



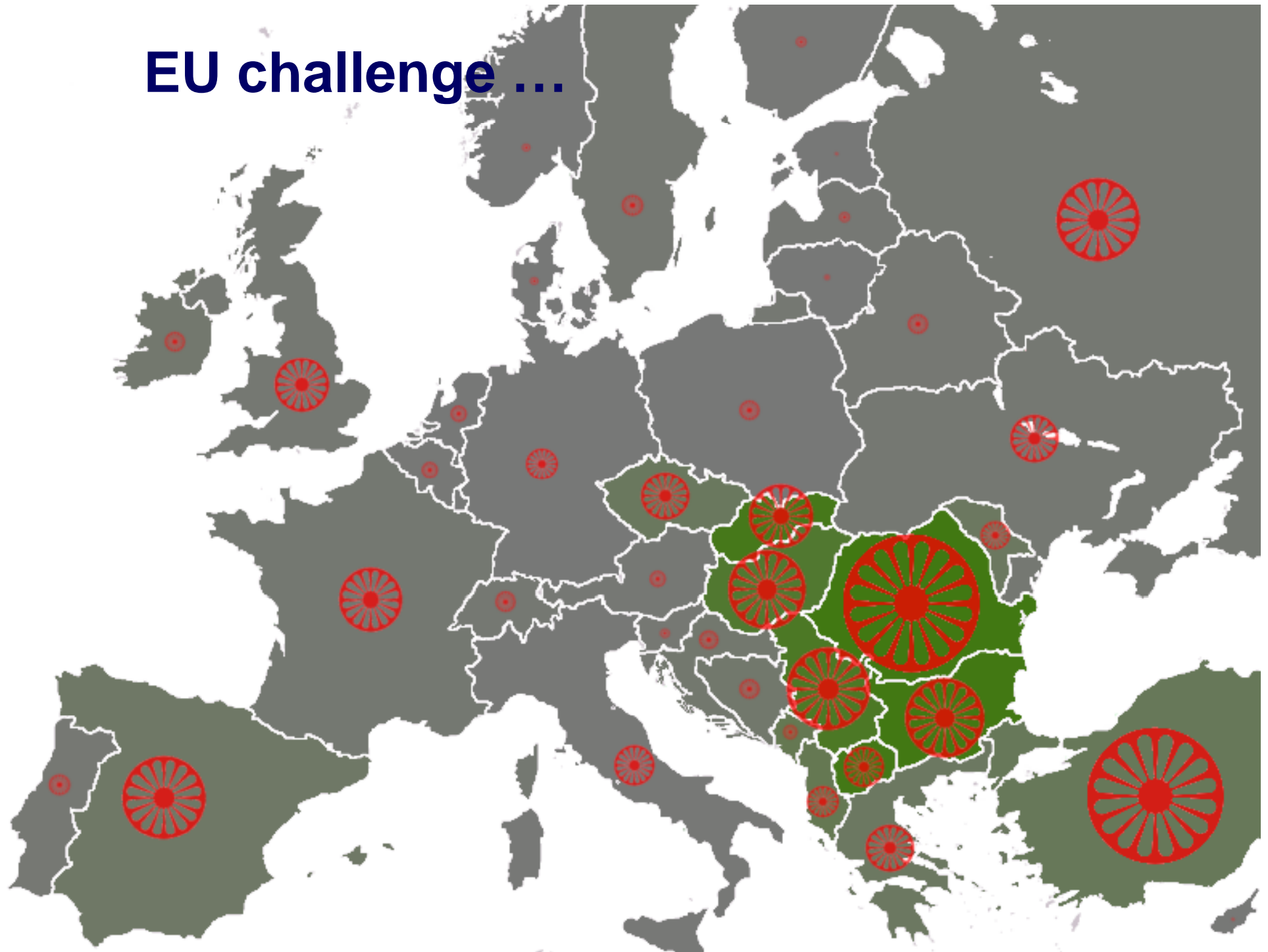
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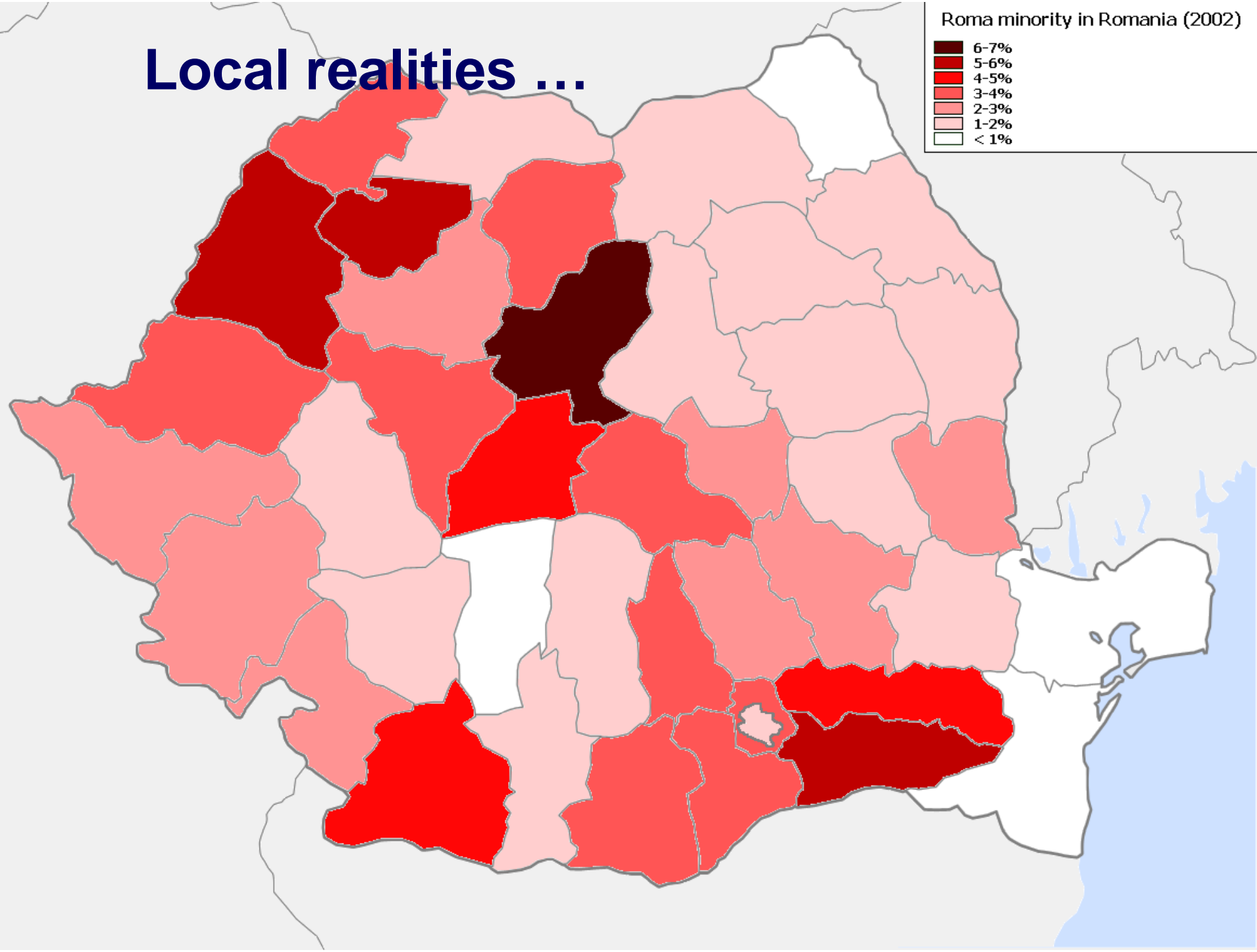
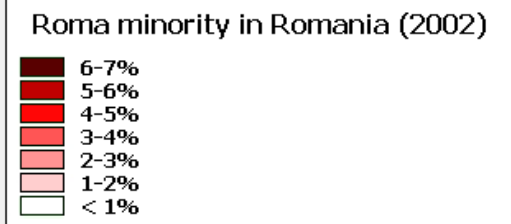
# THE LOCAL DIMENSION IN THE USE OF STRUCTURAL FUNDS THE CASE OF THE ROMA

Dominique Bé, European Commission  
Structural funds investing in Roma inclusion at local & regional level  
EURoma Network, 25 February 2010, Rome

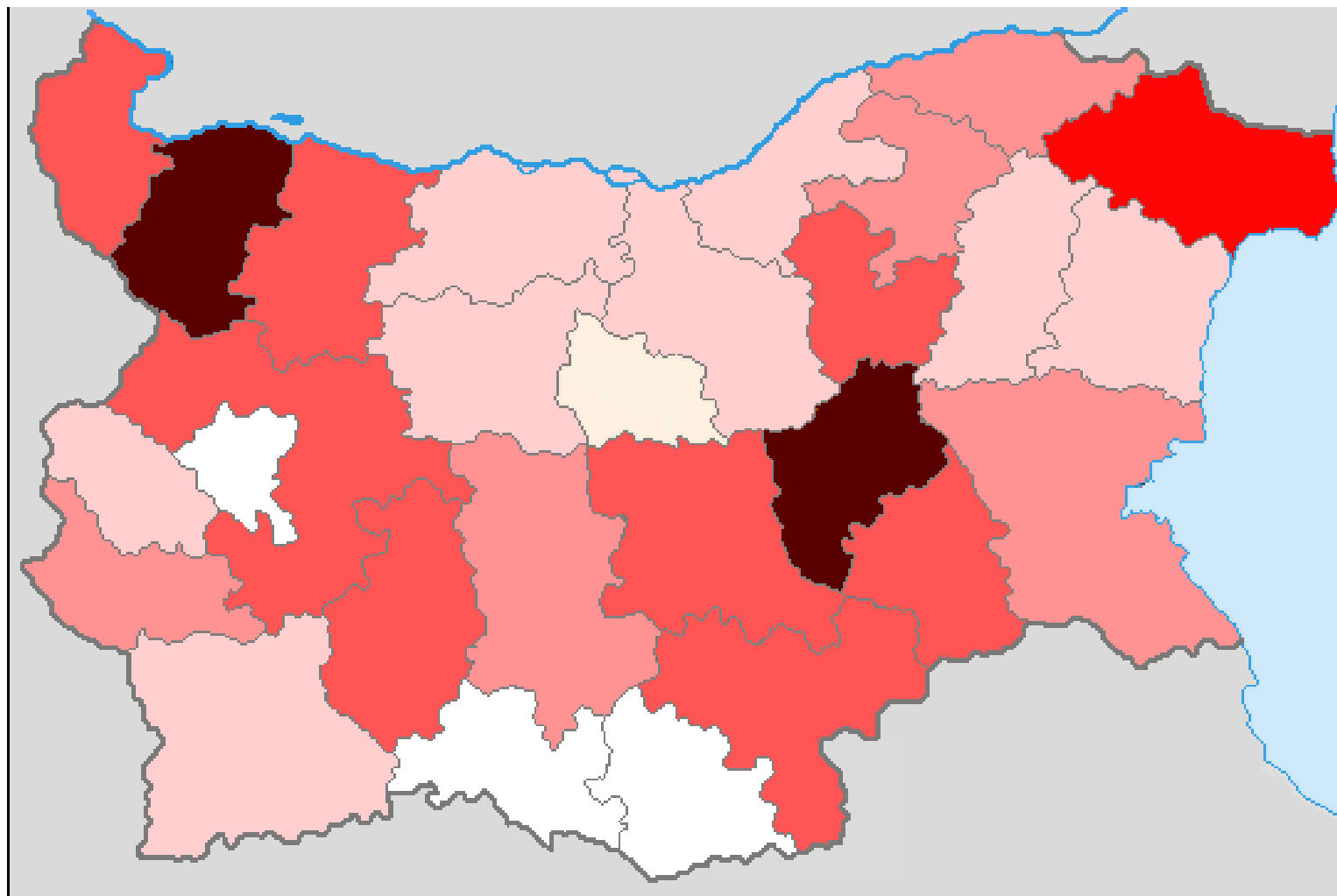
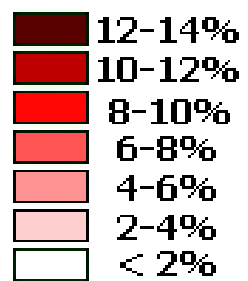
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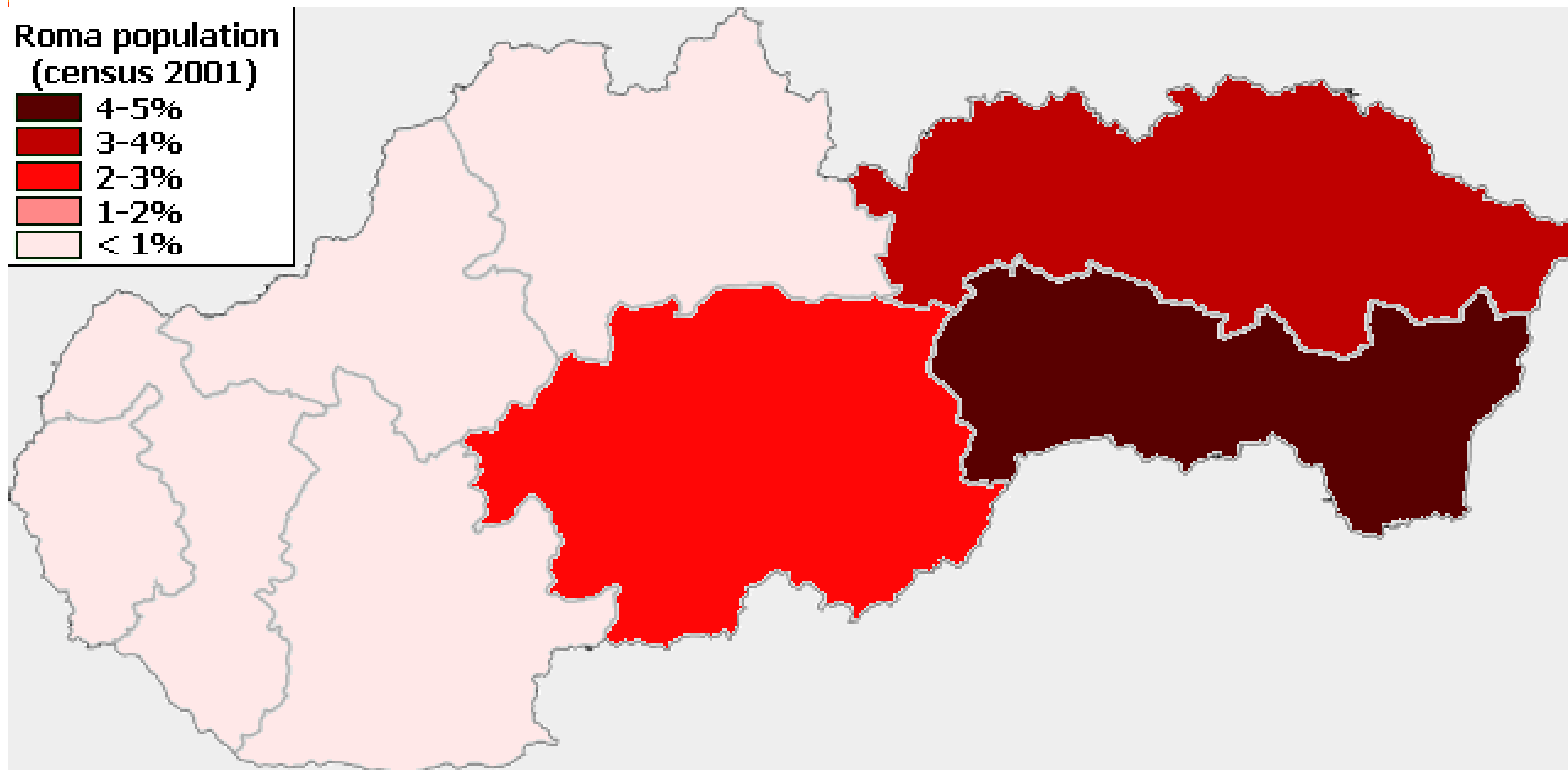
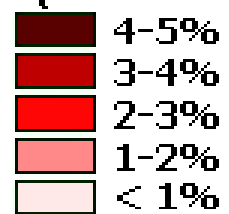
# Local realities ...



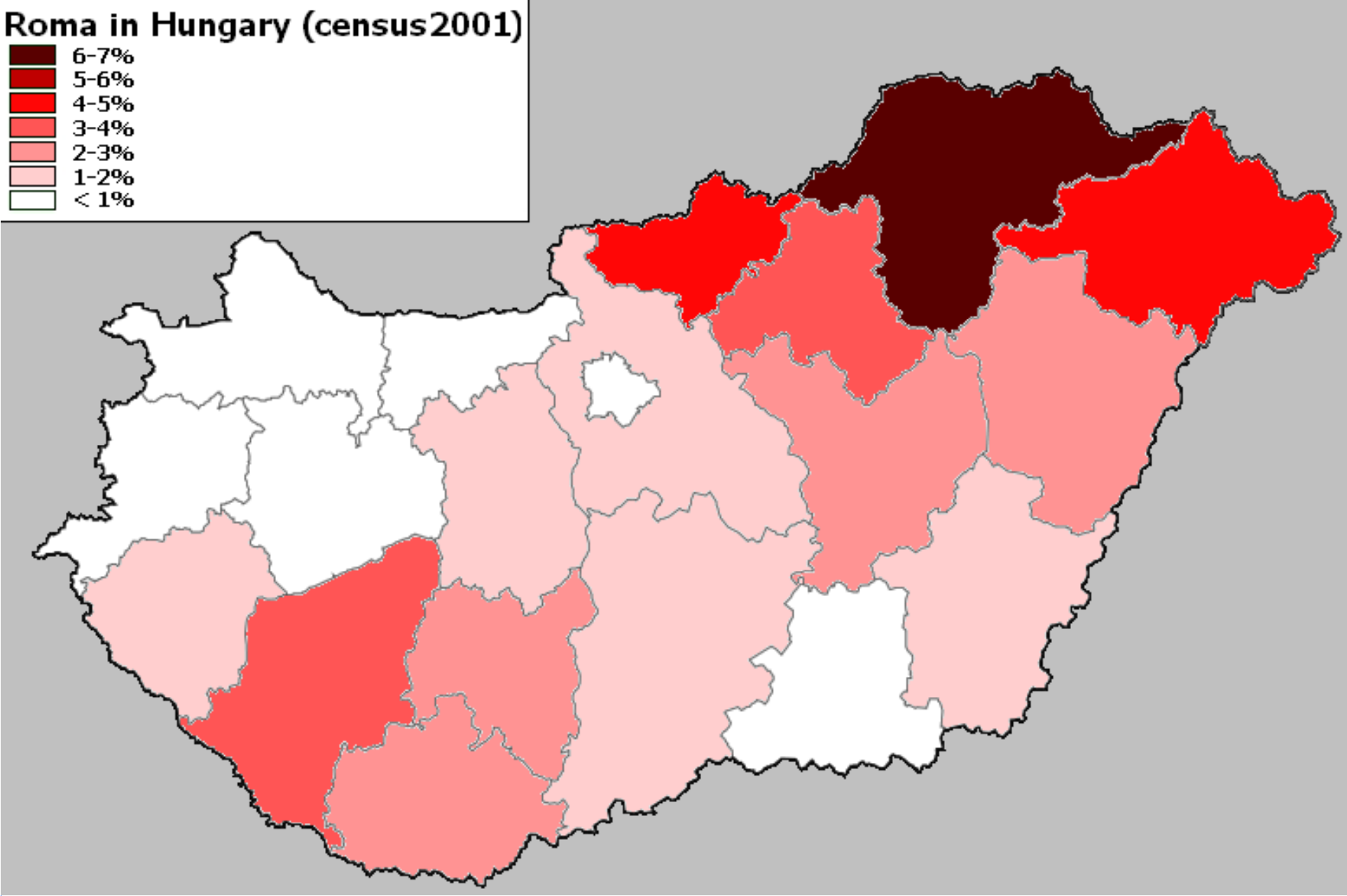
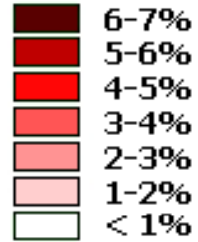
Roma minority  
in Bulgaria  
(census 2001)



**Roma population  
(census 2001)**



**Roma in Hungary (census2001)**





# The local dimension of the integration of the Roma

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- *“local solutions to a global challenge”* (OECD)
- inclusion is an EU issue made of local realities
  - integration in local communities
  - local responses
    - education
    - health care
    - housing
    - labour market & employers





# The local dimension of the integration of the Roma

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@ EU / national level

- anti-discrimination legislation
- programmes

@ regional / local level

- coordination between local institutions  
(administrations, education, employers, etc.)

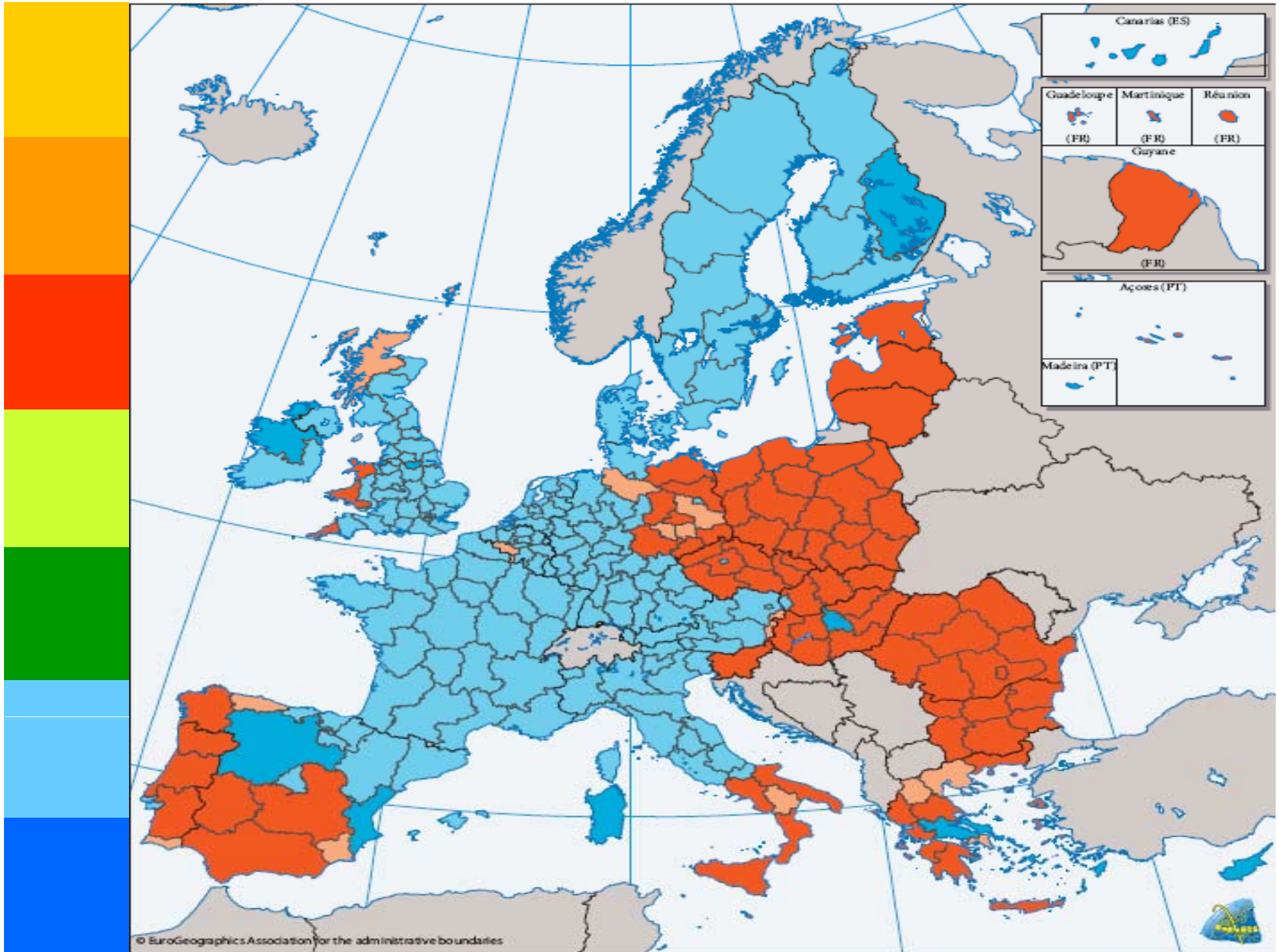


# The local dimension @ the core of the ESF

- shared management
  - common strategy @ EU level
  - implementation levels

- *Efficient & effective supported by the governance & partnership territorial & socio-economic actors, social partners & regional & local level*





# The local dimension

## ESF funded Roma projects

	AT	BG	CZ	FI	ES	FR	IRL	NL	SK	
Employment support				2					2	4
LLL				1					1	2
Equal access to employment	1		3	8	3	1	1	1	18	36
LM institutions									1	1
Other		8			1					9
	1	8	3	11	4	1	1	1	22	52



# The local dimension (Equal) lessons learned

- integration is a two-way street
  - Roma people willing to adjust (if it improves their chances and those of their children) but
  - the host community must also make efforts to accommodate the Roma community & its culture
- (national) organisations can only be facilitators of the integration of the Roma ... who have to be actors of their own integration





# The local dimension (Equal) lessons learned

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- projects are not implemented as designed
  - need to be flexible
- in regions with high unemployment & a population with very disposable income, promoting entrepreneurial spirit alone won't work ... job creation initiatives have to be supported





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