



# Youth and Depopulation

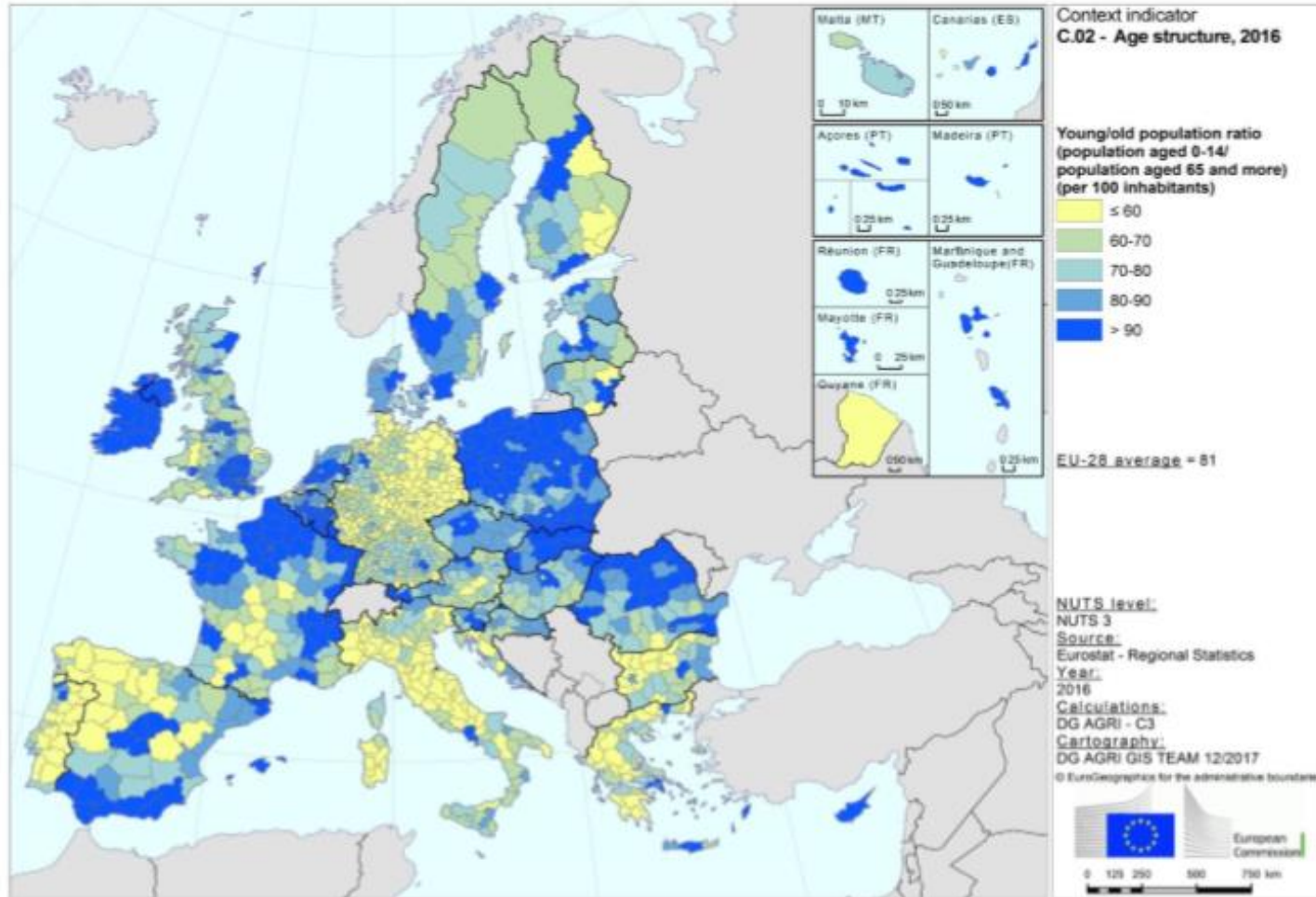
## LEADER Thematic Lab

**Orsolya Frizon Somogyi– DG AGRI, European Commission**

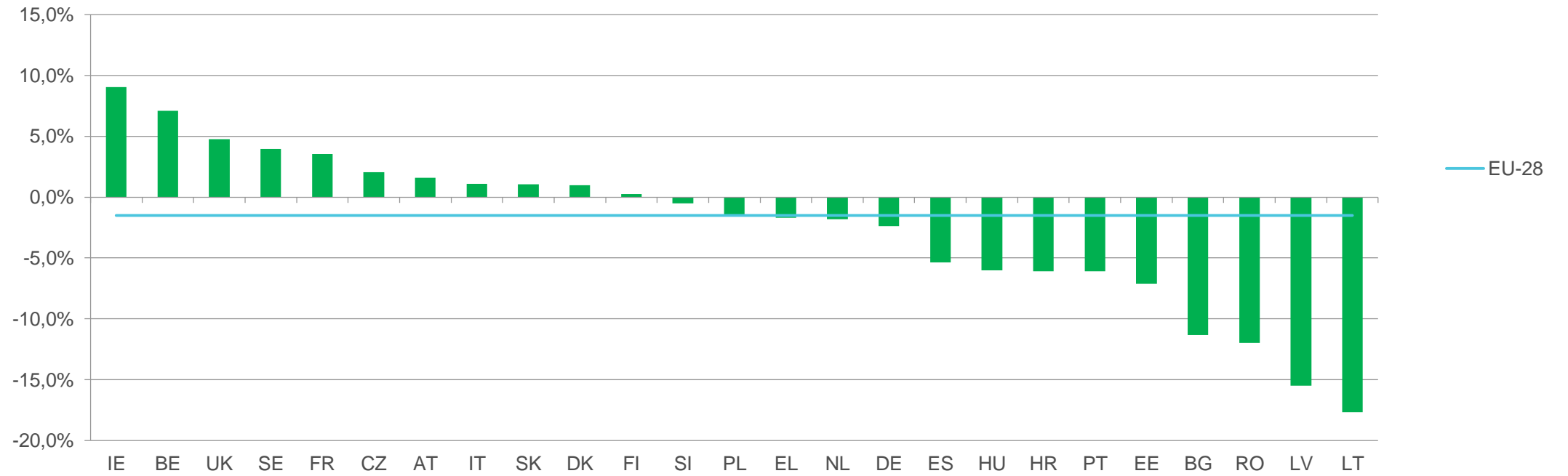
*20 February 2020*

# Young / old population ratio

Figure 11: Age structure, young/old population ratio, 2016



## % Change in rural population (2007-2017)



# The root-causes of depopulation

- Lack of job opportunities
- Lack of basic services
- Remoteness and rural image

# A STRONG SOCIAL EUROPE FOR JUST TRANSITIONS COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS 14/01/2020

## Commission initiatives

<b>1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2020</b>	FIRST STAGE CONSULTATION TO SOCIAL PARTNERS ON MINIMUM WAGES
	SUSTAINABLE EUROPE INVESTMENT PLAN – EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL INVESTMENT PLAN
	JUST TRANSITION FUND
	EUROPEAN GENDER EQUALITY STRATEGY, FOLLOWED BY BINDING PAY TRANSPARENCY MEASURES
	UPDATED SKILLS AGENDA FOR EUROPE
	INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY
	SMES STRATEGY
	DEMOGRAPHY REPORT
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2020</b>	REINFORCED YOUTH GUARANTEE
	UPDATED DIGITAL EDUCATION ACTION PLAN
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER 2020</b>	PLATFORM WORK SUMMIT
	EUROPEAN EDUCATION AREA
<b>4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER 2020</b>	DIGITAL SERVICES ACT
	GREEN PAPER ON AGEING
	EUROPE'S BEATING CANCER PLAN
	INITIATIVE ON ROMA EQUALITY AND INCLUSION
	EUROPEAN UNEMPLOYMENT RE-INSURANCE SCHEME
<b>2021</b>	ACTION PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THE EUROPEAN PILLAR OF SOCIAL RIGHTS
	CHILD GUARANTEE
	ACTION PLAN FOR THE SOCIAL ECONOMY
	STRATEGY FOR DISABILITY
	LONG TERM VISION FOR RURAL AREAS

# Long term vision for rural areas

Quote from the Communication

- “Ageing is not the only demographic challenge. New household patterns such as higher number of single-person households, mobility to the cities leading to depopulation of rural areas, brain-drain or even migration flows all contribute to a changing demographic landscape in the EU. **To map the current situation, the Commission will present a Report on the impact of demographic change in the first quarter of 2020.** The report will then be followed by a Green Paper on ageing in the fourth quarter of 2020 to launch a debate on long-term impacts of ageing, notably on care and pensions, and on how to foster active ageing. **Acknowledging that the green, digital and demographic transitions affect different people in different ways, the demography report will also be followed by a long-term vision for rural areas in 2021.** This long term vision will aim at supporting rural areas to address their own unique set of issues, from ageing and depopulation to connectivity, the risk of poverty and limited access to services, social protection and healthcare. “

# Complex root causes, complex solutions

TRUST, involvement, engagement

Co-creation, cooperation, strategical thinking, multi-actor intervention, multi-sectorial intervention, innovation, communication

# LEADER

- Possibility for co - creation with young people
- Possibility for strategical thinking
- Possibility for innovative solutions
- Possibility for multi-actor, multi-sectorial interventions
- Leverage effect: what first?



# CAP post 2020: LEADER

- CAP Strategic Plans: LEADER minimum spending 5% of EAFRD
- How to use it for job creation?
- How to use it for providing basic services in less populated areas?
- How to use it for connecting rural to urban?

# Thank you