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//Inner peripheries / internal areas

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Inner peripherality may appear more frequently in rural areas that are “in the shadow” of larger metropolitan areas or separated from nearby rural centres by national borders. (ESPON GEOSPECS, 2013, p. I).

An area where the rural economy (agriculture and animal breeding) is not important enough for the area to be defined as “rural”, but where the population is not dense enough for it to be called “urban” (ESPON GEOSPECS, 2013, p. 6).
definitions

- areas with scarce economic potential which are “interstitial” to areas with high economic potential;
- areas with poor access to services of general interest, as a consequence of changes in the way the services are provided (e.g. privatization, reconfiguration of administrative powers, reduction in public spending etc.);
- areas with poor economic performance, excluded from the most relevant economic networks and that were not able to organize a functional proximity.
## Inner Peripheries vs Inner Areas

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trends in inner peripheries

- economic vulnerability
- demographic change vs. residential attractiveness
- accessibility and availability of services of general interest
- role of ICTs
- exploitation of natural resources
- protected areas and biodiversity (as levers of development)
Maps: change in multimodal accessibility (2001-2014)
Thank you

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