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The use of UN/LOCODE by Eurostat

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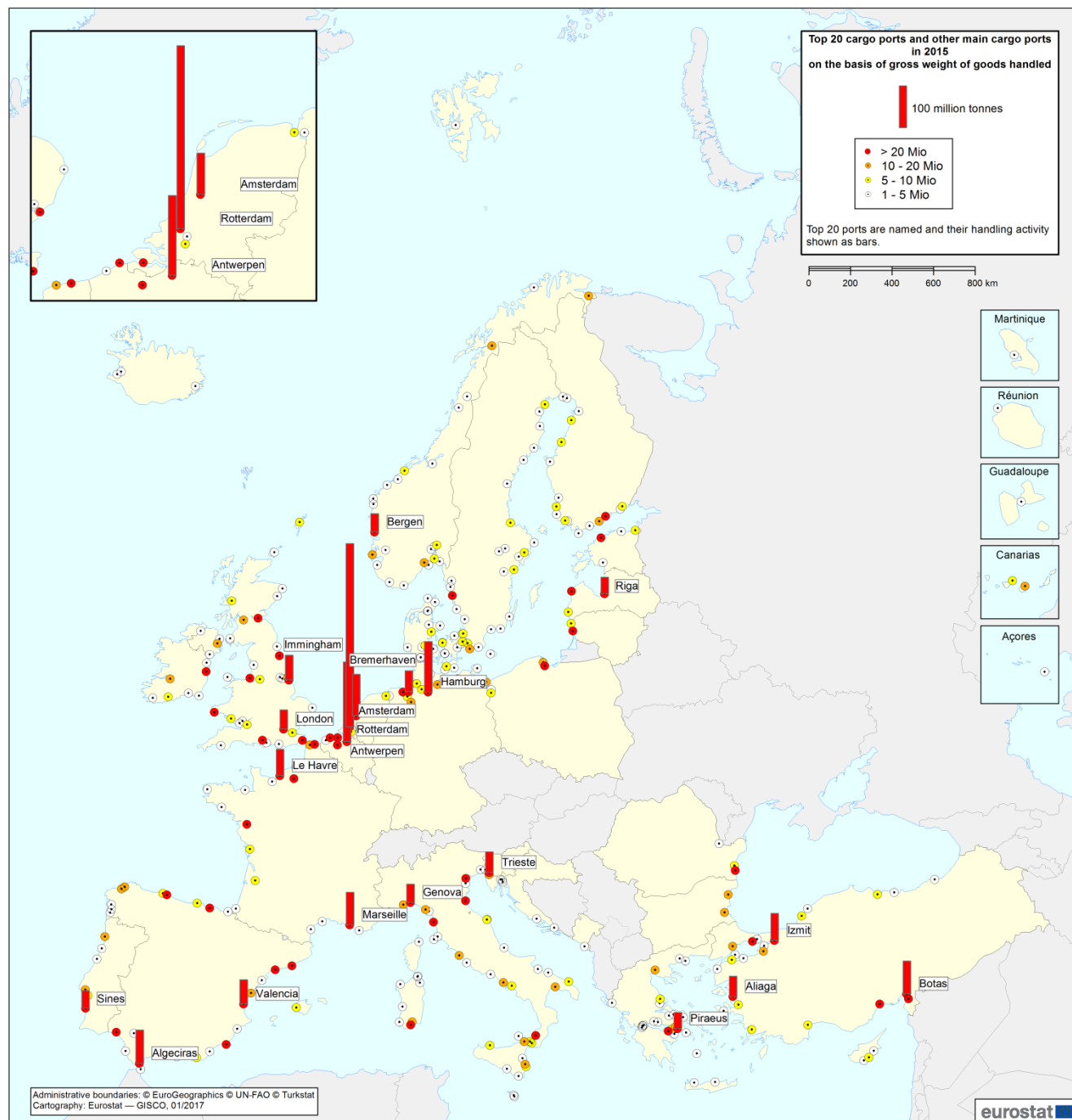
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Where are UN/LOCODEs used?

- Maritime transport statistics
 - Transport of goods and passengers
 - Data collection at port-to-port level
 - 23 EU Member states, 2 EFTA countries (NO, IS), 2 candidate countries (TR, ME)
- Inland Waterways (**IWW**) transport statistics
 - Transport of goods
 - Voluntary data collection at port-to-port level
 - 9 (BG, CZ, DE, HR, HU, AT, PL, RO, SK) out of 14 Member States

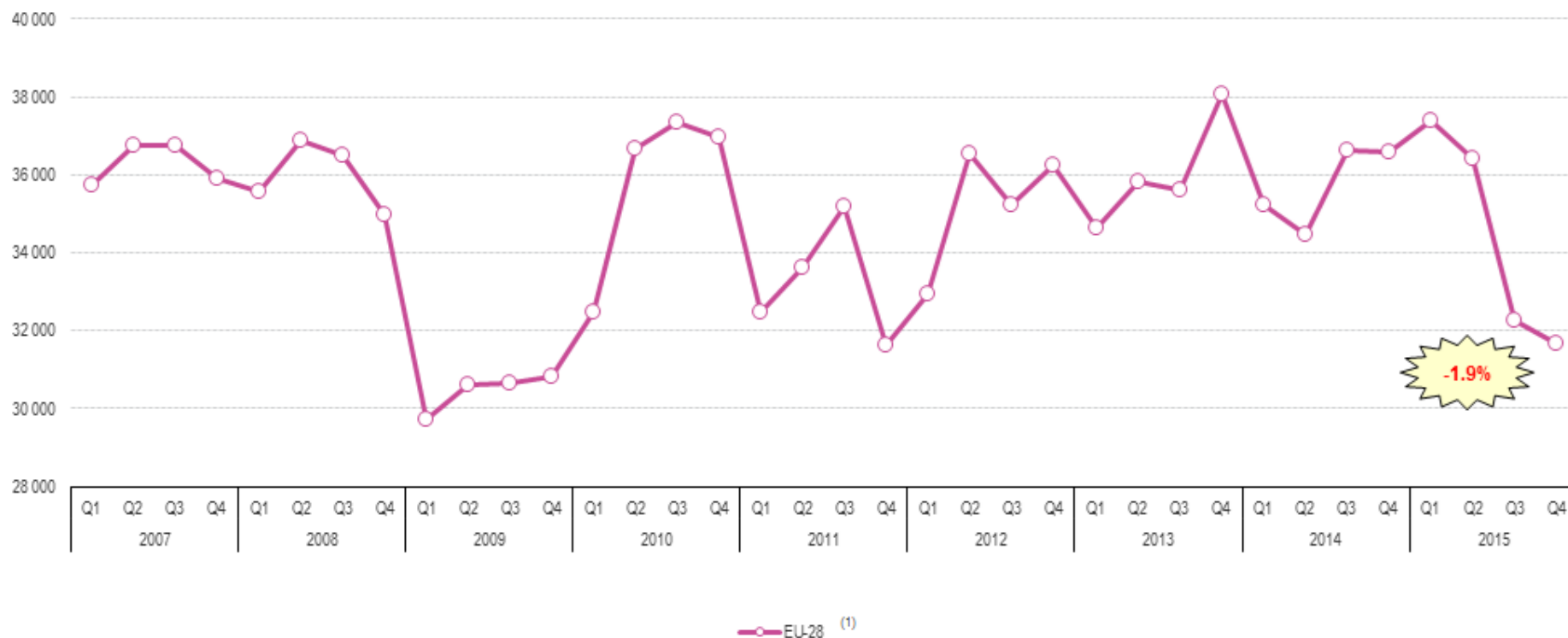
Maritime Transport

Main European cargo ports in 2015 by gross weight of goods handled



Inland waterways transport

Quarterly transport performance of goods in EU-28 – Million TKm



(*) Transit transport reported by Bulgaria and Romania has been excluded to provide comparability over time for the series presented

Maritime transport

- Port of loading and port of unloading
- List of ports
 - **UN/LOCODES**
 - **Temporary numeric codes if no UN/LOCODE available**
 - **Other specific Eurostat codes for special statistical aggregates (offshore installations, grouped ports)**
- Eurostat responsible for legal acts with official list of EU ports used for statistics
 - **Around 2 370 EEA ports covered (EU+NO+IS)**
 - **Current version adopted in 2008 – next in 2017 Q3**

Maritime transport

- However, informal list of EU ports used for statistics is updated annually
 - Contains all maritime ports in EU, EEA and candidate countries
 - In addition, non-exhaustive list of other ports not covered by the legal framework on maritime transport statistics (IWW ports, fishing ports, leisure ports, etc.)
- Annual checks done for correspondence between Eurostat list of ports and UN/LOCODE list
 - Checking all UN/LOCODES with function=1 (ports)

Maritime transport

- Harmonisation of list of ports
 - Criterion 1: The list of ports should only contain UNLOCODE-ports (with some exceptions).
 - Criterion 2: The list should contain as "statistical ports" all the ports for which statistics are sent to Eurostat as "reporting port".
 - Criterion 3: The situation of statistical ports for which no data have been sent to Eurostat (as "reporting port") over a certain number of years, should be clarified.

Maritime transport

- Harmonisation of list of ports
 - Criterion 4: The list of ports should be as exhaustive as possible.
 - Criterion 5: The "grouping" of ports (necessary for national statistical specificities) should be made by using the "system of statistical and non-statistical ports". The grouping of more ports under the same UNLOCODE should be avoided.
- Ongoing exercise since 2007 finalised in 2017

Inland waterways transport

- Port of loading and port of unloading
 - **Voluntary data collection**
- List of ports
 - **Many ports without UN/LOCODE**
 - **No official list of IWW ports**
 - **Updated on yearly basis**

Procedure to obtain UN/LOCODE

- All reporting EU, EEA and candidate countries are encouraged to request updates of UN/LOCODES as required through the online application:

<http://apps.unece.org/unlocode/>

- Registration needed
- Member states should communicate to Eurostat any changes in national UN/LOCODES for ports

Challenges

- Monitoring of the changes in the UN/LOCODE list
 - **Deletion, entry of new codes**
- No distinction between maritime and IWW ports
 - **Function=1 refers to both types of ports**
 - **Ideally, it should be possible to separate maritime and IWW ports in the UN/LOCODE register**

Eurostat would like to use this opportunity to thank the **UN/LOCODE** Secretariat for all efforts with processing the data maintenance requests coming from the national statistical authorities in Europe.

***Thank you for
your attention!!***