

### **BSR** in the **Future**

**ESPON Baseline Scenario** 

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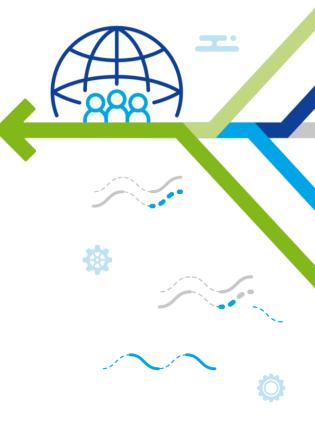






### What is the BT2050 Baseline Scenario?

- Understood as a scenario which assumes the most likely development of the BSR if all important factors, including all major exogenous trends and all policy practices used in the recent past, will continue to be in effect until the target years of 2030 and 2050.
- Baseline Scenario serves as a reference or benchmark scenario by which the exploratory scenarios will be compared.















### **BT2050 Baseline Scenario**

Based on a combination of qualitative and quantitative approaches:

- Literature analysis -> trends
- Expert/stakeholder involvement
- Basic assumption framework
- Regional socio-economic model (SASI)















## BT2050 Baseline Scenario Assumptions

- European political integration and desintegration
- European immigration and immigration policy
- European economic growth path
- European transport policy (TEN-T
- European Structural and Investment Funds







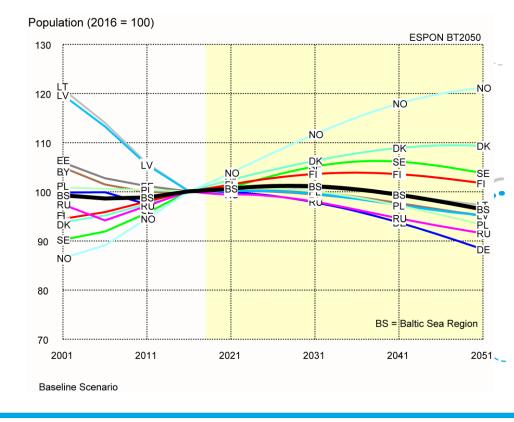








## Population development





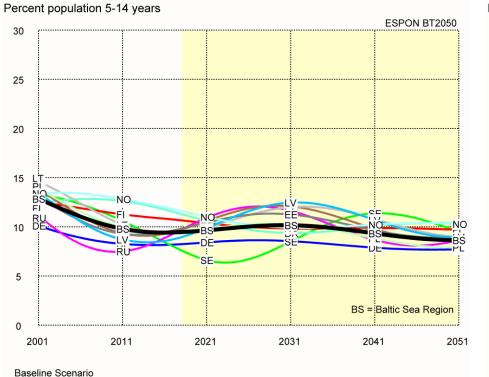


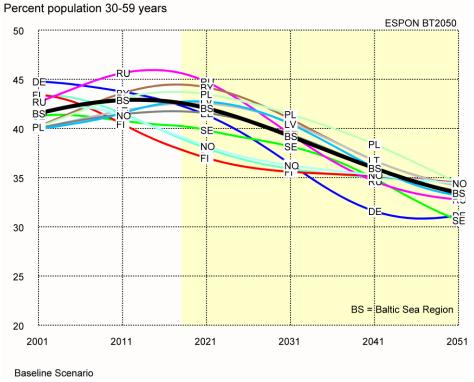














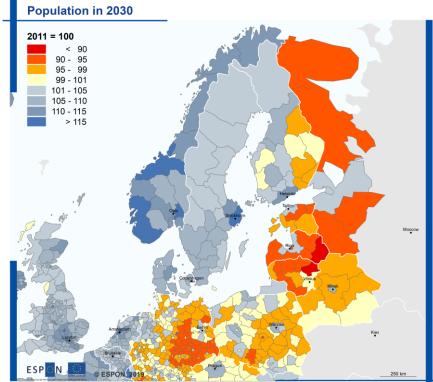




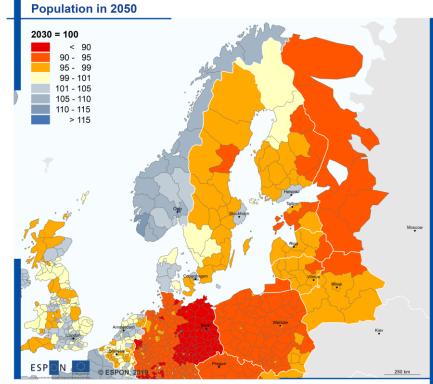












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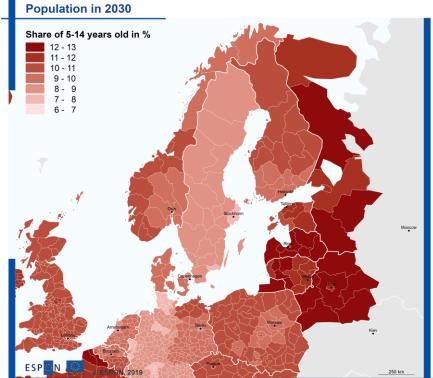




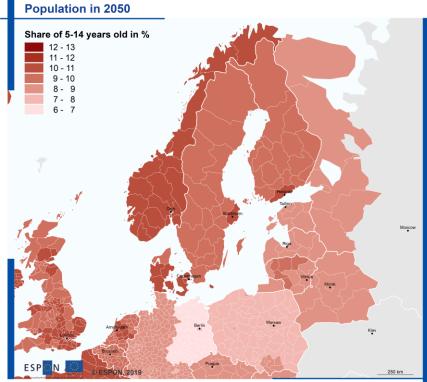












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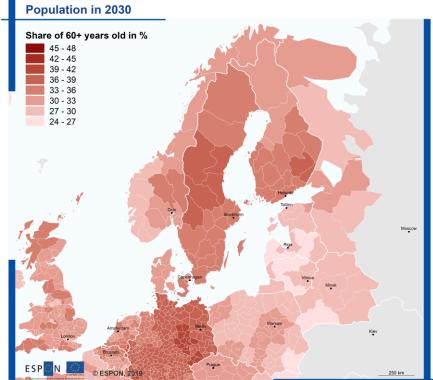




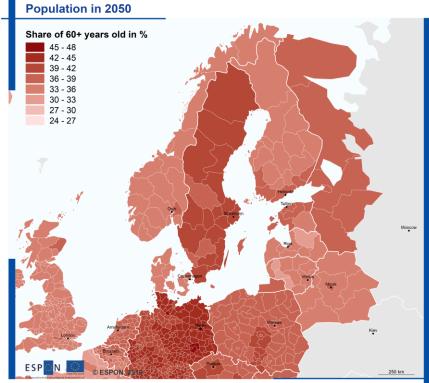












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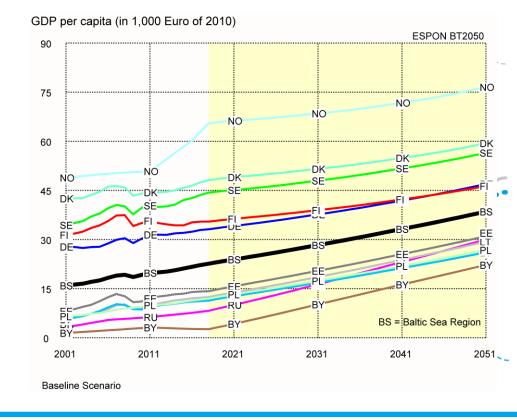








# Regional economic development





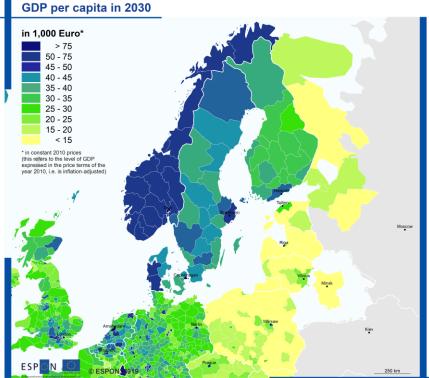




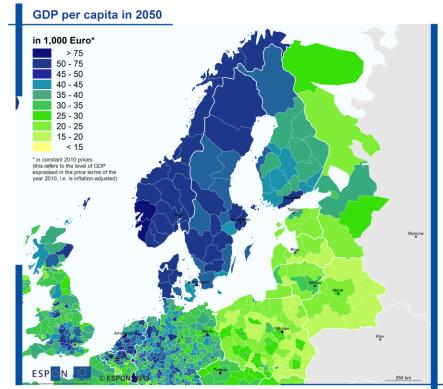








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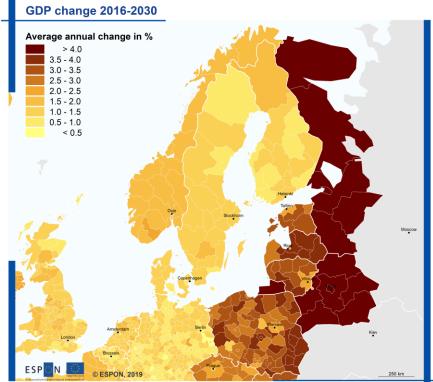




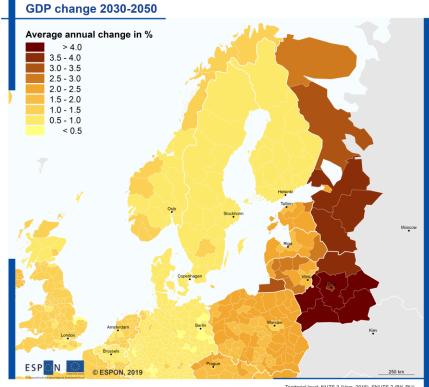












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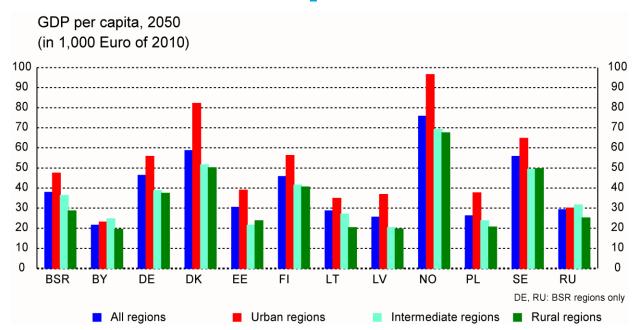








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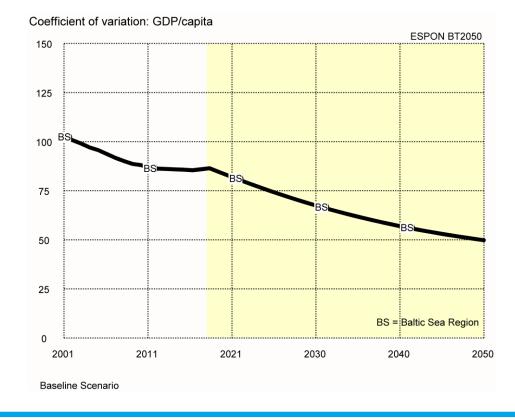








## **Territorial implications**















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- Urban areas have much higher GDP per capita than intermediate and in particular rural areas.
- Urban areas of the Nordic countries have the highest economic performance by 2050, one of the reasons for the positive population development there.
- Overall aggregate territorial cohesion within the BSR will continuously improve, but still clear internal disparities.
- Lagging countries of the BSR will narrow the gap to leading countries.
- In economic performance, the BSR is on average much closer to the European average in 2050 than in any period before.















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