



Integrated Modelling in Europe with PROPOLIS

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PROPOLIS

PROPOLIS (2000-2004)

PROPOLIS (**P**lanning and **R**esearch of **P**olicies for **L**and **U**se and **T**ransport for **I**ncreasing Urban **S**ustainability) was a project in the Key Action *City of Tomorrow and Cultural Heritage* of the 5th Framework Programme of the European Commission.

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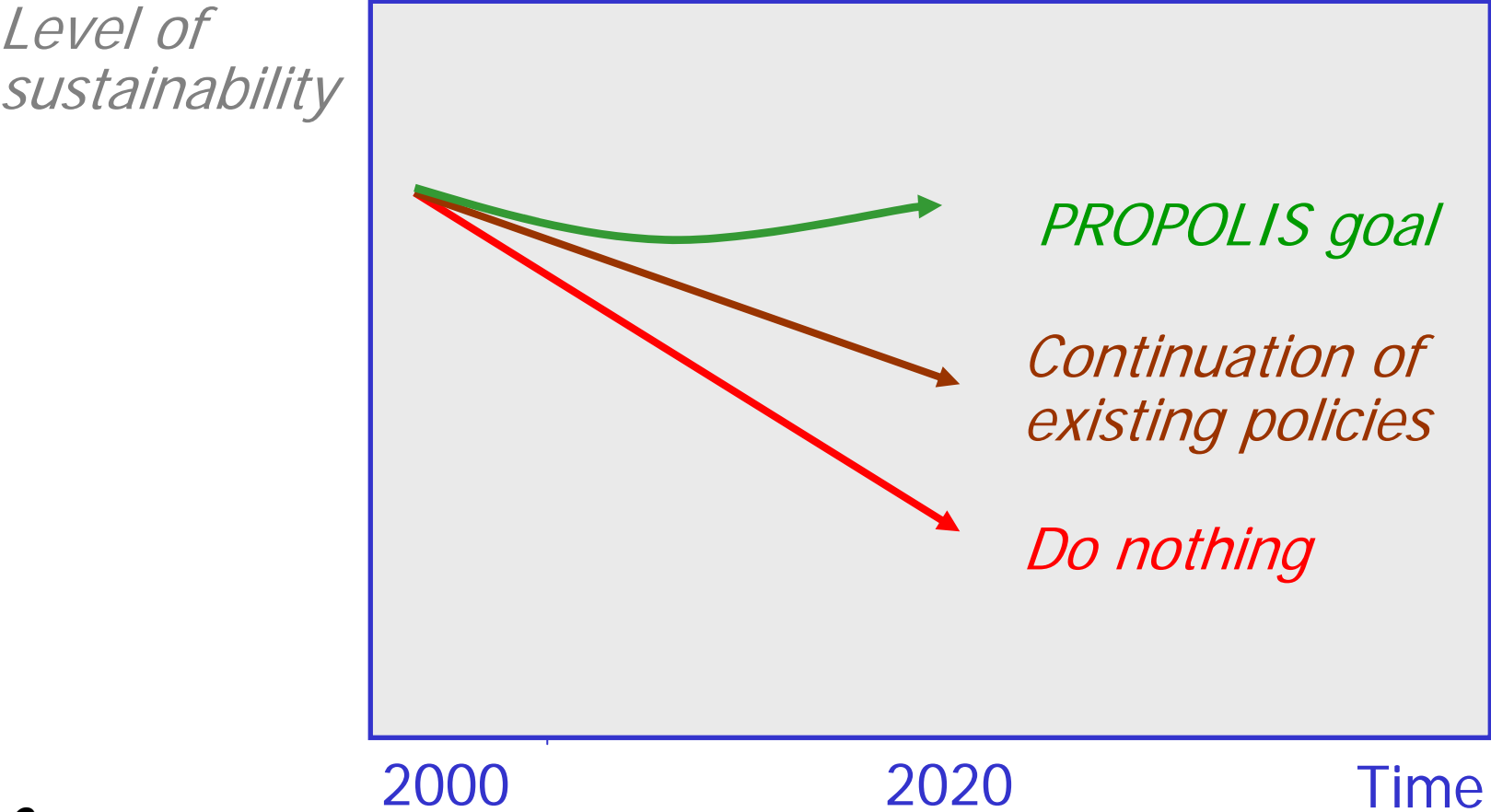
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Objectives

The *objectives* of **PROPOLIS** were

- to *research, develop* and *test integrated land use and transport policies, tools* and comprehensive *assessment methodologies ...*
- in order to *define sustainable long-term urban strategies* and to *demonstrate their effects* in European cities.

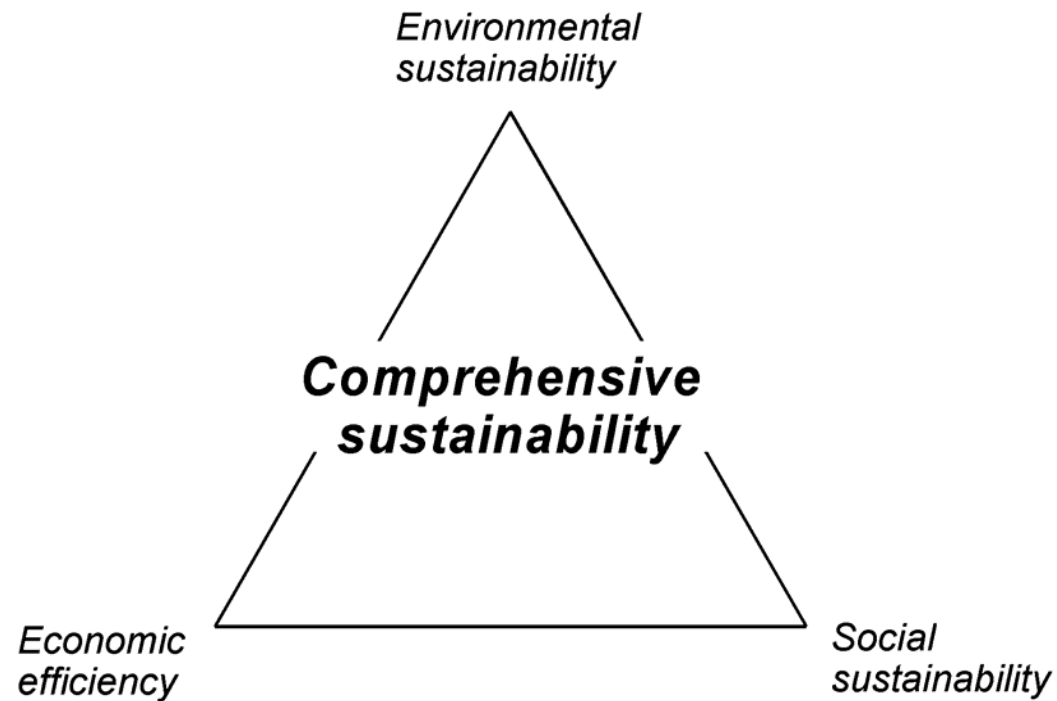
**What are the current trends -
What do we try to achieve?
What are the instruments to reach the goal?**



Sustainability

In **PROPOLIS**, sustainable development consists of three interconnected components:

- ***ecological*** or environmental sustainability
- ***social*** or human sustainability
- ***economic*** efficiency



Sustainability

Indicators are used to measure the three dimensions of sustainability.

Conditions for selecting indicators:

- **Relevance**
- **Policy sensitiveness**
- **Predictability**, i.e. ability of each model to produce the indicator values
- **Follow the impact chain**

Sustainability Indicators

Environmental

Global climate change

Air pollution

Consumption of natural resources

Environmental quality

Social

Health

Equity

Opportunities

Accessibility and traffic

Economic

Total net benefit from transport

Environmental Indicators

Global climate change

Greenhouse gases from transport

Air pollution

Acidifying gases from transport

Volatile organic compounds from transport

Natural resources

Consumption of mineral oil products

Land coverage

Need for additional new construction

Environmental quality

Fragmentation of open space

Quality of open space

Social Indicators

Health

Exposure to PM from transport at housing
Exposure to NO₂ at housing
Exposure to traffic noise
Traffic fatalities
Traffic injuries

Equity

Justice of distribution of economic benefits
Justice of exposure to PM
Justice of exposure to NO₂
Justice of exposure to noise
Segregation

Opportunities

Housing standard
Vitality of city centre
Vitality of surrounding region
Productivity gain from land use

Accessibility and traffic

Total time spent in traffic
LOS of public transport and slow modes
Accessibility to city centre
Accessibility to services
Accessibility to open space

Economic Indicators

Total net benefit from transport

Transport investment costs
Transport user benefits
Transport operator benefits
Government benefits from transport
Transport external accident costs
Transport external emissions costs
Transport external greenhouse gases costs
Transport external noise costs

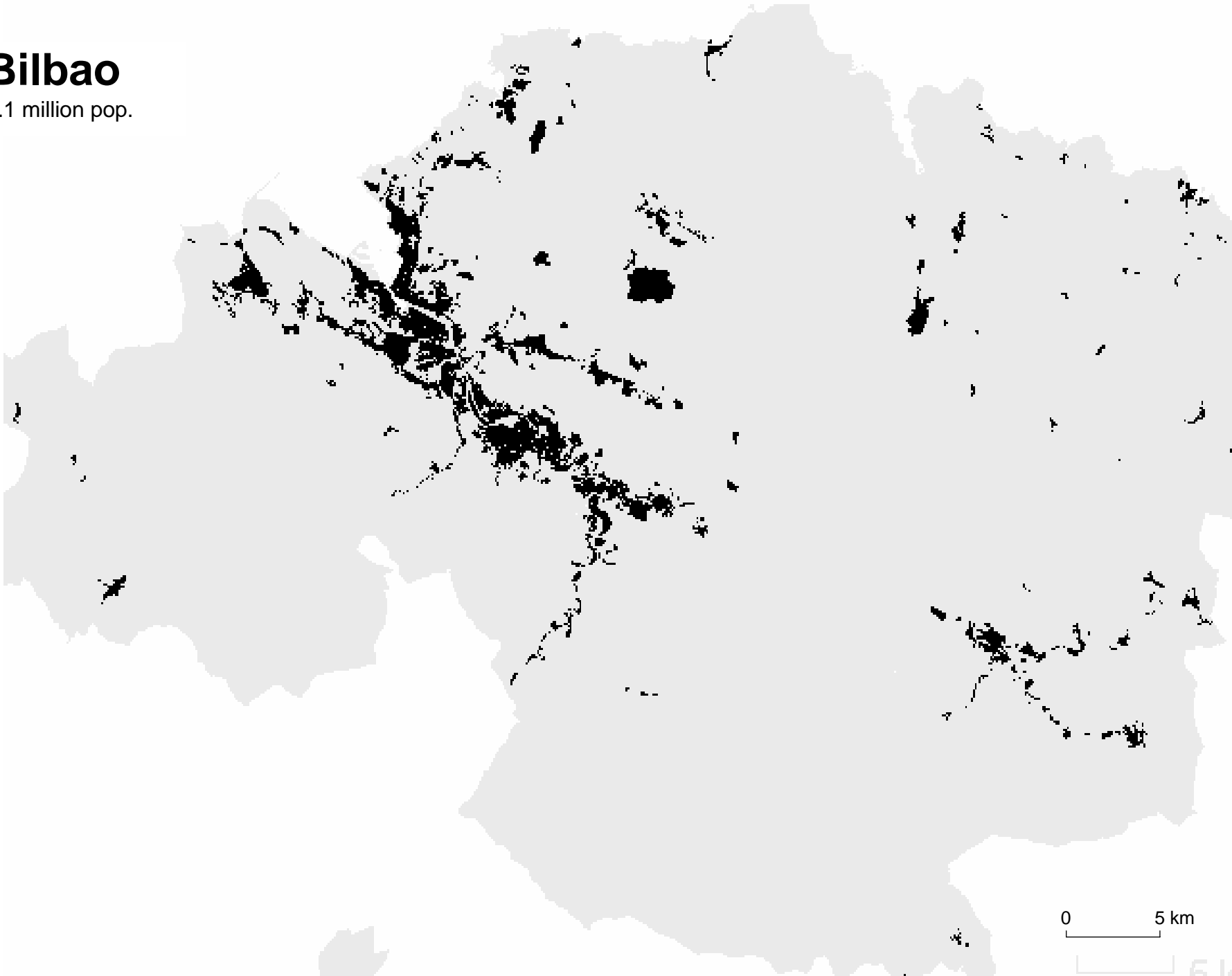
Case Cities

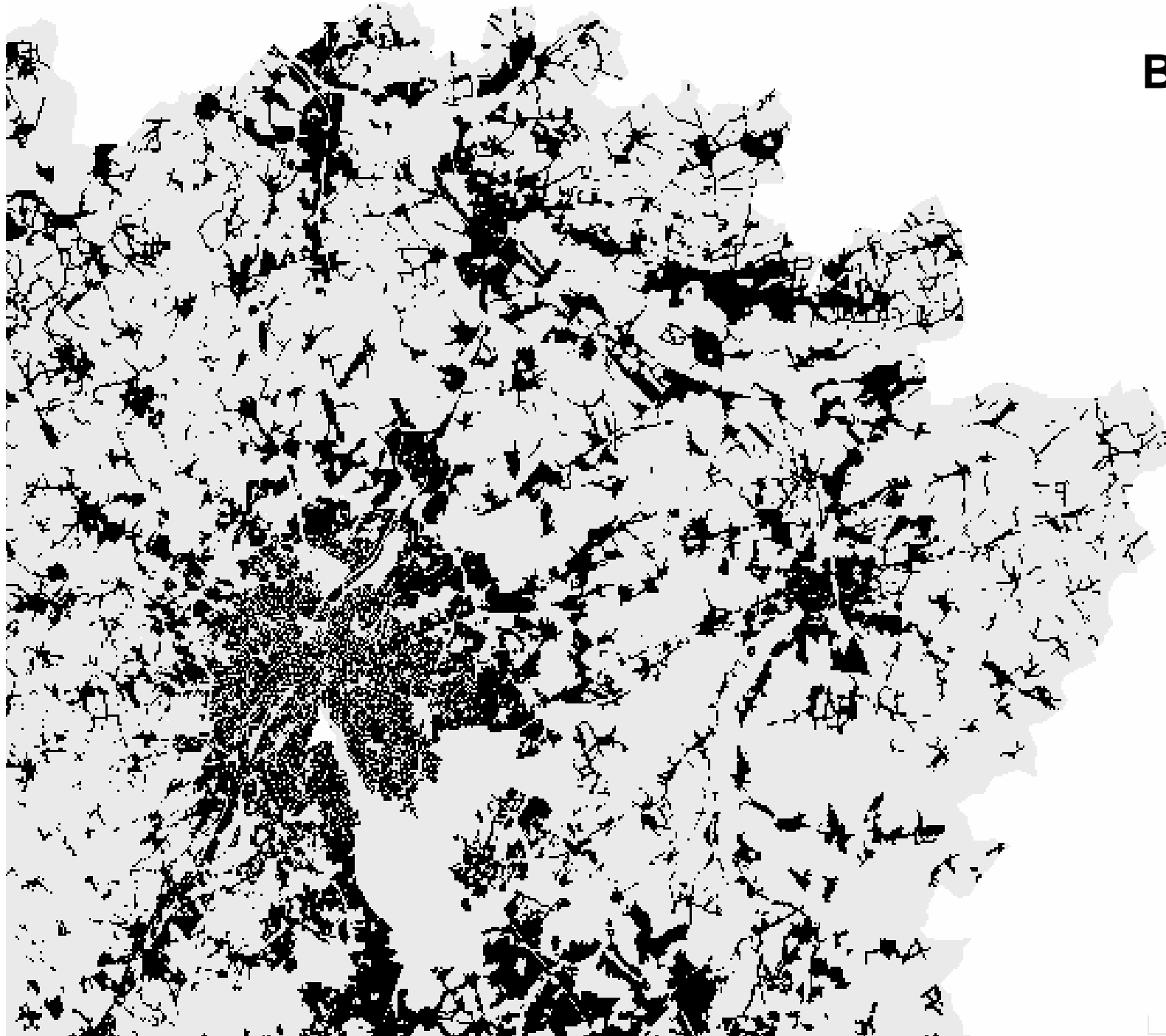
Case cities



Bilbao

1.1 million pop.





Brussels

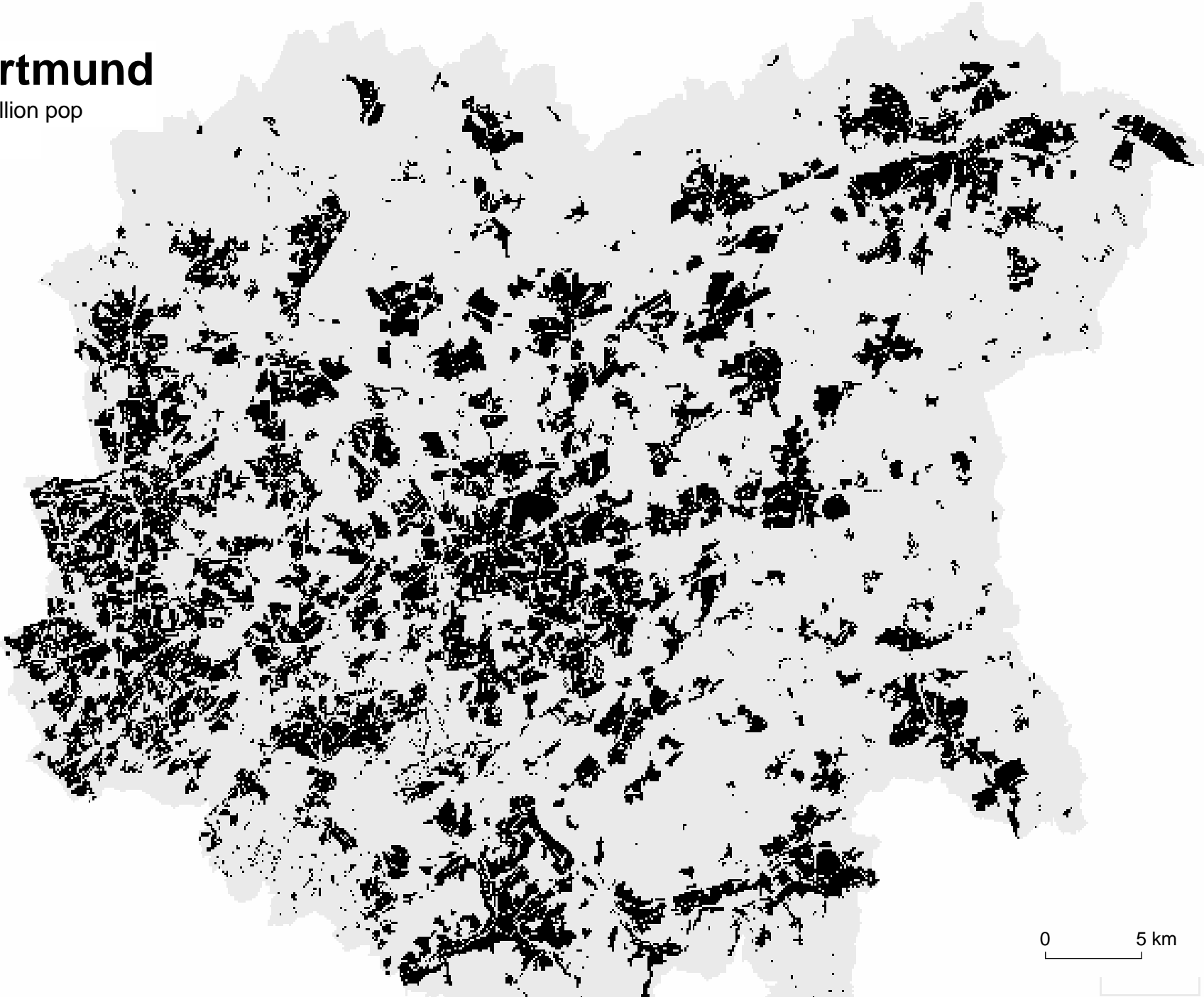
2.9 million pop

0 5 km

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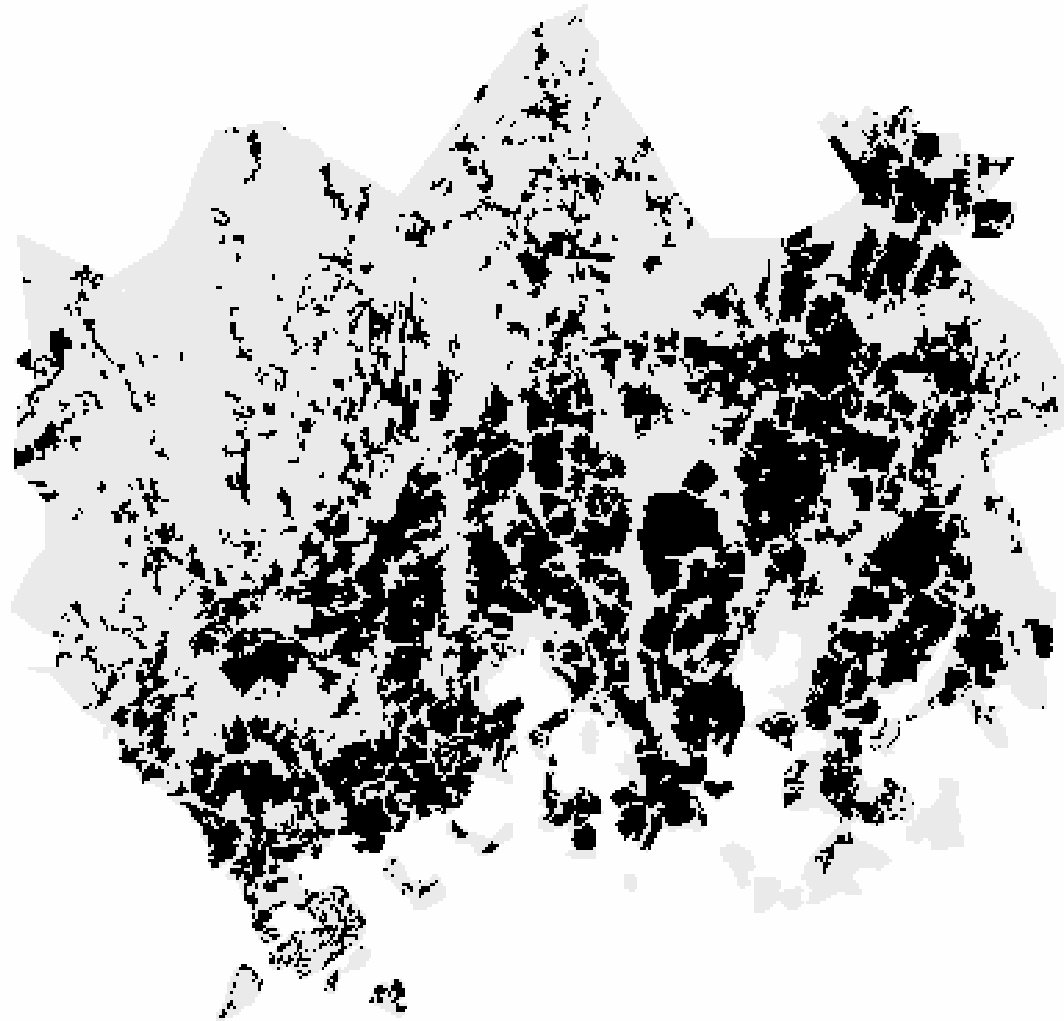
Dortmund

2.6 million pop



Helsinki

0.9 million pop



Inverness

0.1 million pop

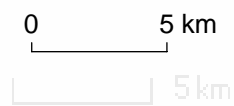


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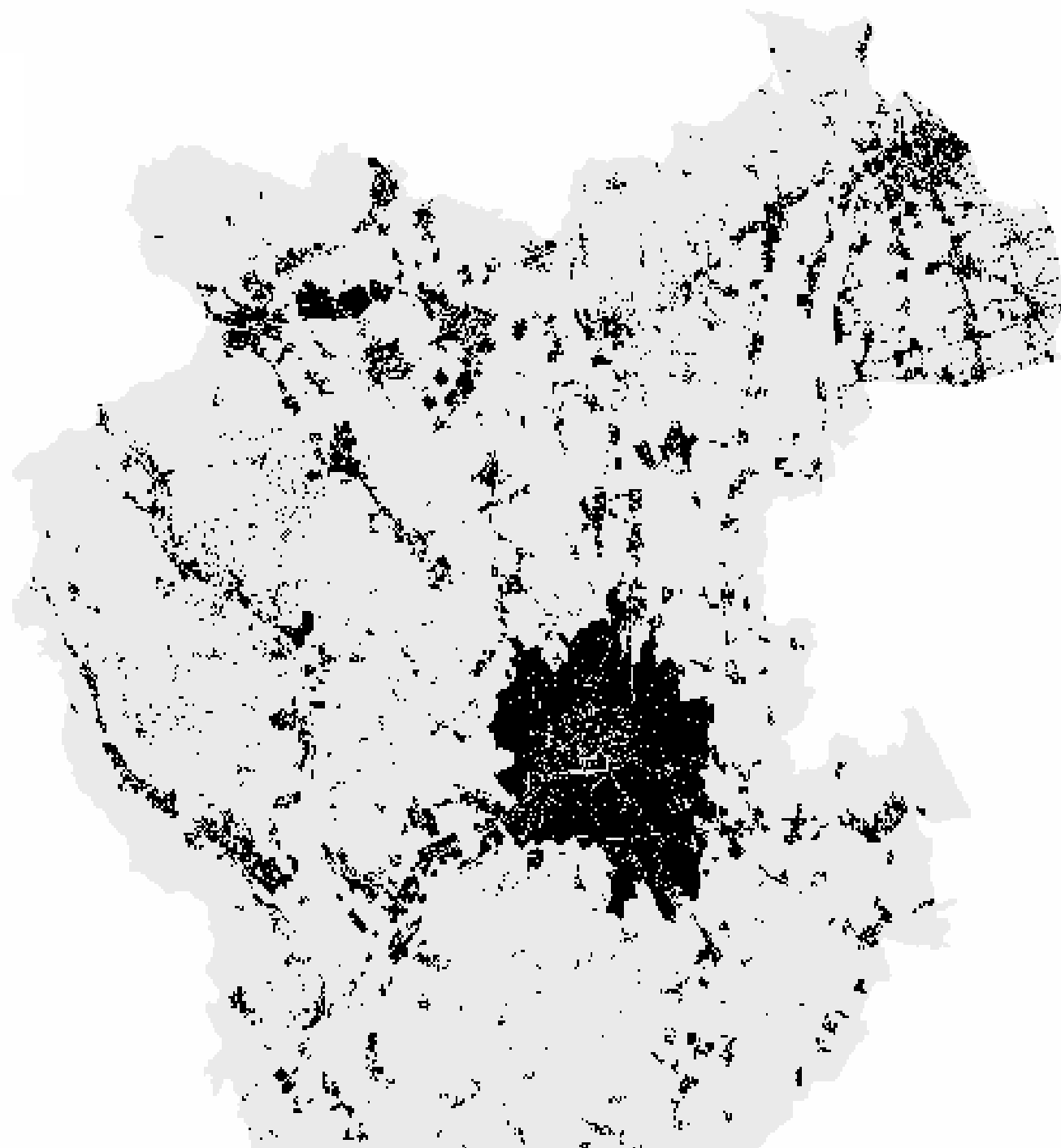
Naples

3.0 million pop

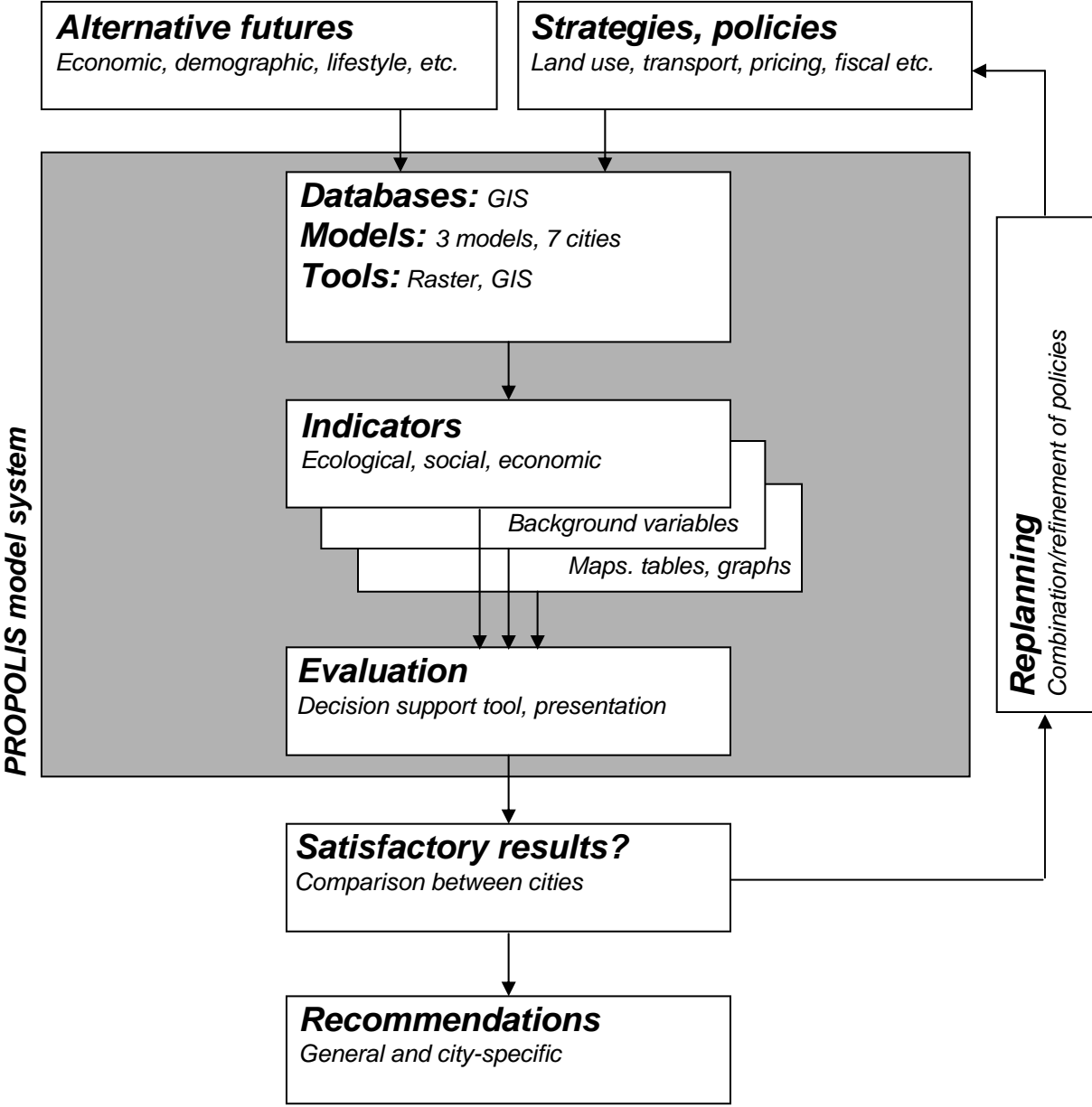


Vicenza

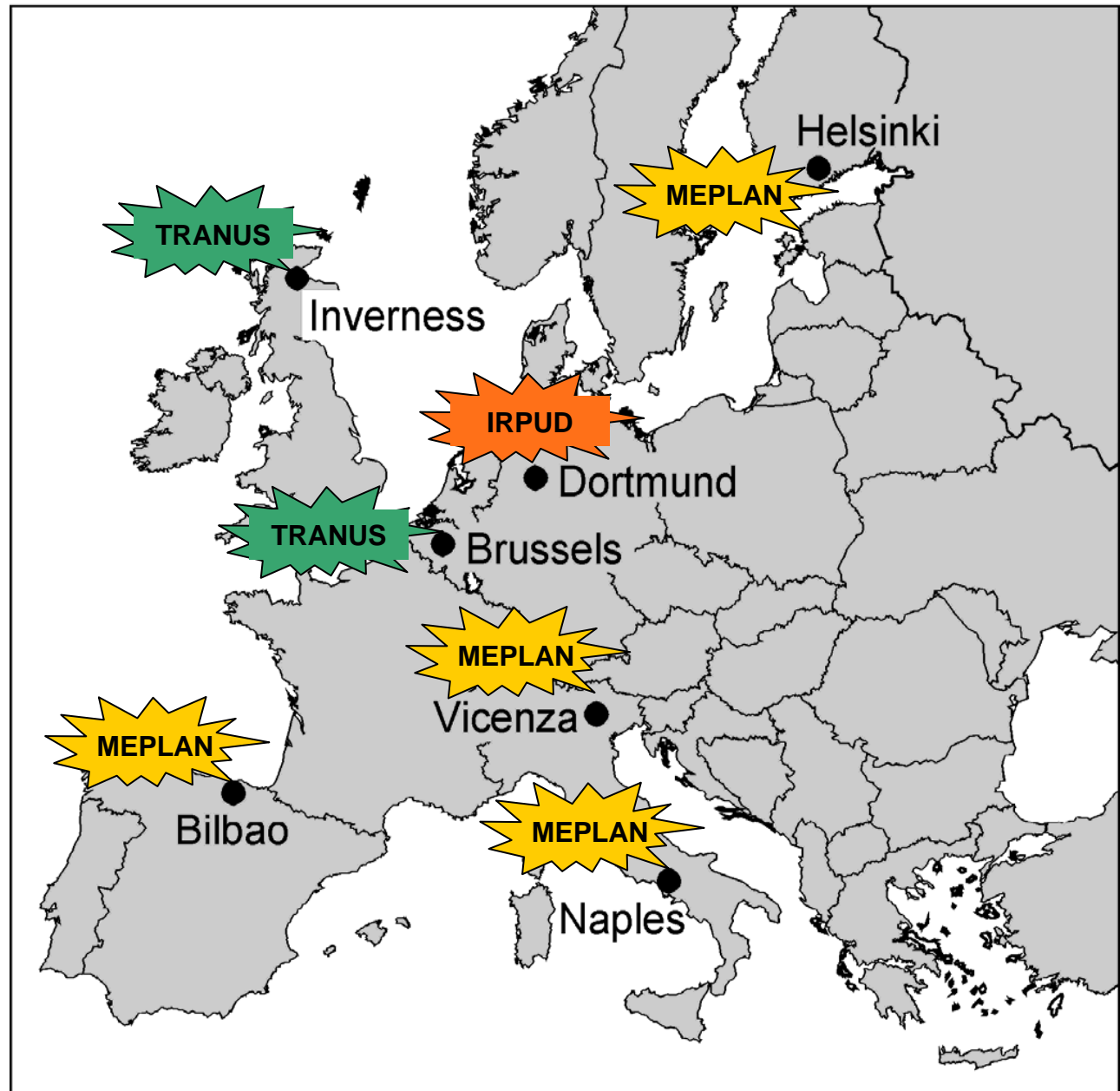
0.8 million pop



PROPOLIS approach

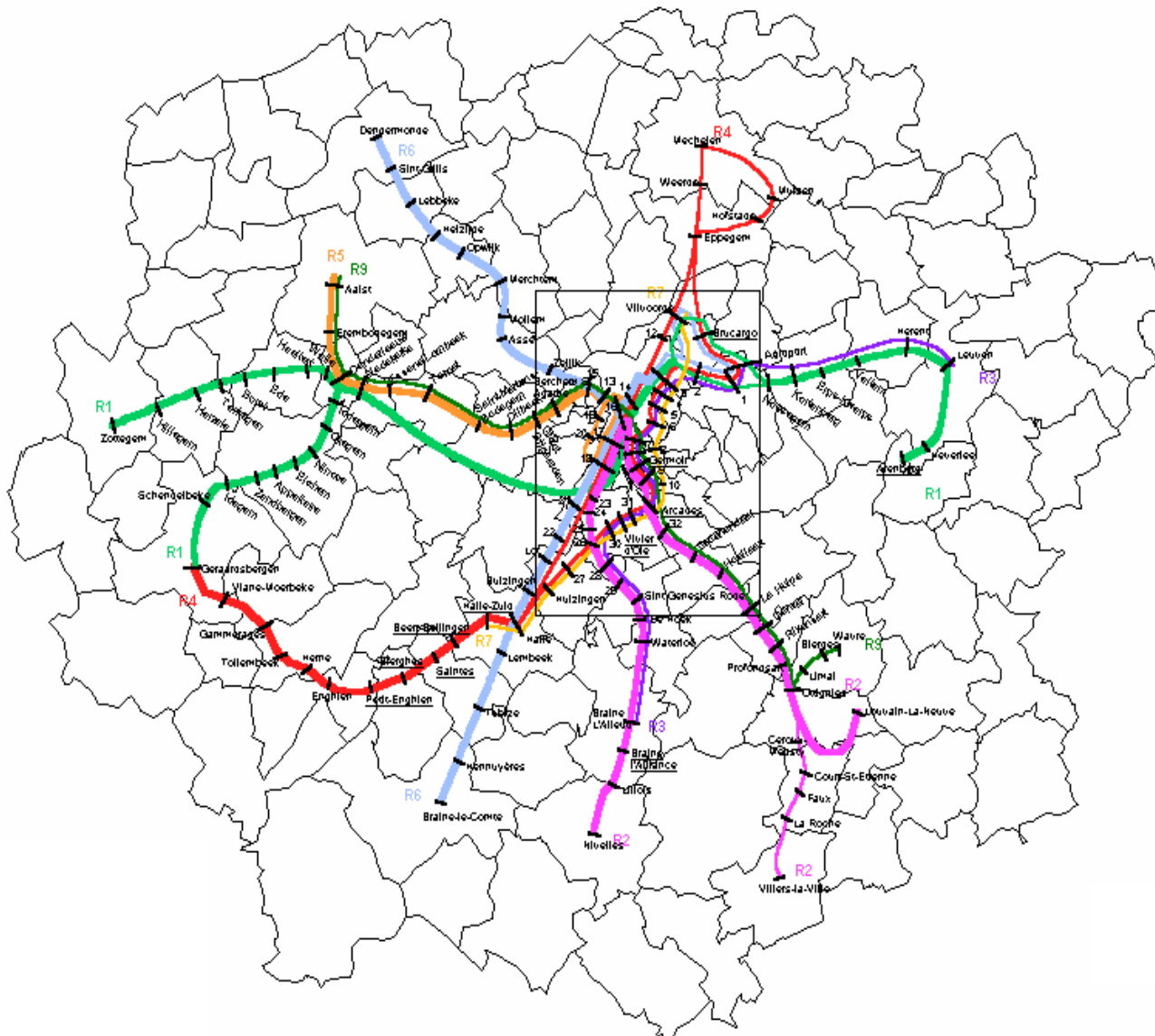


Models in case cities

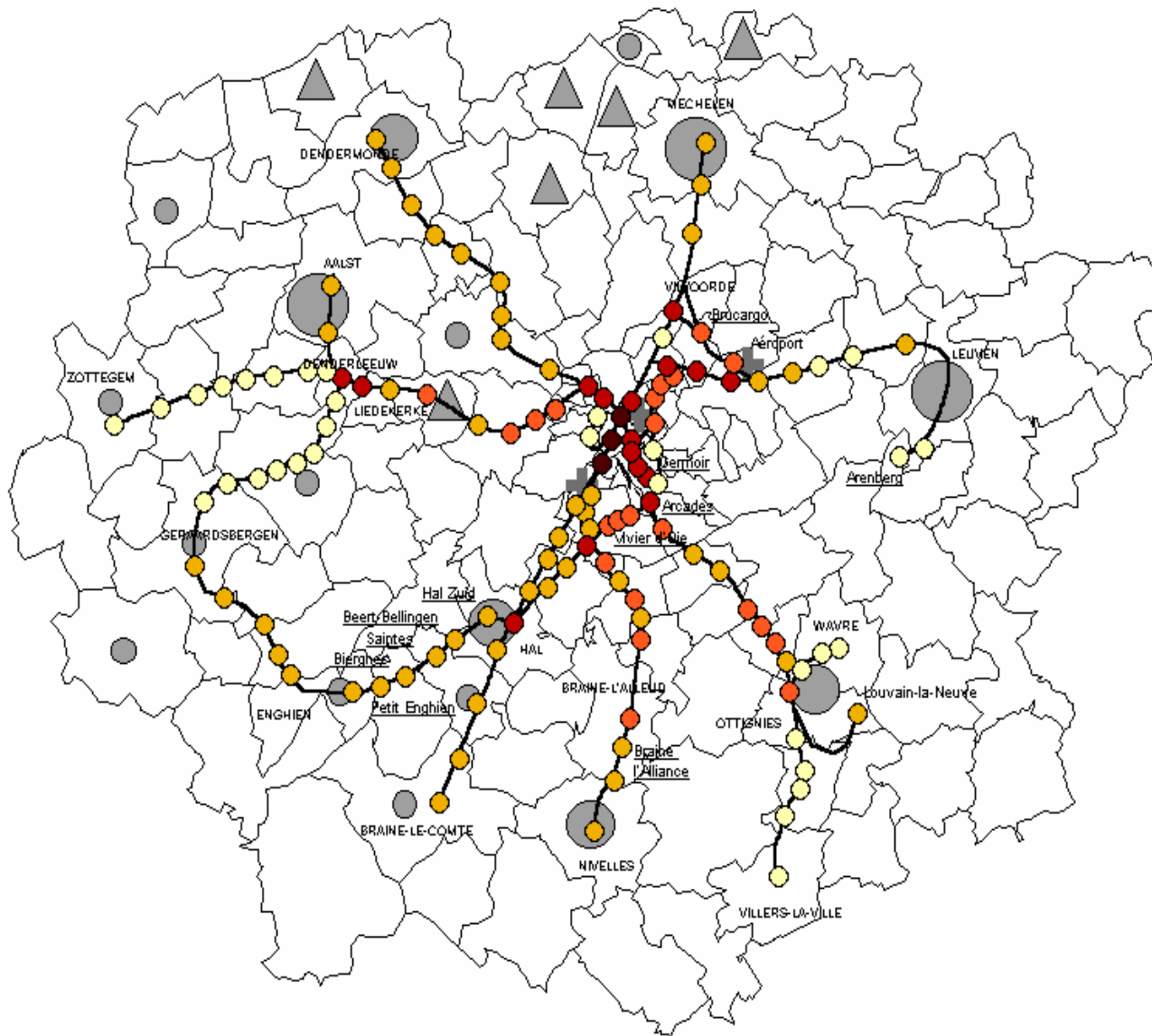


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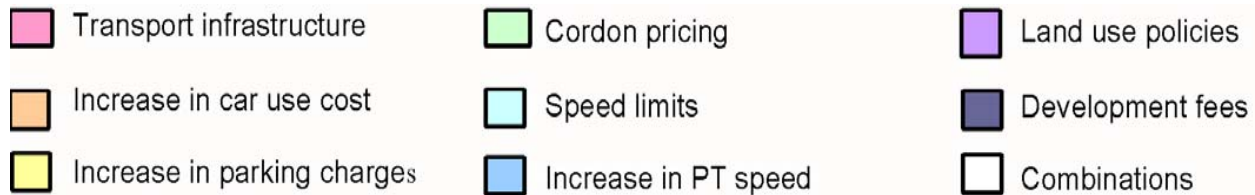
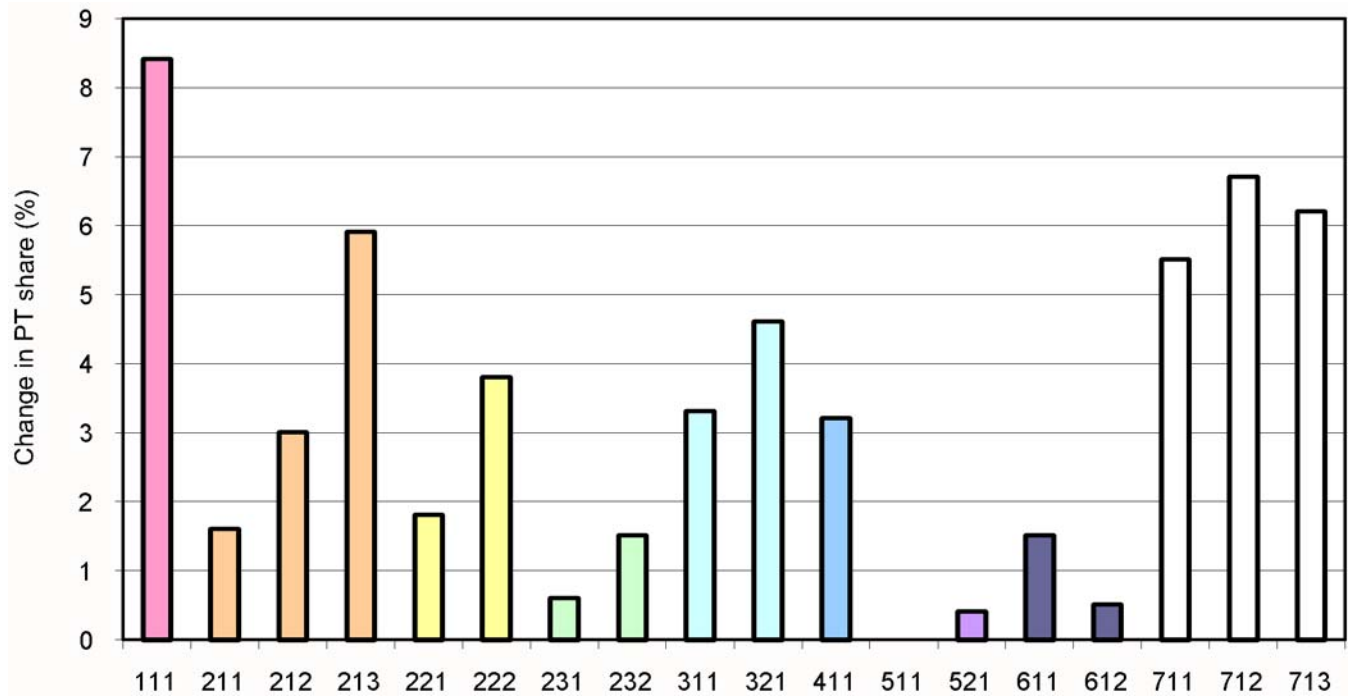
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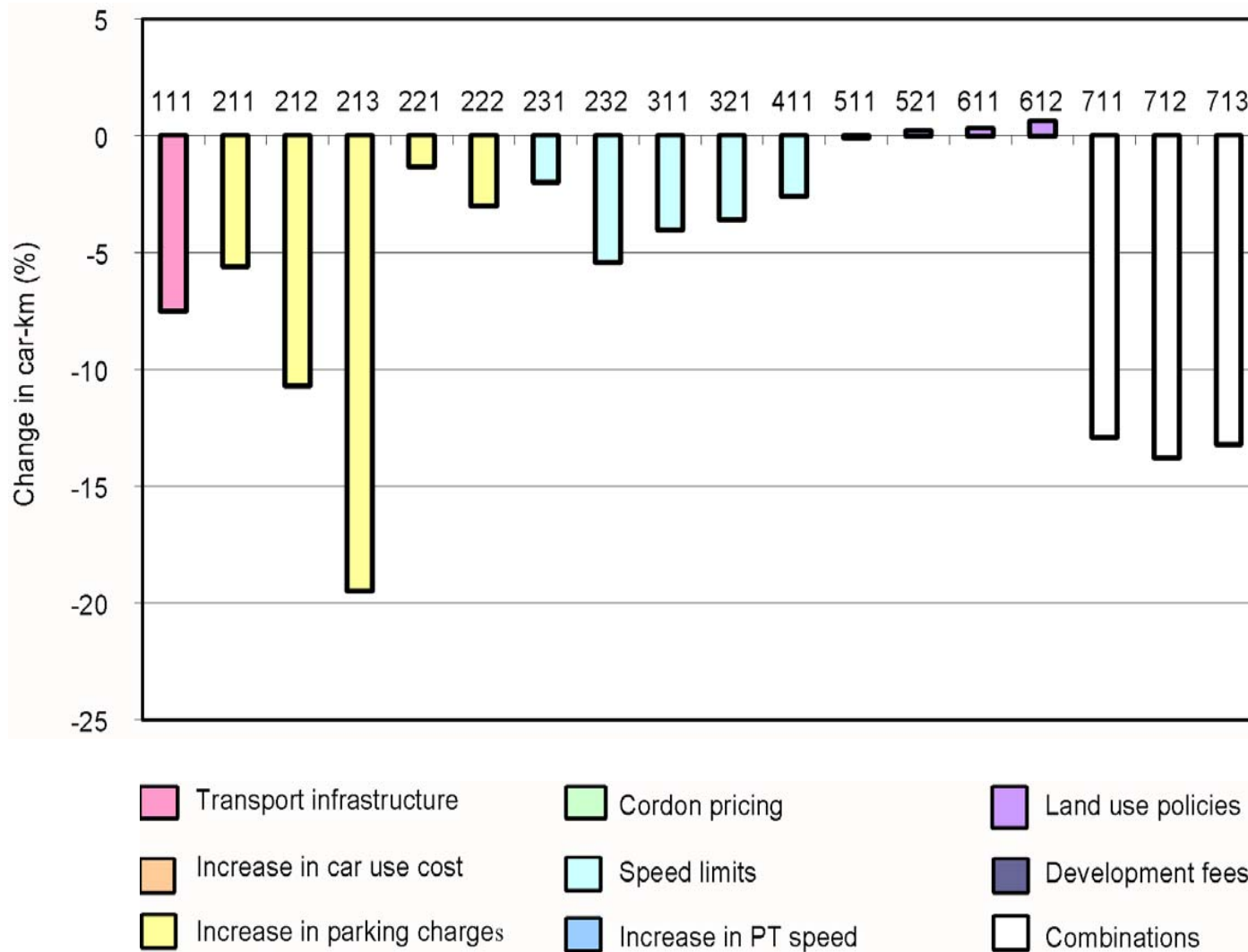
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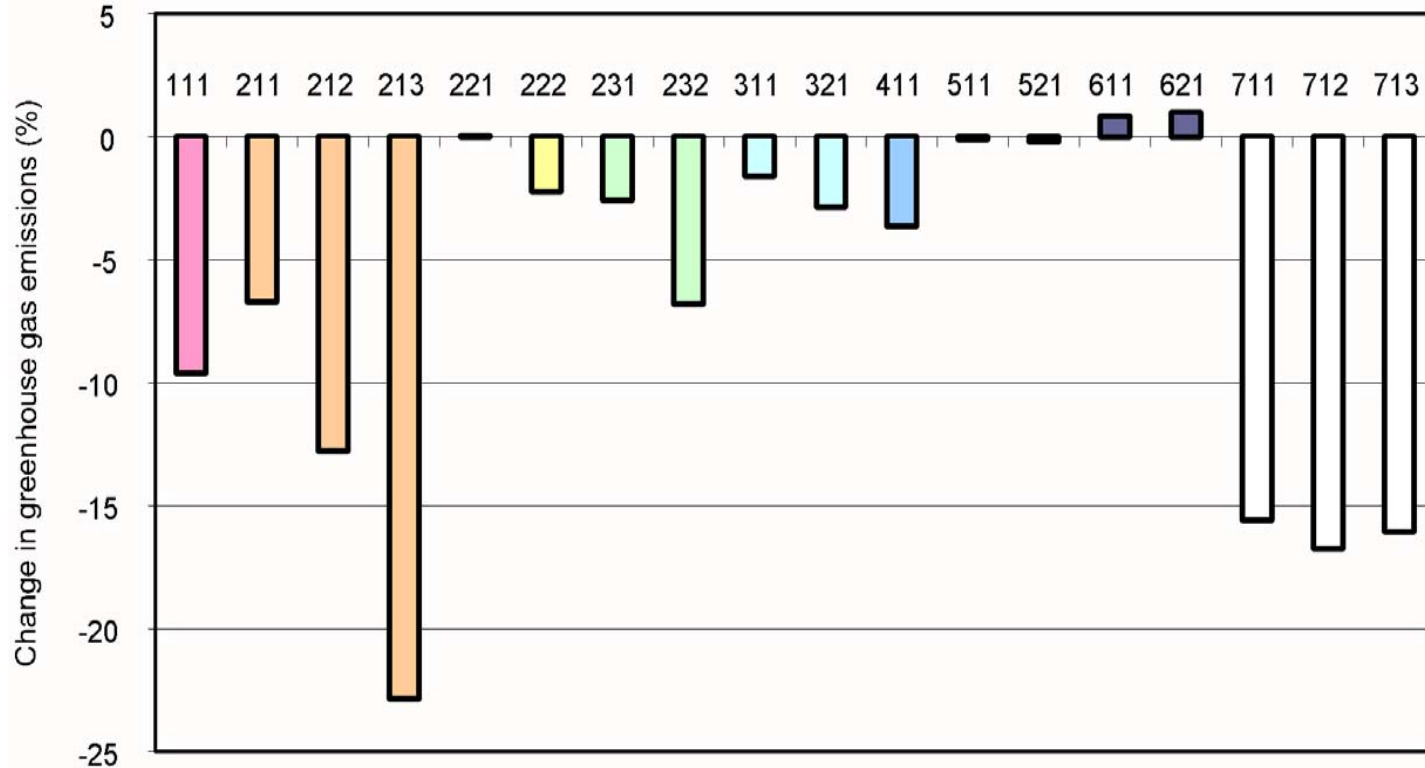
Brussels RER: change in public transport share



Brussels RER: change in car-km



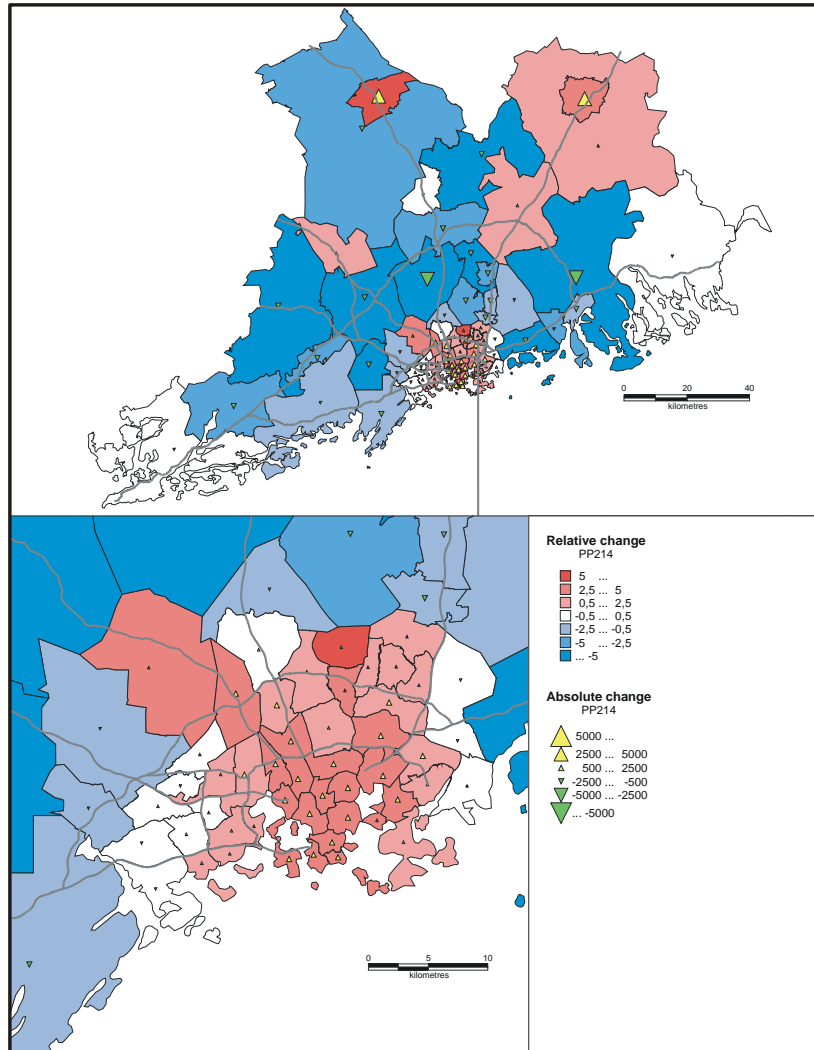
Brussels RER: change in greenhouse gas emissions



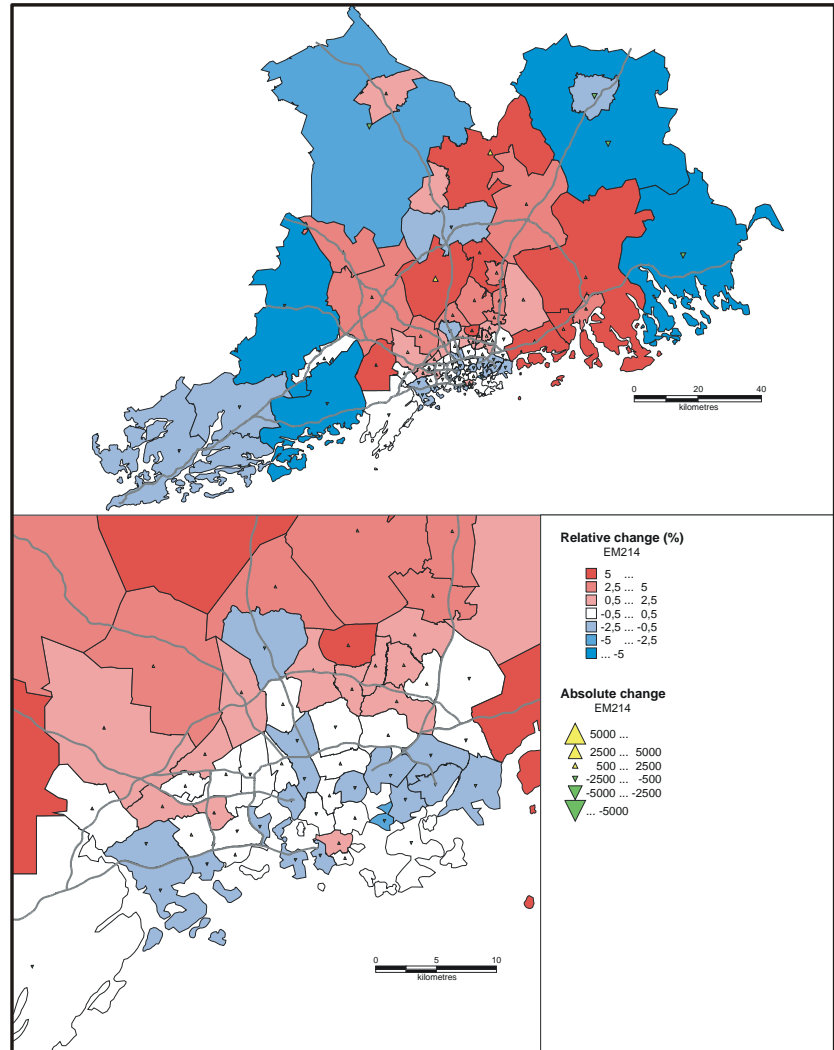
- Transport infrastructure
- Cordon pricing
- Land use policies
- Increase in car use cost
- Speed limits
- Development fees
- Increase in parking charges
- Increase in PT speed
- Combinations

Helsinki

Helsinki: Car Operating Costs +75%

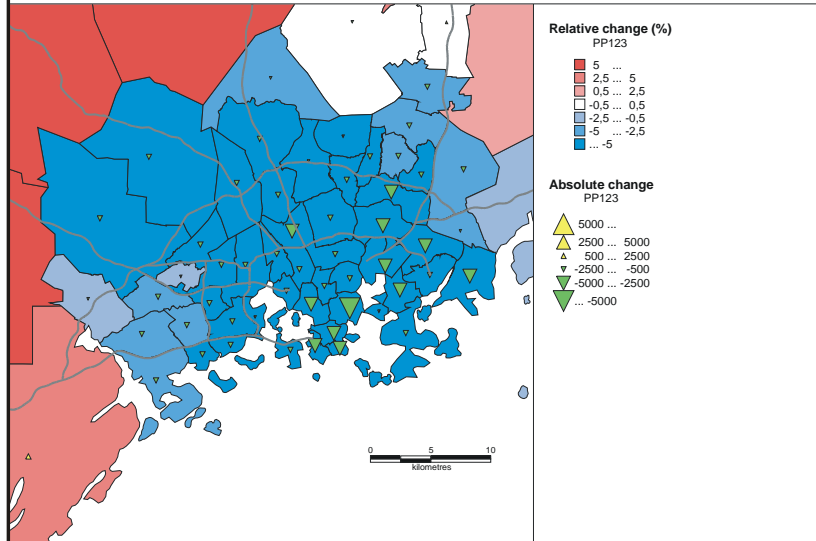
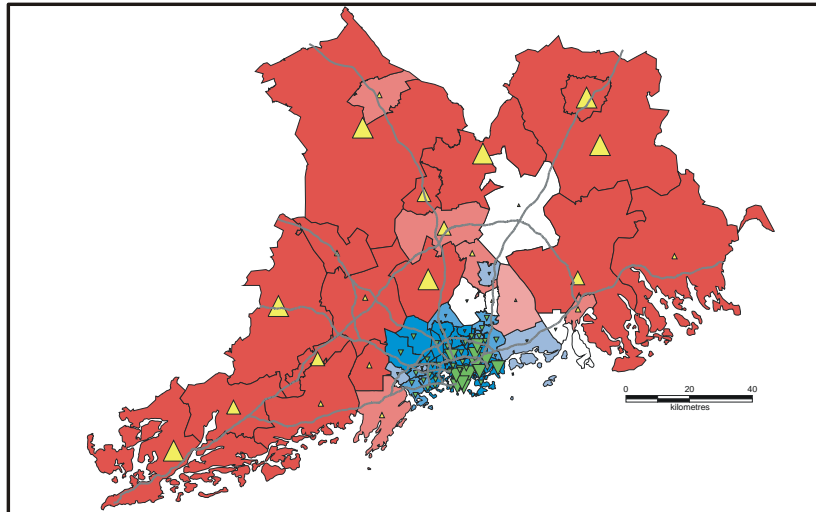


Population

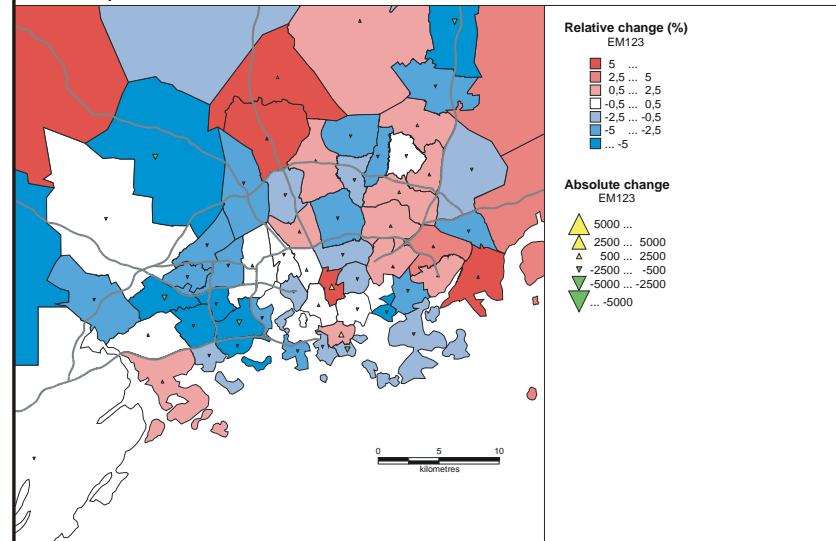
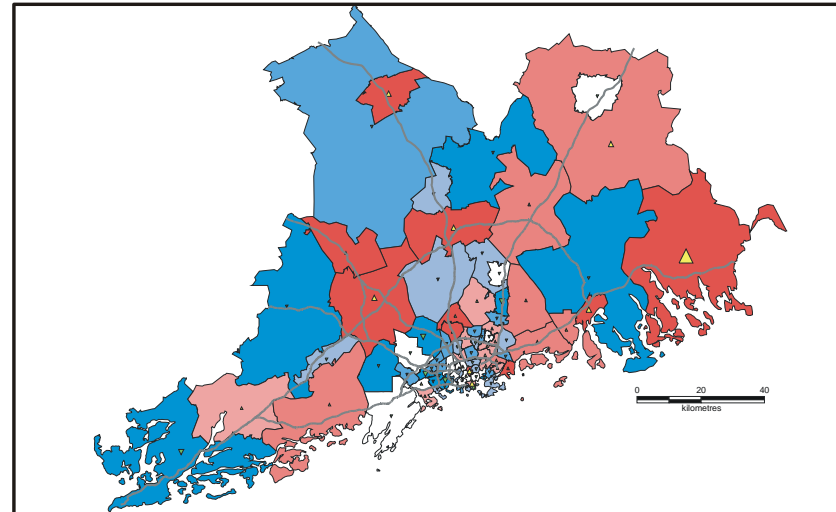


Employment

Helsinki: PT Fares -60%

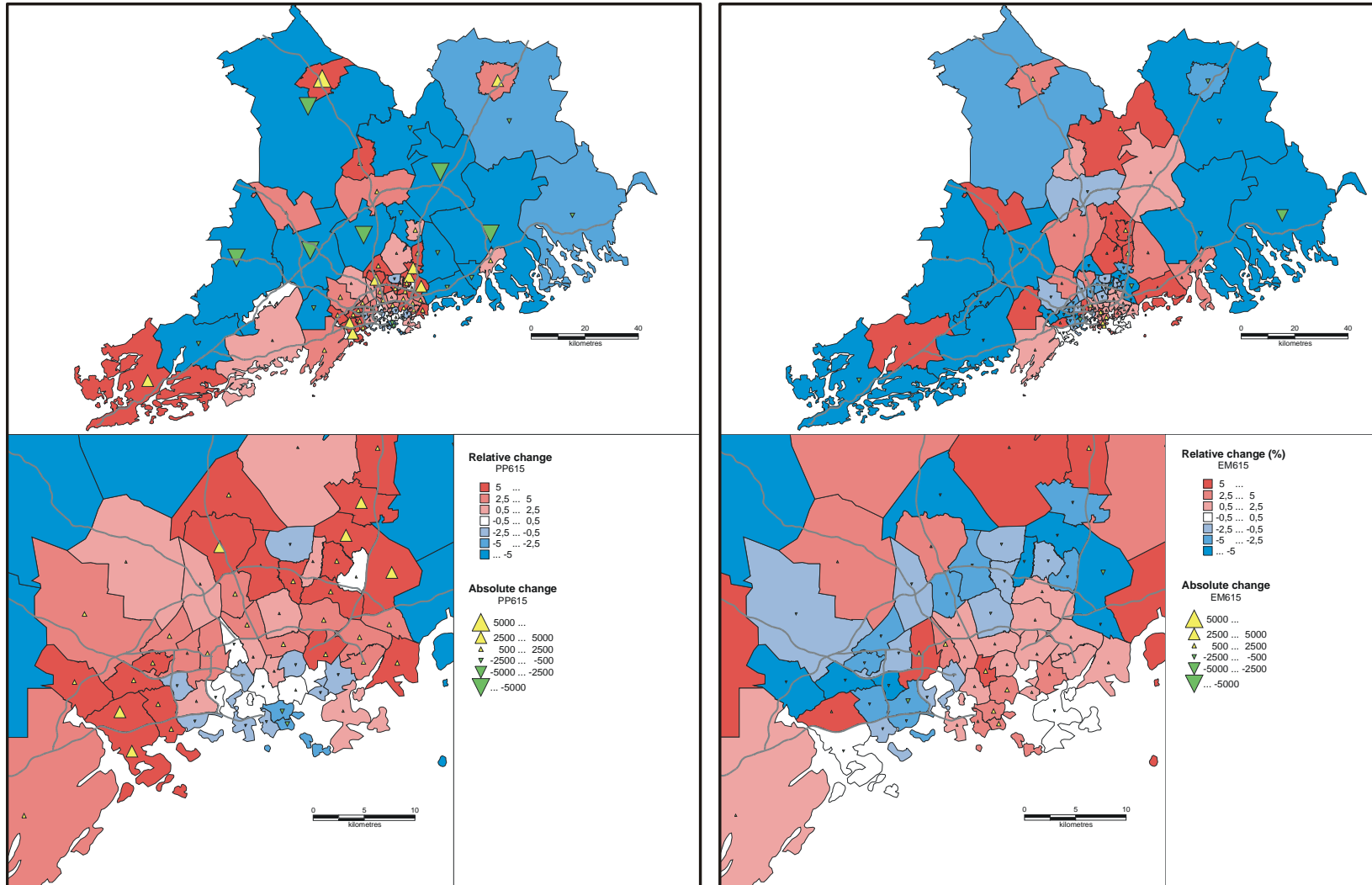


Population



Employment

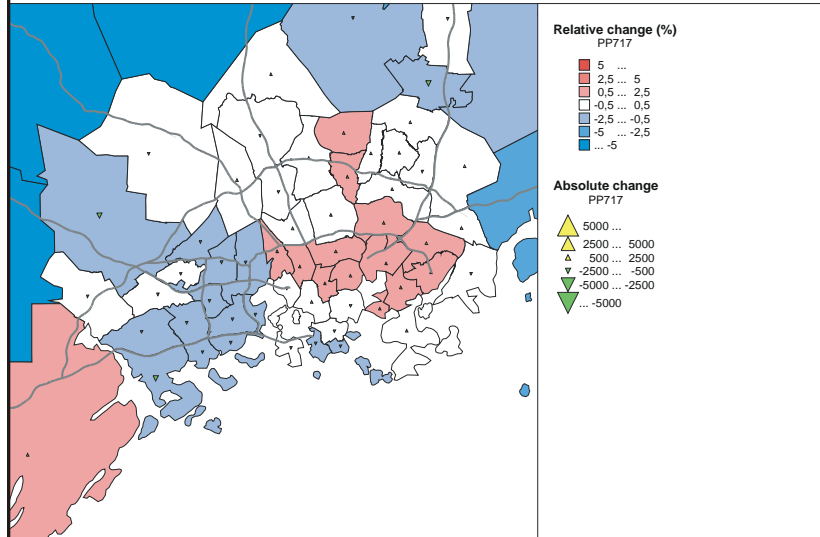
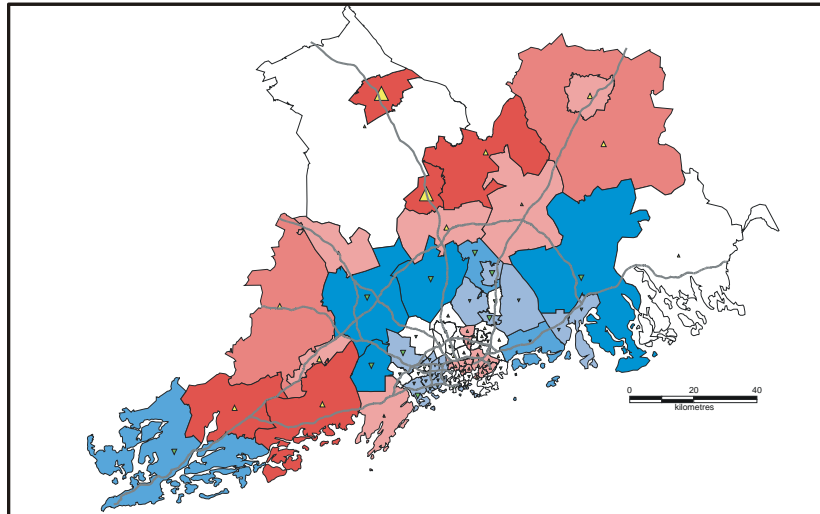
Helsinki: PT Fares -60% and land use restrictions



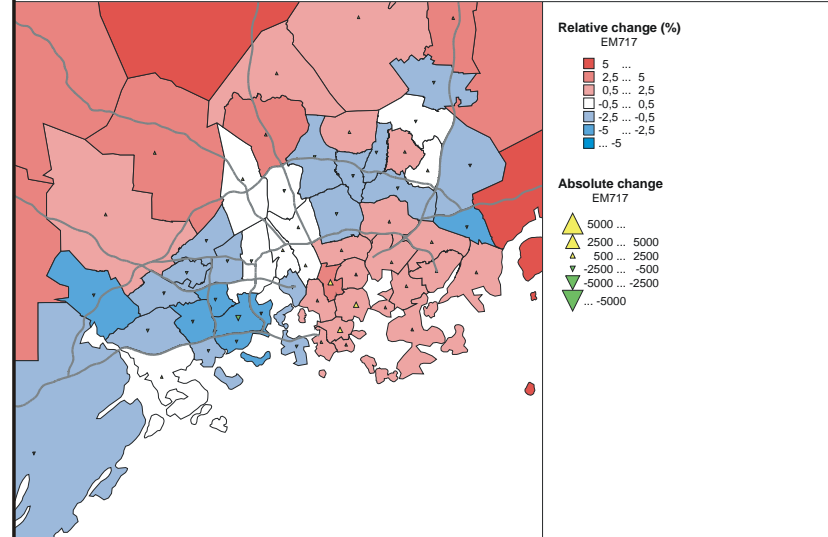
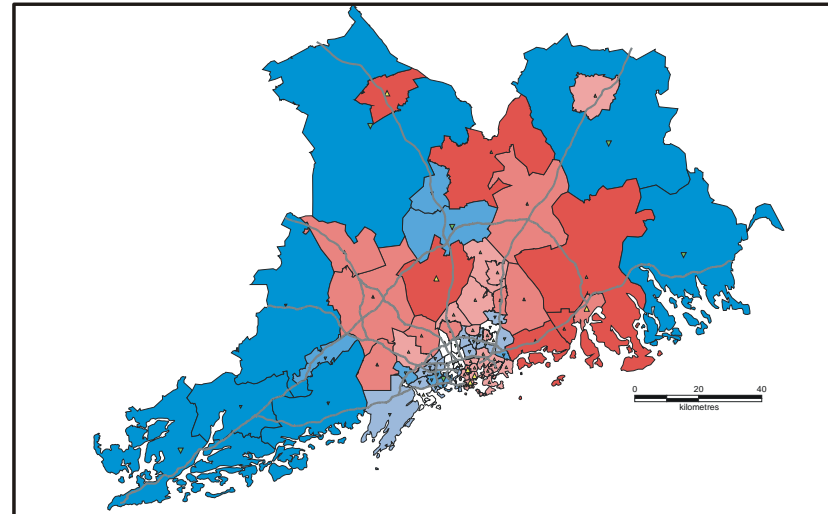
Population

Employment

Helsinki: Car costs +75%, PT speed + 5%, PT Fares -20%

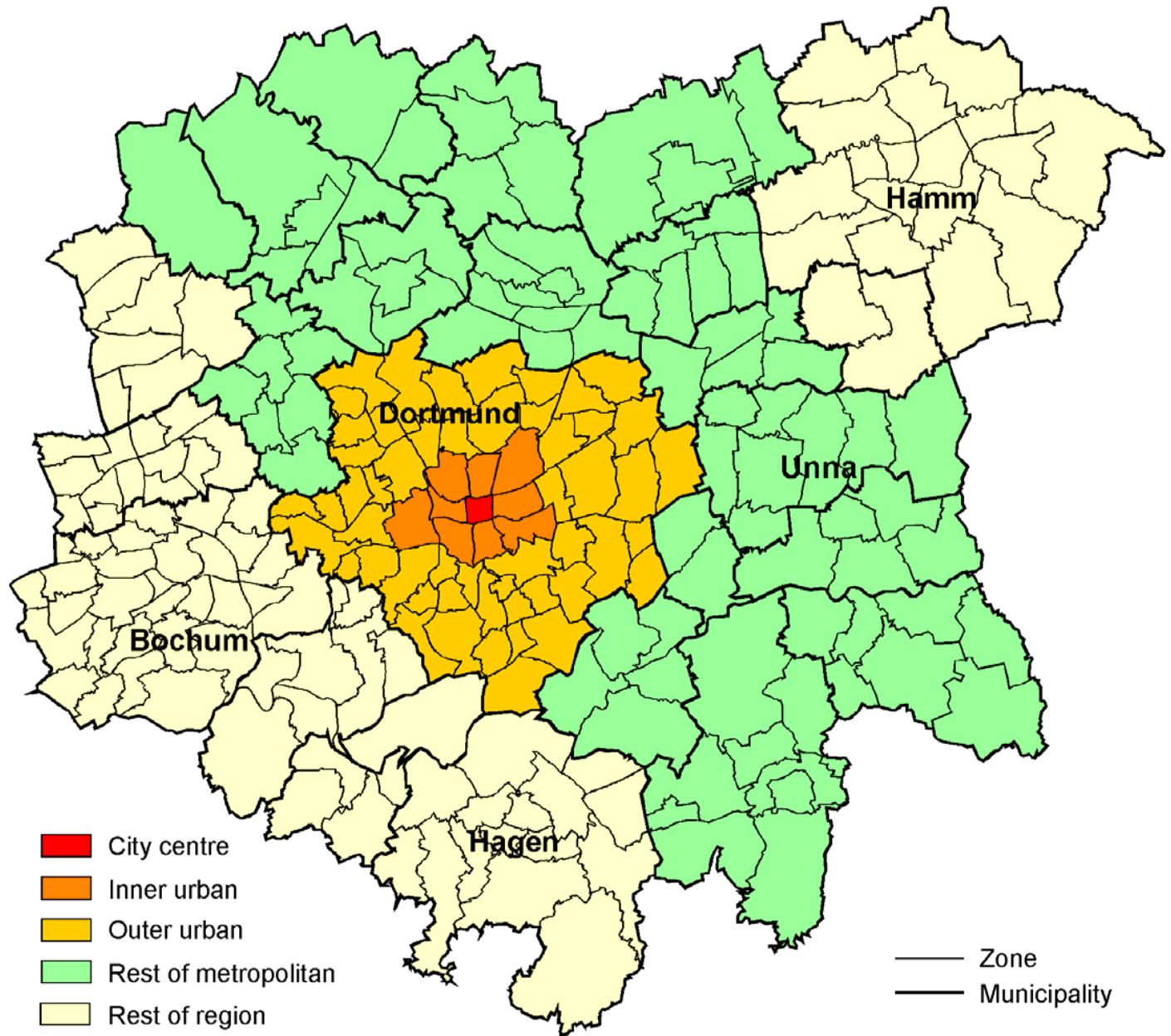


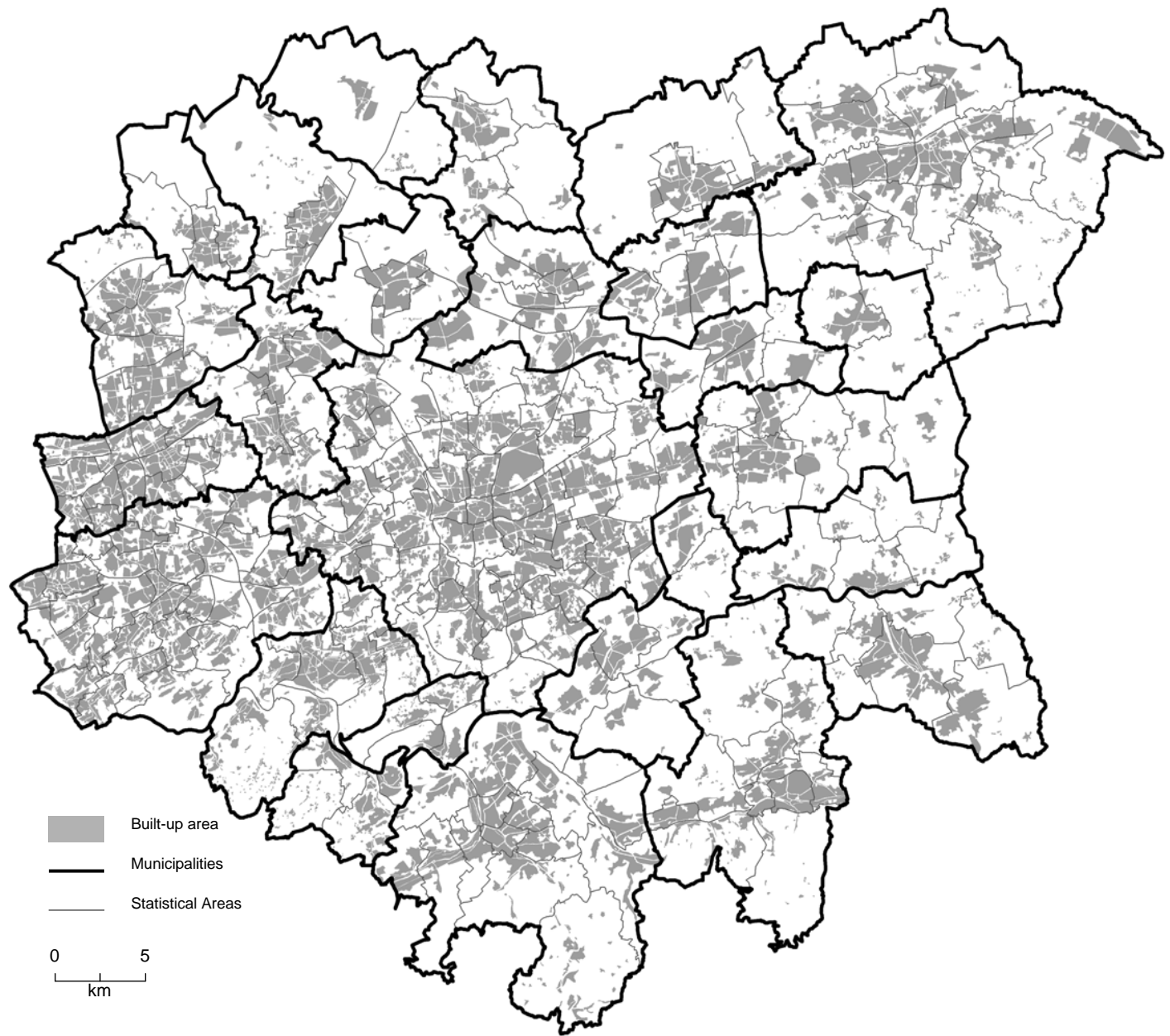
Population

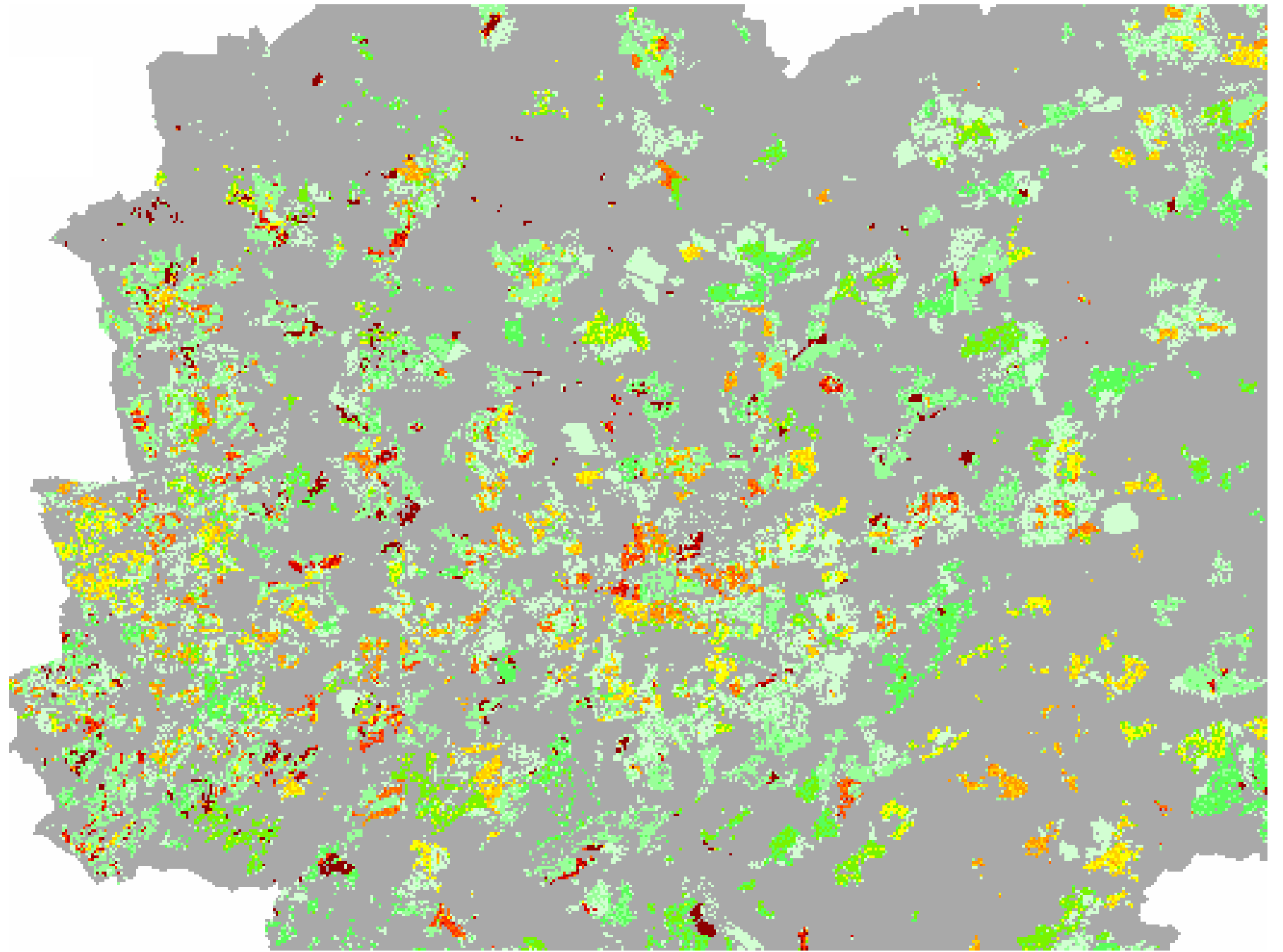


Employment

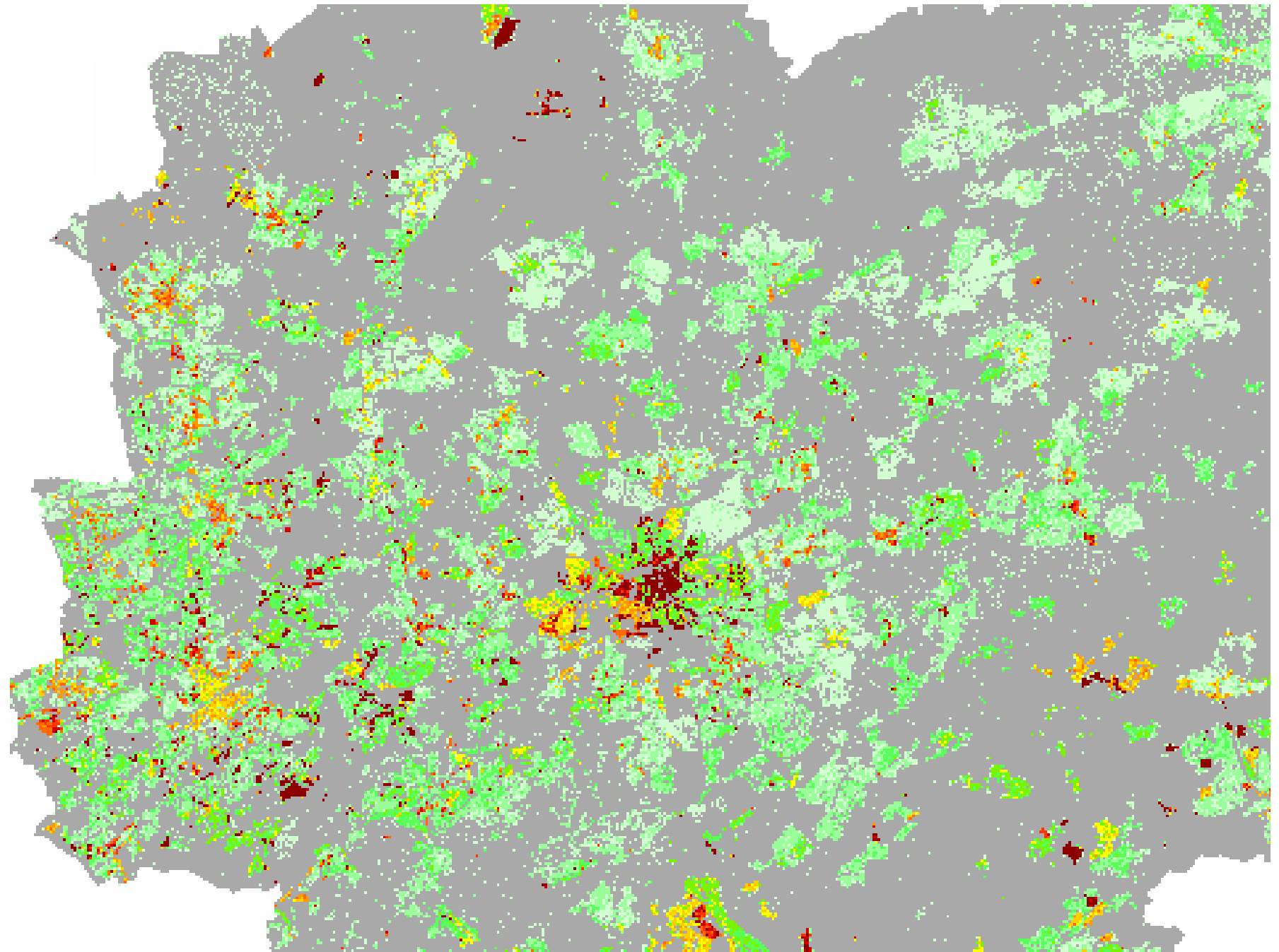
Dortmund



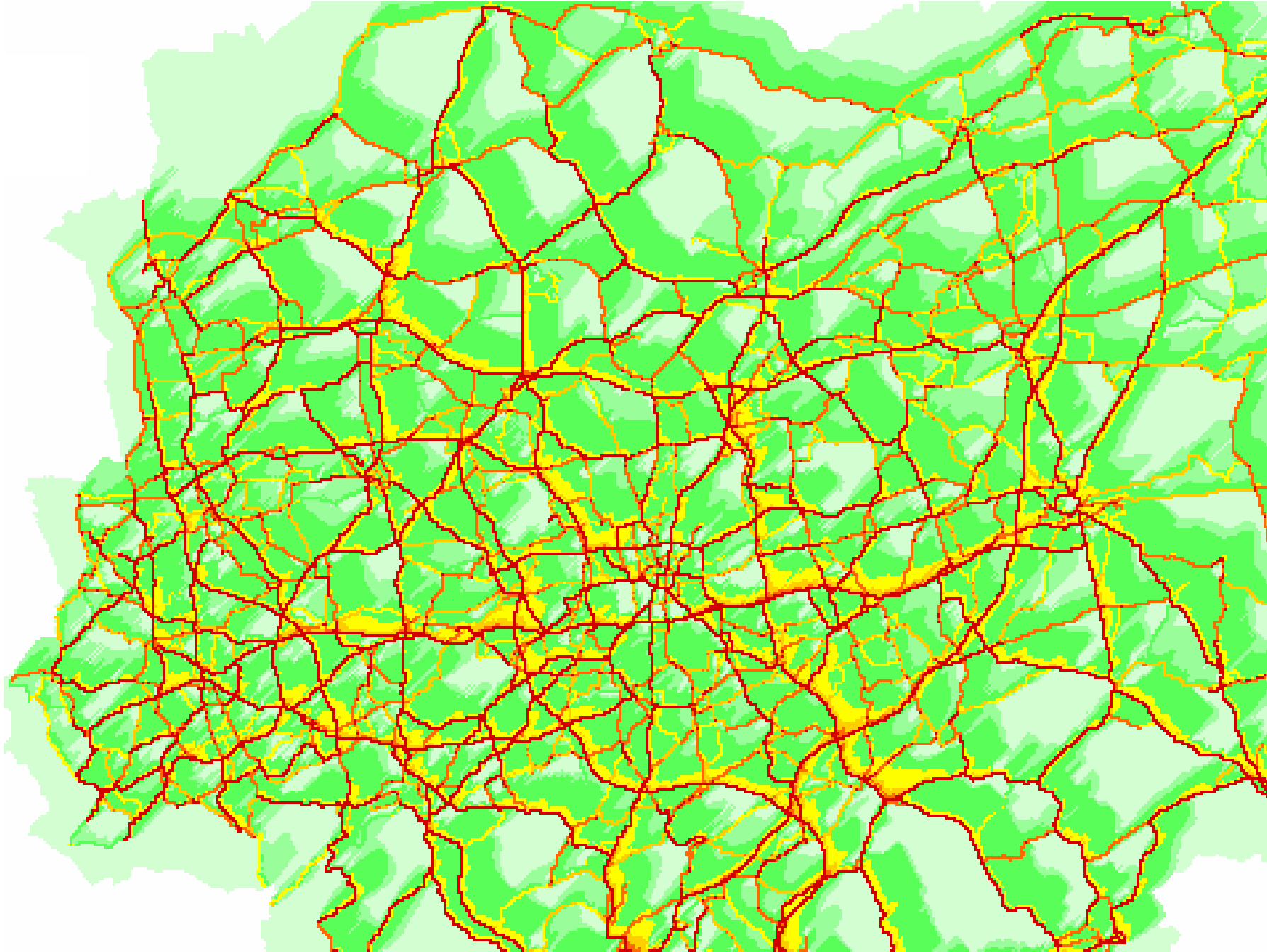




Population density



Employment density

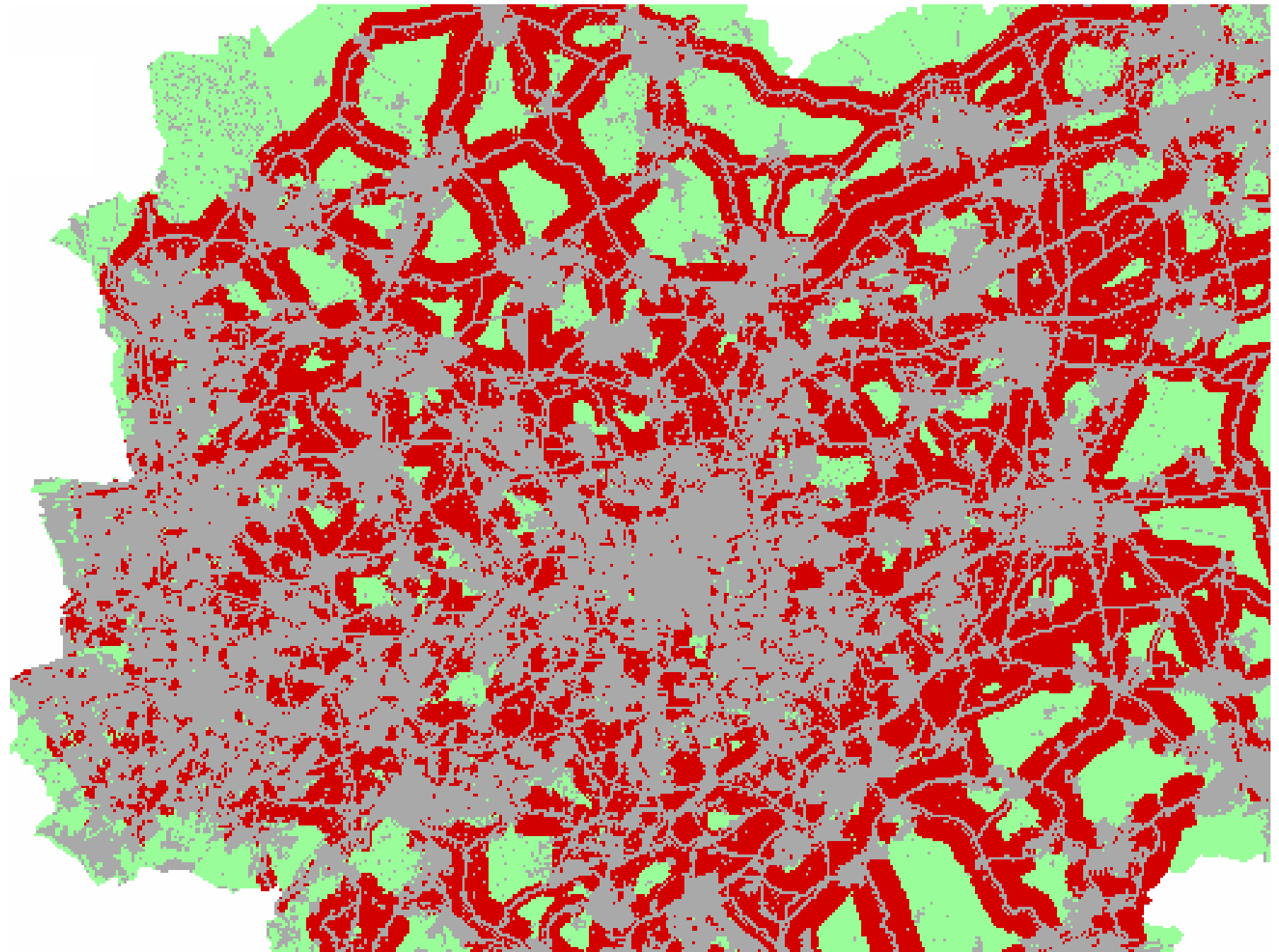


Air pollution by transport

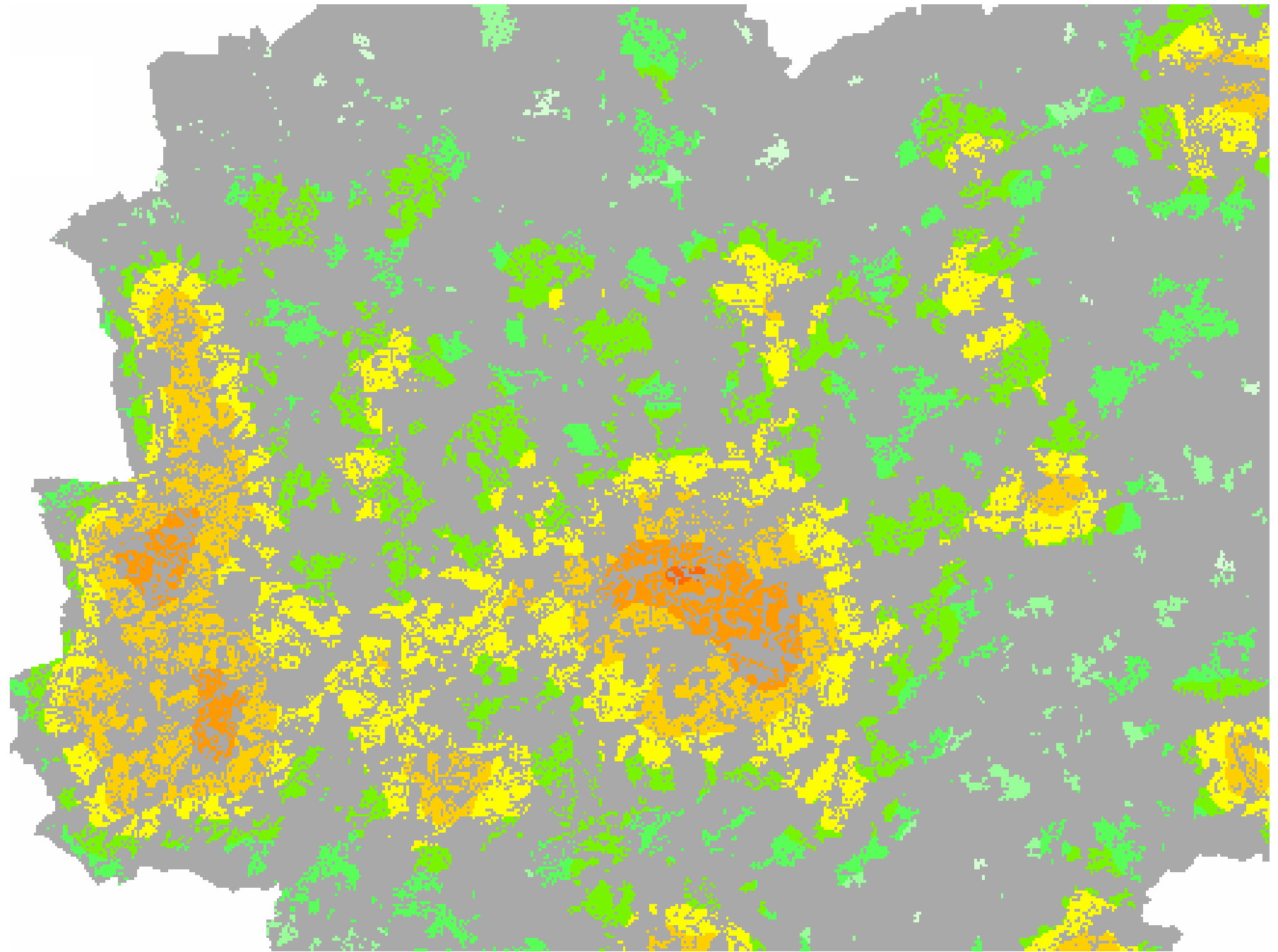
Disturbed by traffic noise:
39.8 percent of SEG 1
34.1 percent of SEG 2
31.2 percent of SEG 3



Traffic noise



Quality of open space

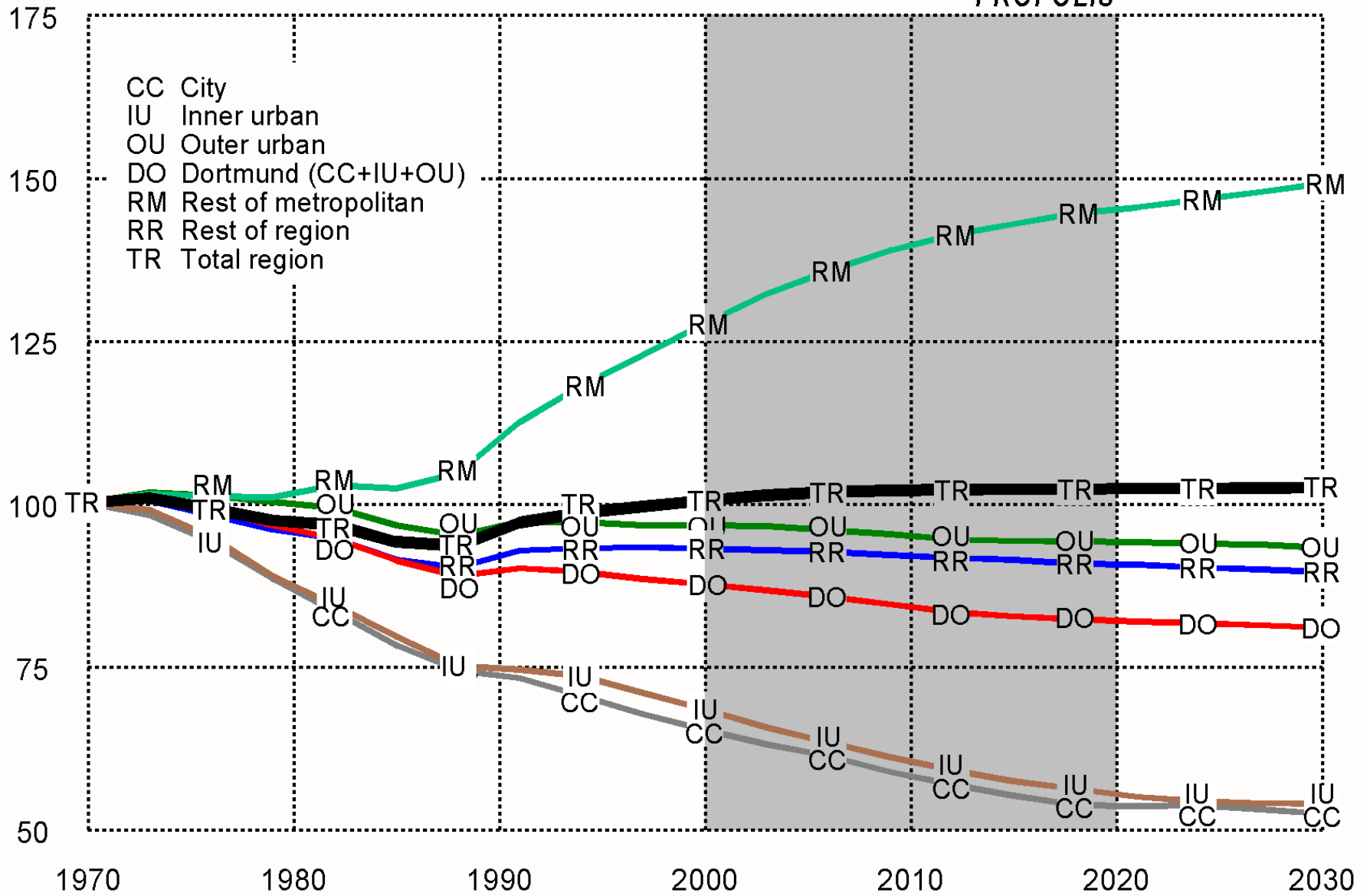


Walking accessibility to open space

Reference Scenario

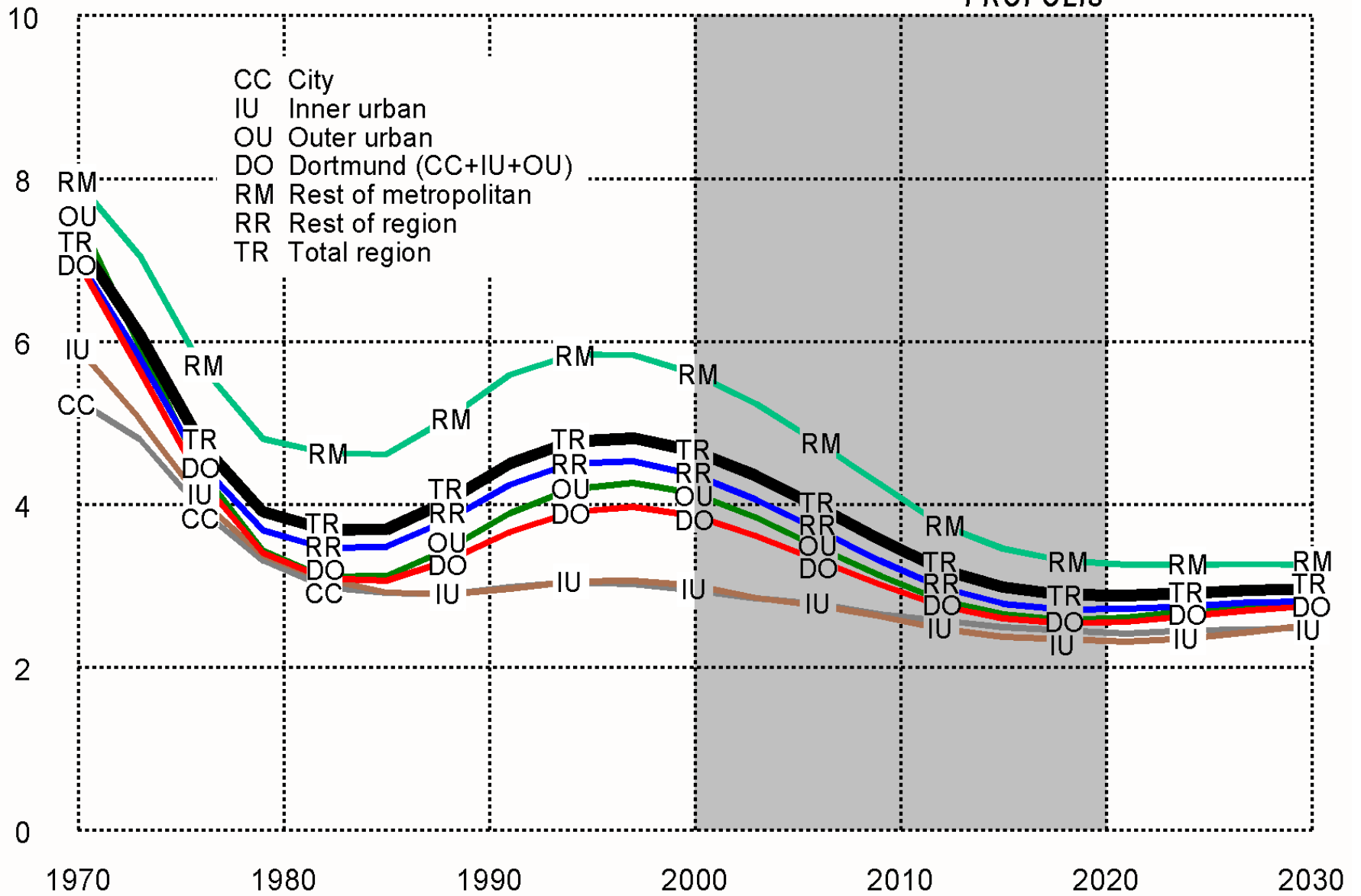
Population (1970=100)

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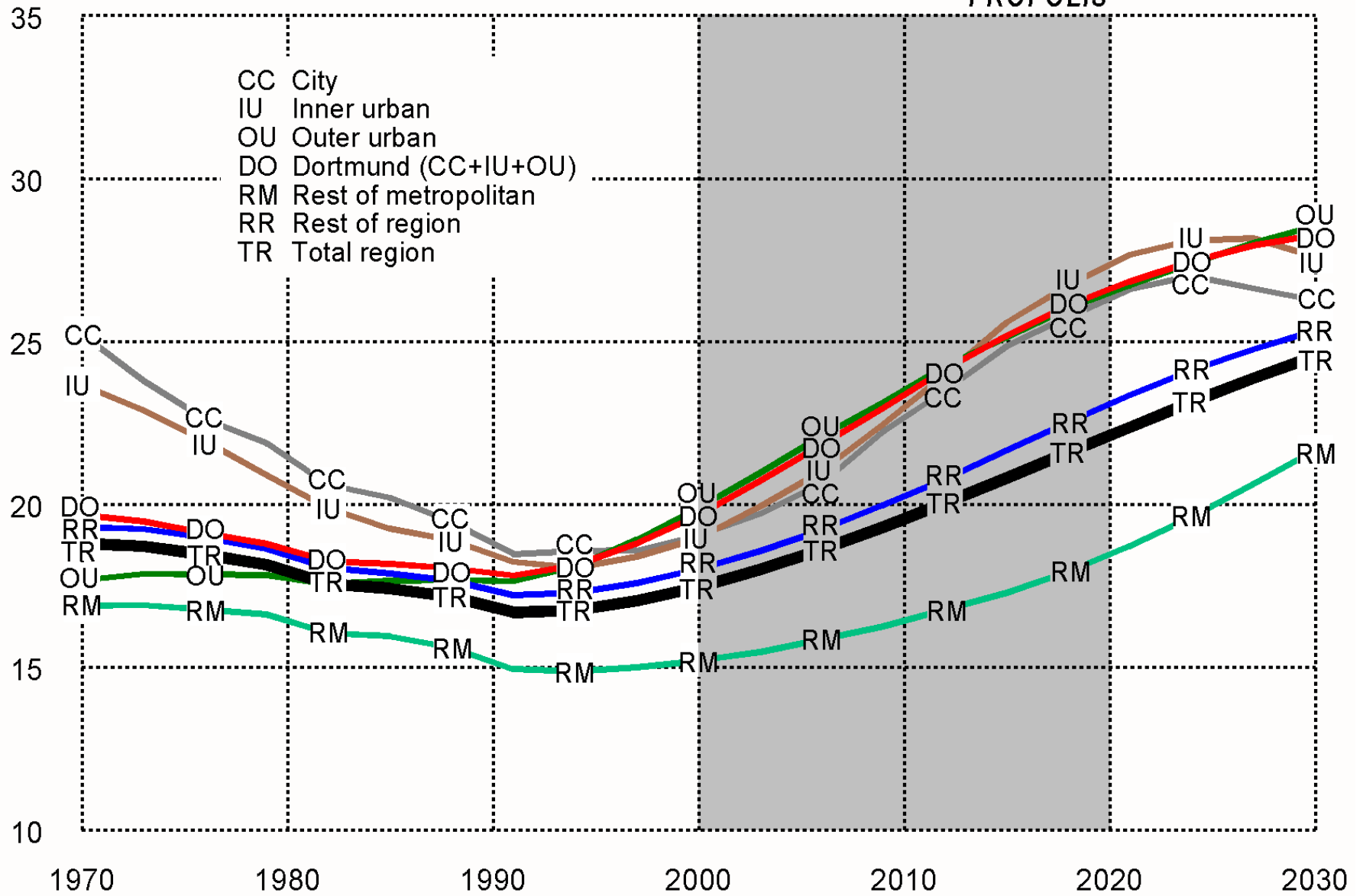
Percent population 0-4 years

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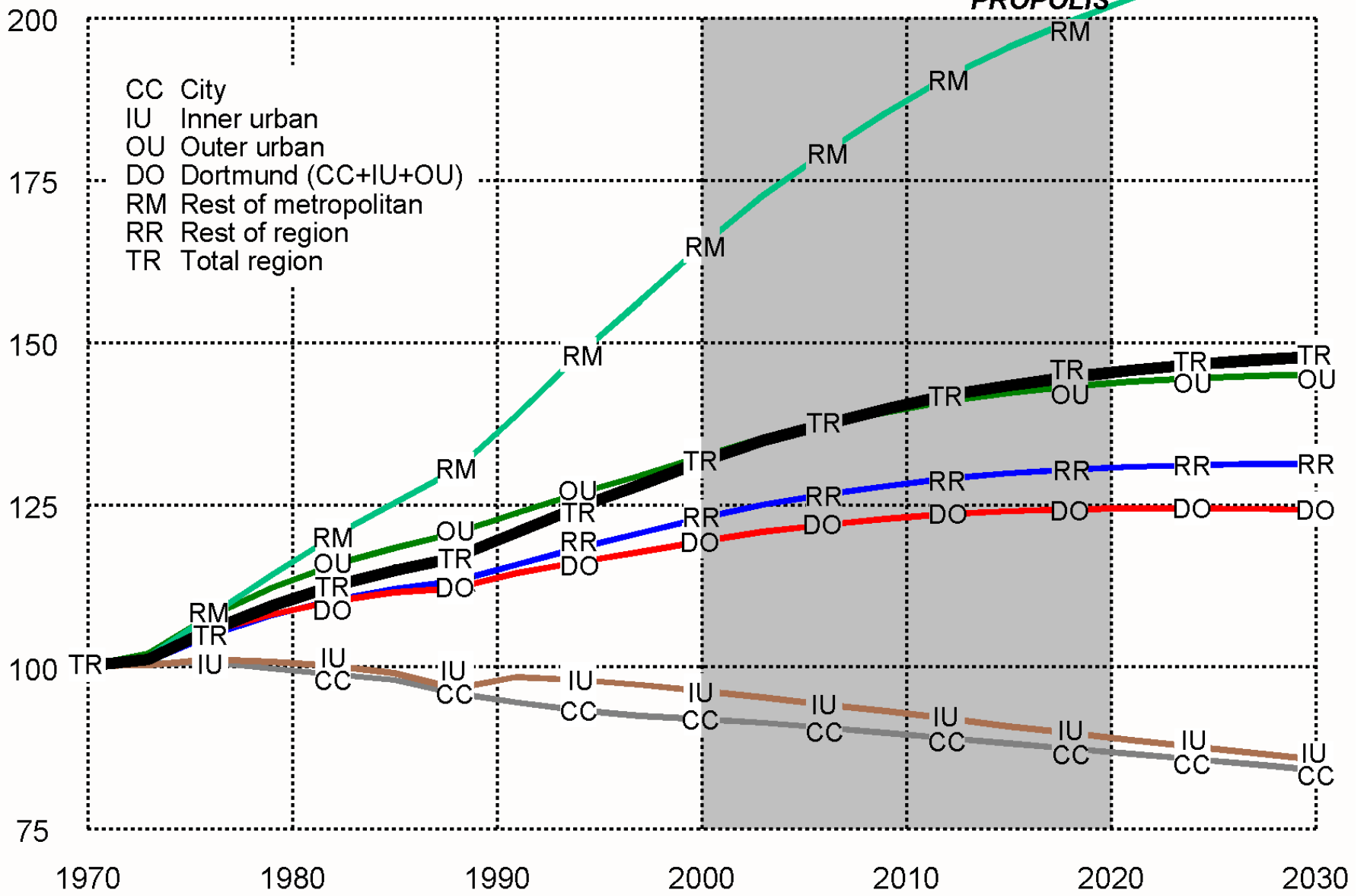


Percent population 60+ years

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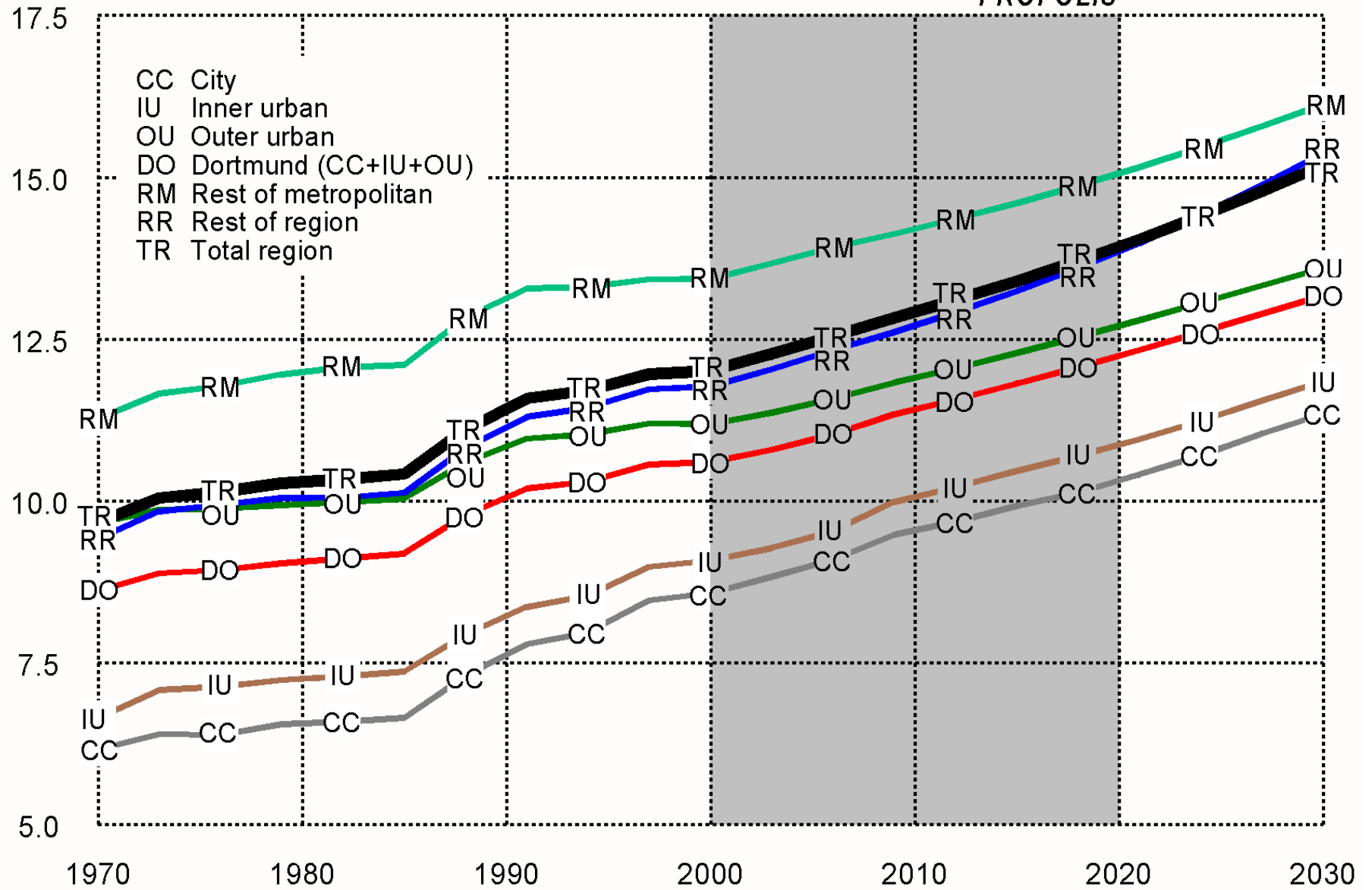
Dwellings (1970=100)

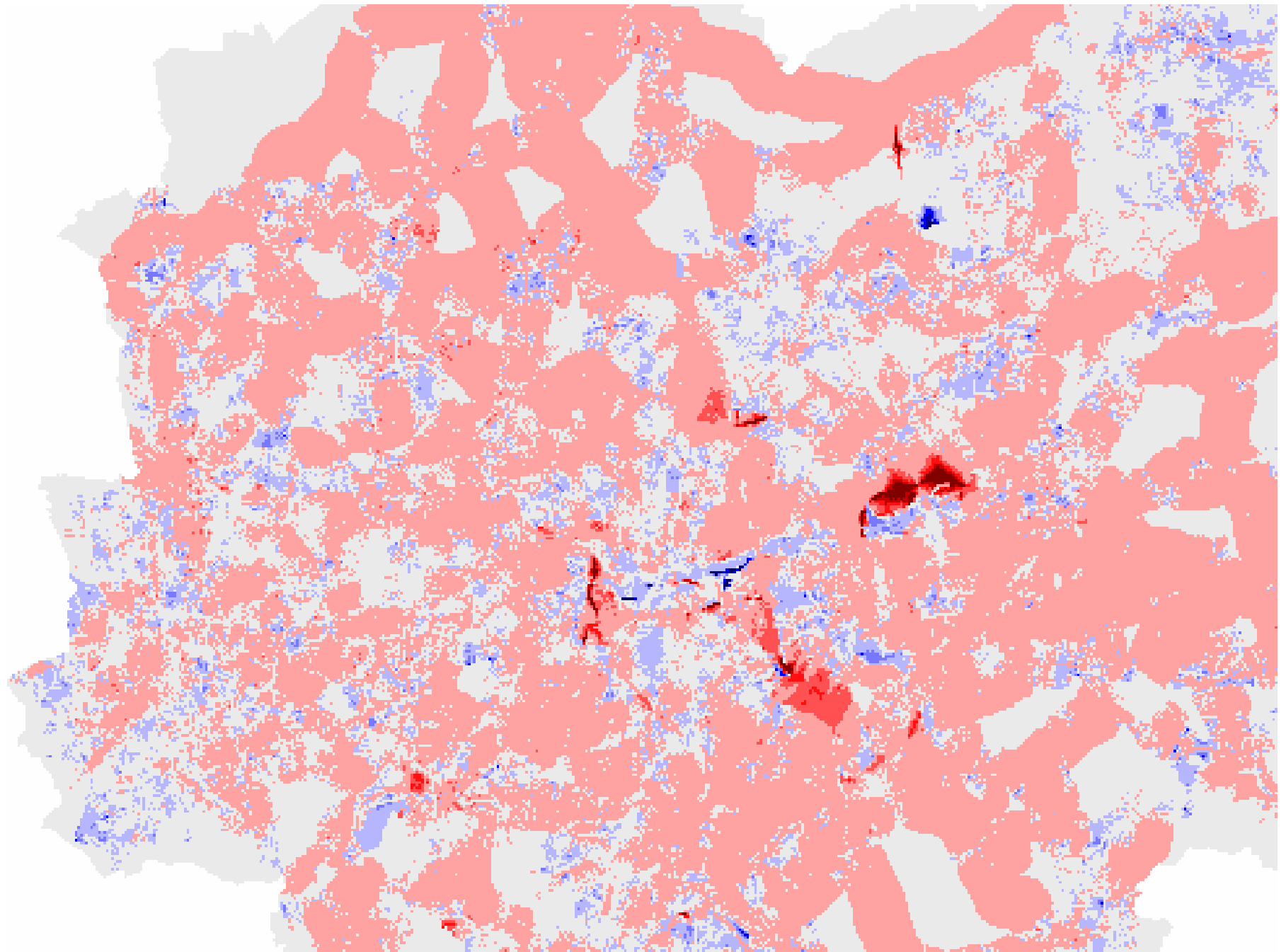


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Mean trip length (km)

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Difference in traffic noise in Reference Scenario 2021 v. 2001

Policy Scenarios

Policy Scenarios (1)

000	Reference scenario
111-112	Local investment scenarios
	111 Public transport investments
	112 'Dortmund project'
211-219	Car operating costs
	211 Car operating costs +25%
	212 Car operating costs +50%
	213 Car operating costs +100%
	214 Car operating costs +75%
	219 Car operating costs +300%
221-222	Parking costs
	221 Parking costs +50%
	222 Parking costs +100%
231-232	Cordon pricing
	231 Cordon pricing 2 €
	232 Cordon pricing 6 €

Policy Scenarios (2)

311-321 Speed limits

311 Maximum speed -10% on all roads

321 Maximum speed -20% on local roads

411-421 PT speed and fares

411 PT travel time -10%

412 PT travel time -5%

421 PT travel time -50%

511-541 Land use

511 Compact city scenario

521 Polycentric development

541 Urban growth boundary

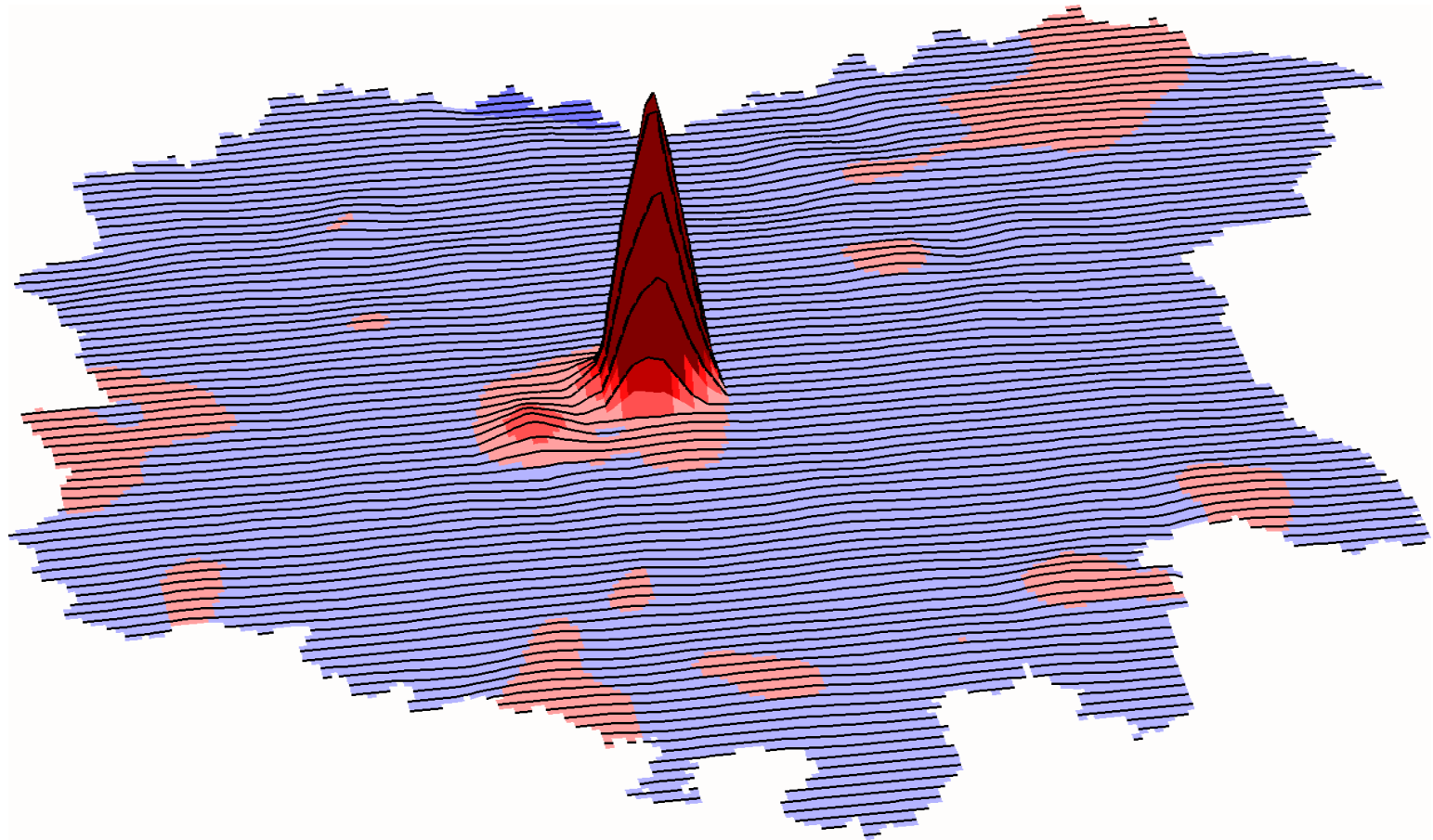
711-719 Combination scenarios

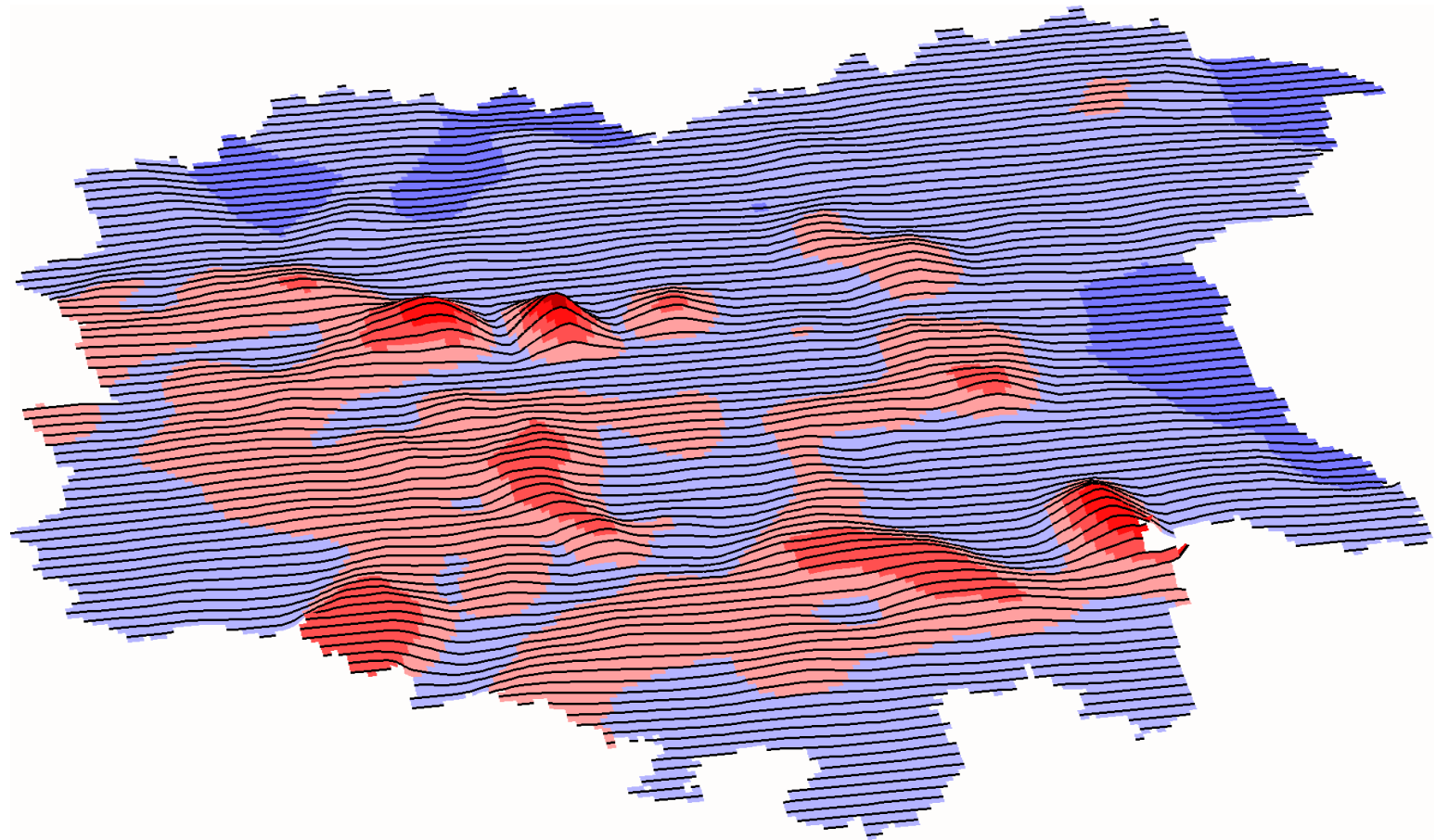
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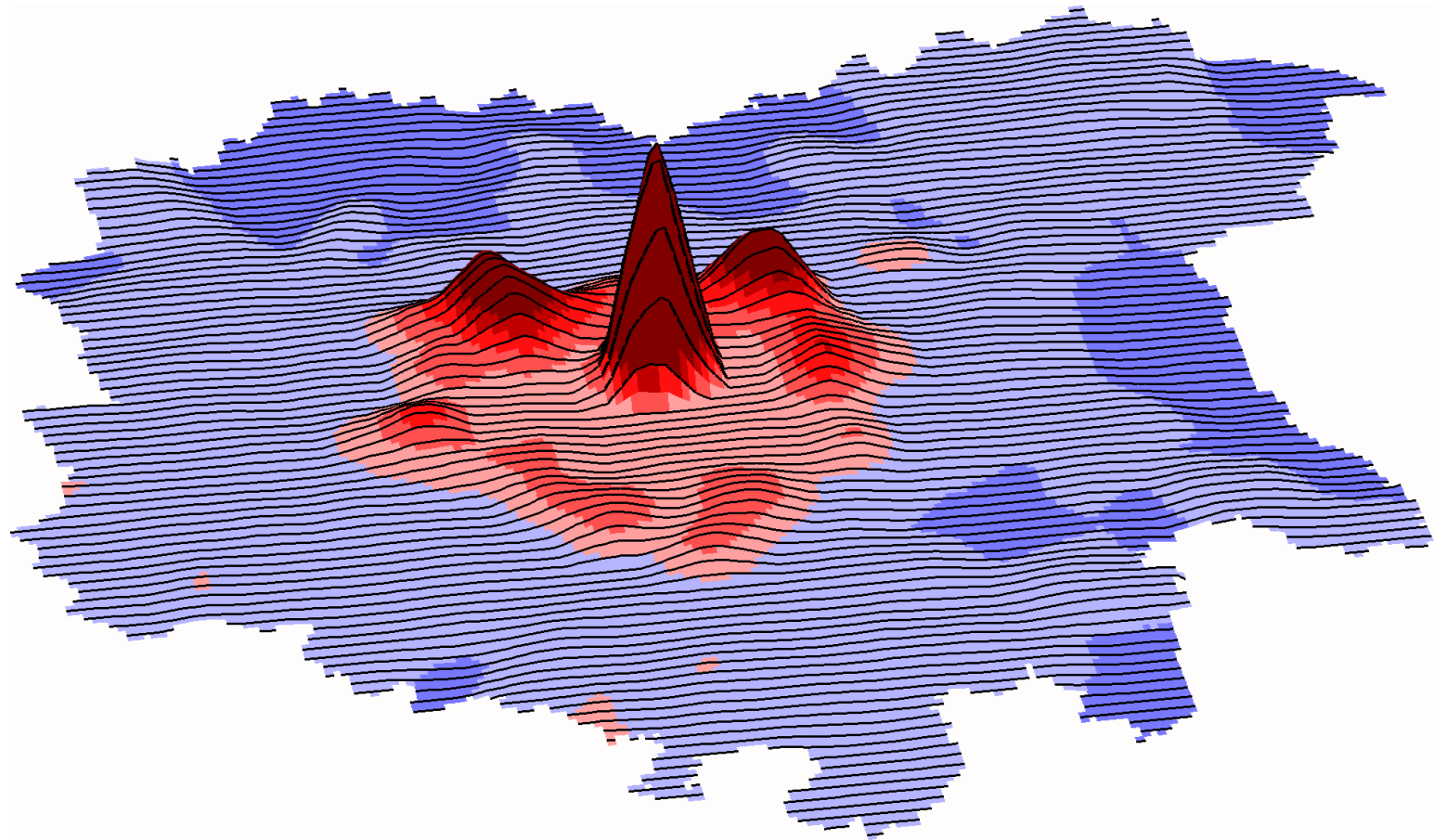
712 Scenarios 214+412+421

713 Scenarios 214+412+421+521

719 Scenarios 219+412+421+541



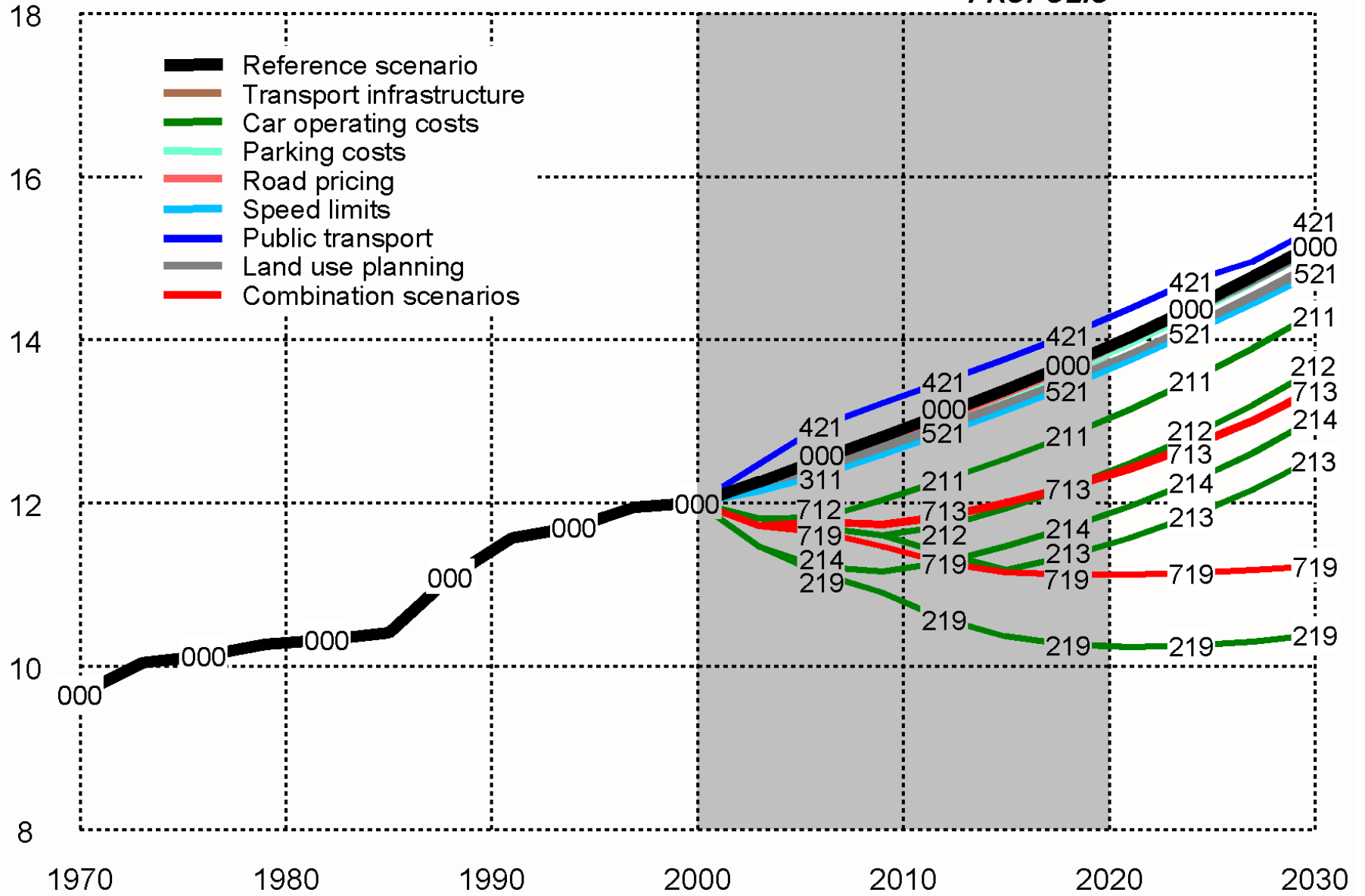




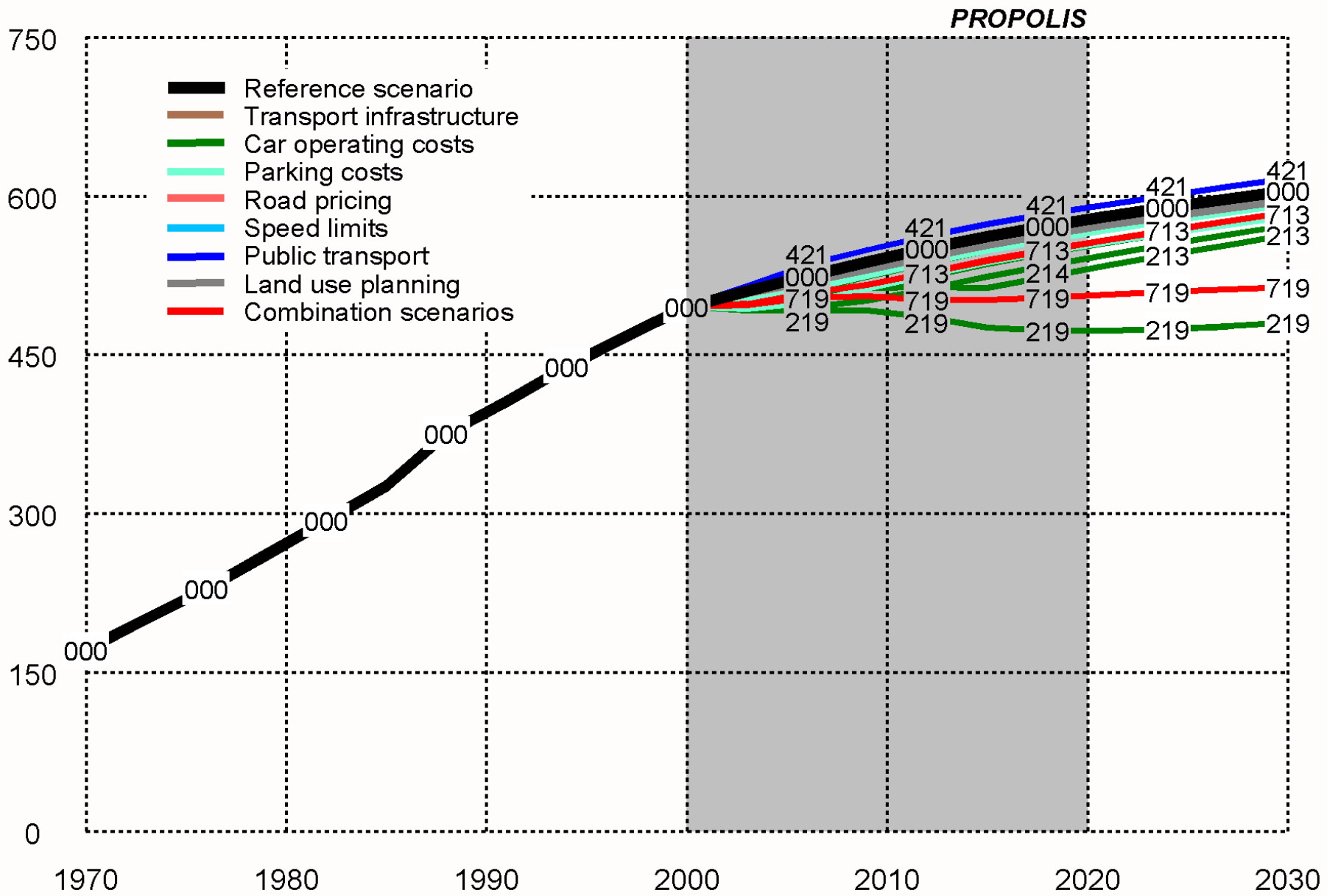
Scenario Comparison

Mean trip length (km)

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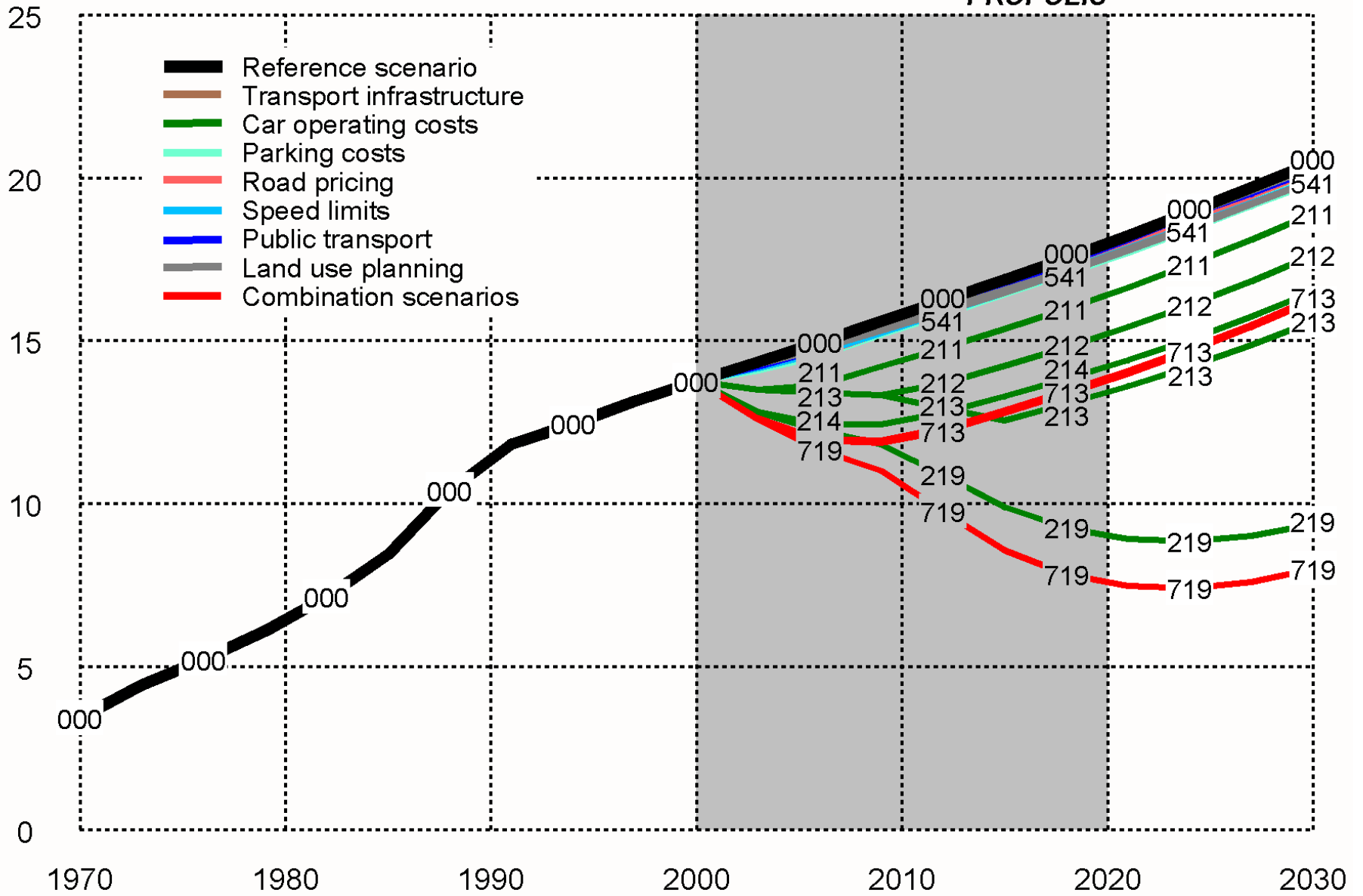


Car ownership (cars per 1,000 population)

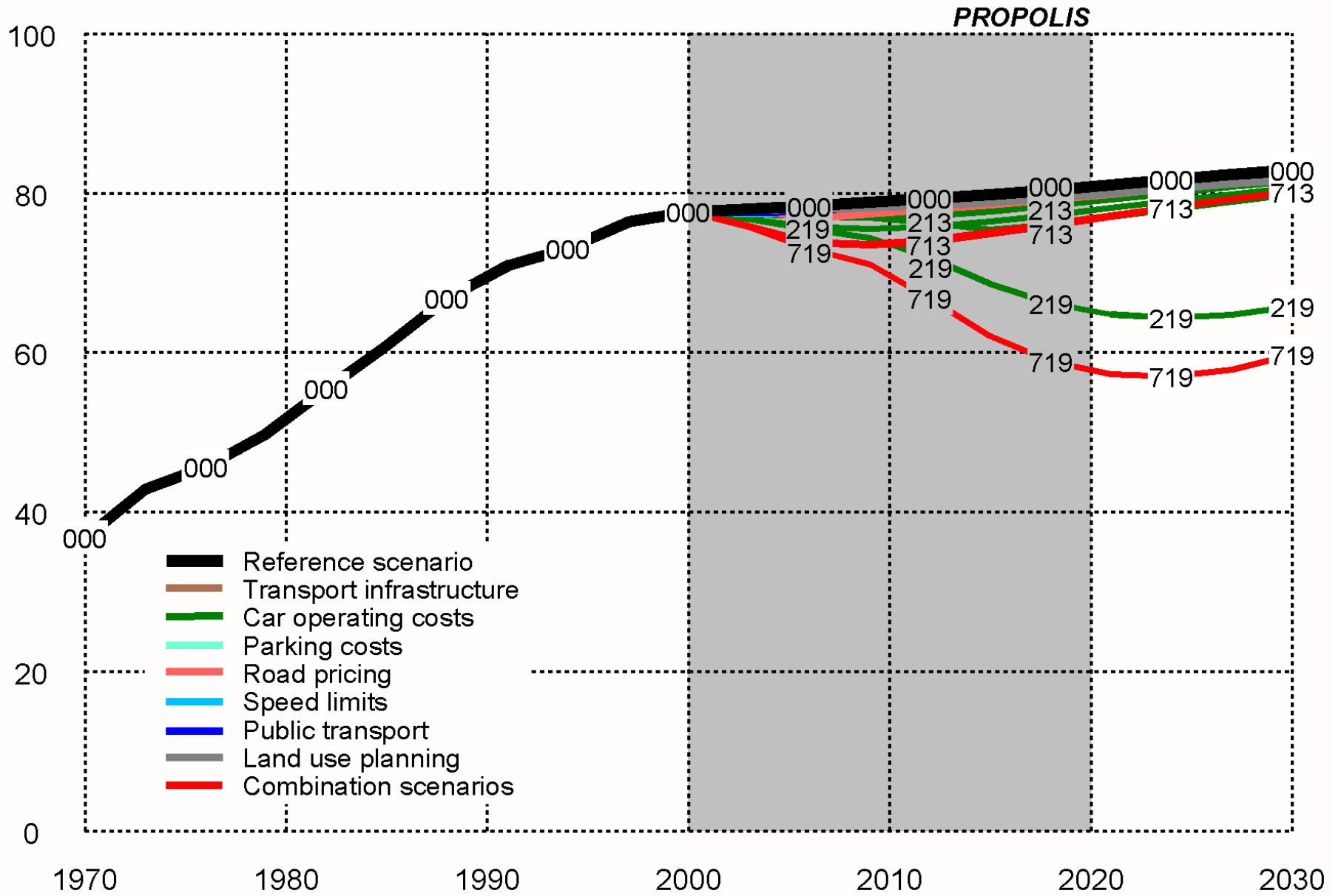


Car-km per capita per day

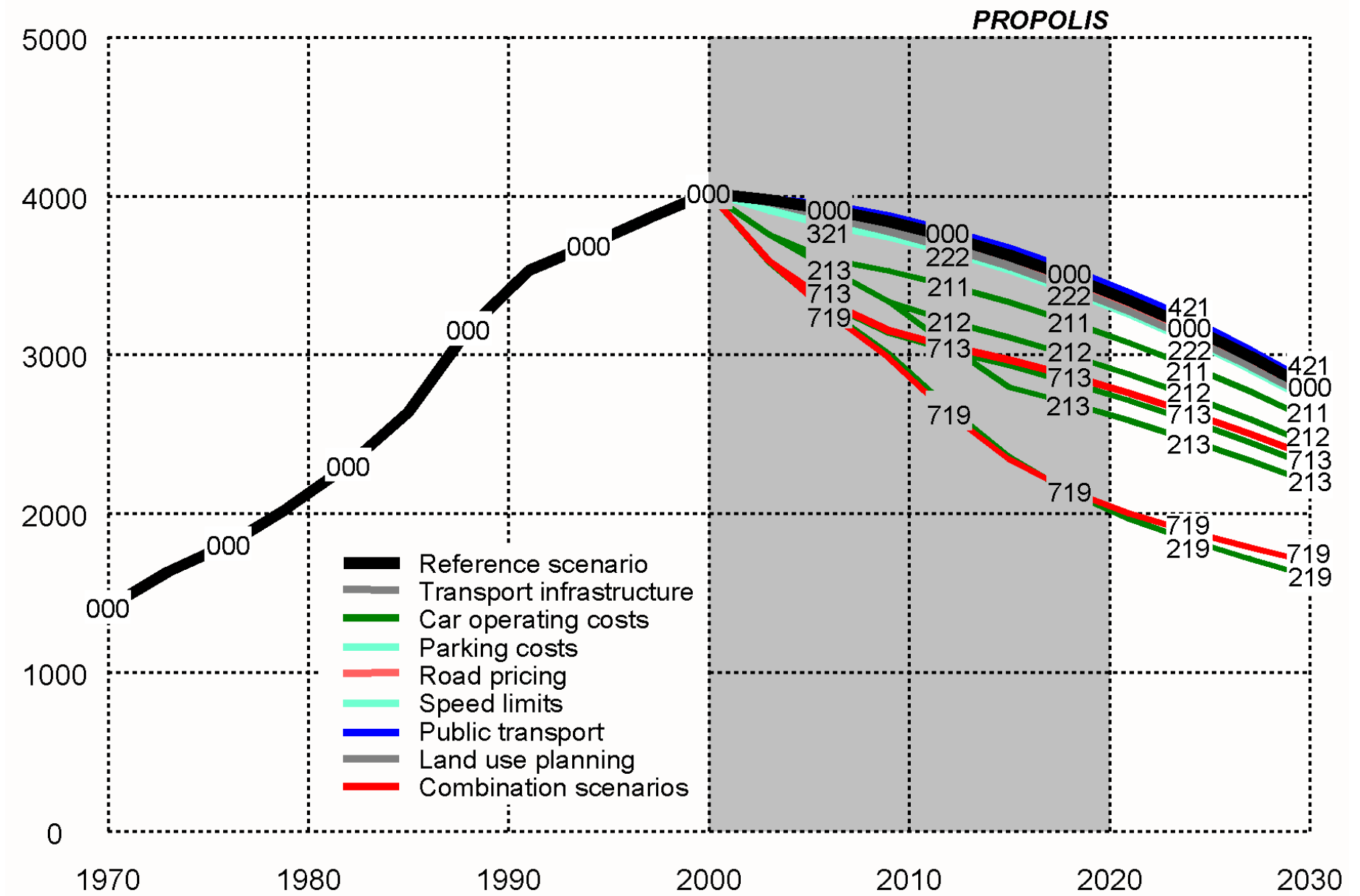
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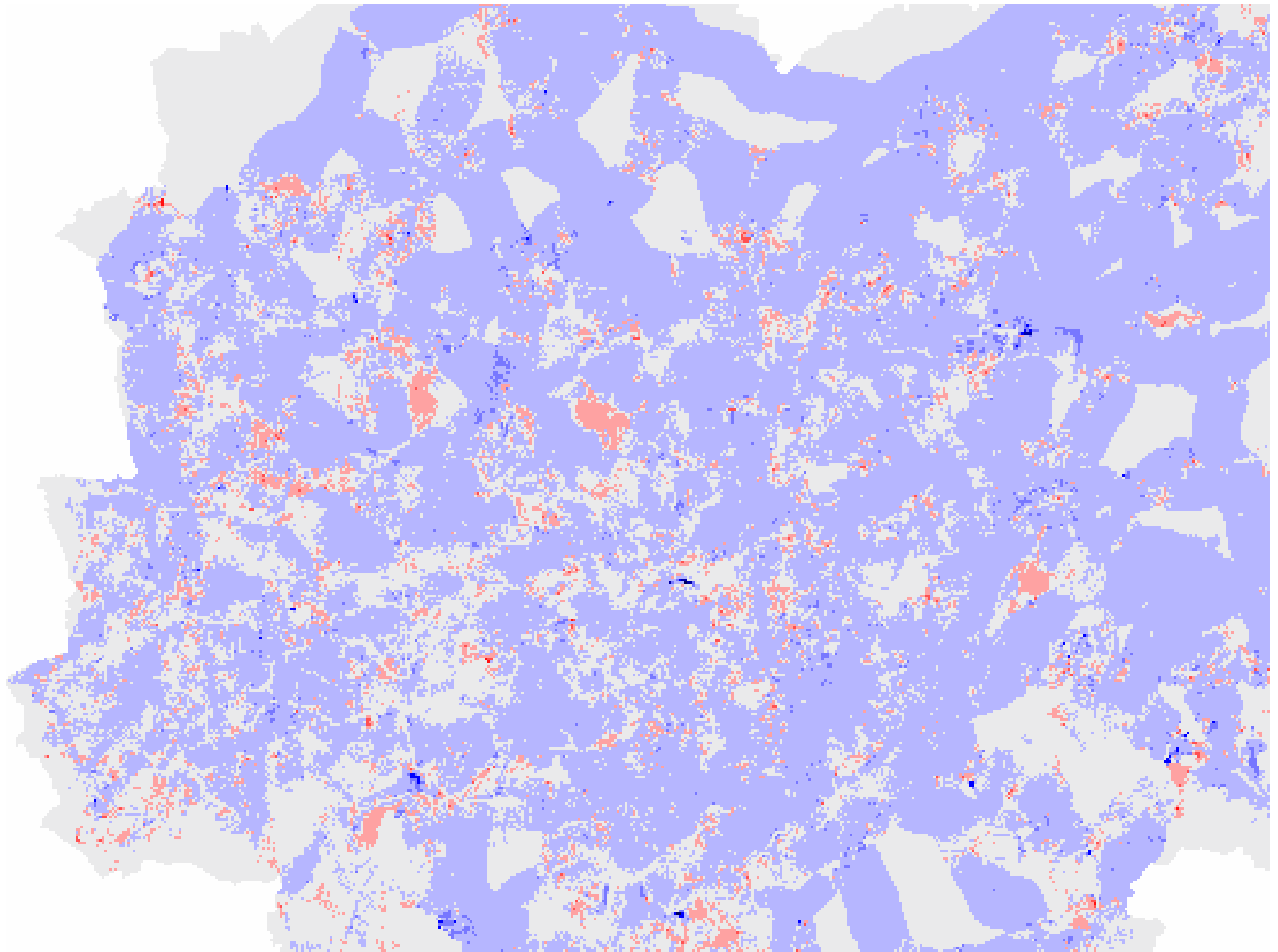


Percent car trips



CO₂ emissions by transport per capita per day (g)





Difference in traffic noise in Scenario 713 v. Reference Scenario in 2021

Synergies between Policies

Synergies

Synergies between policies occur if the total effect of all policies is larger or smaller than the total of the effects of the individual policies applied separately:

- ***Positive synergies***: the policies reinforce each other.
- ***Negative synergies***: the policies achieve the same objective by different means, i.e. are substitutable.

There are ***positive*** and ***negative*** synergies between ***land use*** and ***transport*** policies.

Synergies between **land use** and **transport** policies

	Difference to Reference Scenario in 2021 (%)						
	Trips	Trip length	% public	% car	Car-km	Cars	CO ₂
214 Car operating costs +75%	-2.78	-14.77	+6.49	-3.61	-20.98	-6.24	-18.89
412 Public transport travel time -5%	0.00	+0.02	+1.15	-0.06	-0.12	-0.05	-0.04
421 Public transport fares -50%	+0.75	+2.49	+11.84	-0.42	-0.68	+1.95	+1.62
521 Development at rail stations	+0.01	-1.43	+1.01	-0.01	-0.46	+0.01	-0.35
Total	-2.02	-13.69	+20.19	-4.10	-21.32	-4.33	-17.66
713 (214+412+421+521)	-1.93	-11.56	+27.45	-4.96	-23.28	-3.81	-17.61
Synergies	+0.09	+2.13	+7.26	-0.86	-1.96	+0.52	+0.05



Positive synergies



Negative synergies

Evaluation

Problems of evaluation of policies

- What are the ***socio-economic footprints***?
- Conflicting ***short- and long-term effects***
- ***Policy combinations*** - accumulative or neutralising effects
- ***Mitigation of negative side effects***
- ***Conflicting goals*** - is there an optimum?

Economic evaluation

Economic evaluations are made in a special module

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

		Total
ETIC	Transport Investment Costs	-207
ETUB	Transport User Benefits	-1264
ETGG	External cost of Greenhouse Gases	0

		Total	Passengers	Car	Bus	Rail	Slow	Goods
ETOB	Transport Operator Benefits	-148	-148	-107	28	-69	0	0
ETGB	Government Benefits from Transport	1899	1898	1200	304	394	0	1
ETAC	External Costs of Accidents	-15	5	6	-1	-1	0	-19
TOTAL		1736	1755	1099	331	324	0	-18

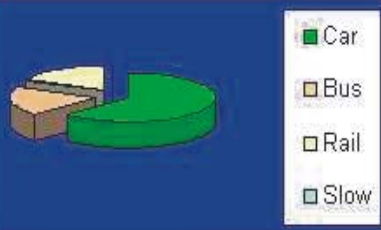
		Total	City centre	Inner urban	Outer urban	Rest of metropolitan	Rest of region, urbanised	Rest of region, rural
ETEC	External Emissions Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ETNC	External Costs of Noise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		0	0	0	0	0	0	0

		2006	2011	2016	2021
TGC	Change in Transport Generalised Costs	-6%	-3%	-4%	-4%
ELFP	Change of Floor Prices	2%	5%	6%	6%
ELPG	Productivity Gain	2.3%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%


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- Car
- Bus
- Rail
- Slow

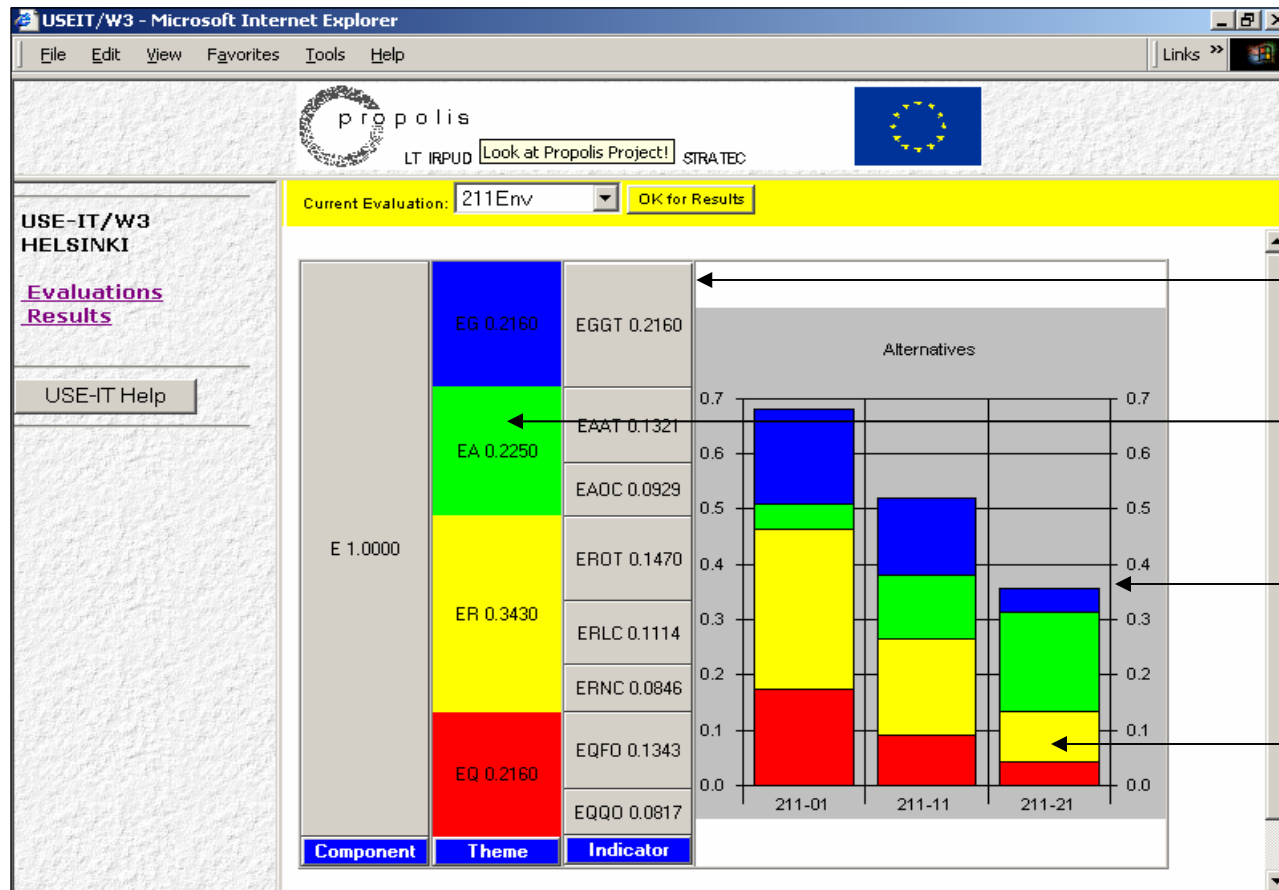


- City centre
- Inner urban
- Outer urban
- Rest of



Overall assessment

The indicators are evaluated in the USE-IT module



Indicator weights

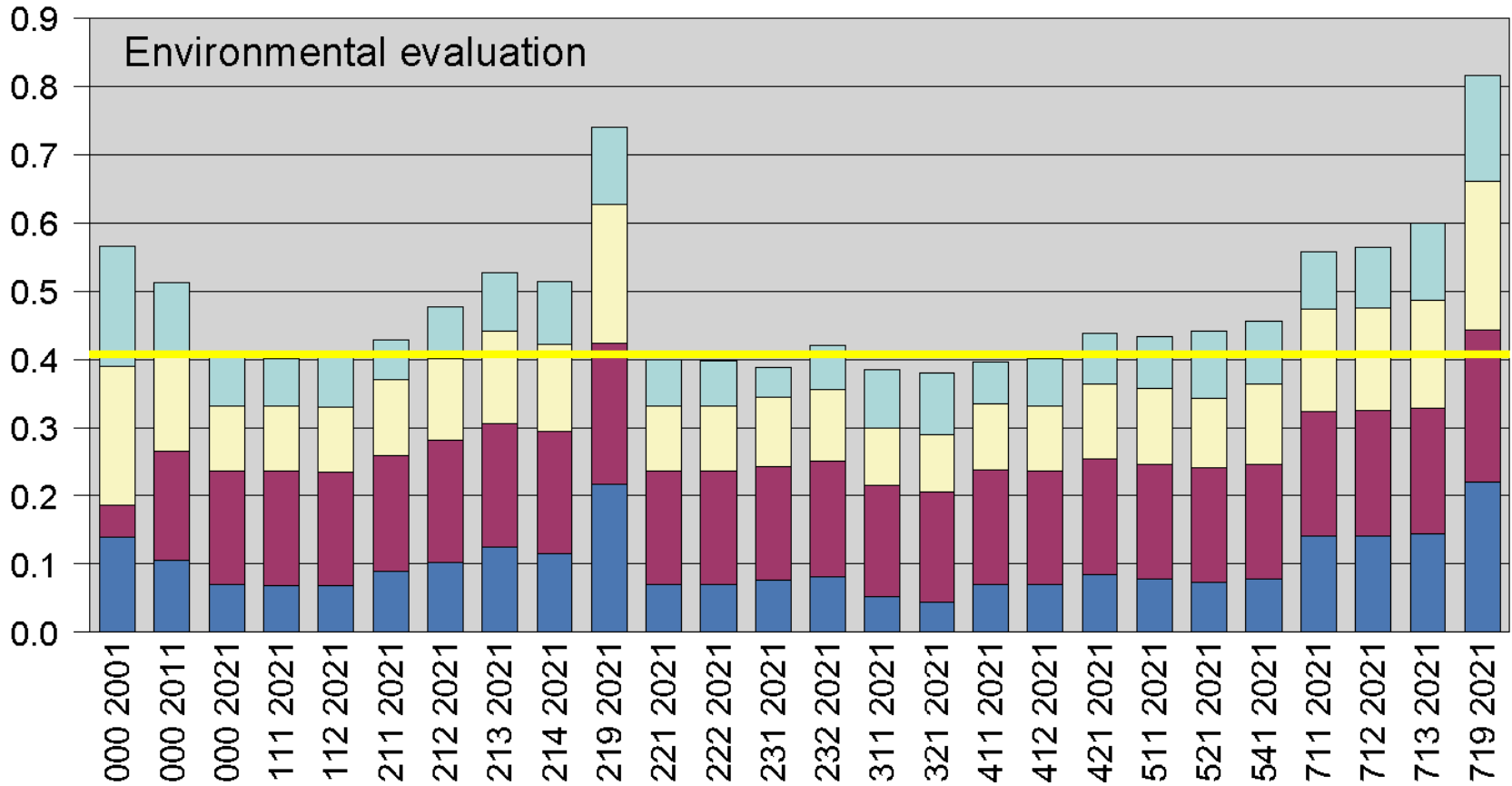
Theme weights

Environmental index

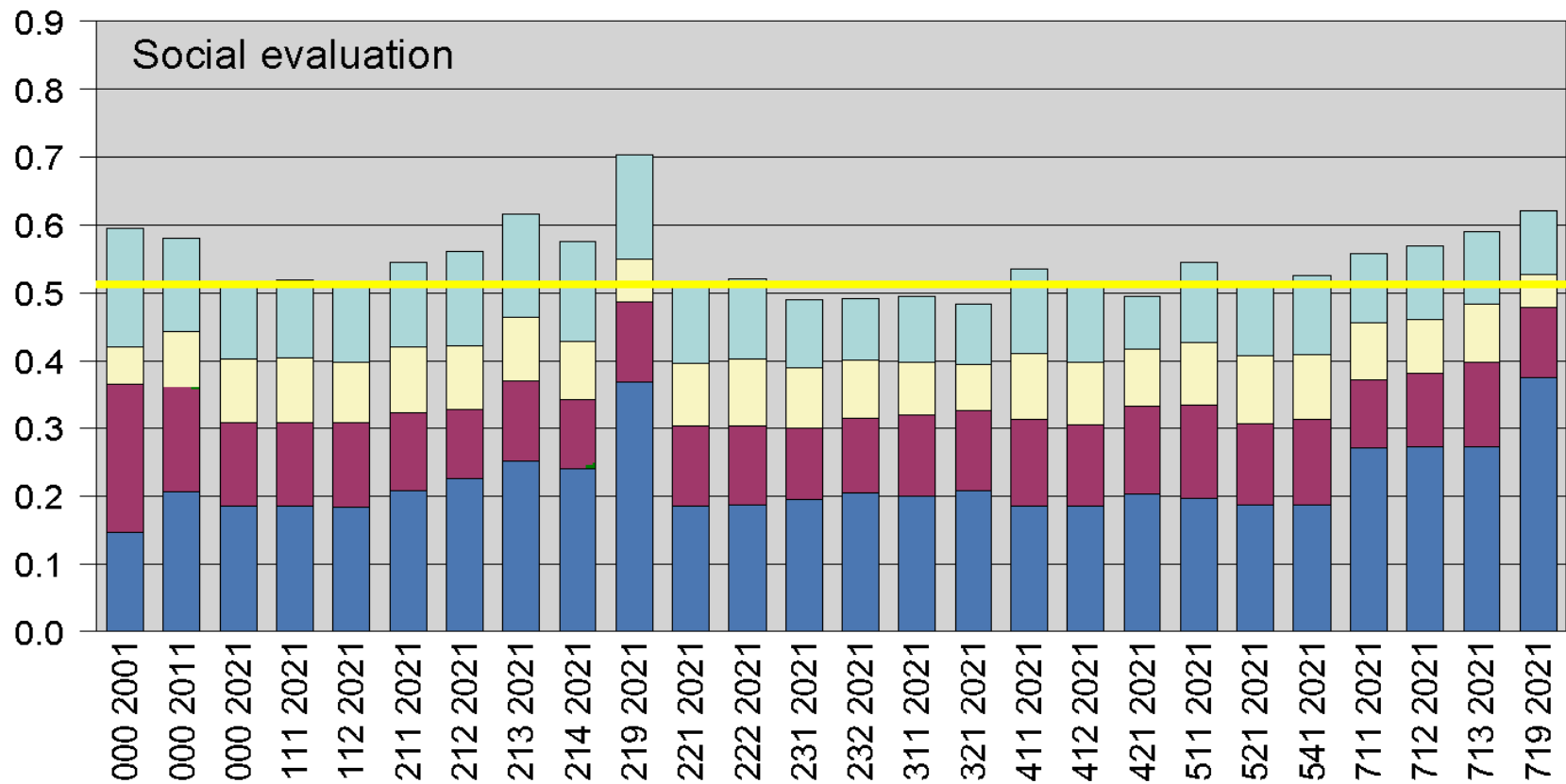
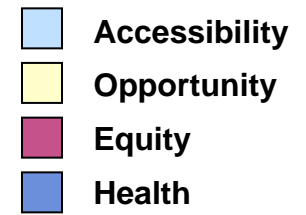
Policy alternatives

Environmental evaluation

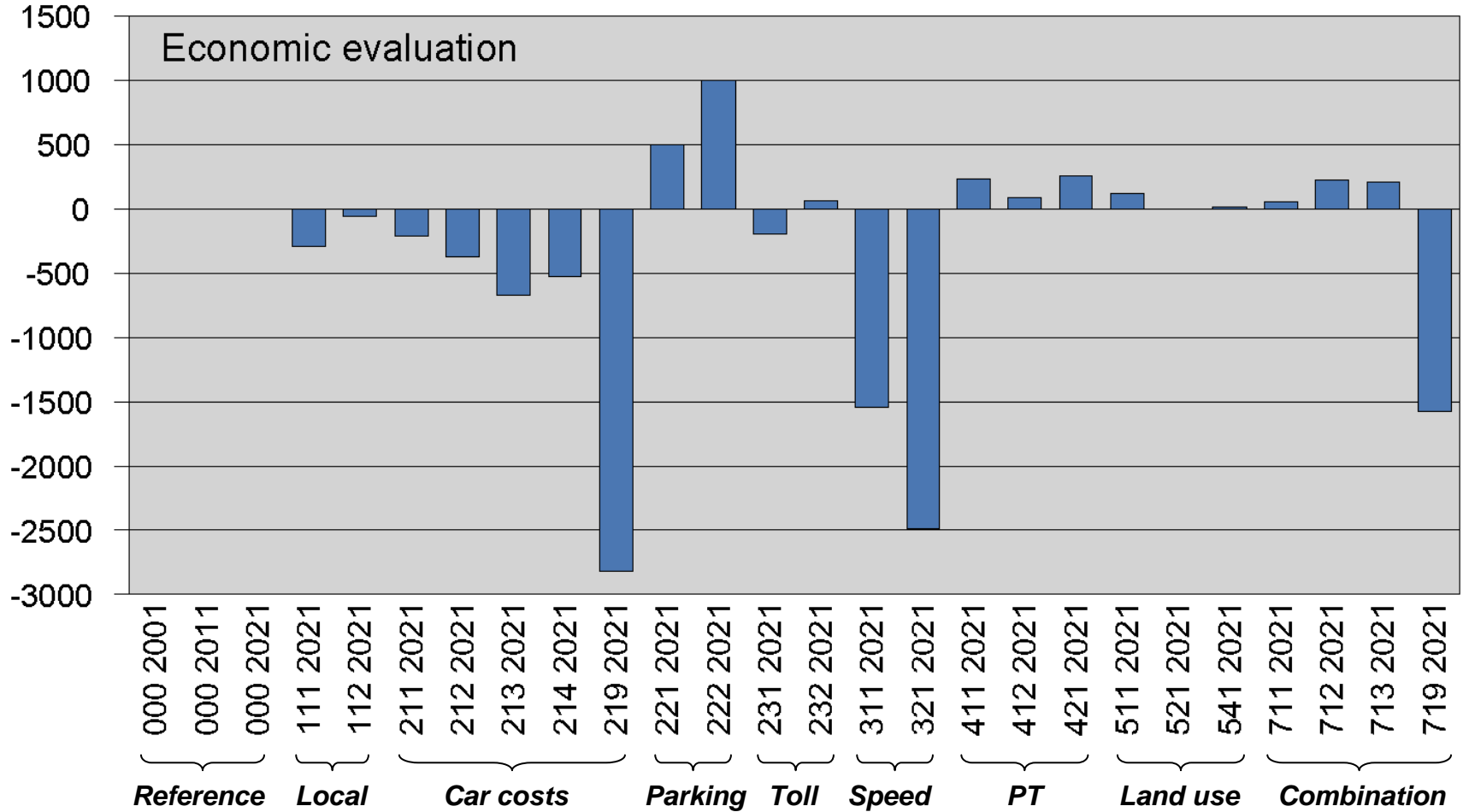
- Environmental quality
- Natural resources
- Air pollution
- Global climate change



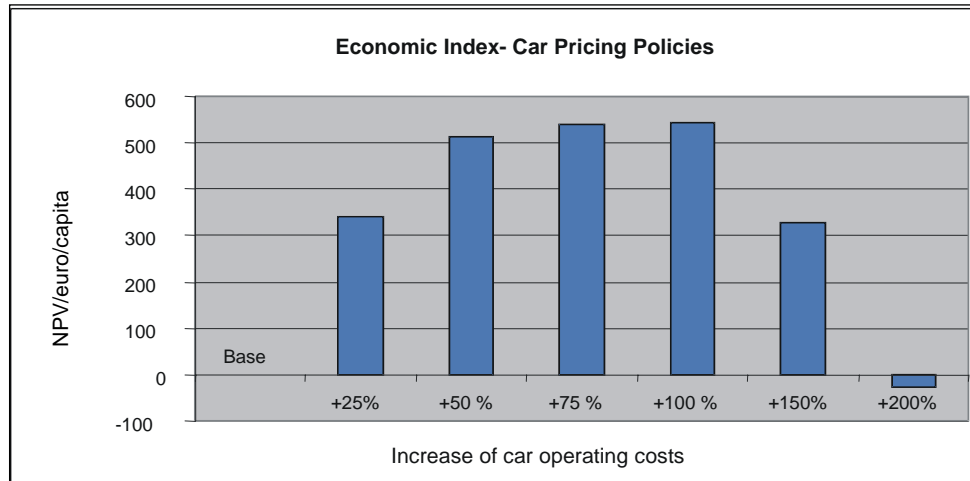
Social evaluation



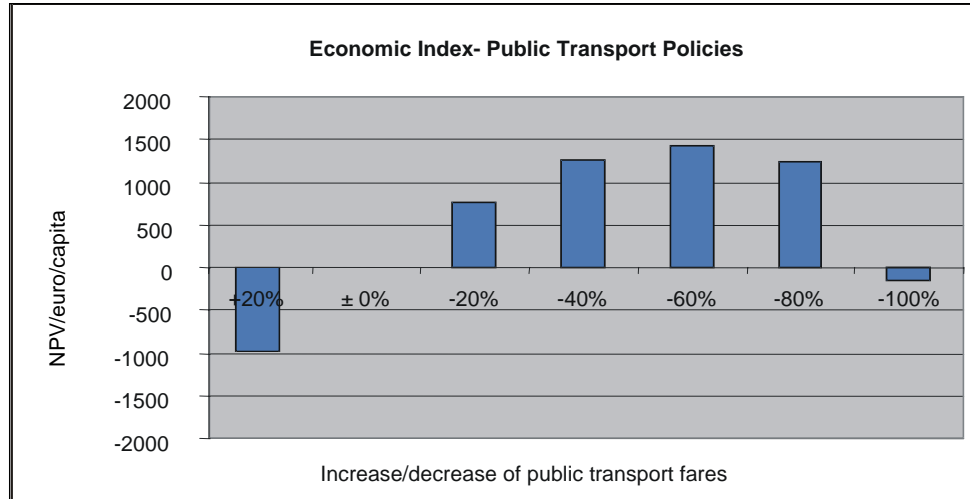
Economic evaluation



There is an optimum for car pricing and PT fares

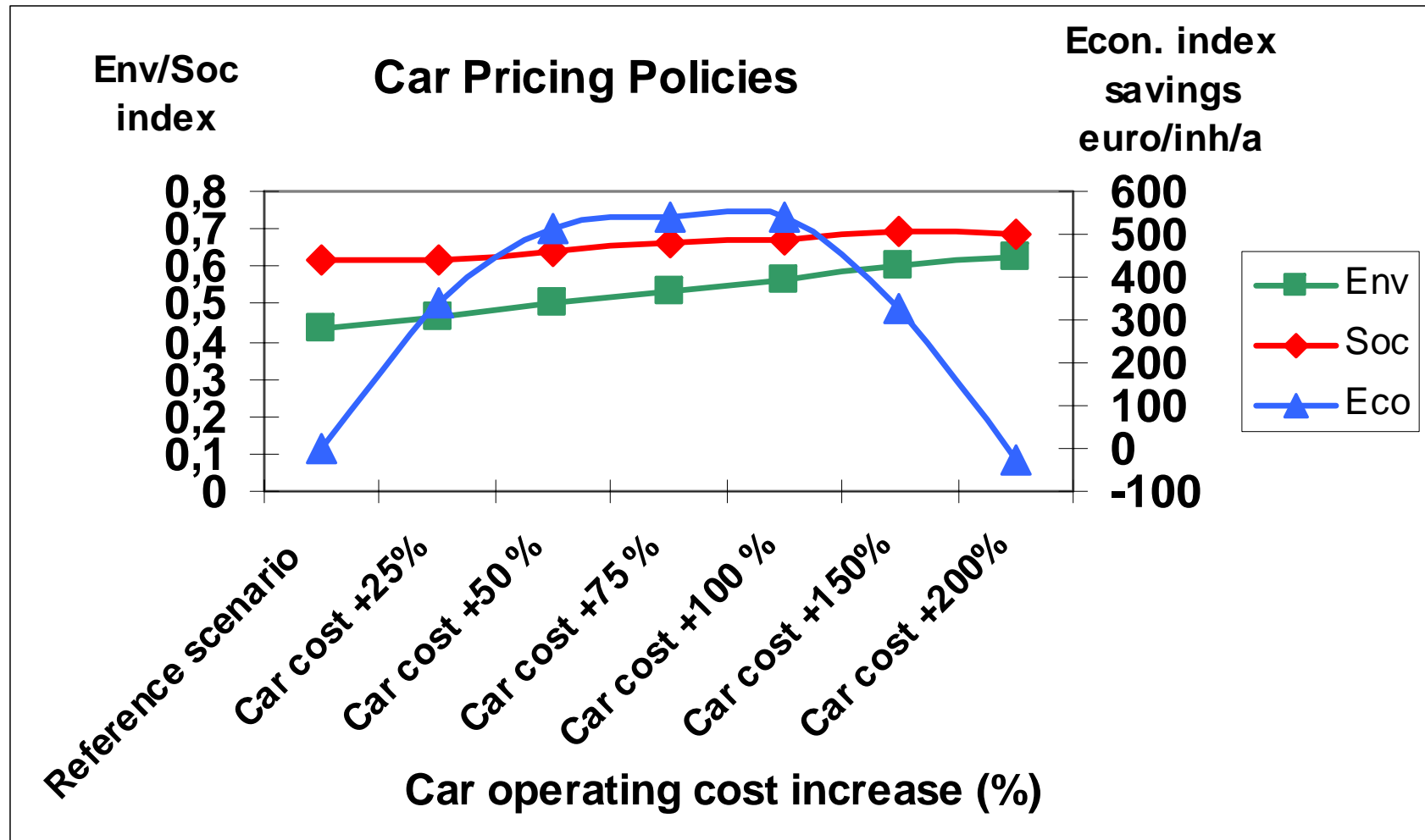


The Economic Index in different car pricing policies

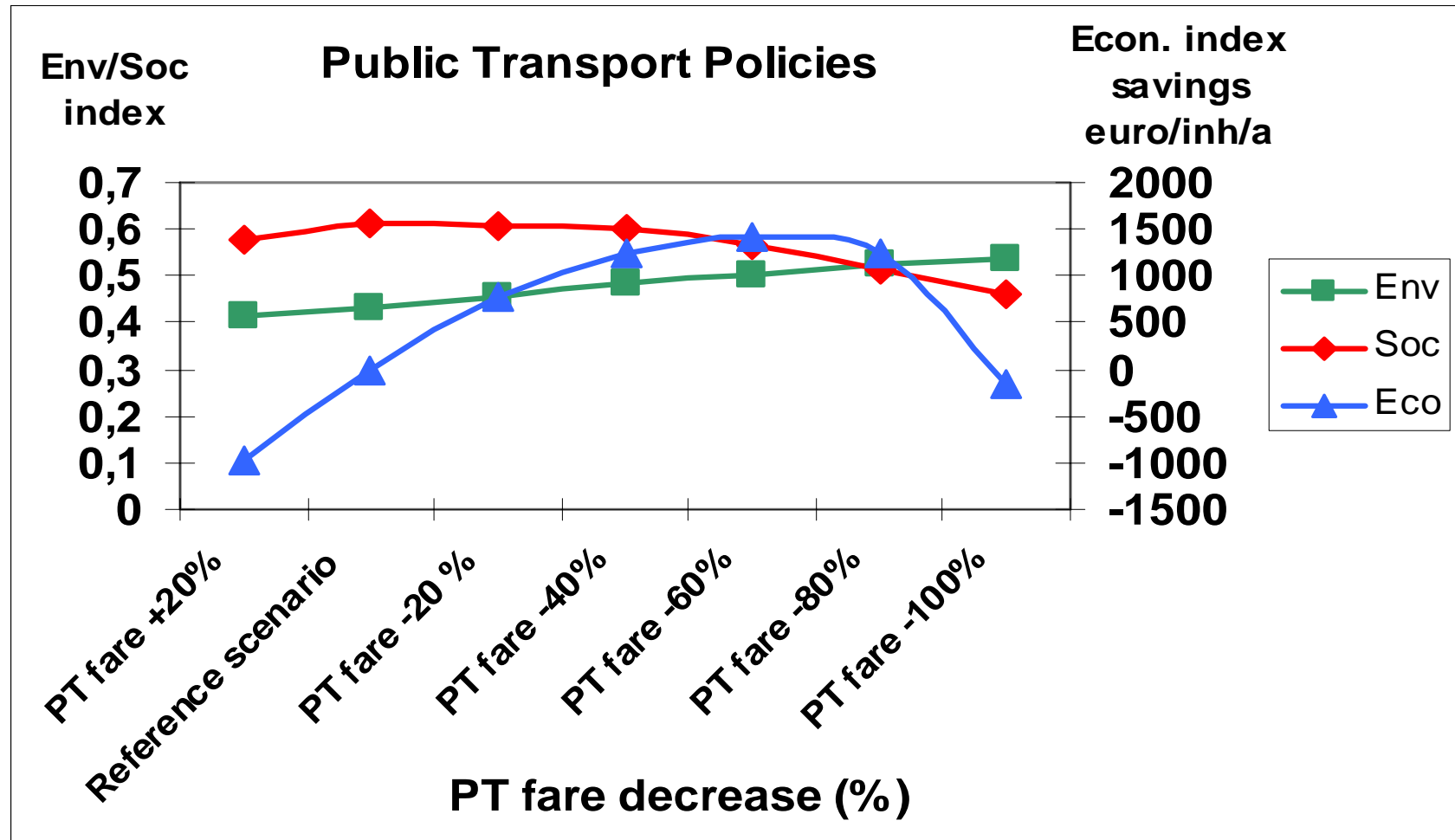


The Economic Index in different public transport pricing policies

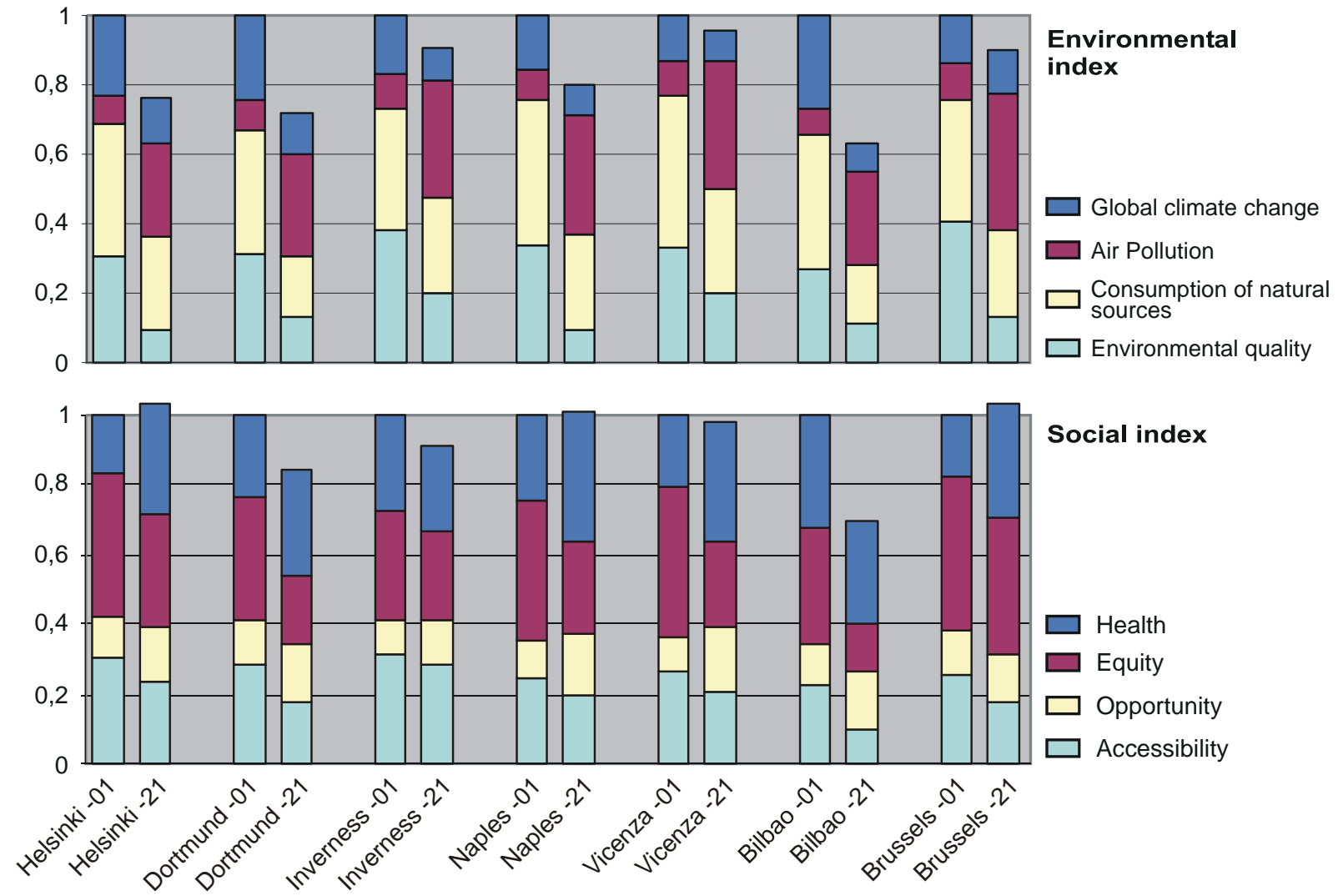
Sustainability indices in car pricing scenarios



Sustainability indices in public transport pricing scenarios

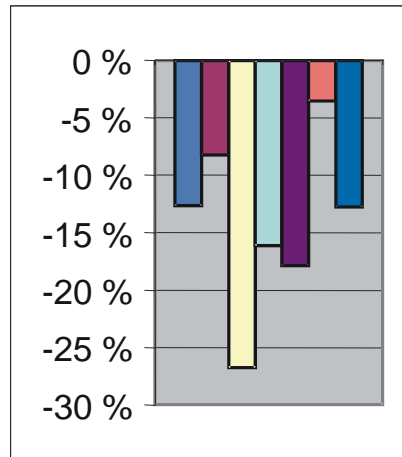


Environmental and Social Index in Reference Scenario

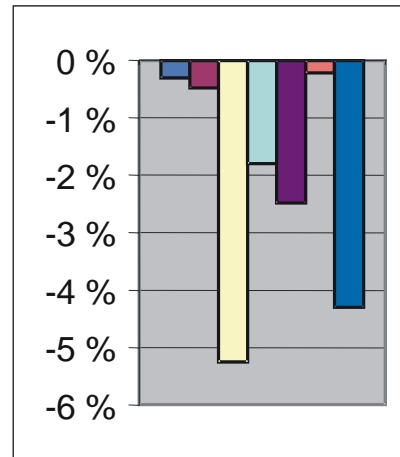


Scenario 212: car operating costs +50 % *

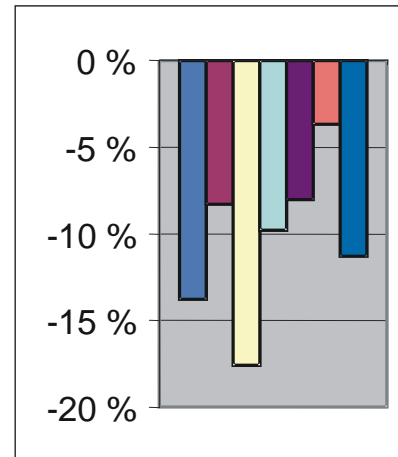
Greenhouse gases from transport



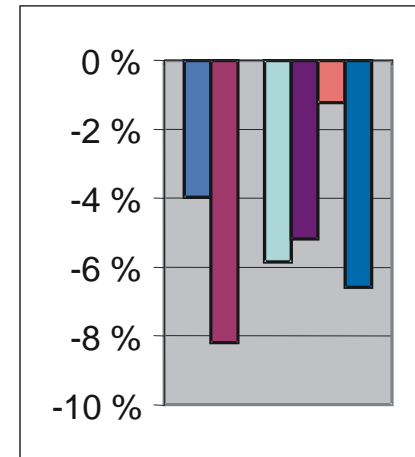
Exposure to traffic noise



Traffic deaths



Total time spent in traffic



■ Helsinki
 ■ Dortmund
 ■ Inverness
 ■ Naples
 ■ Vicenza
 ■ Bilbao
 ■ Brussels

* Policy scenario in 2021 v. Reference scenario in 2021

Conclusions

Conclusions (1)

Without integrated urban land-use and transport planning the existing level of sustainability will **not** be maintained.

Further growth in **income** will result in

- further **spatial decentralisation** of residences and workplaces,
- higher **car ownership**,
- more and longer **trips**,
- more **energy** consumption and **greenhouse gases**,
- more **traffic noise** and **air pollution**,
- less **open space** and **natural habitats**.

Conclusions (2)

Transport policies making **public transport** more attractive (i.e. faster or less expensive) have only **little** effect on car mobility.

However, they contribute to further spatial decentralisation of residences and workplaces.

Conclusions (3)

Land-use policies to increase urban density or mixed land-use or development near public transport stations **without** accompanying measures to make car travel less attractive have only **little effect** on car mobility.

However, these policies are important in the long run as they provide the necessary **preconditions** for a reduction of car mobility.

Conclusions (4)

Transport policies making **car travel** less attractive (more expensive or slower) are **very effective** in reducing car mobility and making cities more sustainable.

However, these policies depend on a **not too dispersed** spatial organisation.

Conclusions (5)

Policy packages combining policies making car travel less attractive ***and*** policies making public transport more attractive ***and*** land-use policies to increase urban density and mixed land use are ***very effective*** in achieving less car-dependent cities.

They may include:

- a combination of ***pricing policies*** directed at car users with moderate public transport fares,
- ***public transport infrastructure investments*** to improve public transport speed and service,
- a ***land use plan*** supporting living near central areas, in satellite cities or along public transport corridors.

Conclusions (6)

The goal of *simultaneously improving all dimensions* of sustainability was reached in most of the case cities using the same type of approach. This indicates that the approach could work in other *European* cities as well, and that the results could thus be transferable.

Conclusions (7)

For cities in other affluent regions, such as ***North America*** and ***Australia***, the results can contribute to the discussion whether soft ***pull*** measures are sufficient to achieve sustainable cities or whether politically less acceptable ***push*** measures are also needed.

However, to give up their car-dependent way of life seems presently unacceptable to these countries ... but there are also positive developments..

Conclusions (8)

For the rapidly growing cities in ***eastern Europe, Asia*** and ***Latin America***, the results can be seen as a warning not to repeat the costly mistakes European cities have made.

However, the speed of growth and inefficient governance structures often prevent the implementation of integrated land use and transport policies for sustainable cities.

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