

Rural toolkit – online guide to EU funding opportunities

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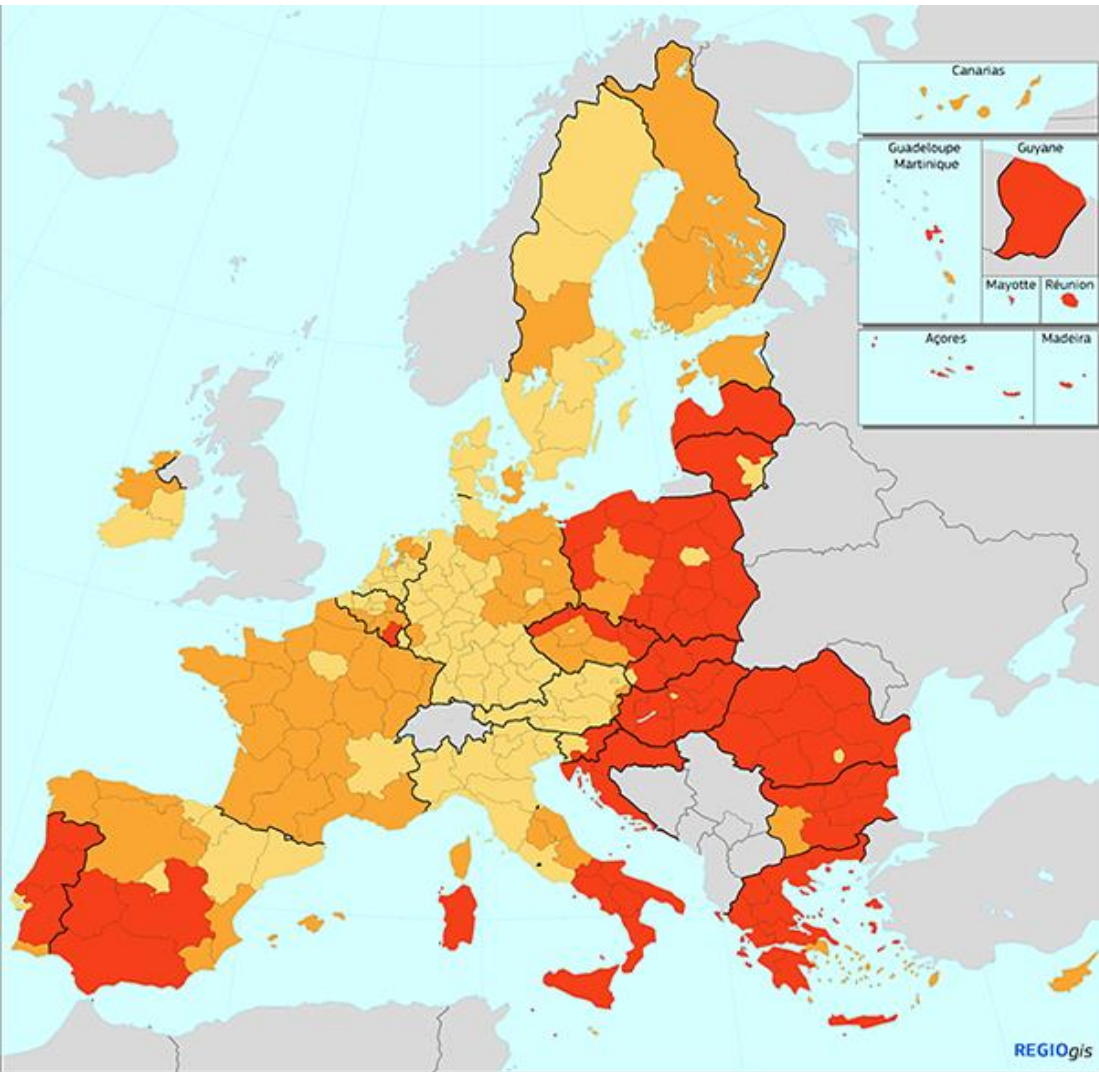
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Cohesion policy benefits all EU regions and types of territories



Investment for jobs and growth goal (ERDF and ESF+) eligibility, 2021-2027

Categories of regions

- Less developed regions (GDP/head (PPS) less than 75% of the EU-27 average)
- Transition regions (GDP/head (PPS) between 75% and 100% of the EU-27 average)
- More developed regions (GDP/head (PPS) above 100% of the EU-27 average)

Cohesion Policy:

- Contributes to EU's economic, social and territorial cohesion
- Aims to correct imbalances between countries and regions, and delivers on the Union's political priorities

Cohesion policy 2021-2027 EUR 392 billion:

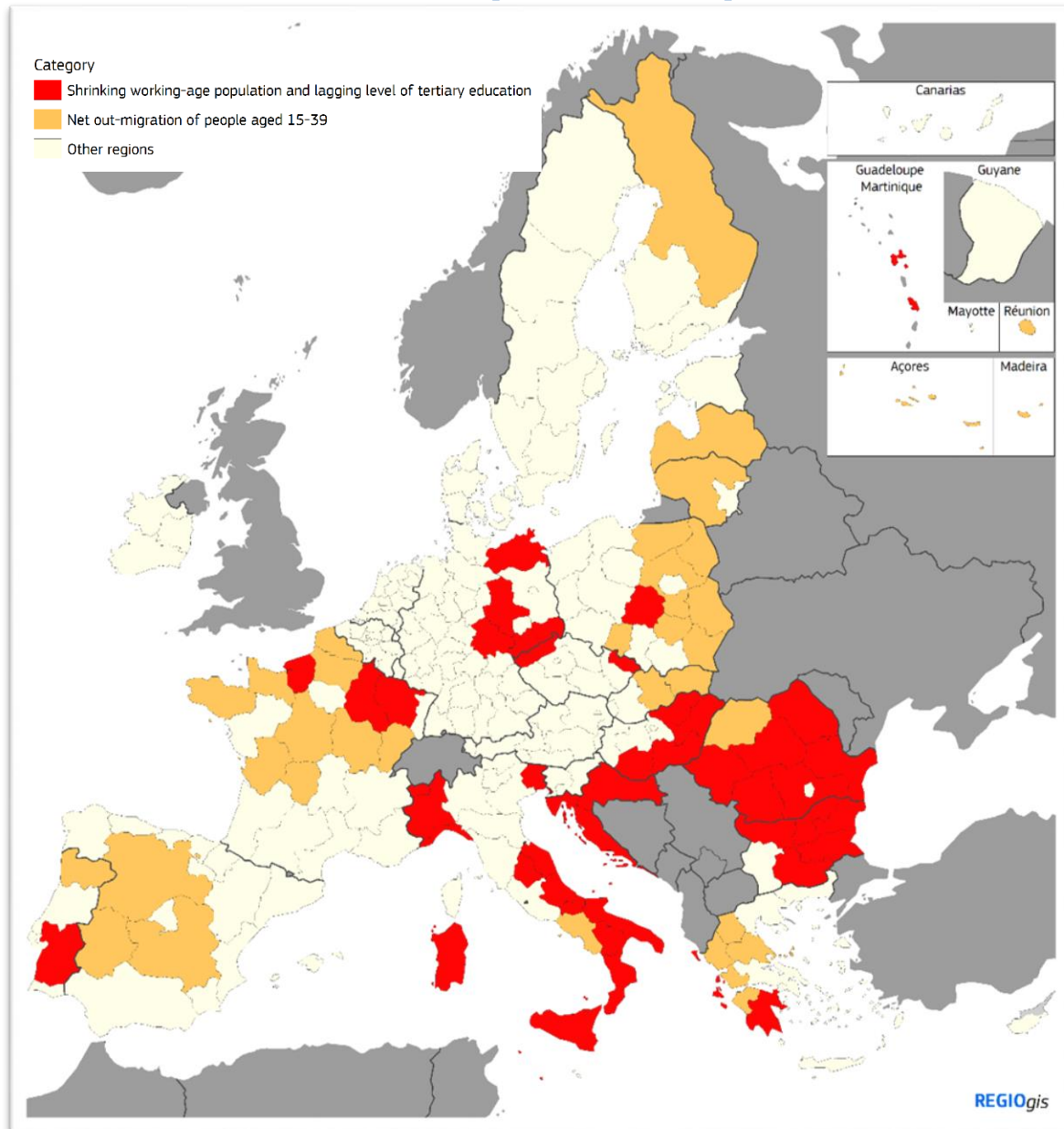
1) Investment for jobs and growth, funded by:

- European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
- European Social Fund+ (ESF+)
- Cohesion Fund (CF)
- Just Transition Fund (JTF)

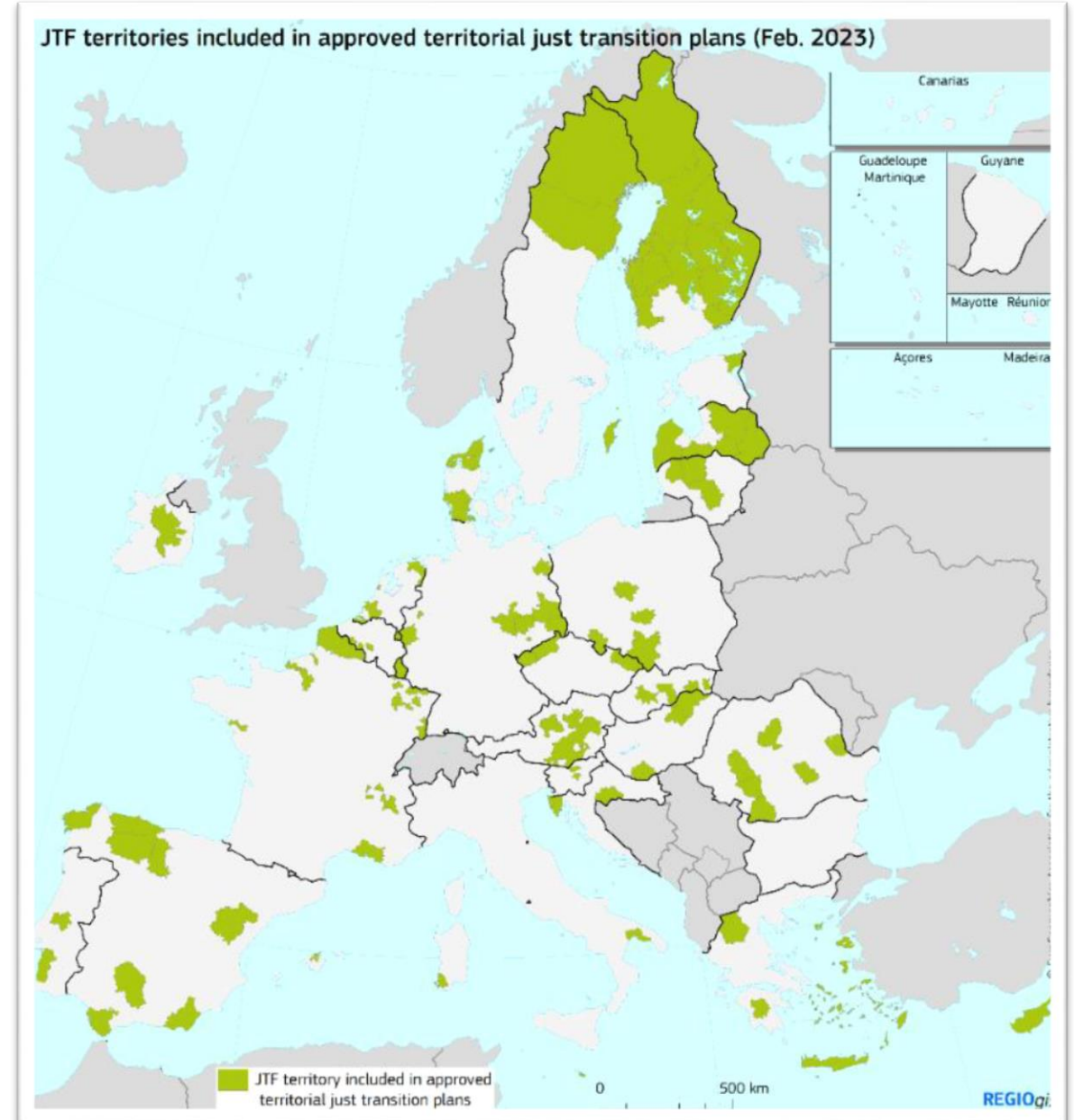
2) Interreg - European Territorial Cooperation goal (ERDF)

3) Commission managed instruments and technical assistance

Regions in and at risk of falling in a talent development trap



Territories with just transition plans 2021-2027



Cohesion policy 2021-2027 framework - basis for investments at national, regional and local level

Policy objectives:



1. A smarter Europe



2. A greener, low-carbon and resilient Europe



3. A more connected Europe



4. A more social and inclusive Europe



5. A Europe closer to citizens

Cohesion policy method:

- **Combines key investment opportunities covering multiple sectors and a place-sensitive approach**
- **Shared management, partnership principle, multilevel governance**
- **Territorial and local development strategies need to be place-based, integrated, and involve relevant partners in their preparation and implementation**

Thank you



For more information:

- **EU Cohesion Policy** (DG Regional and Urban Policy): https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/policy_en
- **EU Rural vision:** https://rural-vision.europa.eu/rural-vision_en
- **Harnessing Talent in Europe's Regions:** https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_23_145
- **Cohesion open data:** <https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu/>
- **[Handbook of Sustainable Urban Development Strategies](#)**
- **[Handbook of Territorial and Local Development Strategies](#)**
- **[Strat-Board](#) (mapping of territorial strategies)**
- **[EUI – European Urban Initiative](#)**

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