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Initiatives

- GEANT/TERENA compendium
- e-IRG knowledge base
- CEENGINE knowledge base
- EuroRIs-Net+ knowledge repository
- EGI.eu databases and compendium
- TOP500 supercomputers
- RI-IMPACT study
- ERINA+ assessment
- e-FISCAL study

- and other initiatives...



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- Established the **European e·Infrastructures Observatory**
 - an online, single-entry-point platform
 - offering interactive, user-driven visualisation tools, and
 - an extensive set of benchmarking indicators
 - geographically addressing Europe to:
 - facilitate multidimensional and polymorphic monitoring and analysis
 - support fact-based policy and learning, and
 - disseminate achievements of e·Infrastructures in Europe and beyond



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Current status

- Offers **7** **intuitive, interactive and user-friendly visualisation tools** based on best practices in visualisation and representation techniques
- Features a core set of more than **45** **benchmarking indicators** that are the baseline for **monitoring e·**Infrastructures development progress, usage, impact and investments
- Provides access to more than **12.000** individual figures and other related data and benchmarks
- Consolidates more than **18** **months** of **stakeholders' feedback and consensus** on the structure and functionality of a world-class **e·Infrastructures Observatory**



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Numerical indicators

- **Performance/Capacity** (*What are we getting for what we pay?*)
 - **Networking infrastructure:**
 - NREN typical backbone capacity, direct IP connection to GEANT, IP access capacity
 - **Supercomputing infrastructure:**
 - National supercomputers maximum performance, peak performance, number of cores, number of processors, in the top500 list
 - **Grid infrastructure:**
 - NGI maximum performance, number of cores, number of processors, installed disk capacity, Number of Grid sites connected to the NGI
- **Usage/Utilisation** (*How many users are utilising/accessing it?*)
 - **Usage:**
 - NREN IP traffic from external networks, NREN backbone congestion index, National supercomputers core hours, NGI core hours, NGI number of jobs
 - **Users:**
 - Researchers, R&D personnel, Teaching staff in tertiary education, Teaching staff in secondary education, Students in tertiary education, Students in secondary education
- **Cost/Budget** (*How much are we paying for it?*)
 - NREN budget, National supercomputers cost of ownership, NGI budget



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Numerical indicators

- **Other indicators**
 - **Scientific Impact:**
 - Patent applications, Publications, Citations
 - **Digital Agenda:**
 - Fixed broadband penetration, Mobile broadband penetration, Regular internet users, Population who have never used the internet, Fixed broadband internet connection charge, Fixed broadband internet monthly subscription, International commercial internet bandwidth
 - **Horizon 2020:**
 - Gross domestic expenditure on R&D, Total unemployment rate
- **Supporting:**
 - Gross domestic product, Gross domestic product per capita, Gross enrolment ratio, Population, Surface area



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Non-numerical indicators

- Stakeholders Mapping: **43 NRENs, 41 NGIs, 59 Supercomputing centres** and **4 Pan-European coordinating entities** with information provided in 7 attributes (country, logotype, full name, abbreviation, website, address, description)
- Pan-European Networks : **GEANT network backbone links** and **Cross-border fibre connections, memberships.**
- Chronology: establishment of **NRENs, NGIs, Supercomputers, major projects**, other milestones.



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The observatory is public

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The screenshot shows the e·nventory Home Page in a Firefox browser window. The page features the e·nventory logo and name at the top left. Below the logo is a 'Welcome' section with a paragraph of text: 'Welcome to the European e·Infrastructures Observatory, an on-line platform, offering several interactive and user-driven visualisation tools and an extensive set of benchmarking indicators to facilitate multidimensional and polymorphic monitoring/analysis, support fact-based policy/learning and disseminate achievements of electronic and digital infrastructures in Europe. Enjoy!'. To the right of the welcome text is a central navigation area with several circular icons: 'Chronology', 'Pan-European Networks', 'Stakeholders Mapping', 'Indicators on Maps', 'Build Your Own Index', 'Trends', and 'Treemaps'. At the bottom left of the page are two circular icons: 'Project Information' and 'User Guide'. The footer contains copyright information: 'Copyright © 2010-2012 e·nventory. All Rights Reserved.' and a list of links: 'Contact | User Guide | Indicators | Glossary | Terms of Use | Acknowledgments'.



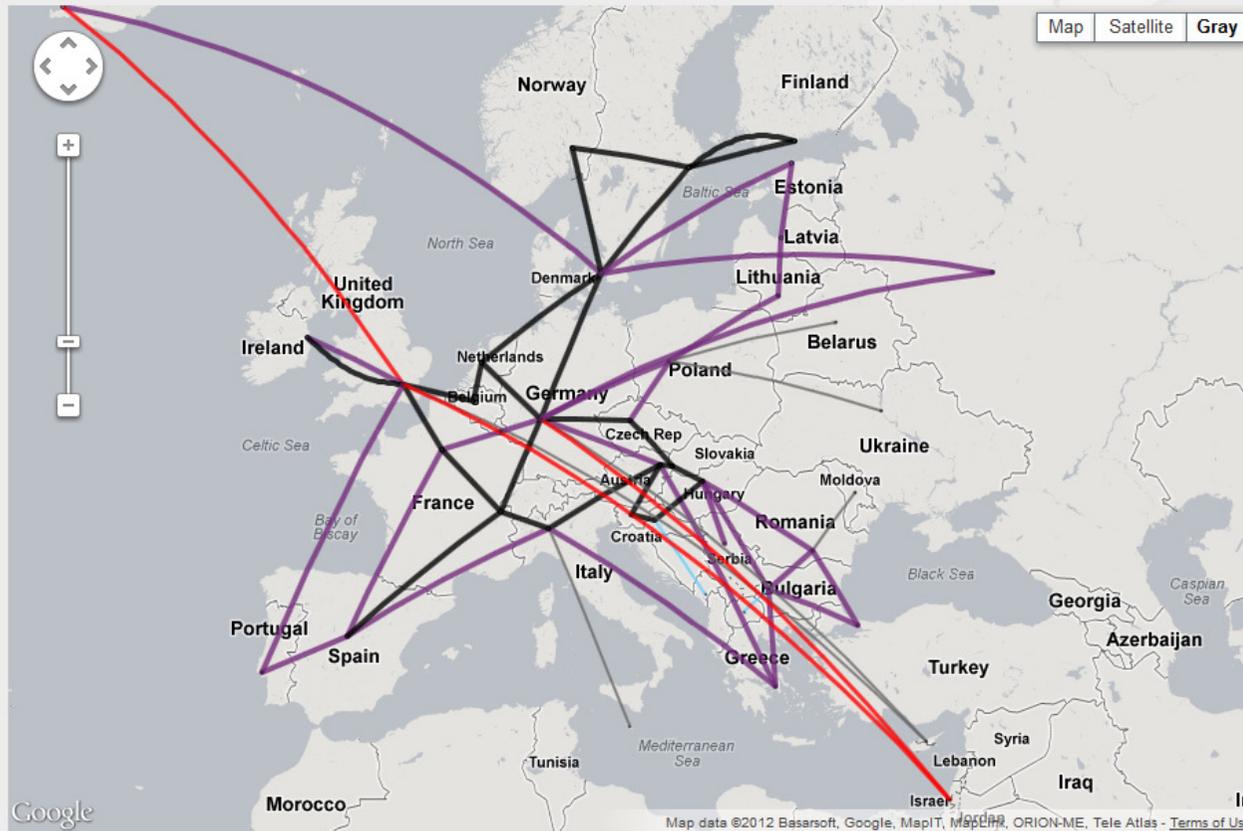
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The *Pan-European Networks* *Mapping service*

Pan-European Networks

Select Community/Network: GEANT Network



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Current date: 2012-03



- Legend
- 34 Mbps
 - 45 Mbps
 - 155 Mbps

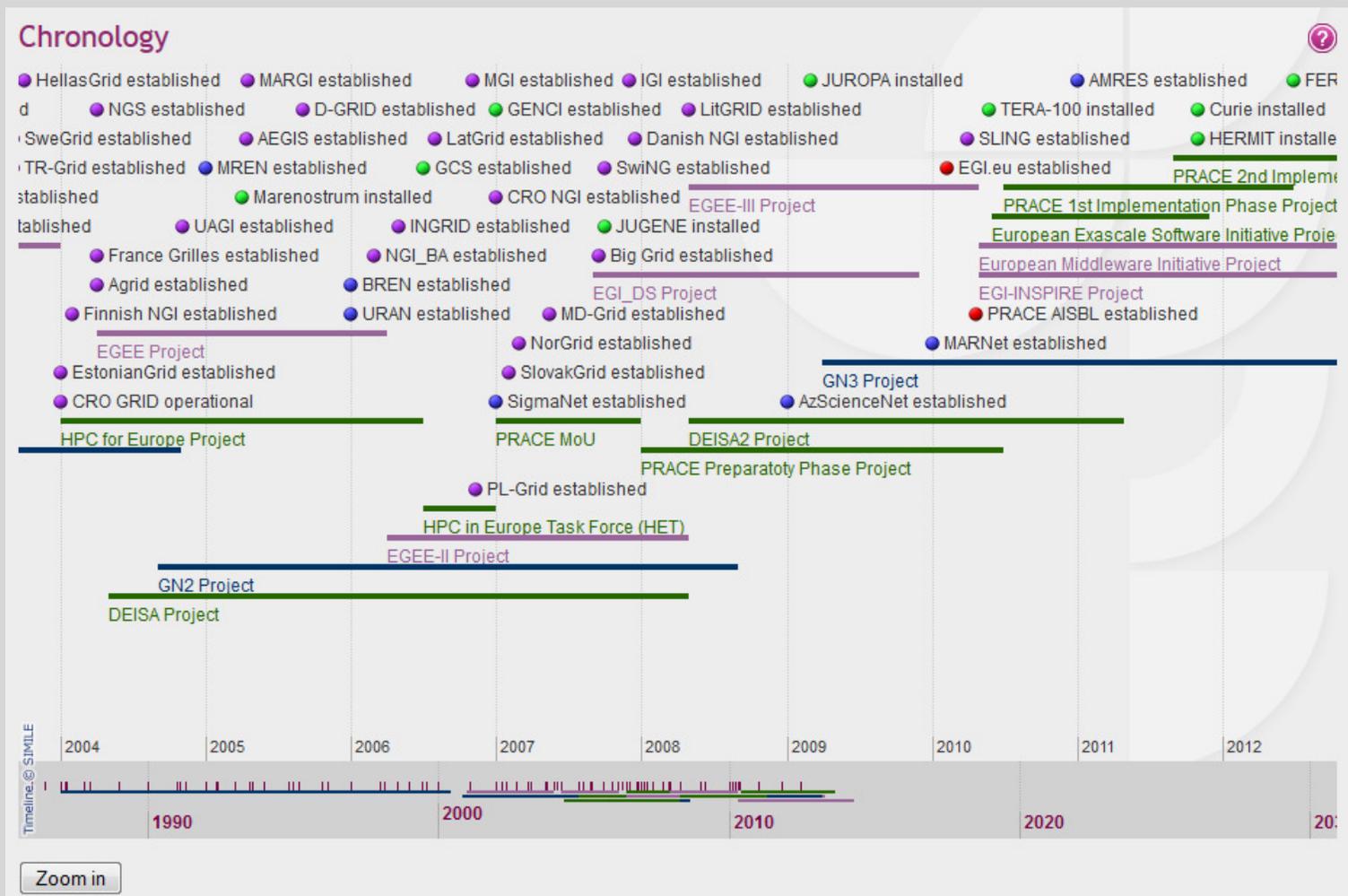


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The *Chronology* service



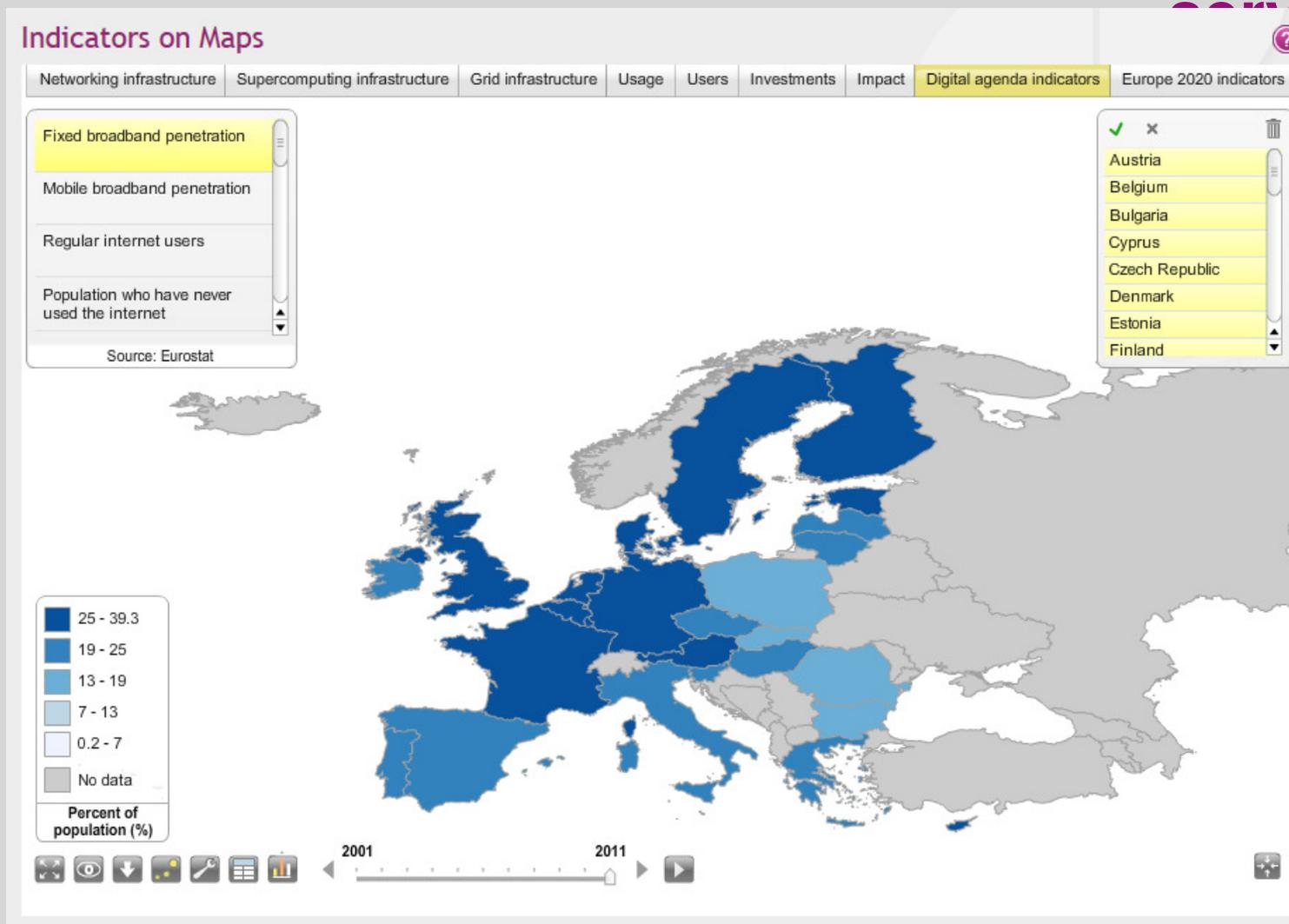


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The *Indicators on Maps*

service

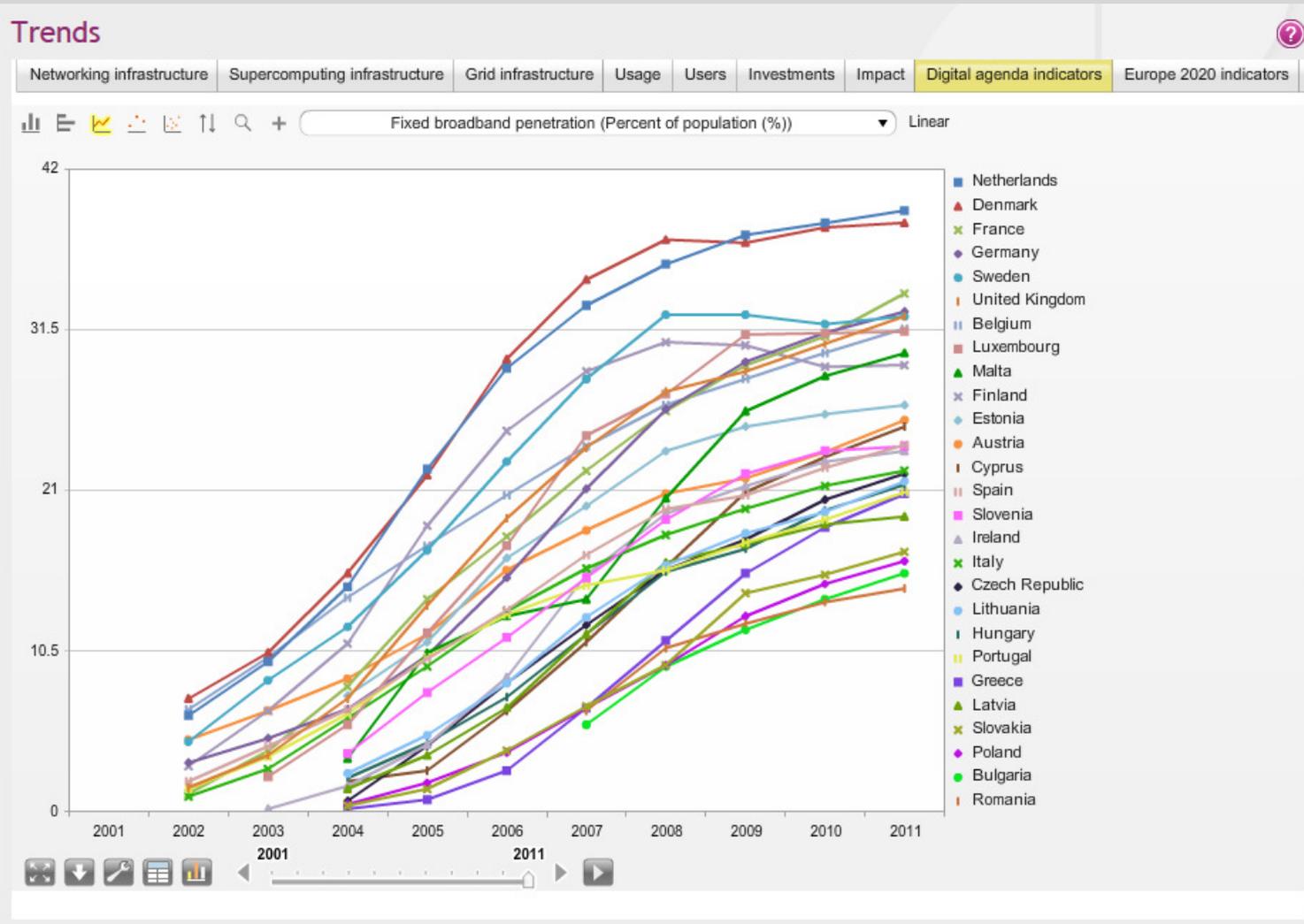




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The Trends service





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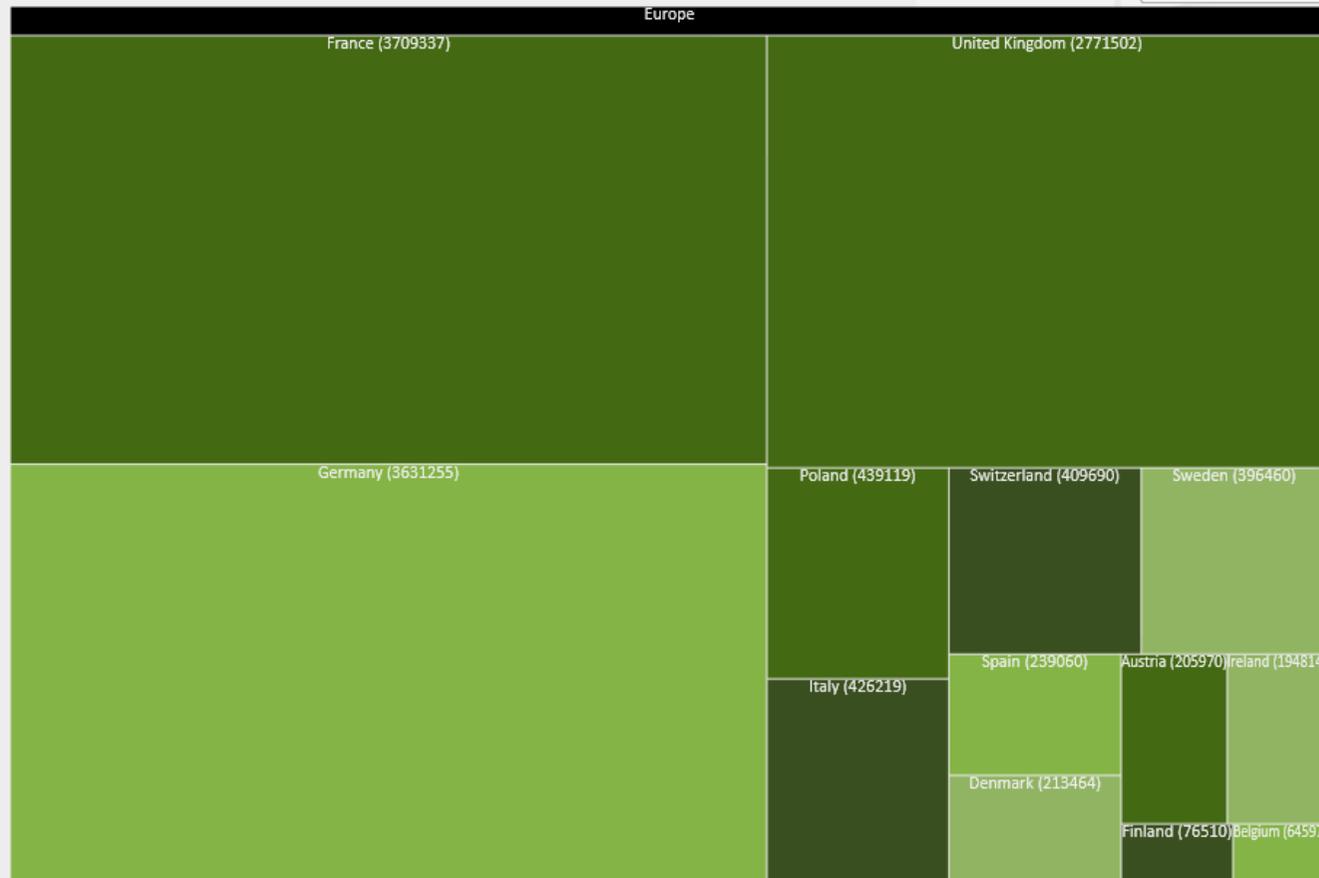
The *Treemaps* service

Treemaps

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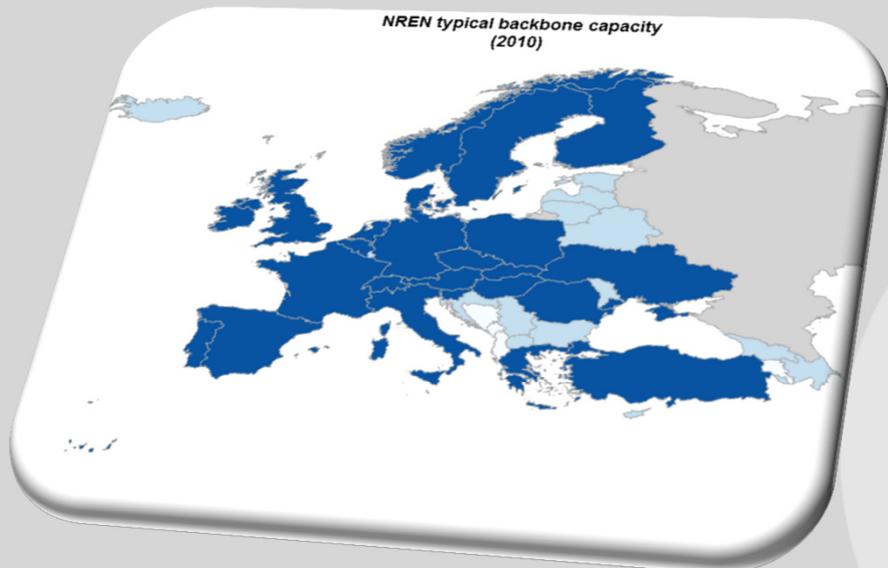
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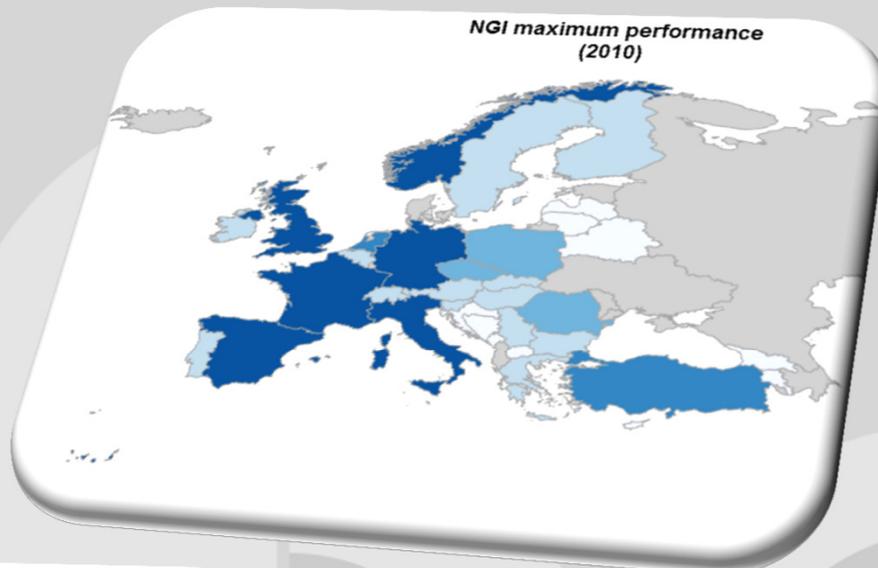
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Networking, Supercomputing & DCI

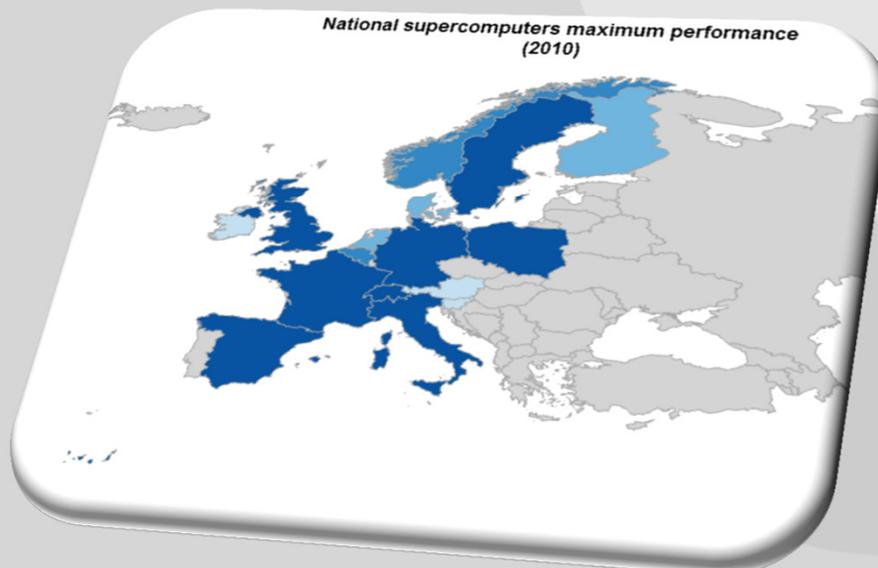
*NREN typical backbone capacity
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*NGI maximum performance
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*National supercomputers maximum performance
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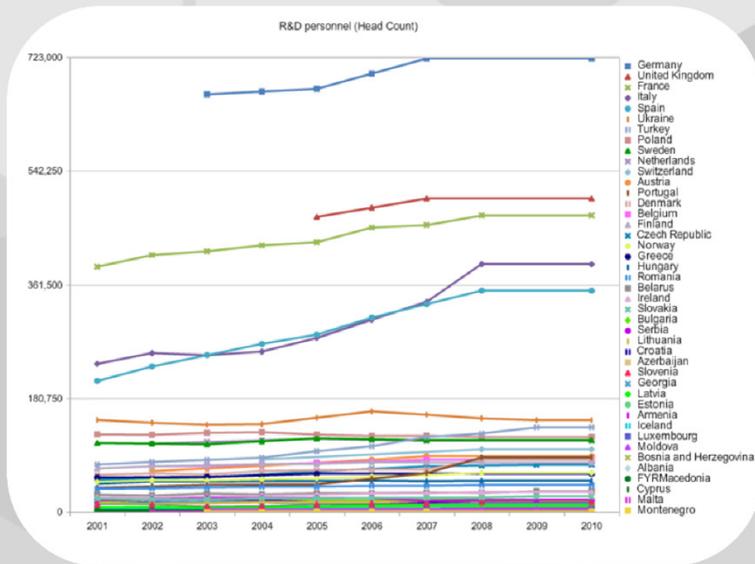
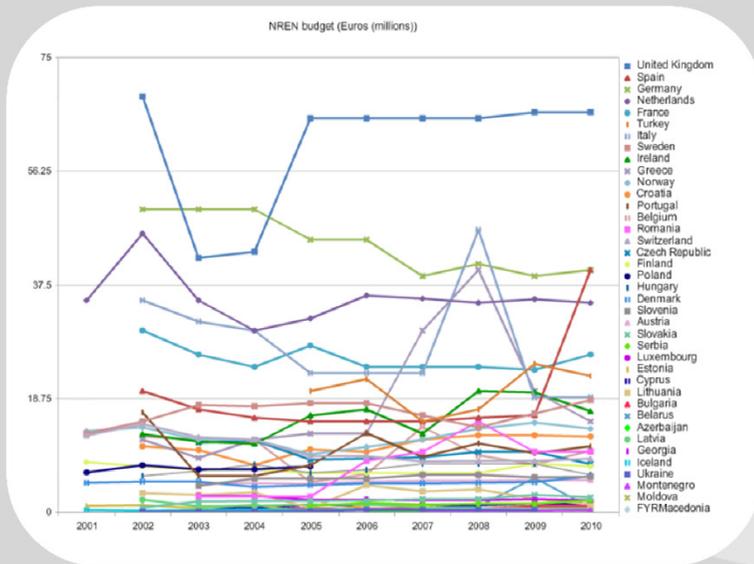
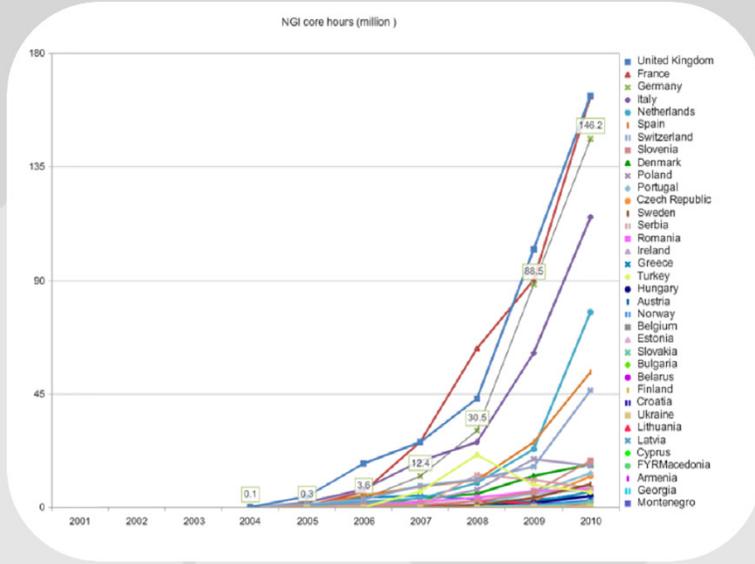
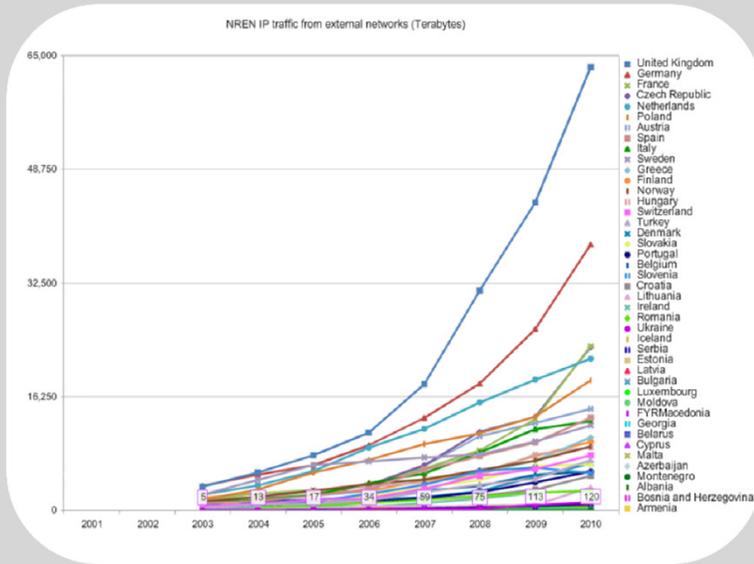


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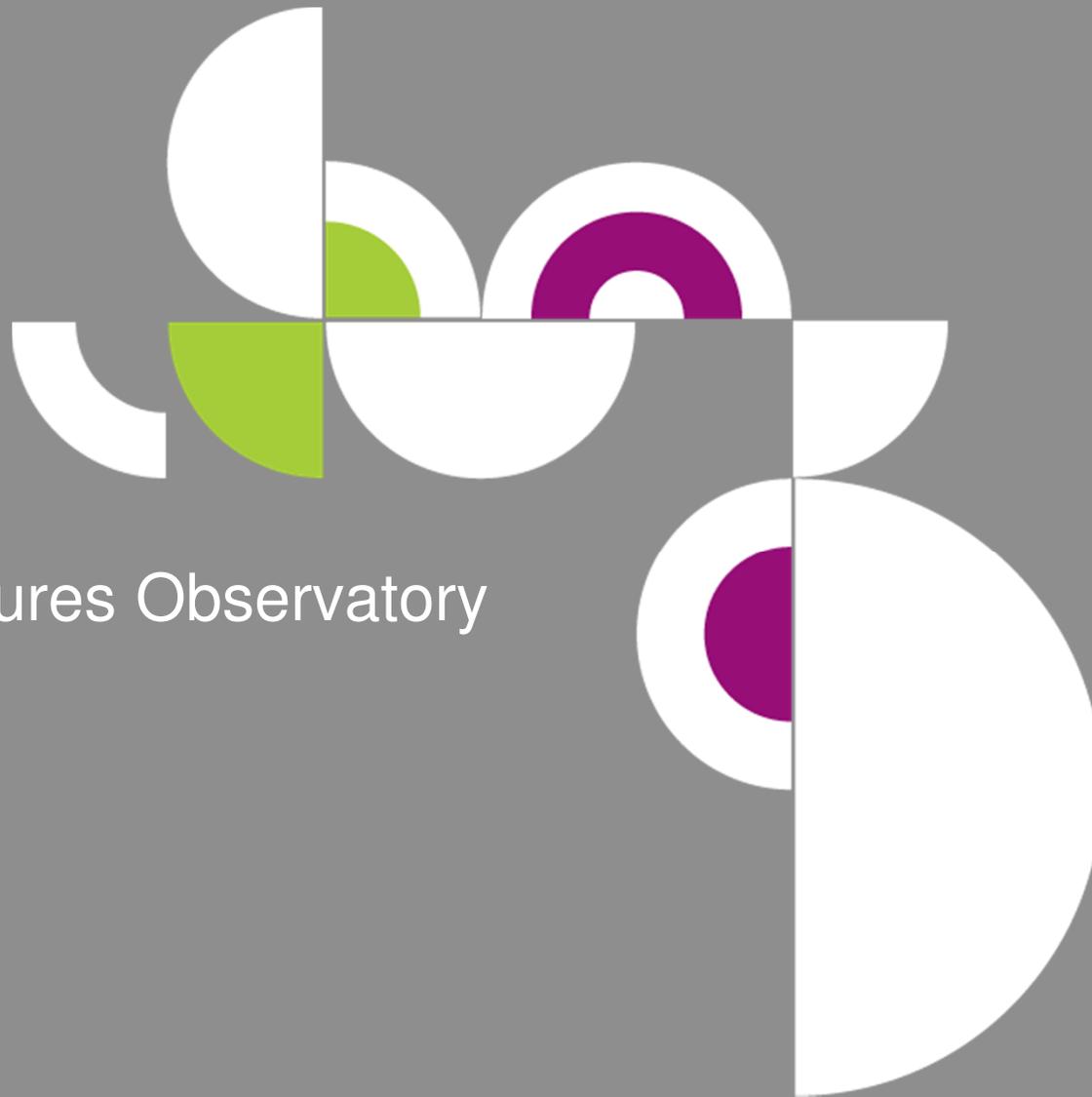
Usage vs. Users vs. Budget





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The Roadmap

- **The Commission and e·Infrastructure policy bodies** shall explore possibilities how to support a holistic framework for monitoring e·Infrastructures development, capitalising on and expanding the results of the European e·Infrastructures Observatory, to:
 - **Cover global regions** of interest where significant e·Infrastructures actions are taking place and/or international cooperation initiatives have been supported by the EU;
 - **Address emerging e·Infrastructures** and related initiatives that will be key enablers of the European Digital Agenda 2020, such as data infrastructures, cloud computing and broadband access initiatives;
 - **Standardise and automate data harvesting** and repository processes, in a manner interoperable with existing data repositories, in order to support updating as new data becomes available at the data source;
 - **Deploy novel visualisation tools and techniques** for representing the development of new e·Infrastructures themes, revealing Pan-European as well as Trans-Continental collaborations and impacts of e·Infrastructures that are key enabling pillars of international e·Science.



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- **The Commission** should facilitate consultation and consensus processes at a global level towards the establishment of a global e•Infrastructures Observatory via the engagement of international e•Infrastructures experts, representing both regions of interest as well as themes of interest.
- **Running flagship e•Infrastructure initiatives/projects** should strengthen the collection and aggregation of data values for selected indicators, through a systematic and well-defined framework, for each of the e•Infrastructure fields (networking, DCI, HPC, etc.) by the organisations/structures that coordinate the respective initiatives (e.g. DANTE/TERENA, EGI.eu, PRACE AISBL, etc); wherever possible this process should build up a time series including past events.
- **The Commission and National Governments** should pursue a holistic approach for consistently applying data validation/curation to ensure that the collected data accurately represent the e•Infrastructures status quo.



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- **The Commission** should ensure that future flagship e·Infrastructure initiatives/projects incorporate appropriate monitoring and assessment procedures according to relevant indicators suitable for the long-term e·Infrastructures assessment and benchmarking, which if not in the project proposal should be incorporated into projects at the project negotiation phase.
- **The Commission** should pursue, in close cooperation with **National Governments**, its efforts to support the maintenance and update of a European e·Infrastructures Observatory to keep up-to-date with the on-going developments in this field at international level.
- **Major e·Infrastructure stakeholders** should facilitate, in close cooperation with **pan-European coordinating organizations and national bodies**, the collection of indicators in two emerging, important aspects of the development of European e·Infrastructures: sustainability and human capacity of e·Infrastructures. In neither case is there any information gathered consistently at present, if at all.



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Call you to

- Use the **European e·Infrastructures Observatory** and provide feedback
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- Provide feedback on the **Copenhagen e·Infrastructures Observatory White Paper - *Towards a European strategy for an e·Infrastructures Observatory***



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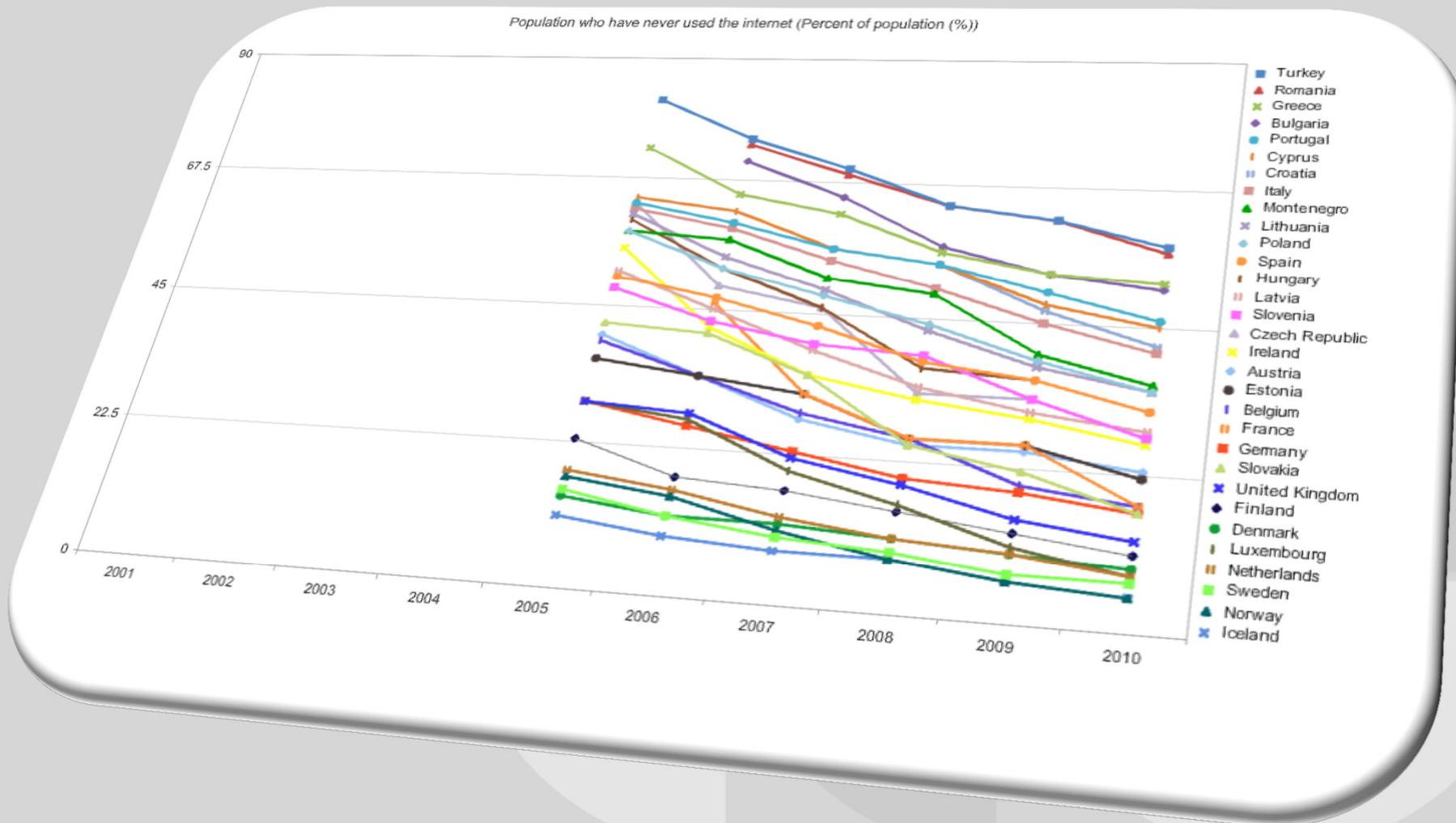
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Surroundings (1/4)

Population who have never used the internet





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Surroundings (4/4)

Publications vs. GDP

