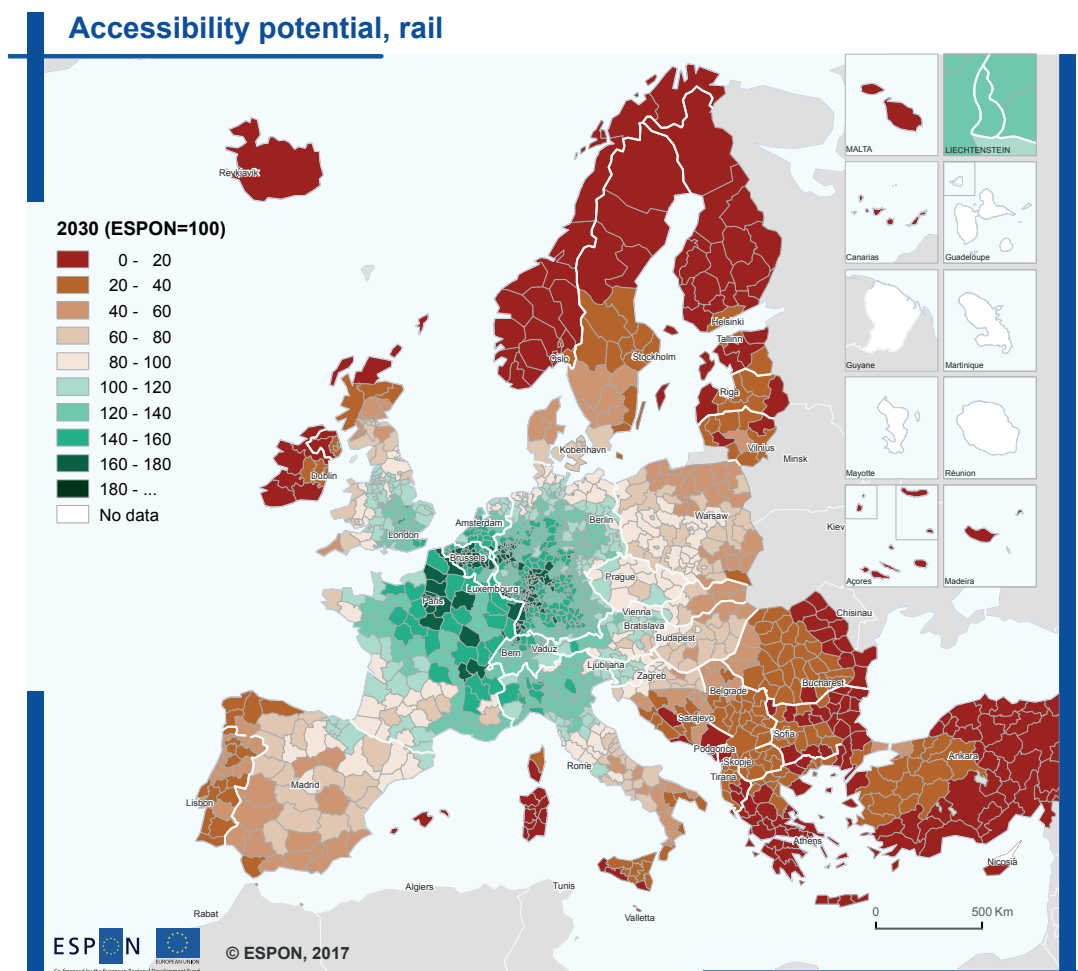


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Rail potential accessibility: prospects and scenarios 2030



Rail accessibility bears strong resemblance to that of road with regions in the European core reaching the highest values. However, rail accessibility is also influenced by high-speed rail corridors such as those in France towards the Atlantic and the Mediterranean which are less accessible by road.

Northern Italy stands out with an accessibility potential above the European average, yet, local railway services have deteriorated. The inter-municipal community of Douro in Portugal, the Spanish province of Almeria along with the Balkans and Eastern Romania exhibit the lowest rail accessibility values. The western coastal regions of the Peloponnese exhibit the most extreme accessibility decline.