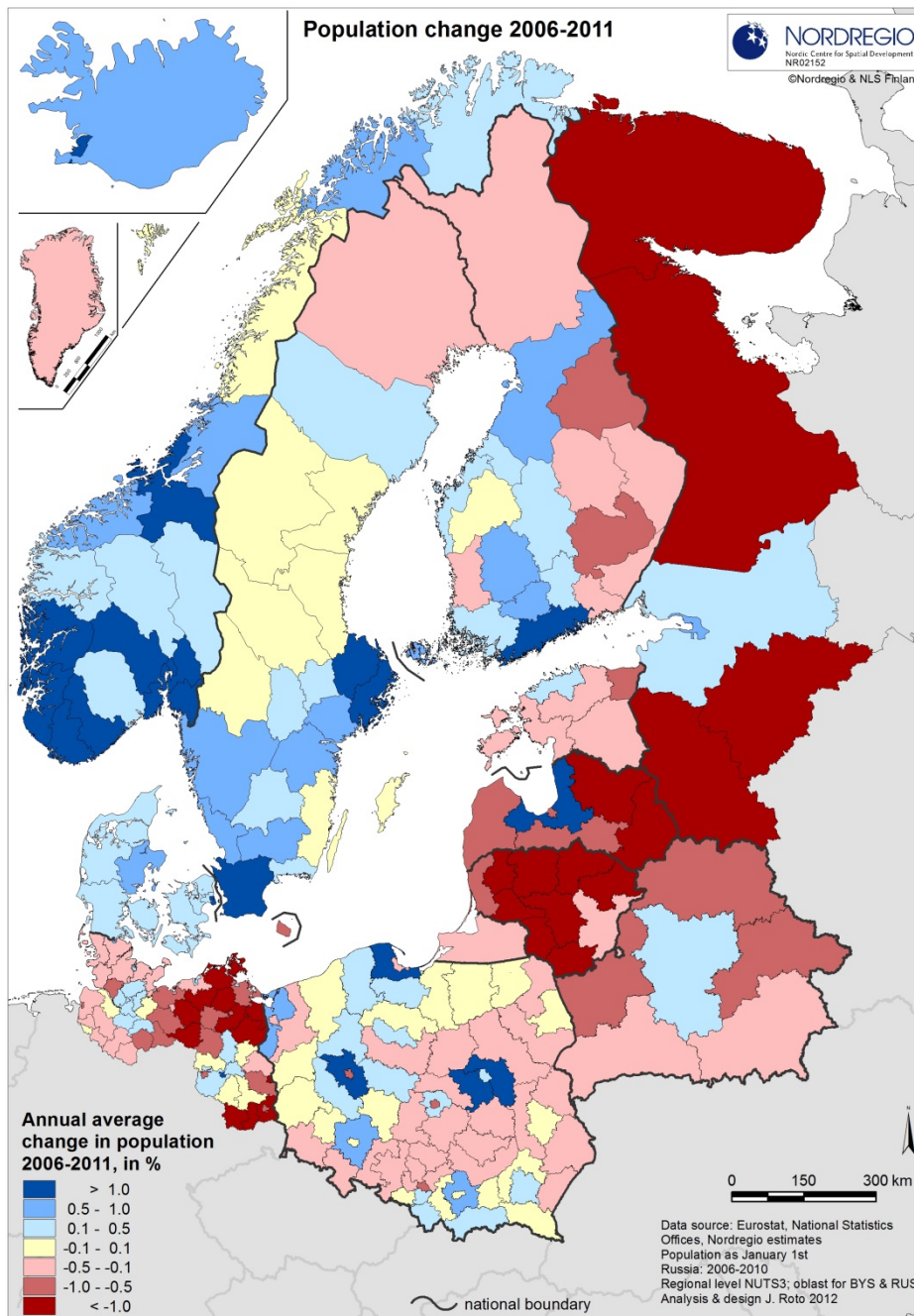


- Annual average urban population change 2002-2006



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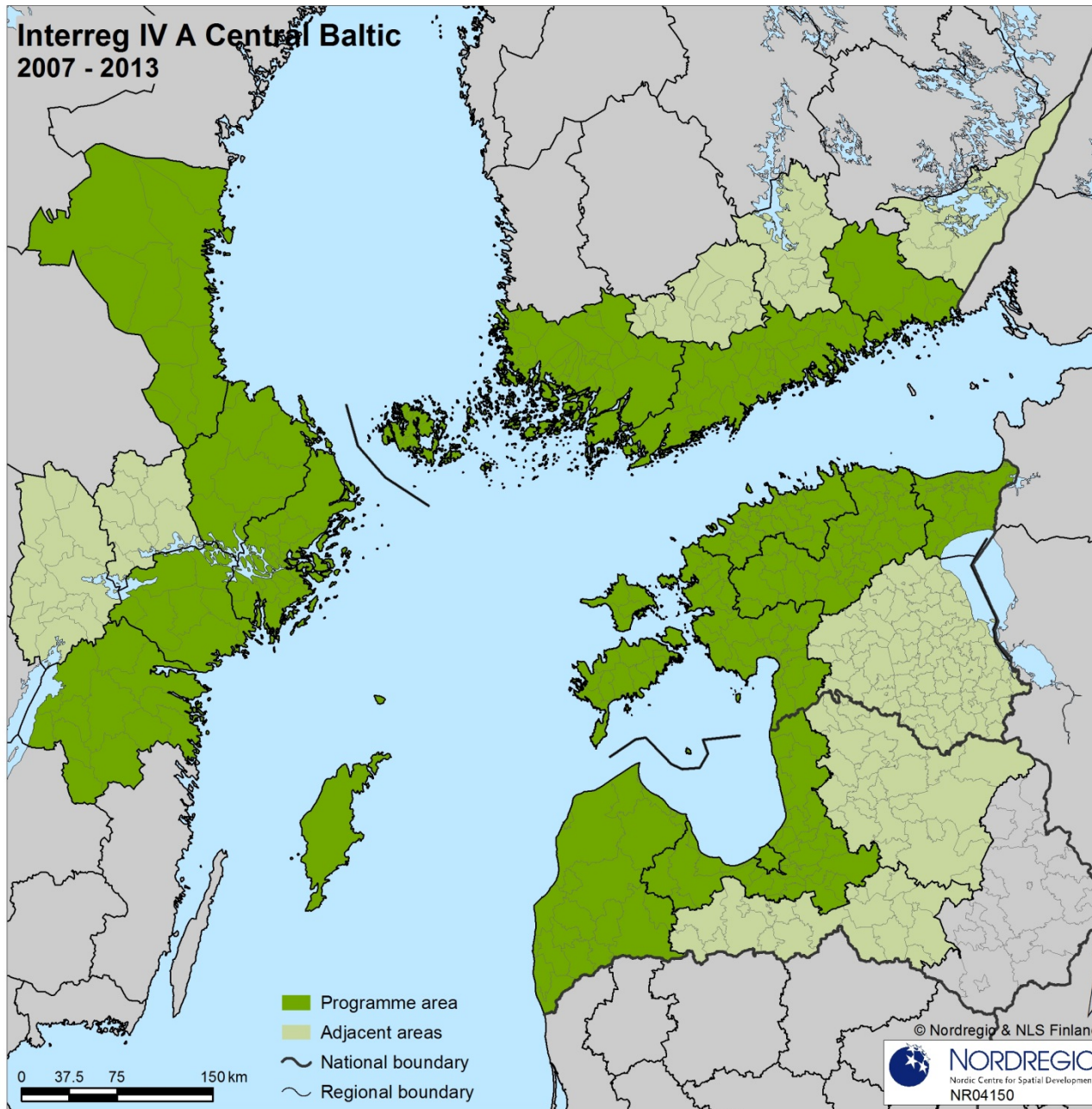


# Annual population change 2006-2011



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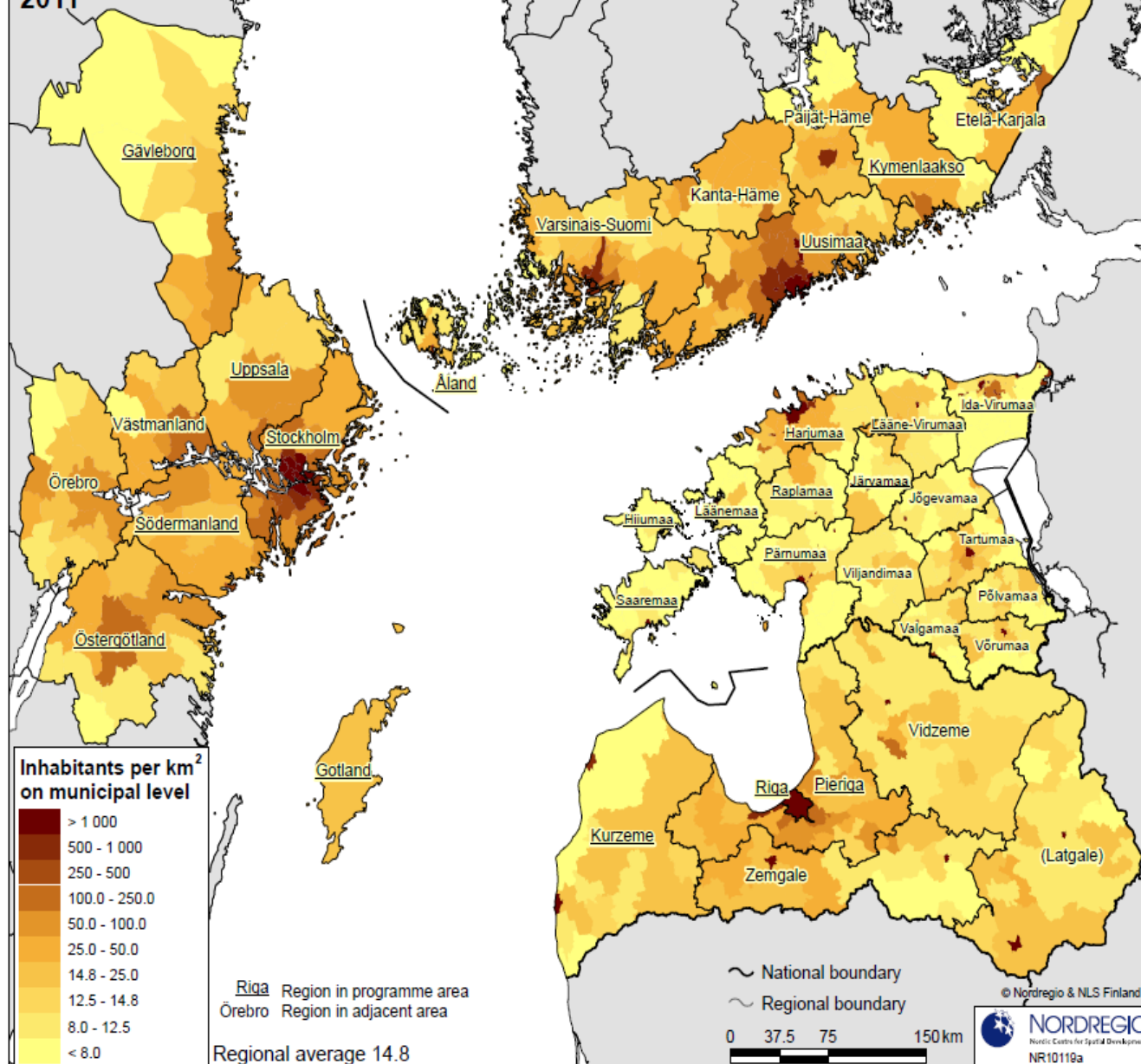


- The Central Baltic Region

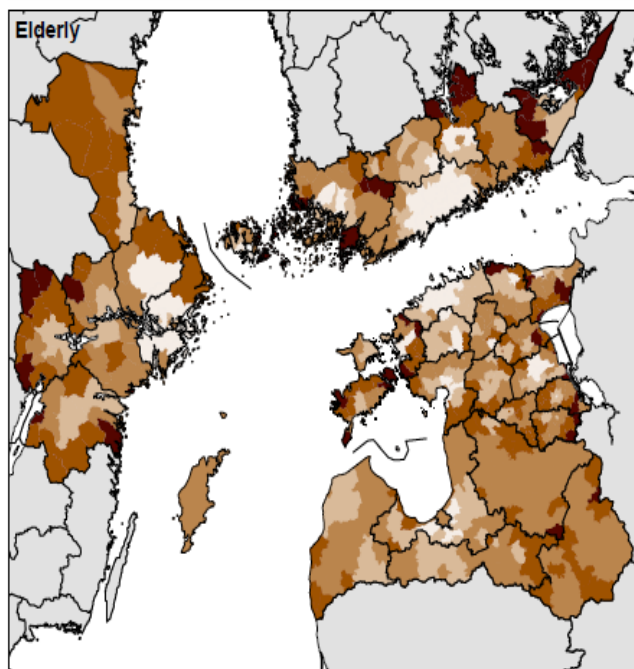
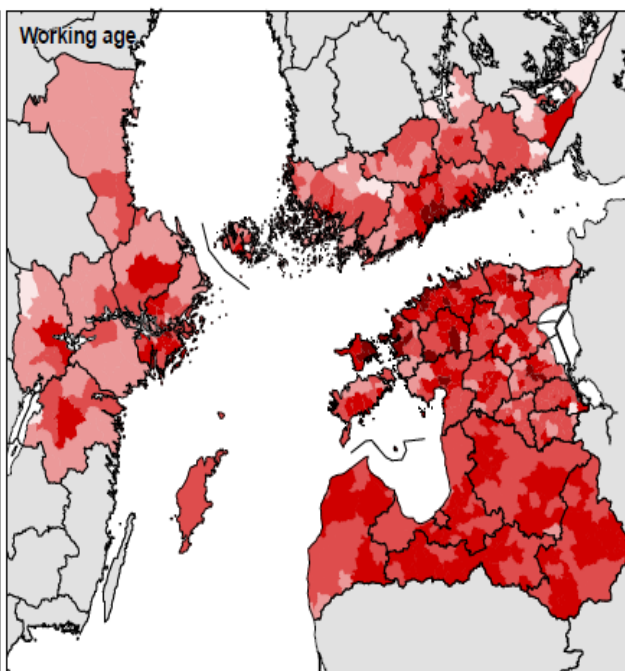
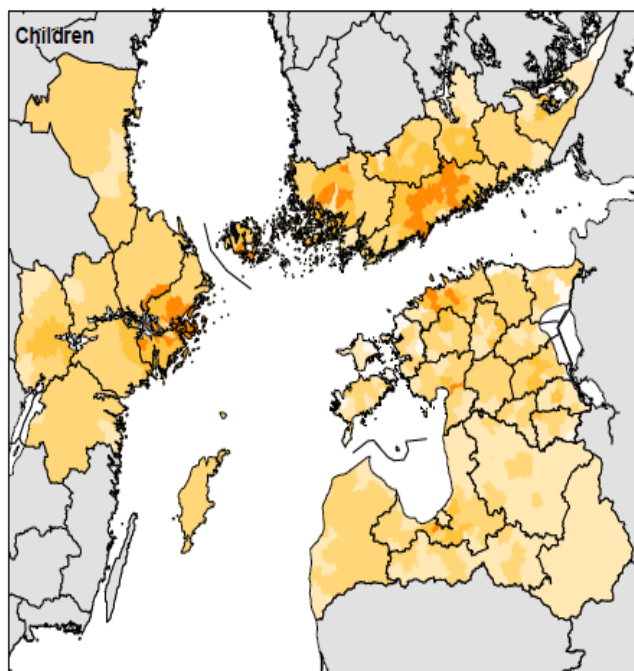


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# Population Density in Central Baltic Region 2011



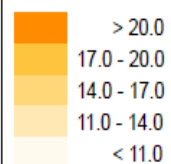
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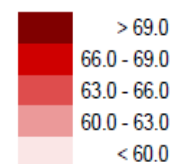
### Age Structure in Central Baltic Region in 2011

% share of population in various age groups

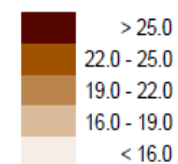
Children  
0-14 years



Working age  
15-64 years



Elderly 65 years  
and over



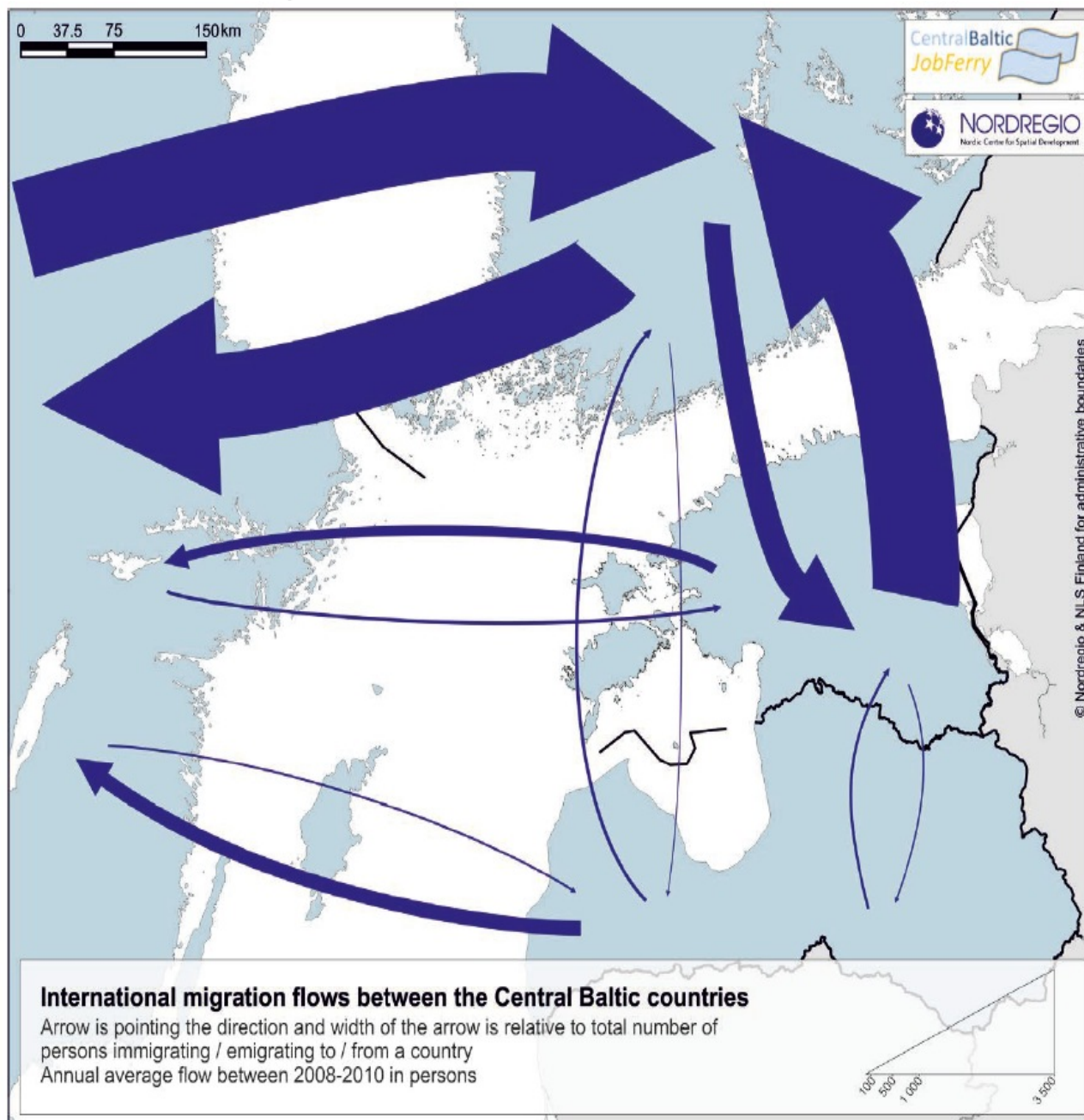
Regional averages:  
 - Children 16.0%  
 - Working age 66.3%  
 - Elderly 17.7%

0 50 100 200 km

~ National boundary  
 ~ Regional boundary

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- Programme area
- Adjacent areas
- National boundary
- Regional boundary

0 37.5 75 150 km

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## Education & Training Seekers

Are you looking for a professional education or professional training in Latvia, Estonia, Finland or Sweden? Mobile school graduates and prospective apprentices can find detailed information on e.g. educational requirements and contents, duration and costs of the desired education.

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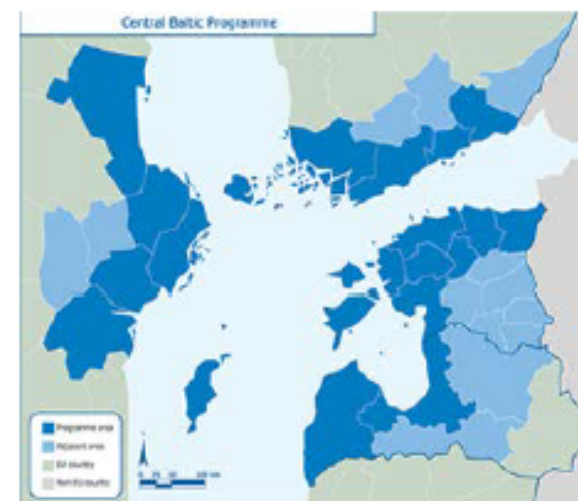
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## CentralBaltic JobFerry – What is it all about?

This cross-border platform serves as a source of information on labour mobility in the Central Baltic region countries Estonia, Latvia, Sweden and Finland:

- ▶ The platform addresses three user groups with suitable advice: **mobile education-seekers, workers and experts** (national stakeholders, HR managers, agencies)
- ▶ The platform offers information on **educational systems, professional qualifications, information on recognition and job profiles**
- ▶ Users can **download** the provided data and can find **contact details** of agencies, organisations and offices that can assist with different issues related to working in Estonia, Finland, Latvia and Sweden
- ▶ The platform provides an opportunity for a **cross-country comparison** of information on 50 professions from each country (e.g. requirements to start work, salary, issues on vocational education, etc.)
- ▶ The available information focuses on **economic sectors and professions** which face high demand for qualified workforce
- ▶ The selected 50 professions from each country presented are chosen based on research and prognosis on labour demand and supply provided by national authorities

Moreover, the platform is supplemented by additional activities such as cross-border conferences, networking-events, exchange of best-practices.





## Survey on the CB Job Ferry platform

July 25, 2013



Dear readers, for the moment we are working on final improvements for the CB Job Ferry internet platform. Therefore, we kindly ask you to give your opinion on the portal by filling in the short survey that will take just ... Continued

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## Conference at the University of Latvia discussed important issues for improving the cross-border labour mobility in the Central Baltic region

April 23, 2013

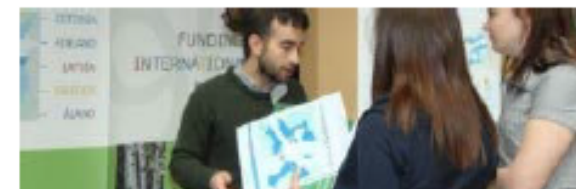


On March 19, 2013 the conference of the "Centralbaltic Job Ferry" project on the cross border labour mobility issues in the Central Baltic region took place at the University of Latvia (UL). Around 50 conference participants including representatives of the ... Continued

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## „Career Opportunity Day 2013” at the University of Latvia

March 18, 2013



On March 14th, 2013 "Centralbaltic Job Ferry" participated in the „Career Opportunity Day 2013” which took place at the Main Building of the University of Latvia. The main topic of this year was related to the development of personal abilities ... Continued

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# Who move?

## **Short distance, temporary**

- No or limited qualifications
- Low income
- Primary sector
- Transfer payment

## **Long distance, permanent**

- Medium and long education
- Medium – high income
- 3rd sector activities
- Wage income base



# Why move?

- Job
- Use of qualifications
- Improving qualifications
- Better education options for children
- Work that enables social interaction

- Job
- Better wages
- Improved working conditions
- Use of qualifications
- Housing
- Leisure time activities



# Why move?

## Women

- Job
- Use of qualifications
- Improving qualifications
- Better education options for children
- Work that enables social interaction

## Men

- Job
- Better wages
- Improved working conditions
- Use of qualifications
- Housing
- Leisure time activities



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- **Stepstone Migration**







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# National and municipal challenges in social integration of labour migrants

Identifying best practices

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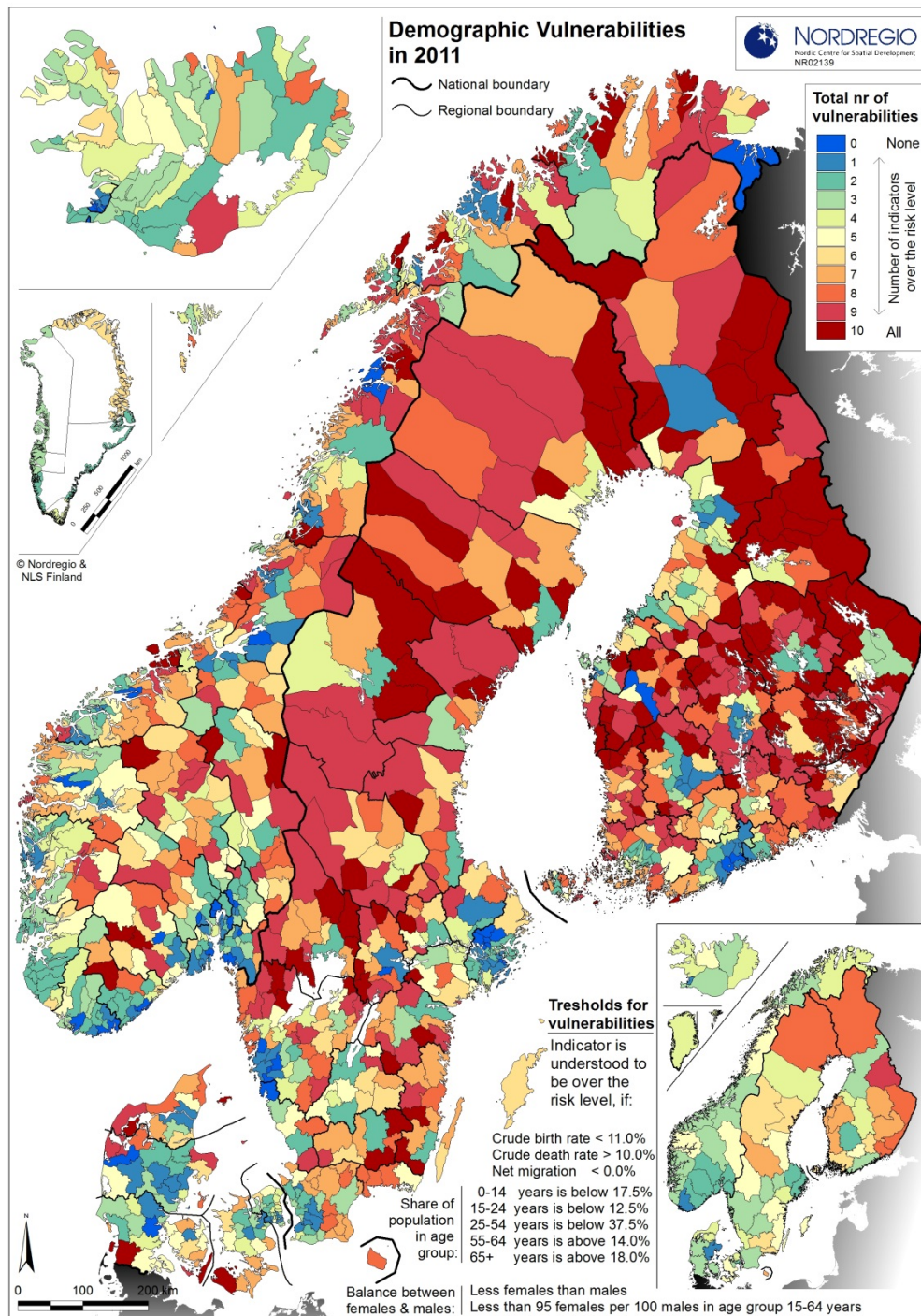


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# Regional cooperation ideas such as exchange of data or best practice

- education;
- civic and political participation;
- social mobility,
- social exclusion;
- others.





# Demographic vulnerabilities



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## Cross-border labour mobility in the Central Baltic region

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## ATT MÖTA DEMOGRAFISKA FÖRÄNDRINGAR

EN HANDBOK FÖR INSPIRATION  
TILL HANDLING I NORDISKA  
KOMMUNER OCH REGIONER

2012



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