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Co-operations inside the Carpathian Region supporting endogen territorial development of Central and Eastern Europe

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Main topics:

- Central Europe as a possible space for transnational development cooperation
- The Carpathian region as a field of initiating cooperation inside Central Europe





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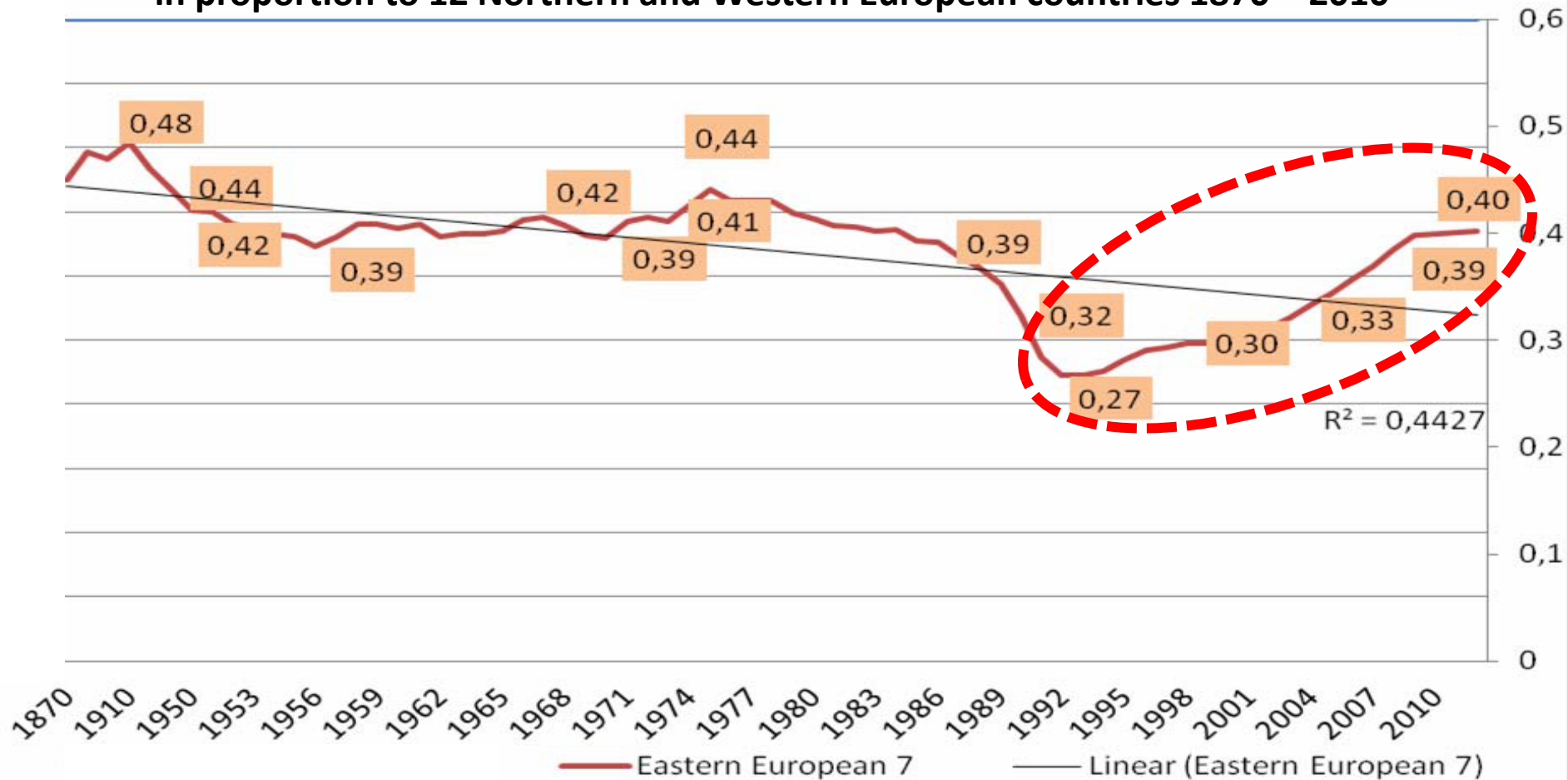
Development track of Central-Europe



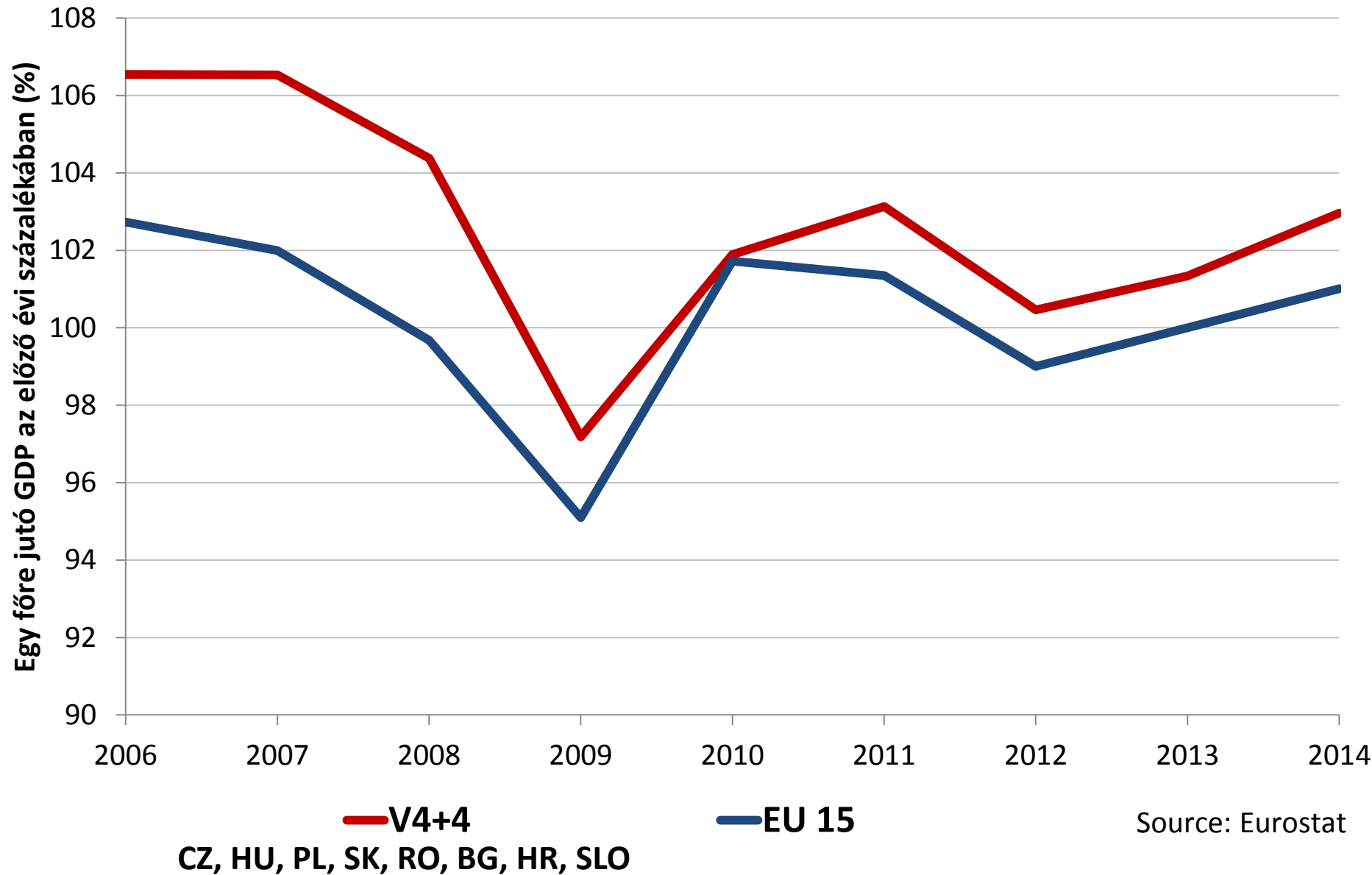
Development level of Central-Europe

In proportion to Western and Northern Europe

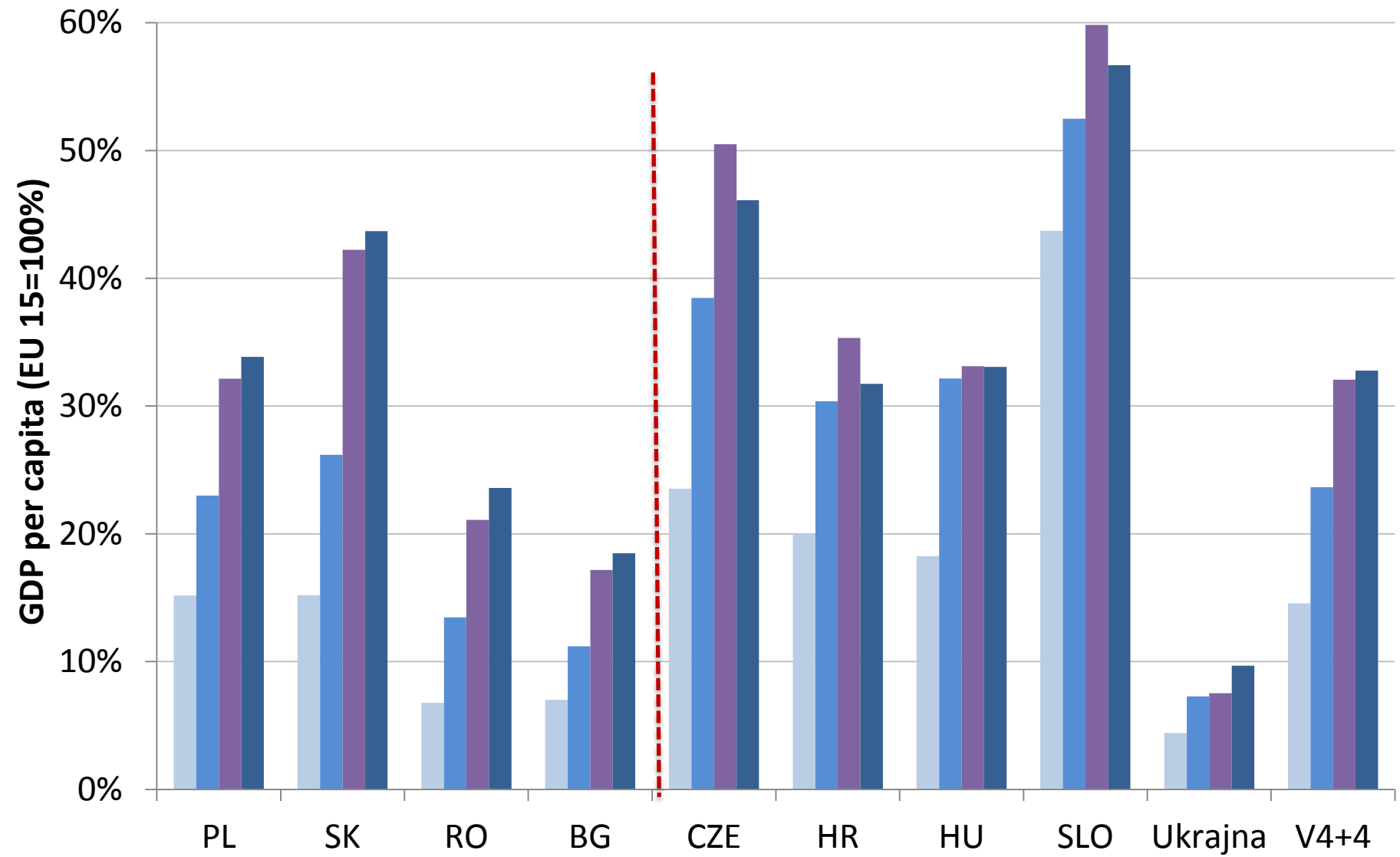
GDP per capita in 7 CEE countries
in proportion to 12 Northern and Western European countries 1870 – 2010



Last 5 years: CEE is still catching up but its growth is slower



Various development tracks after the crisis: crisis proof countries, countries with rapid recovery, and others...



Source: EUROSTAT, State Statistics Service of Ukraine (first UA data set is from 2001)

1995 2005 2010 2014



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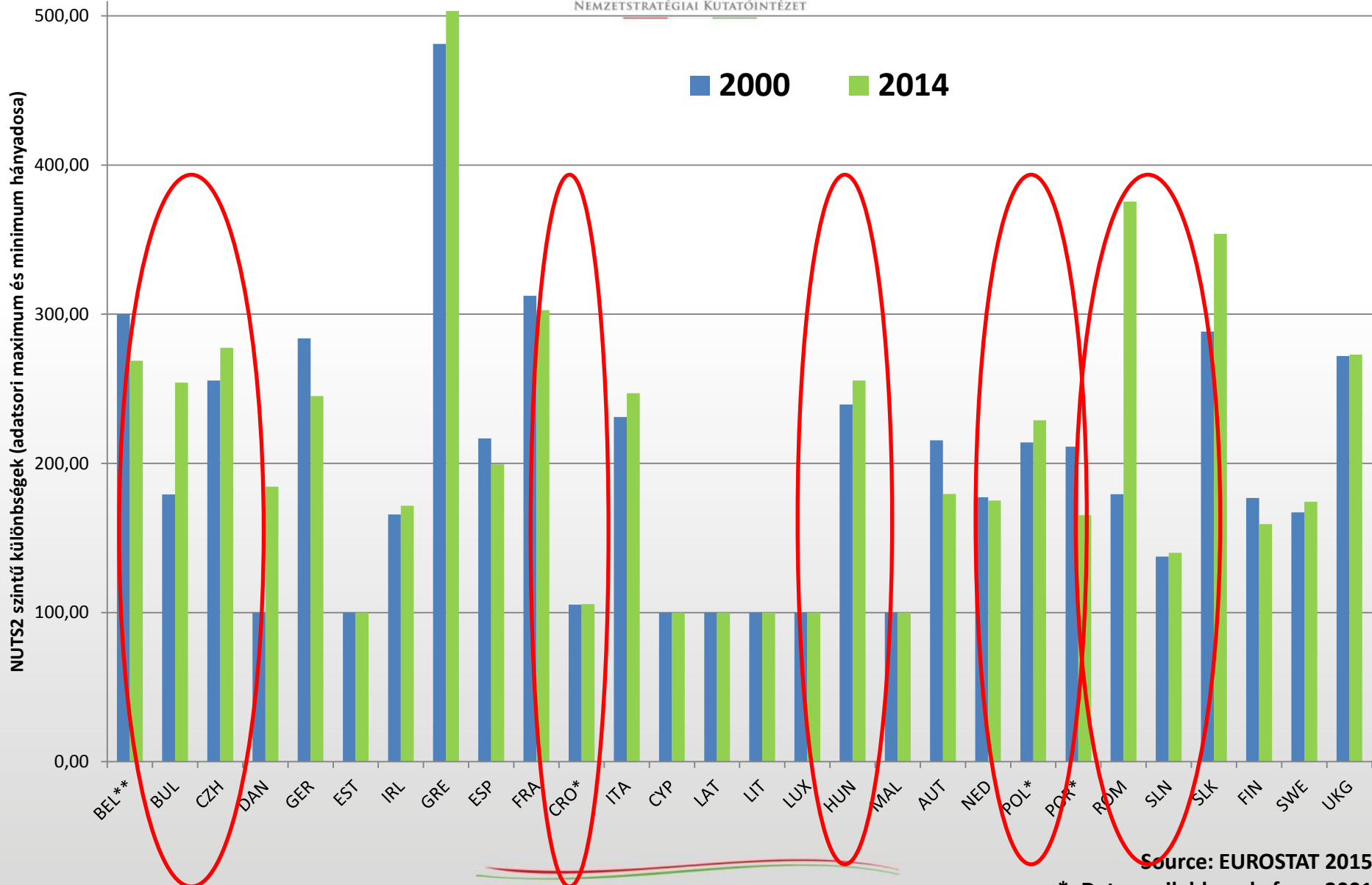
Regional disparities





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Growing deviation of Regional GDPs

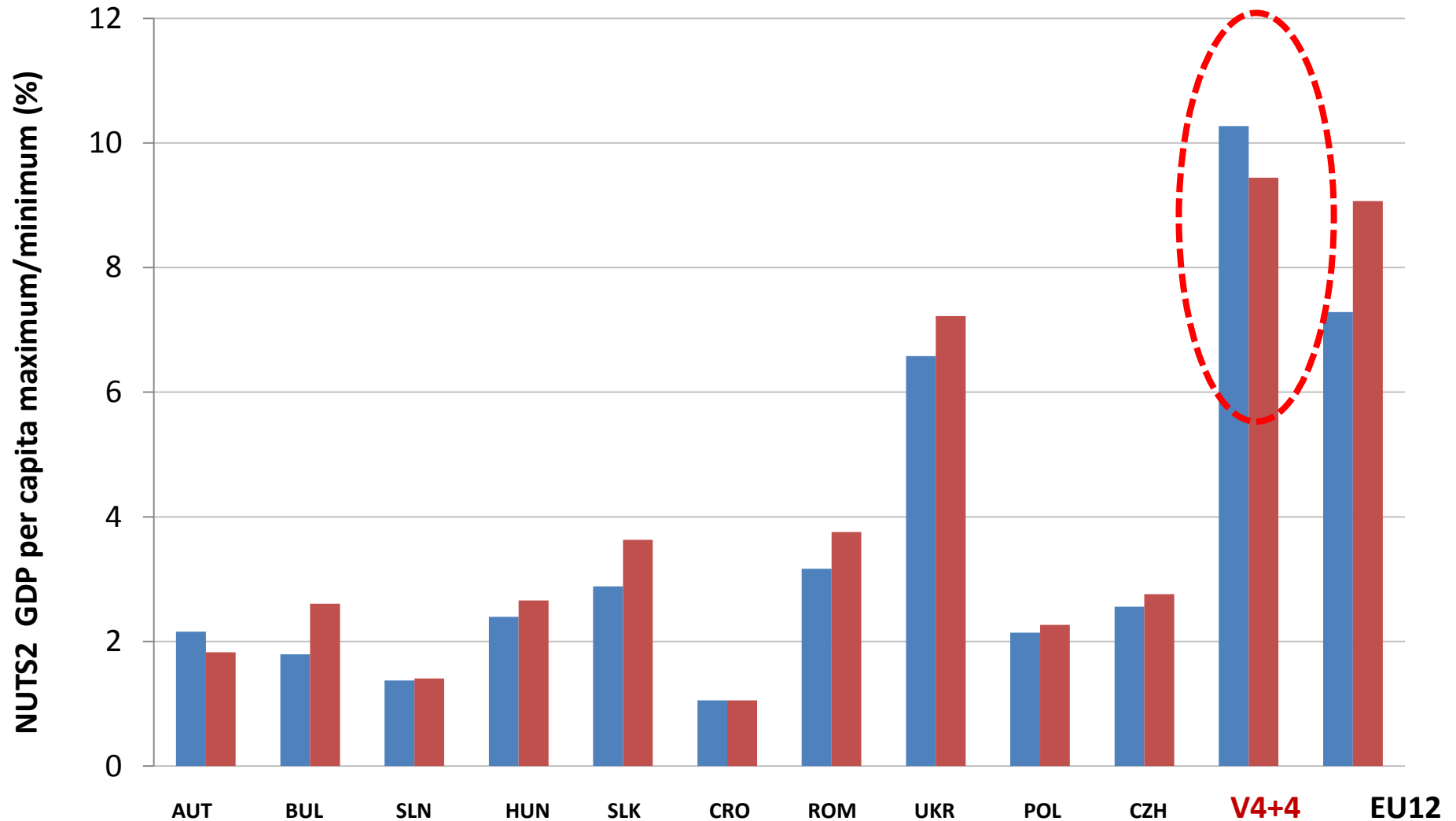


Source: EUROSTAT 2015.

*: Data available only from 2001.

** : Data available only from 2003.

Difference between the extremities of regional GDP values



V4+4: CZ, HU, PL, SK, RO, BG, HR, SLO

Source: Eurostat, Statistic Office of UA and SRB.

■ 2000 ■ 2013



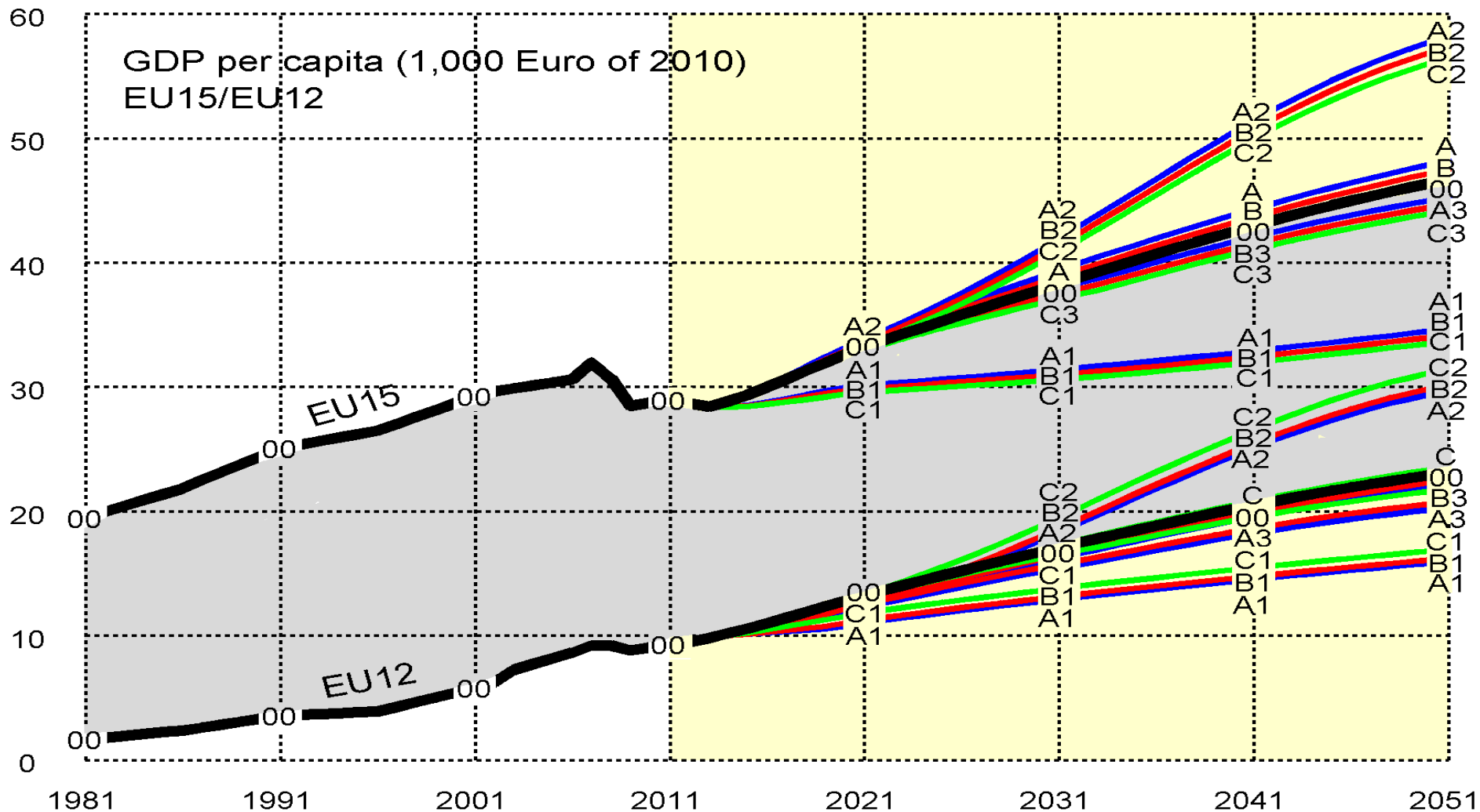
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Long term perspectives



**Prognosis on development gap
between the 12 new EU member
states and 15 old EU member states
(along different scenarios of territorial
development)**

**Development of
Central-Europe
comparing to Western and Northern Europe**



Reasons behind the slower growth in CEE

ESPON ET2050, 2014; Gál Z., 2014; Beblavy, 2010; Piatowsky, 2013; Matolcsy, 2015 ; Ábel et al., 2015; Gorzelak, 2015

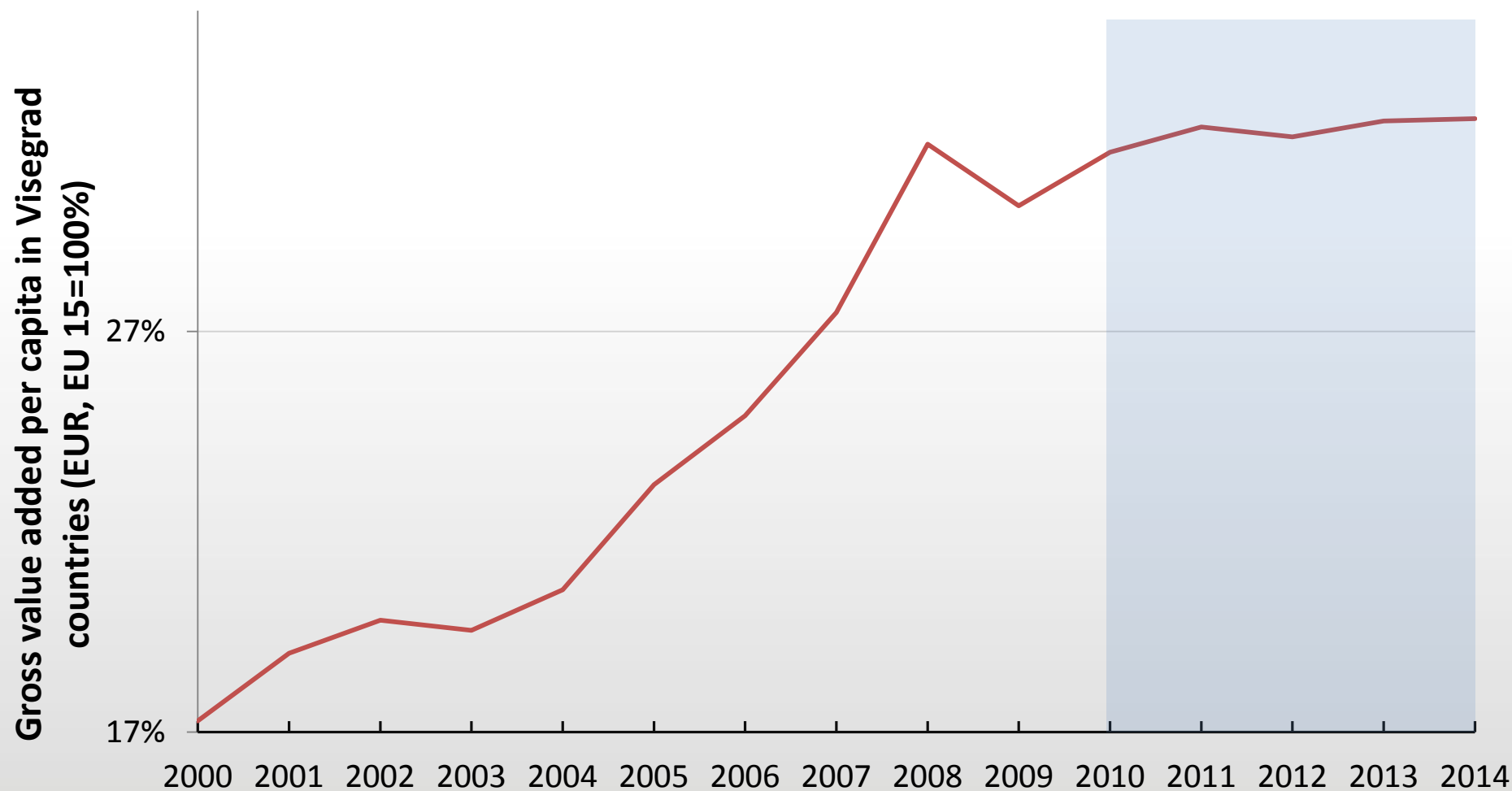
- Growth are dependent from external resources
- Competitiveness based on low salaries

⇒ emigration, brain drain

⇒ low added value



Gross value added in Visegrad and other central and eastern EU countries (EU15=100%)



— CZ, HU, PL, SK, RO, BG, HR, SLO

Source of data: Eurostat



The growth potential is higher in this macro region

ESPON ET2050, 2014; Gál Z., 2014; Beblavy, 2010; Piatowsky, 2013; Matolcsy, 2015 ; Ábel et al., 2015; Gorzelak, 2015

Speeding up the growth by

- more intensive R+D+I activities
- fiscal balance
- healthier structure of debt
- higher employment

⇒ **A more organic development track is needed.**



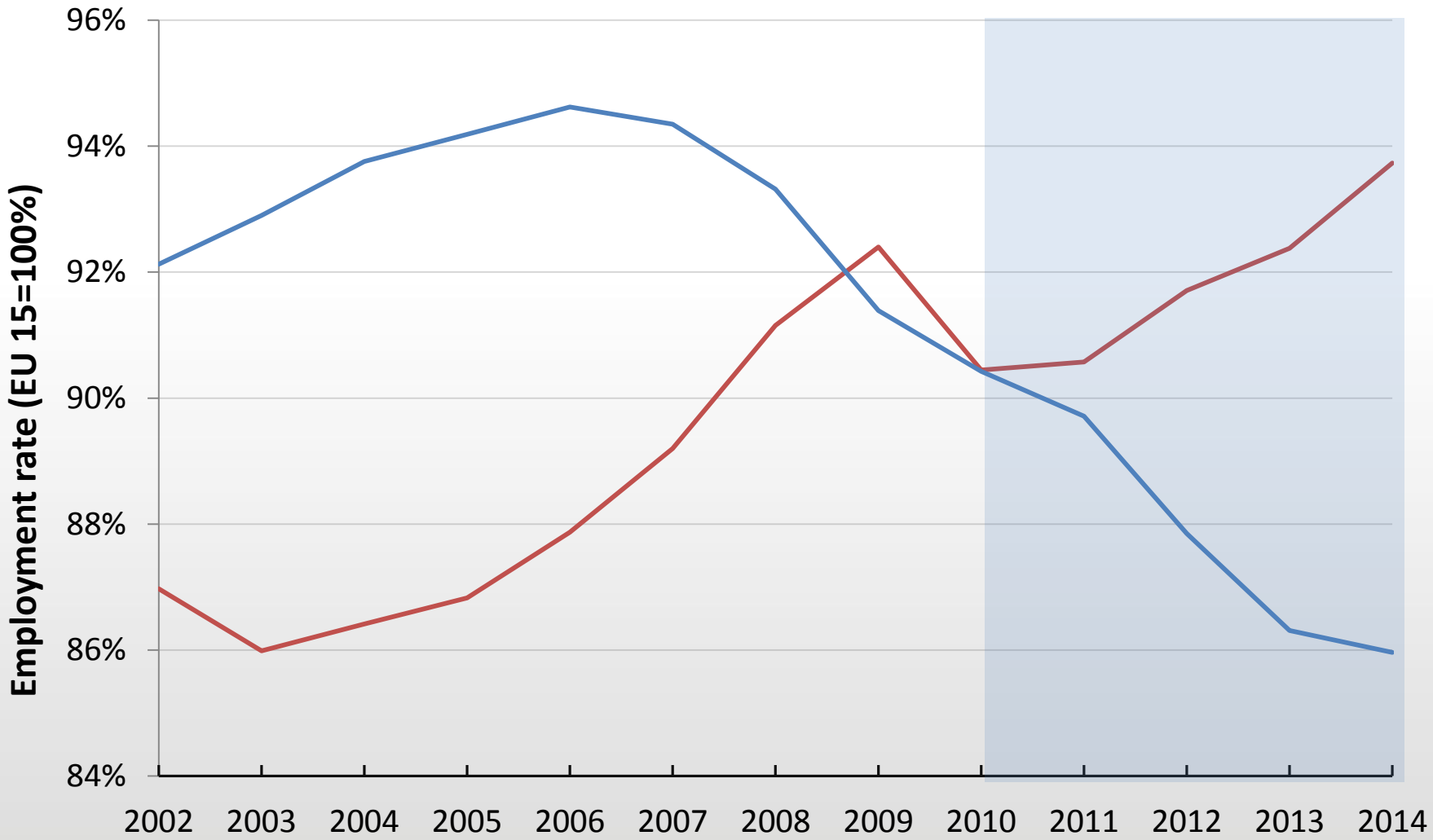


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Potentials for an organic growth



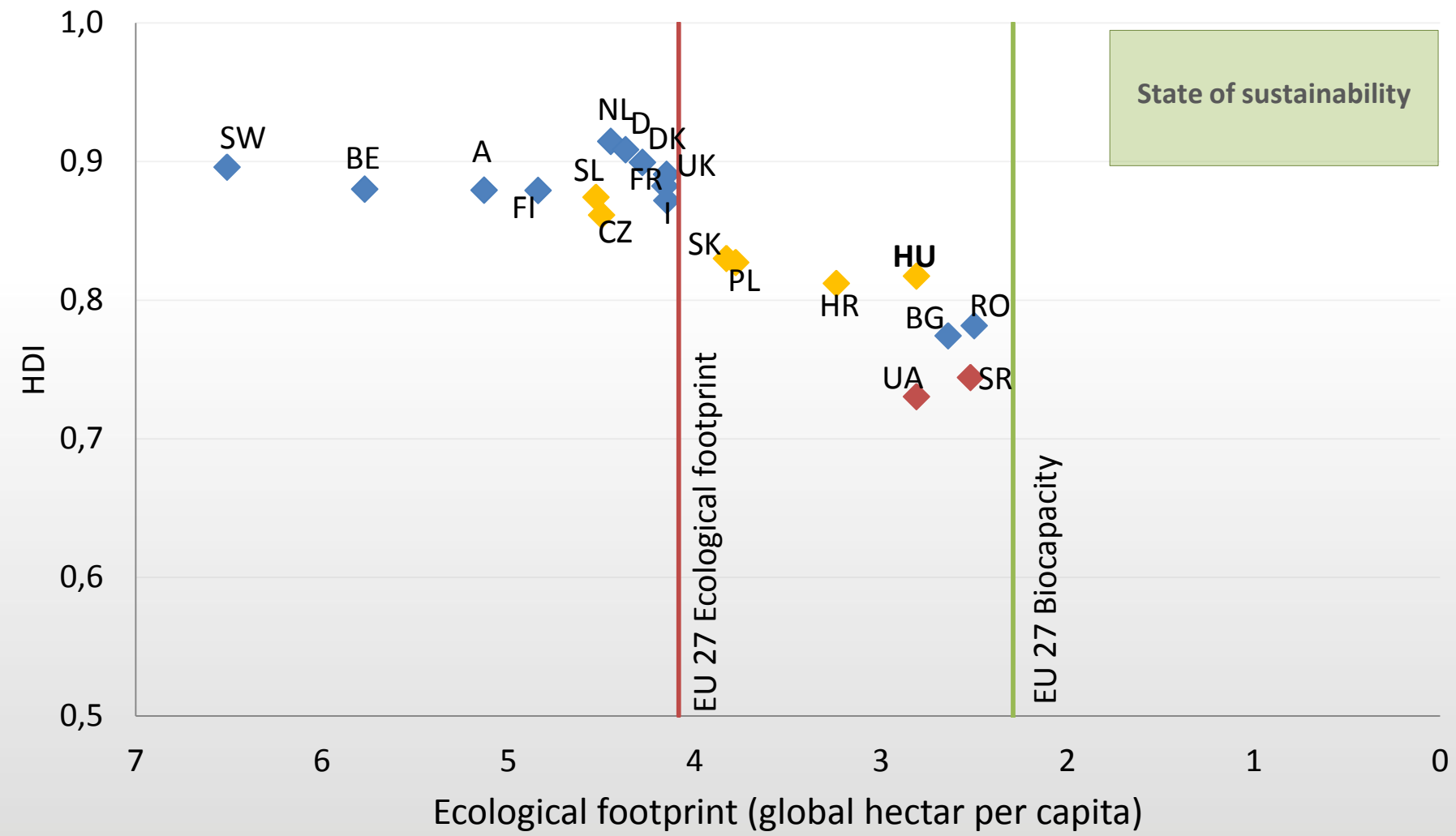
Employment in some convergence countries of the EU (EU15=100%)



Source of data: Eurostat

V4+4 (CZ, HU, PL, SK, RO, BG, HR, SLO) **PIGS (P, I, GR, ES)**

Human Development Index and Ecological Footprint in some European countries (2011)



- ◆ Major net contributors to the EU
- ◆ UA, SRB
- ◆ CEE cohesion countries

Source of data: Global Footprint Network. National Footprint Accounts, 2015 Edition.



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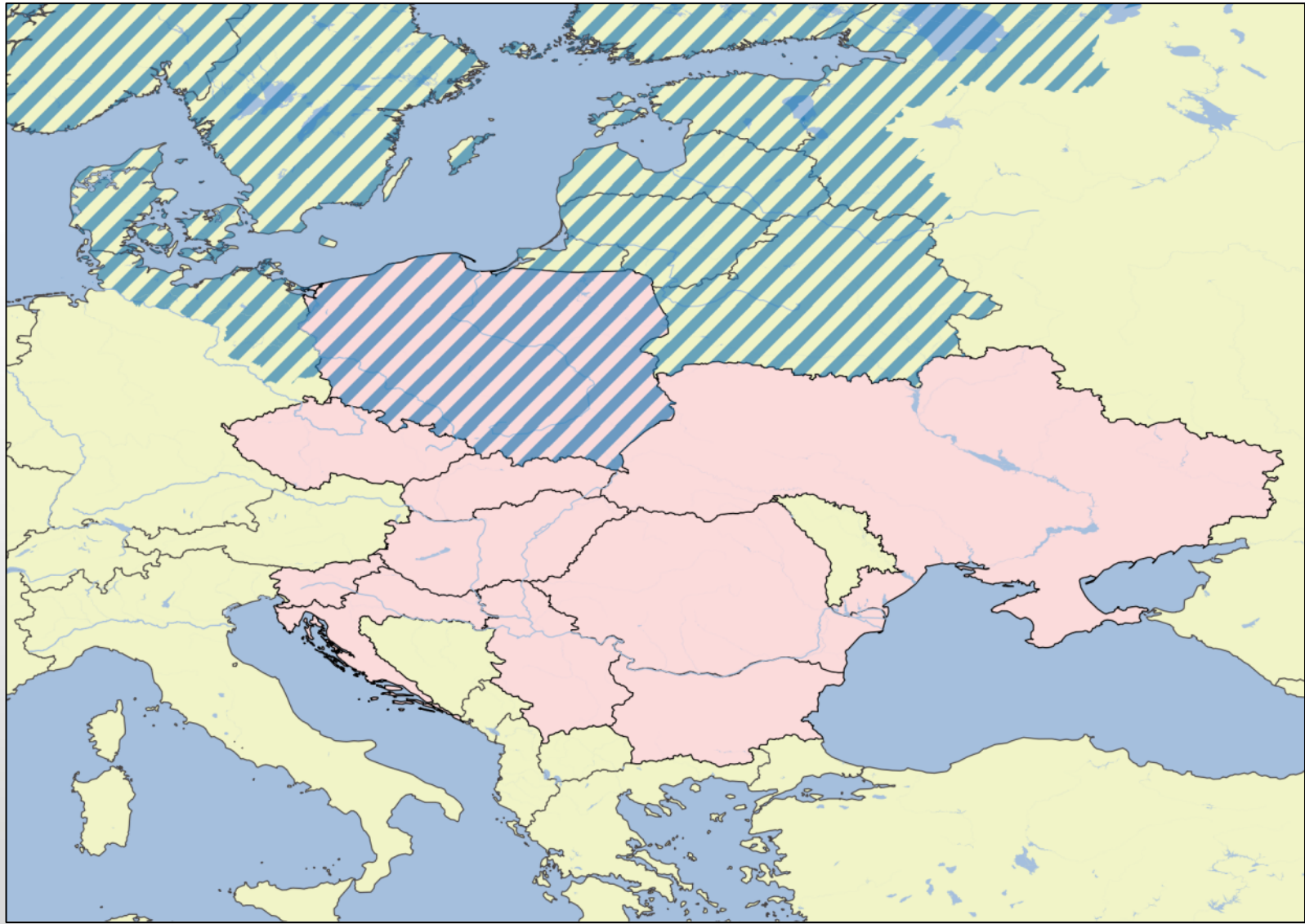
Territoriality of transnational development policies affecting Central Europe



EU Baltic Strategy



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EU Danube Strategy and Danube Transnational Programme (ETC)



EU Central European Transnational Programme (ETC)



Visegrad Countires (V4)



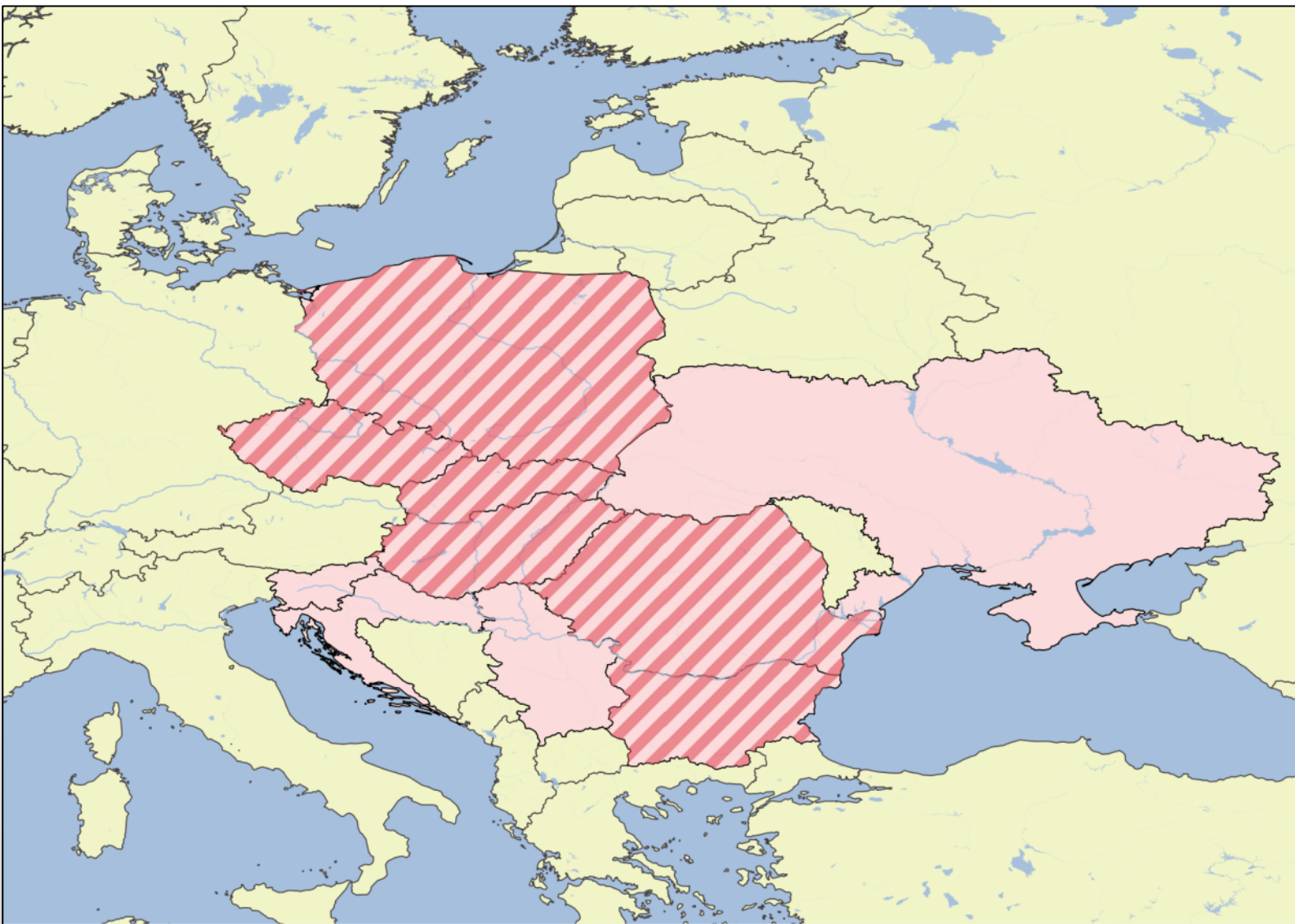
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Visegrad Countries and Romania and Bulgaria



Spatial Planning and development cooperation (V4+2)



UN

Carpathian Convention



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Carpathian Region as a potential space for territorial cooperation



Carpathian Region



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Carpathian cooperative development Initiations by Hungary

References to the Carpathian region in Hungarian policy documents:

- **National Development and Territorial Development Concept:**
 - Hungary and Central Europe as a HUB
 - Generating Carpathian and Central European cooperation by the development of regions inhabited by national minorities
- **Partnership Agreement of Hungary 2014-20:**
Common heritage as a resource of sustainable development in the Carpathian Region



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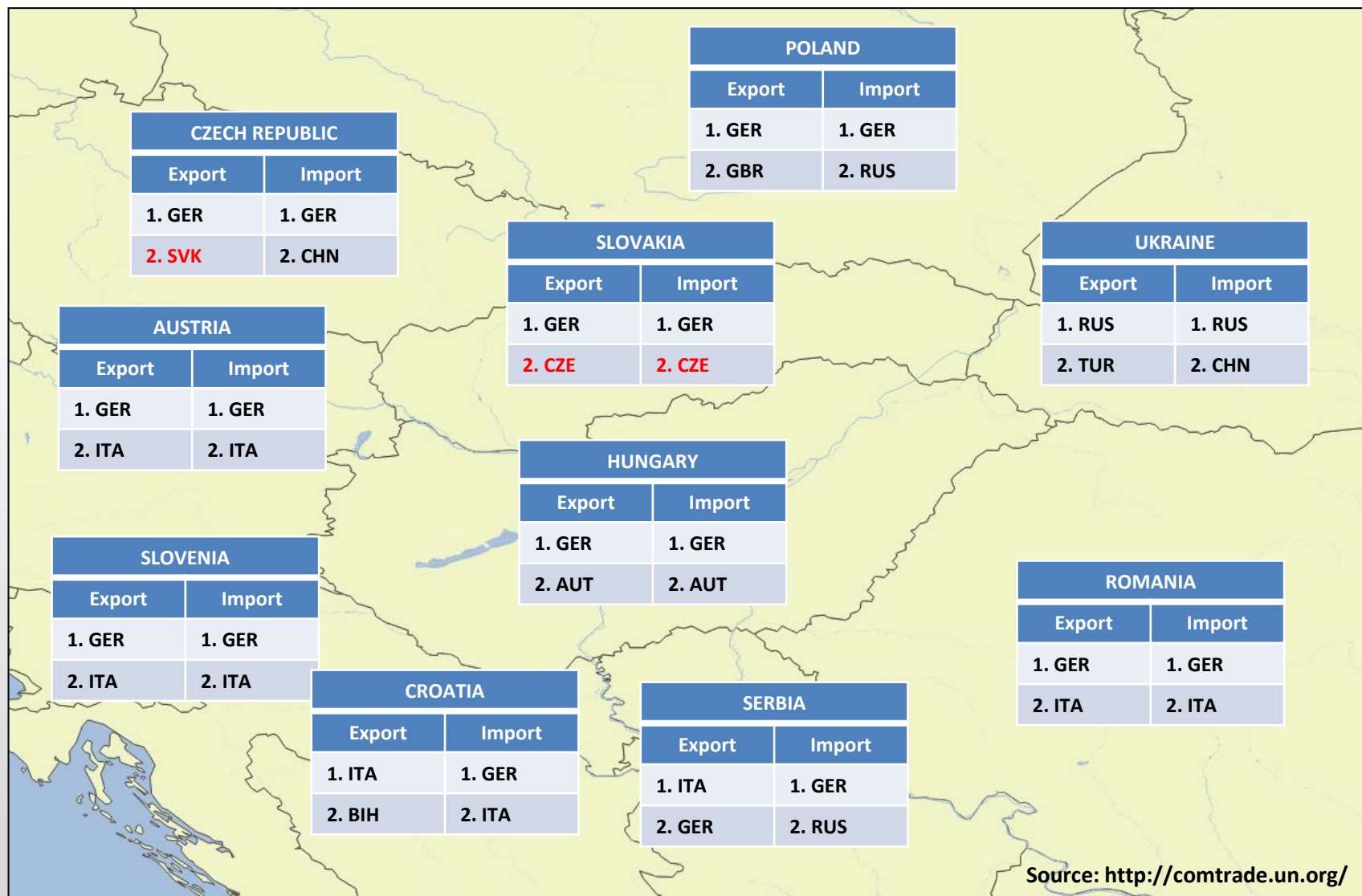
References to the Carpathian region in Hungarian policy documents:

- **„Wekerle Plan” Economic growth in the Carpathian Region**
- **Carpathian Common Home Development System**





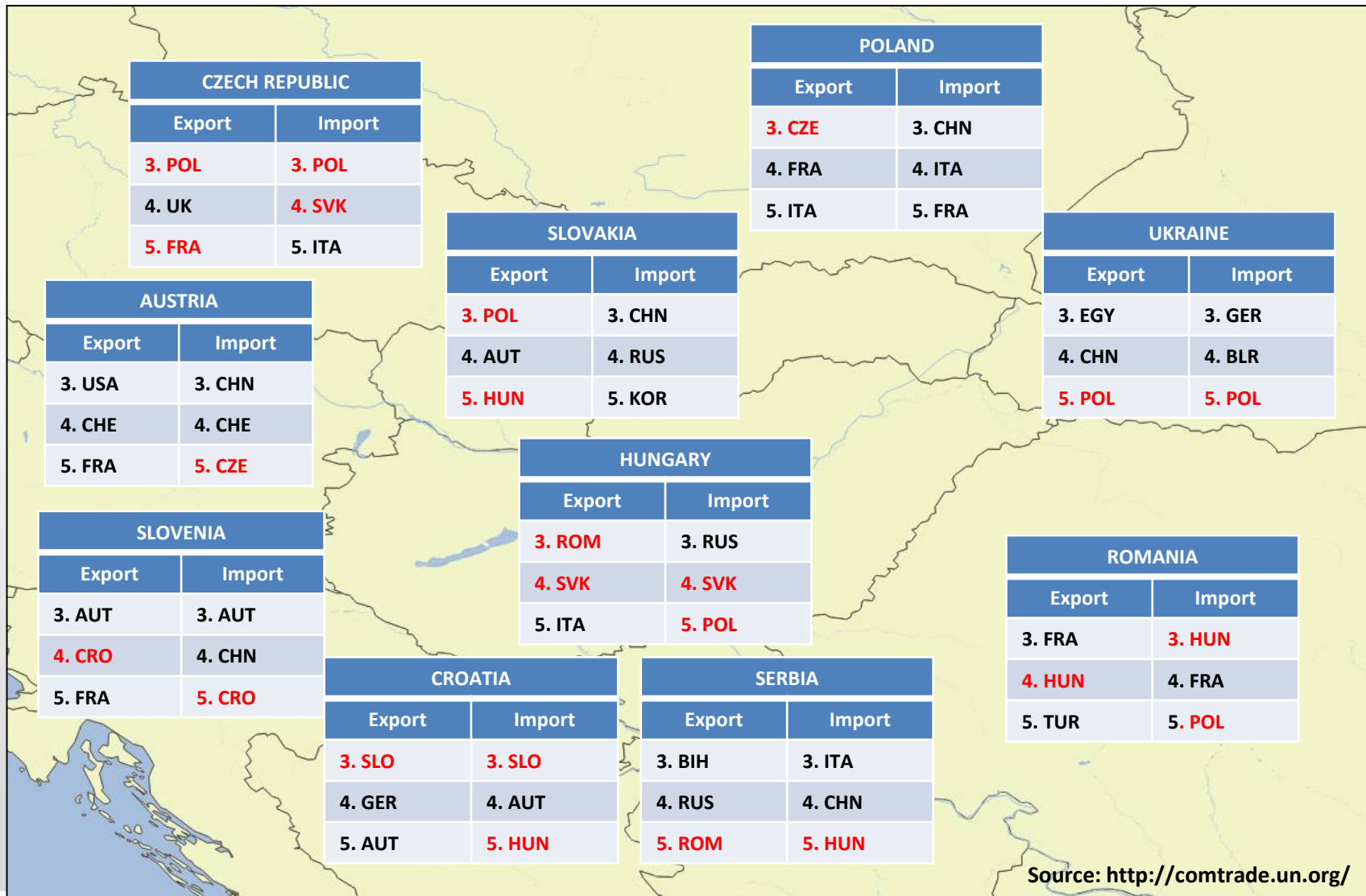
Central European countries: *not dominant economic partners to each other*





Central European countries:

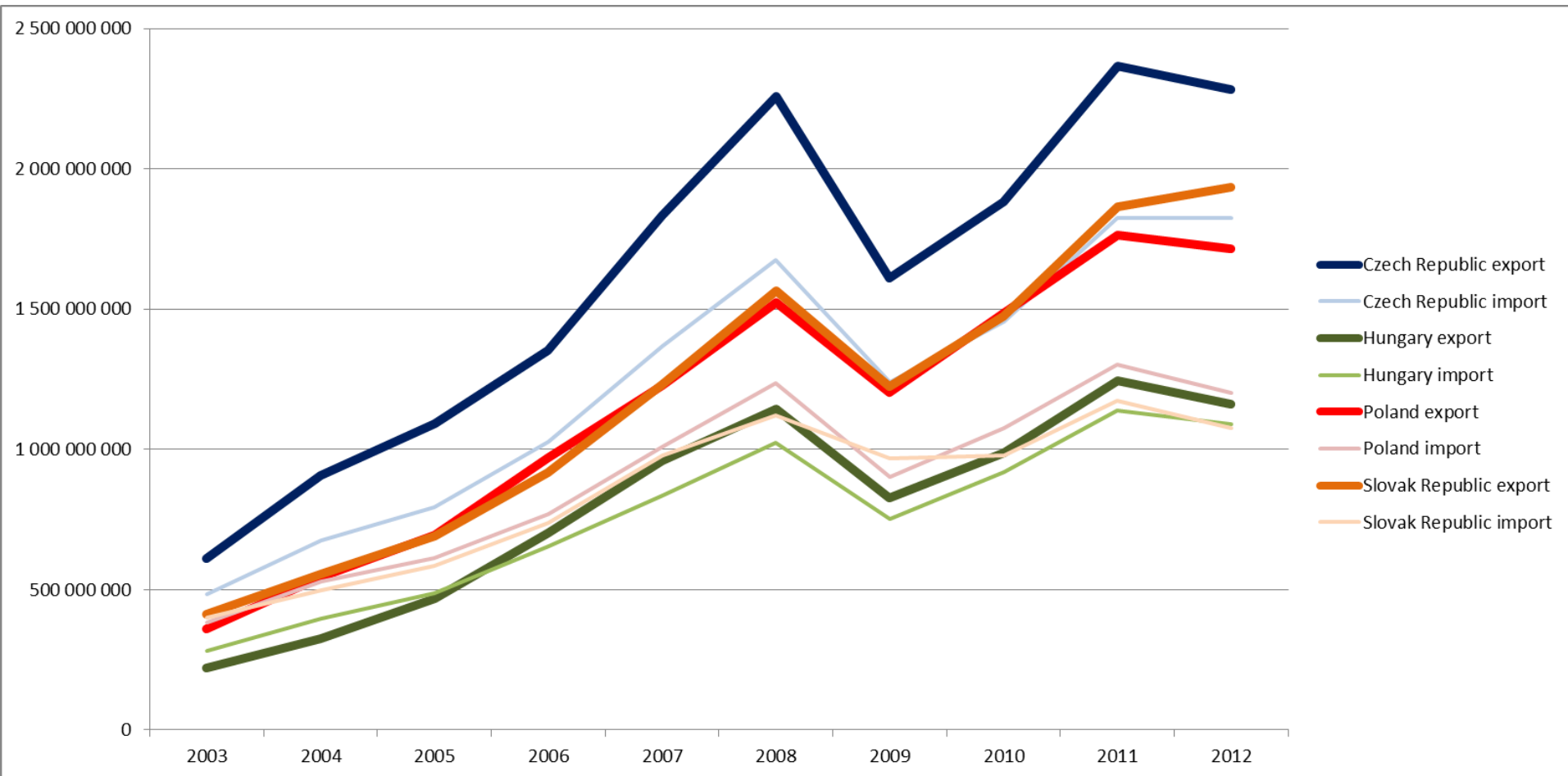
...although not dominant but quite important economic partners to each other





...and this importance is increasing

Export/import to/from the other three V4 countries, 2003-2012, US dollar





Hungarian Trading houses in the Carpathian Region



- Kraków
- Arad
- Cluj Napoca
- Târgu Mureș
- Oradea
- Sfântu Gheorghe
- Odorheiu Secuiesc
- Суботица /Subotica
- Нови Сад /Novi Sad
- Nové Zámky
- Kráľovský Chlmec
- Rimavská Sobota
- Košice
- Dunajská Streda
- Osijek
- Lendava
- Берегове/Berehove
- Ужгород /Uzshorod



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Colorful societies in Central-Europe: large number of autochton national minorities

	Number of minority languages*	Population (million capita 2014)**	Number of minority languages per million capita
V4+4+2 (CZ, SK, HU, PL, BG, HR, SL, RO, UA, SB)	107	149,4	0,716
EU 12	42	334,1	0,126

Source: *European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages , European Council
<http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/education/minlang/AboutCharter/LanguagesCovered.pdf>

** Eurostat



Carpathian nations: majority in one CE state and

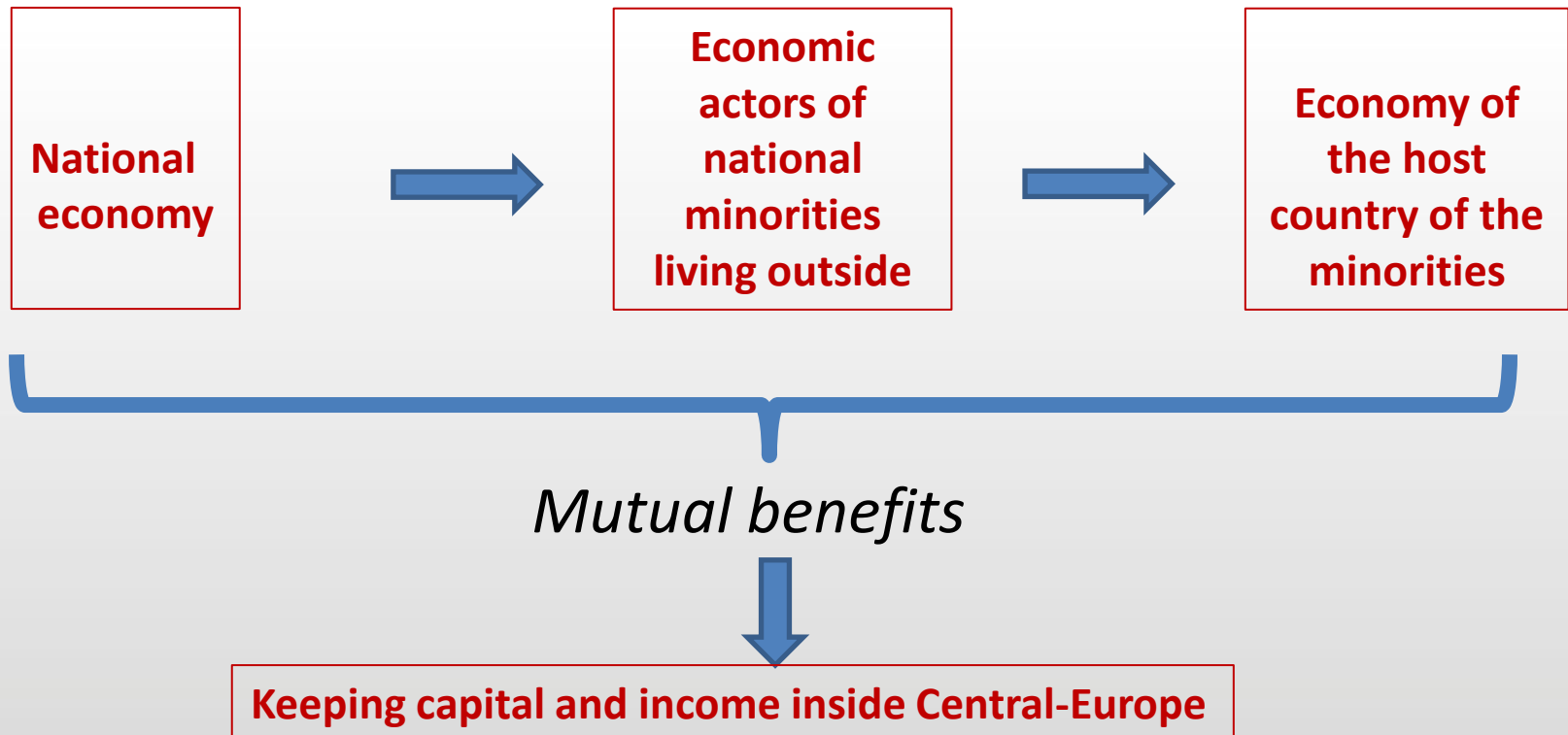


minority in other CE states

	Hungarians	Germans	Slovaks	Ukrainians	Romanians	Serbs	Croats	Slovenes	Bulgarians	Poles	Czechs
Hungary		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-
(Aust./Germ.)	X		-	-	-	X	X	X	-	-	-
Slovakia	X	X		X	-	-	-	-	-	X	X
Ukraine	X	X	-		X	-	-	-	X	X	-
Romania	X	X	-	X		X	-	-	X	-	-
Serbia	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	-	-
Croatia	X	-	-	-	-	X		X	-	-	X
Slovenia	X	-	-	-	-	X	X		-	-	-
Bulgaria	-	-	-	X	X	X	-	-		-	-
Poland	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-		X
Czech Republic	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	



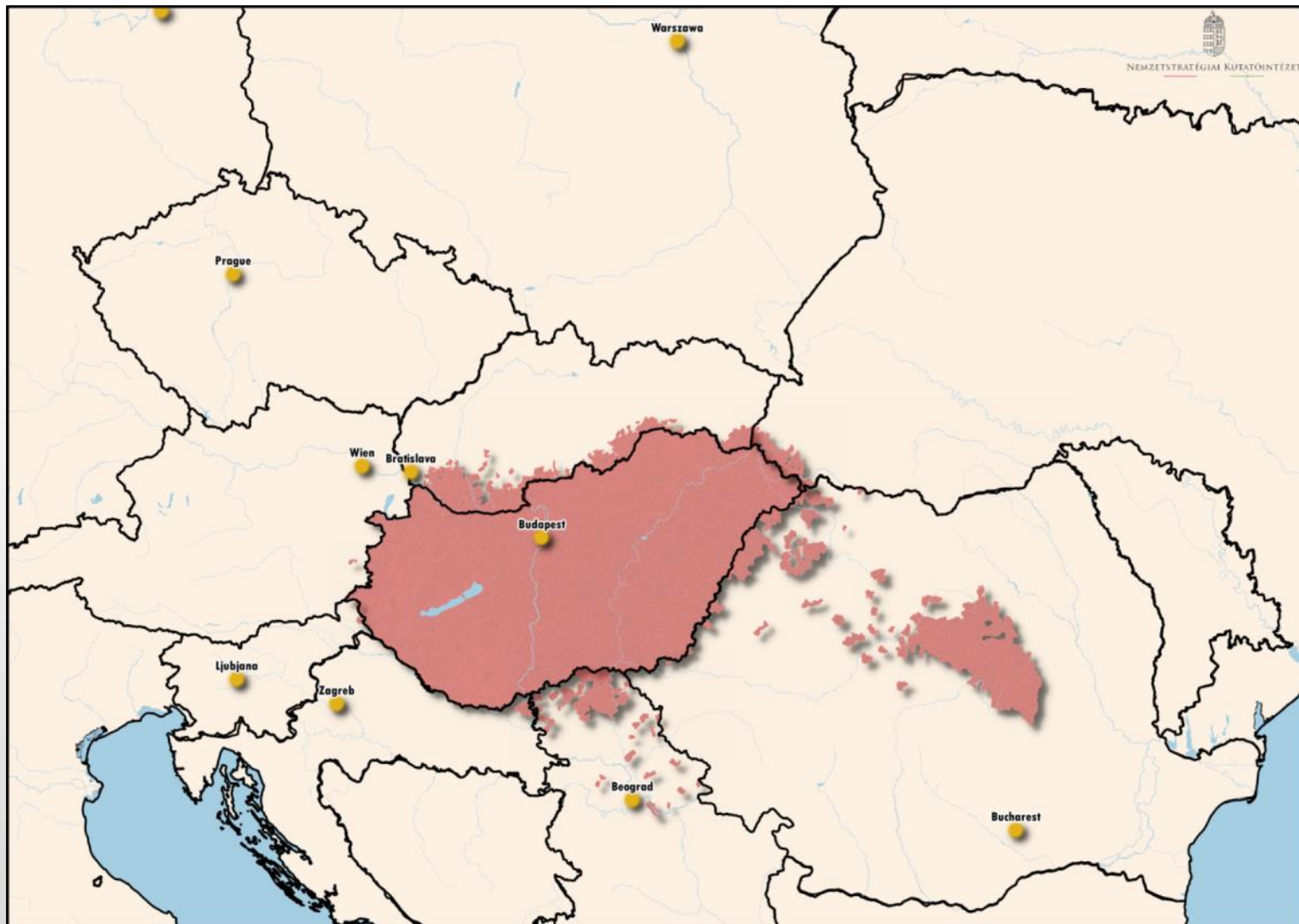
National minorities for brokering mutual economic relations and growth





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Pilot projects involving Hungarians living outside of Hungary in the Carpathian Region



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