

Geography

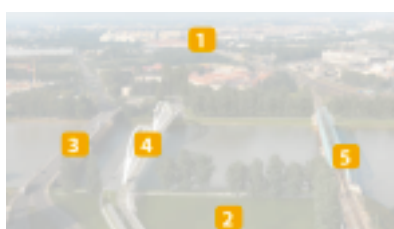
Part Three: France and the European Union

Chapter 6: The European Union

Key ideas

The EU or European Union has 506 million inhabitants and consists of 28 member states. Although thirty six percent of the EU budget goes towards regional aid there are still huge differences between the different states. For example, the GNP per inhabitant of Luxembourg is seven times the figure for Romania.

Three Bridges (between Strasbourg and Kehl)



Legend

1. Strasbourg
2. Kehl (Germany)
3. Europe Bridge
4. New footbridge and tramway (computer simulation)
5. Railway bridge

For centuries the Rhine was a disputed border between France and Germany. Currently linked by two bridges, there will soon be a third bridge for crossing on foot, bike or by tram.

D.N.L. Vocabulary

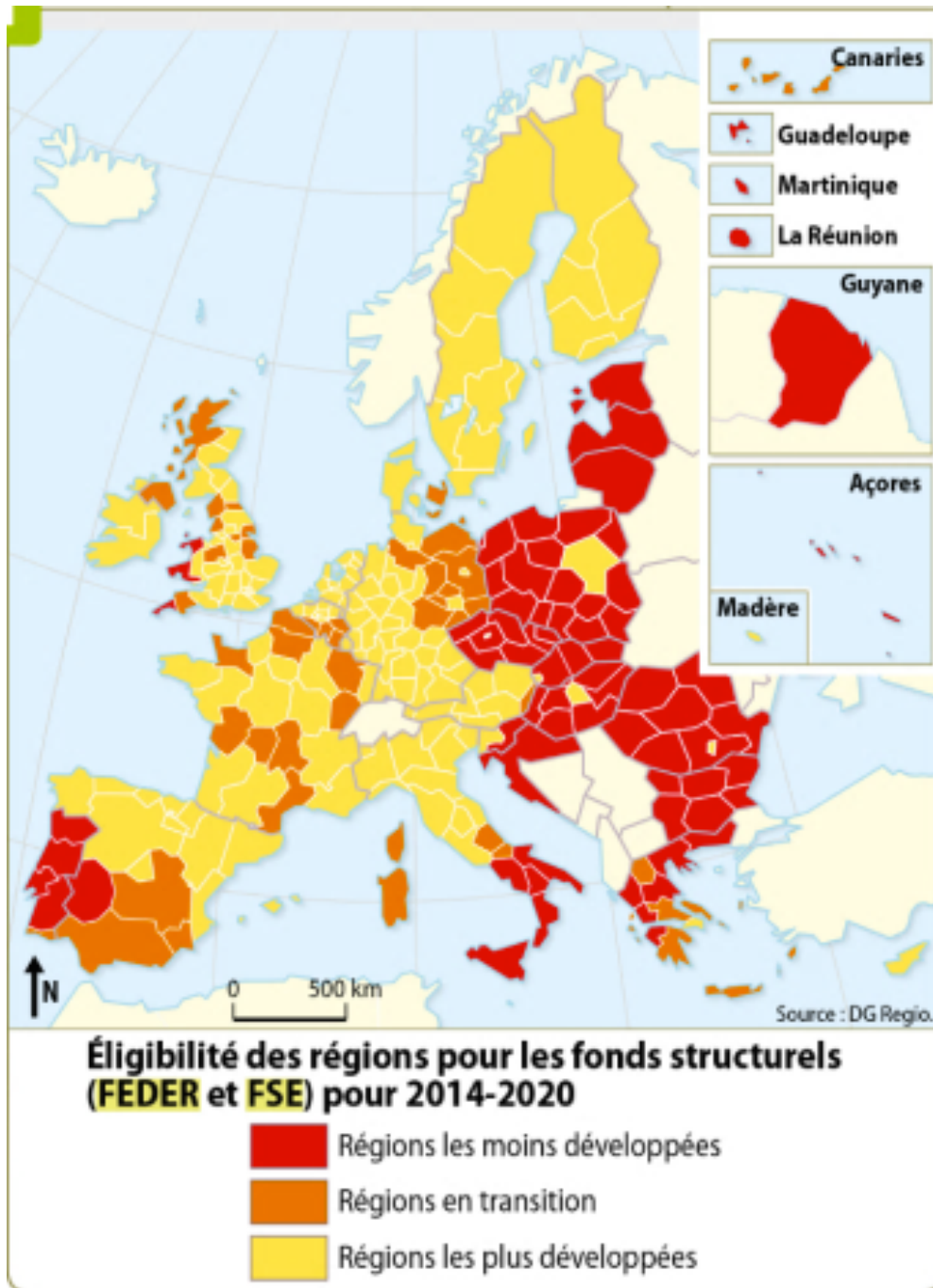
European Megapole: area of highest population density and wealth in the EU, stretches from London through to Milan.

Erasmus: a programme which enables students to study in another European country.

Euro Zone: 19 EU countries which use the single currency

Schengen Space: area of free circulation of people and goods, proposed in 1985, which eliminates border controls between 22 EU member states and 6 non-member EU states.

Map to show regions of the EU and their eligibility for Structural Funds



Translations

<p>Eligibility for structural funds (FEDER and FSE)</p> <p>(red)</p> <p>(orange)</p> <p>(yellow)</p>	<p>Less developed regions</p> <p>Regions in transition</p> <p>More developed regions</p>	<p>FEDER: EU development funds which consist of financial aid to promote development</p> <p>FSE: EU Social funds to help improve the employability of EU citizens</p>
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