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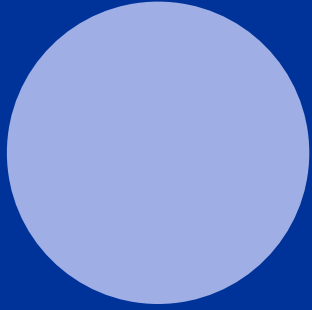


ESPON Seminar

Small and medium-sized cities in Europe

15-16 November 2023 in Cuenca, Spain

Key thematic priority of the Hungarian Presidency
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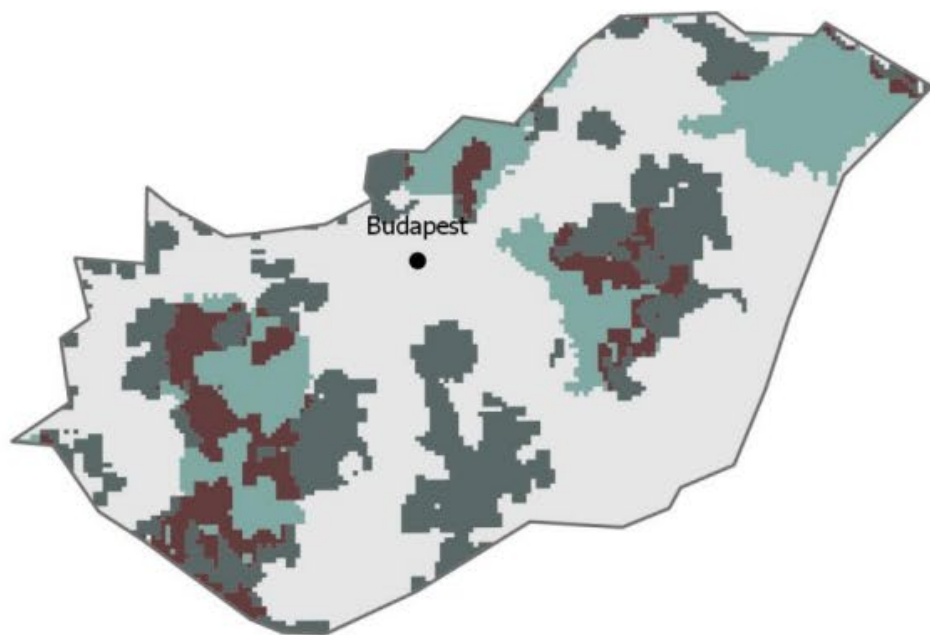


Priority theme:

Innovative ways to provide public services in lagging regions and other areas with special needs.

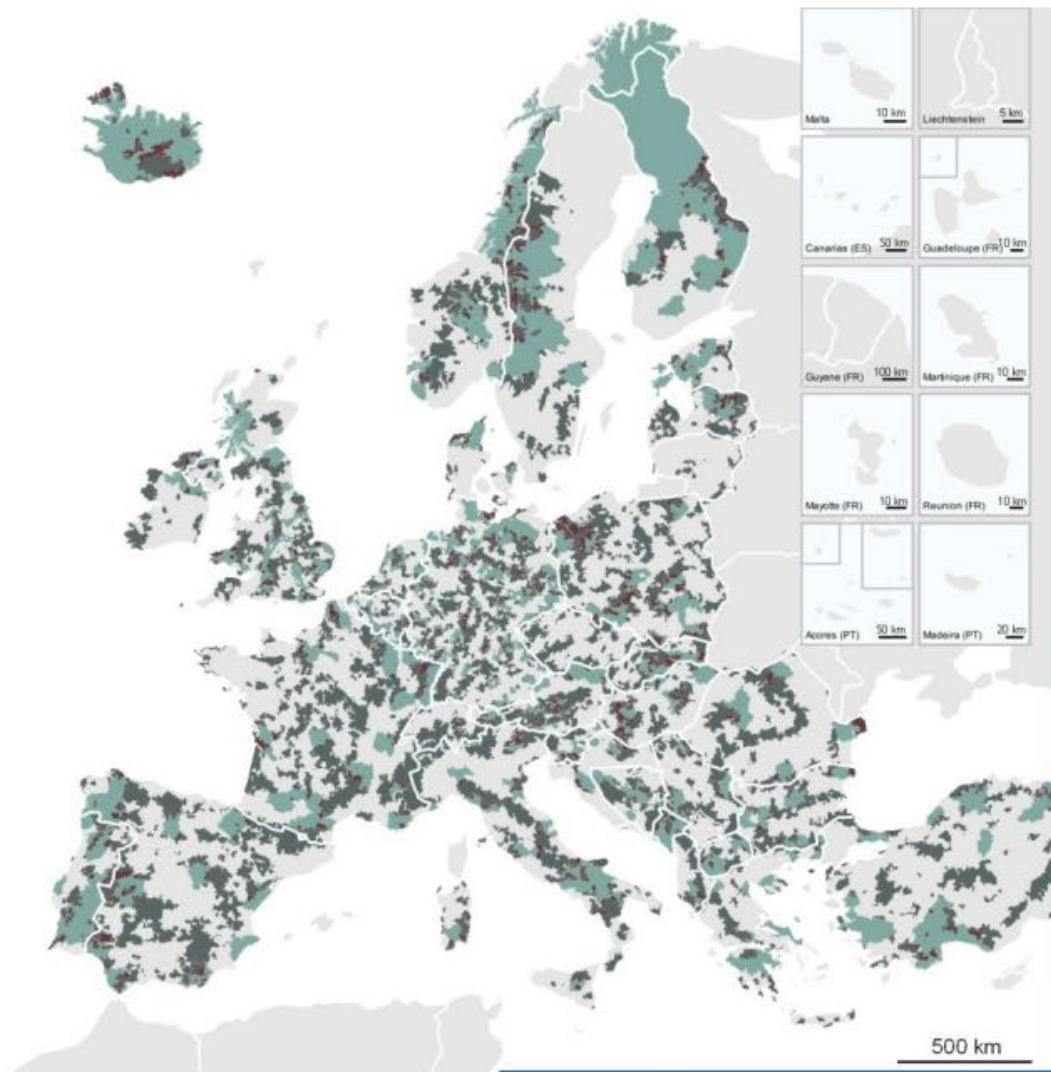
Demonstration of international good practices in territorial development

Main socio-economic drivers of inner peripherality

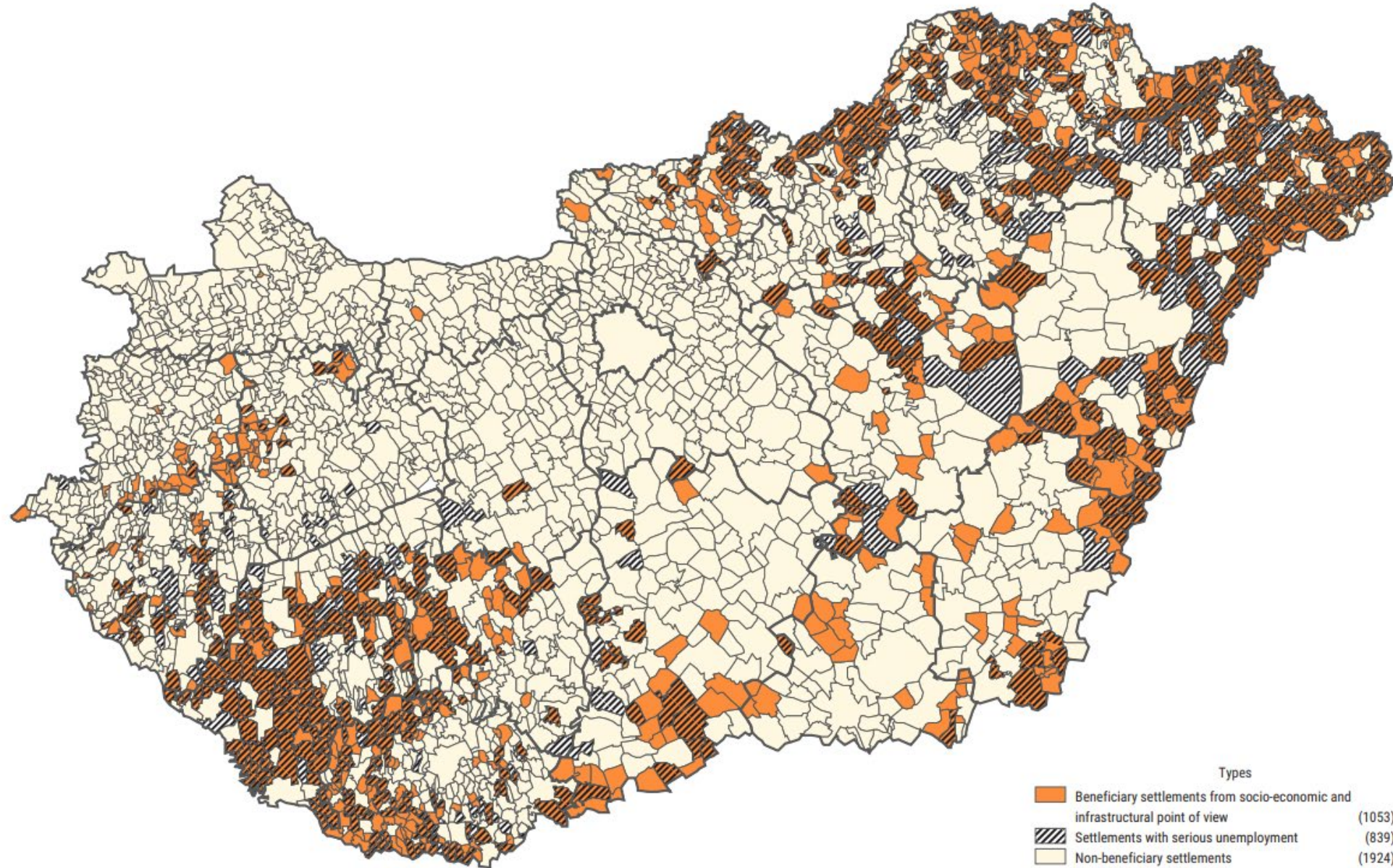


Main socio-economic drivers of inner peripherality

- Poor economic potentials and poor socio-economic situation
- Main driver: lack of access to centres and/or services
- Main driver: poor accessibility and poor economic potentials/poor socio-economic situation
- Not an IP area



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Policy questions

- Which territorial level is optimal to provide each public service?
- What services (and in what form) are needed at a territorial level to maintain the population and ensure a good quality of life in lagging regions?
- How can inequalities be reduced/counterbalanced by improving public services?
- Can the private sector be involved in providing public services, what could their role be?
- What are the opportunities and constraints of alternative solutions (e.g. digital and mobile services) for provision in lagging regions?

First steps

- Definition of the geographical focus (lagging regions and other areas with special needs)
- Definition of the thematic focus (education, healthcare (primary and outpatient care), social care (childcare, elderly care), regional public transport (ensuring access to work), retail accessibility (although this is not a public service))

Next step: to pick up practical examples of policy solutions elsewhere in Europe

- Involve other experts to provide case studies/best practices
- Possibility of a peer learning workshop

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