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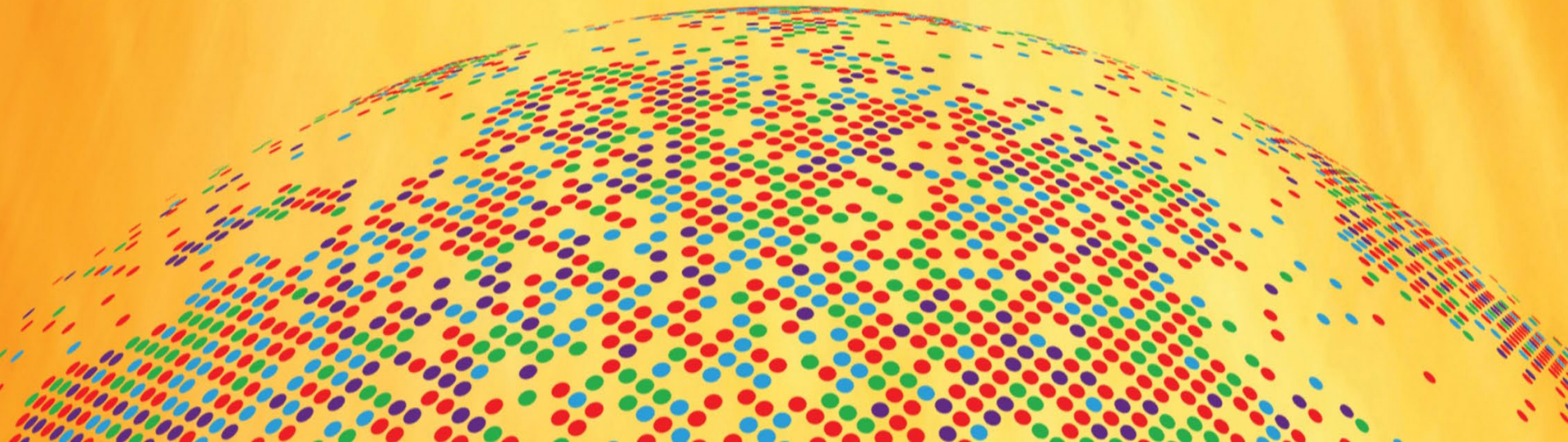
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INEQUALITIES IN URBAN AND RURAL MOLDOVA:

Beyond incomes and averages, looking into the future of inequalities

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Why urban and rural poverty and inequality matters for Moldova?

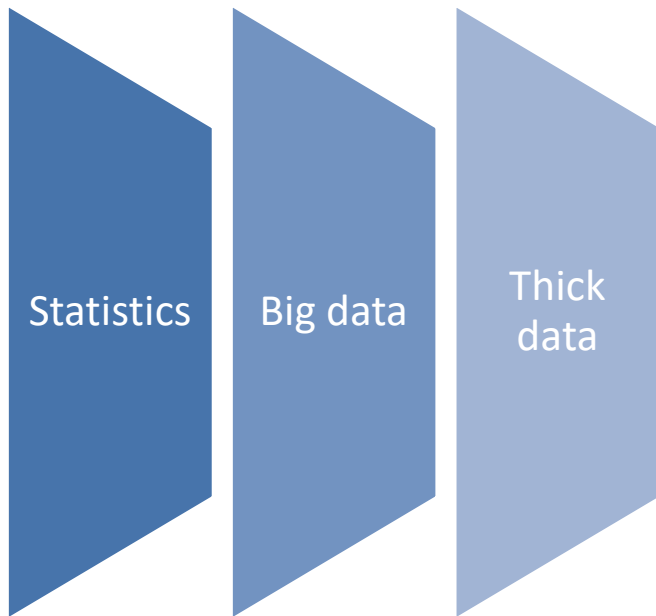
- Persistent inequalities of **incomes, between urban and rural; widening inequalities of income outcomes in urban context**
- Emerging risks of new forms of inequalities, **particularly in urban context**, and projected future losses in human development

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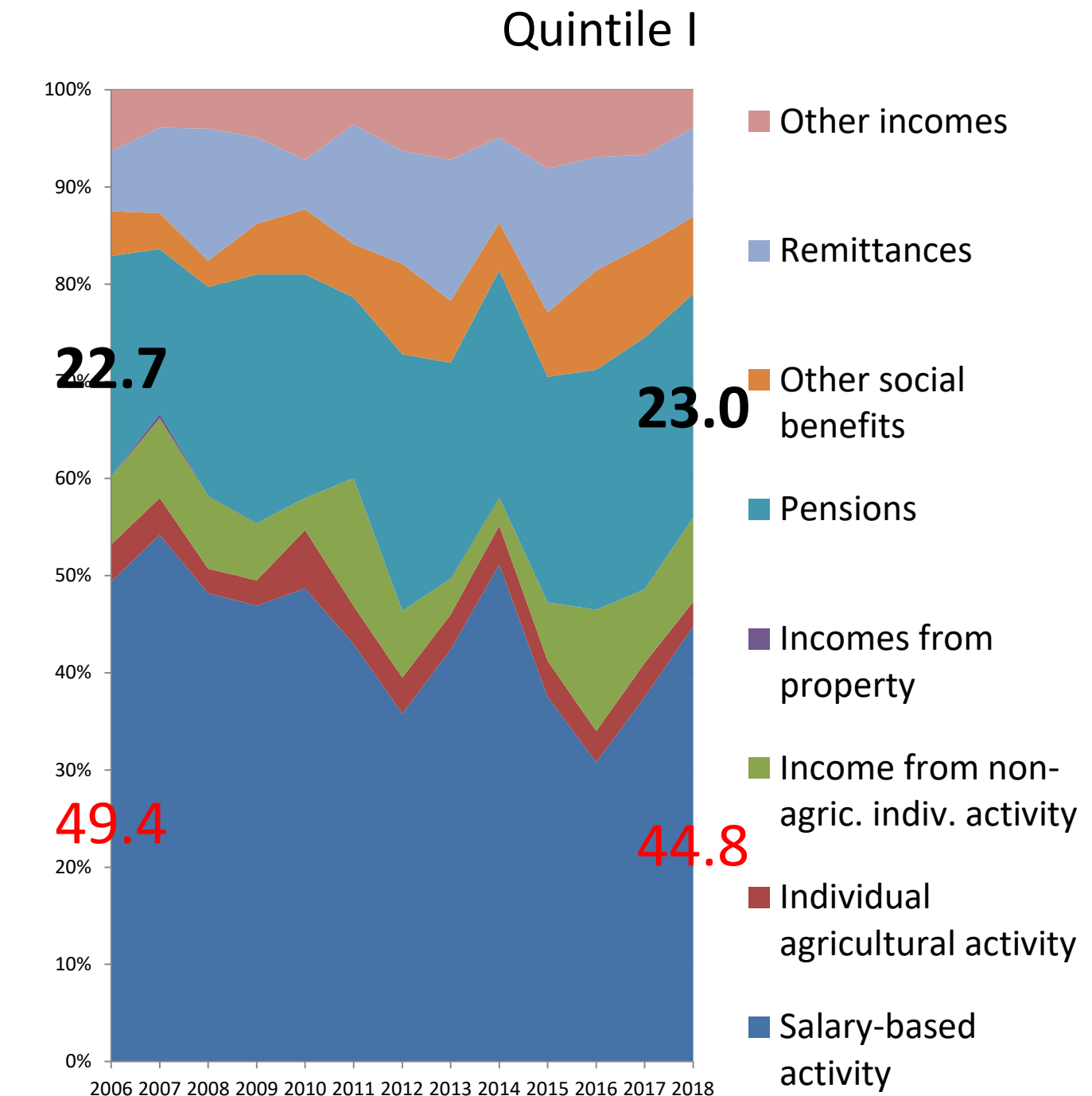




How this paper is different from previous works?

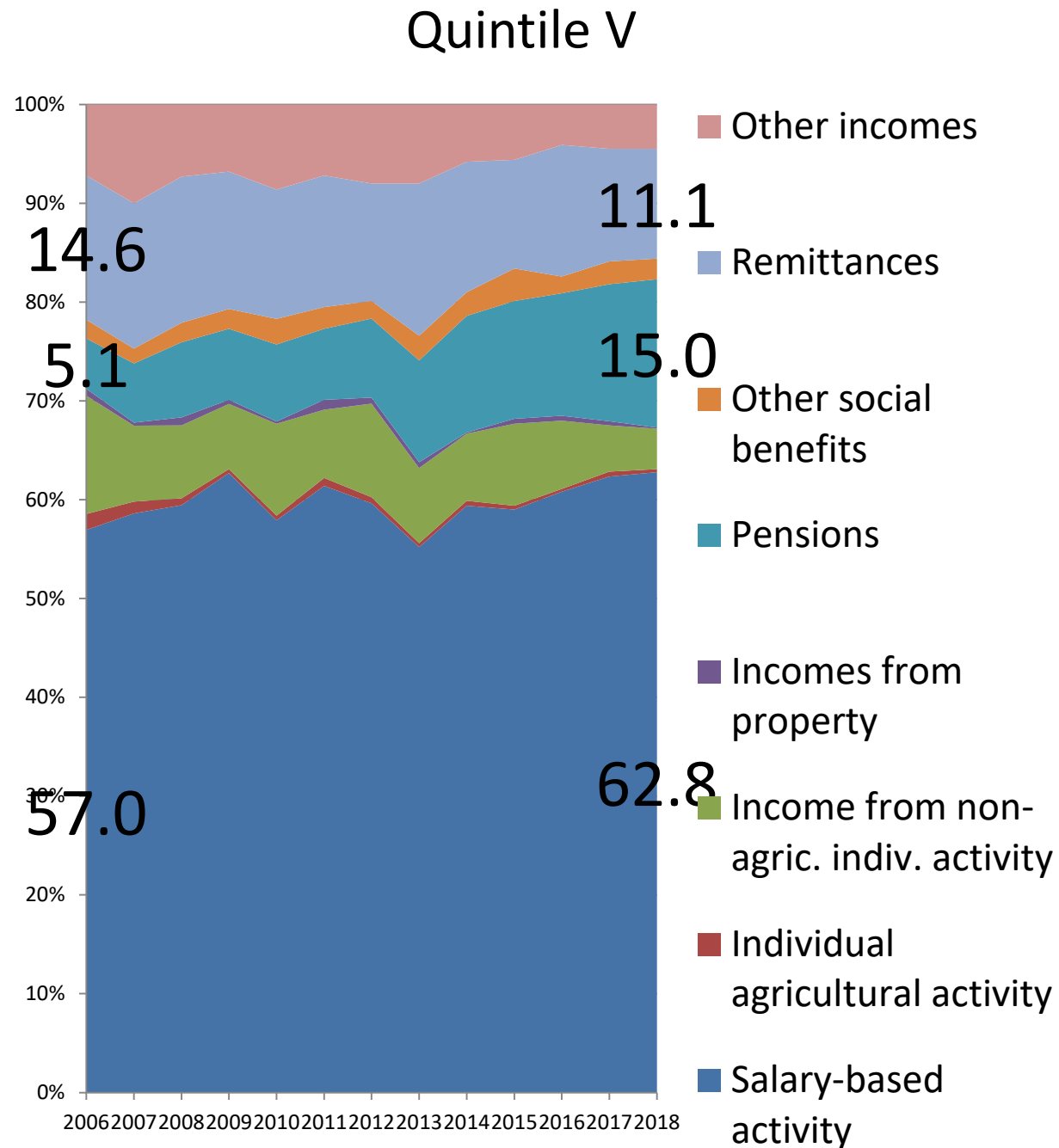
- Collaborative use of a mix of data, including traditional and new, and building on existing partnerships with corporate citizens;
- Use of statistical data to unpack income inequalities, particularly in the urban context (Chisinau)
- Use of big data on mobility and electricity consumption to unpack complex risks of inequalities in opportunities
- Use of micronarratives to understand people's perceptions over the quality of life and the 'things' people care the most in order to leave healthy, long and productive life

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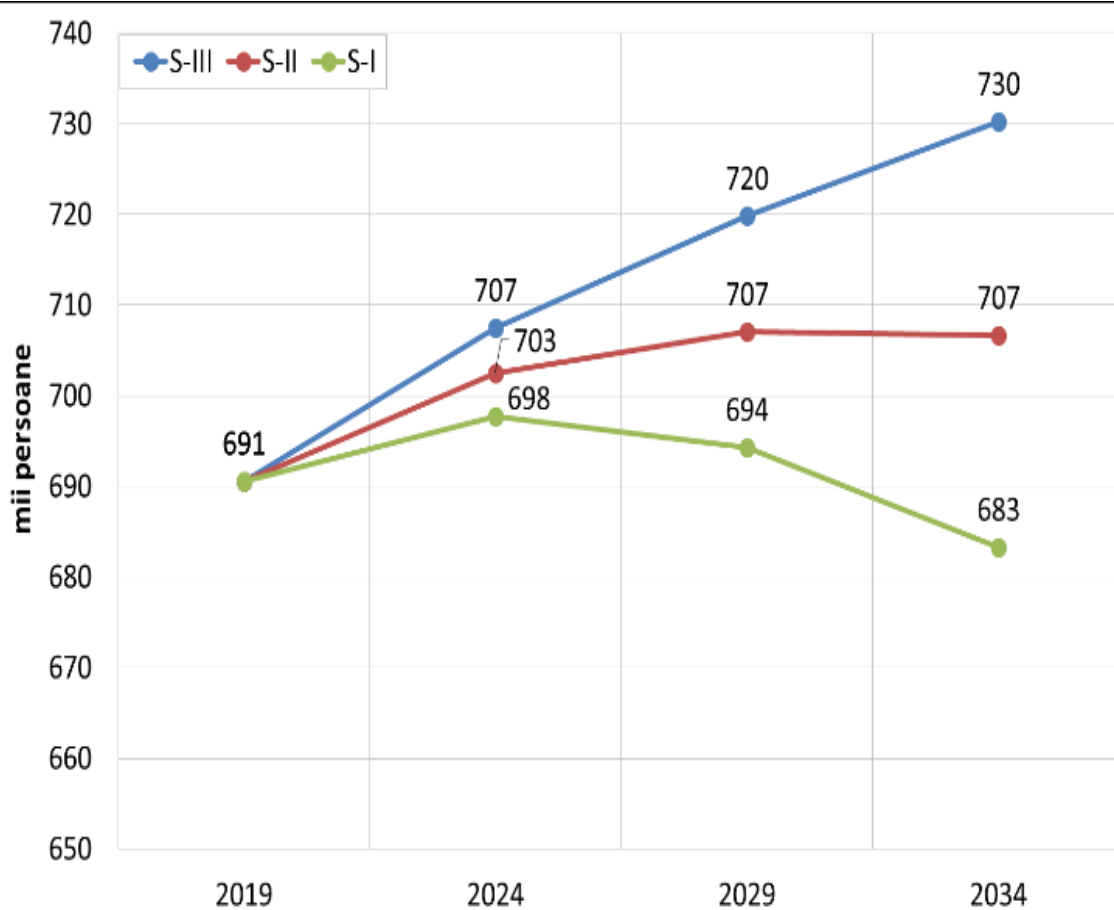


What is happening with income inequalities within the urban context?

- **Growing** income inequalities
- **Accentuating** risks of food and energy poverty
- **Elderly, young families, NEETs** — particularly vulnerable



Projected dynamics of the population of Chisinau municipality, 2019–2034

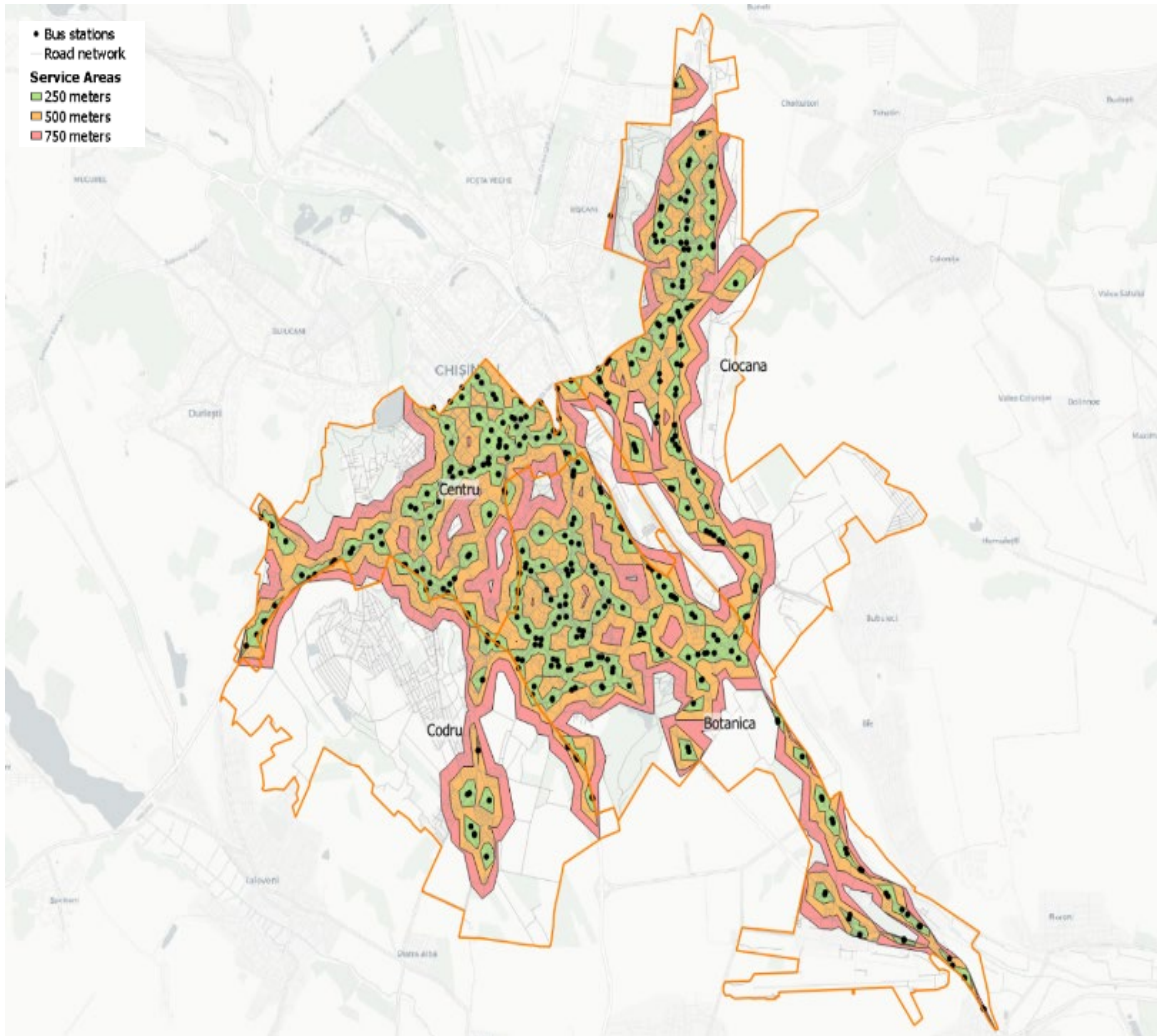


Source: Centre for Demographic Research

What is happening with inequalities of opportunities in urban Moldova?

- Urbanization and growth of population in Chisinau; our projections show upwards tendencies.

Access to public transportation in Chisinau, 2019, proxy to SDG 11.2.1

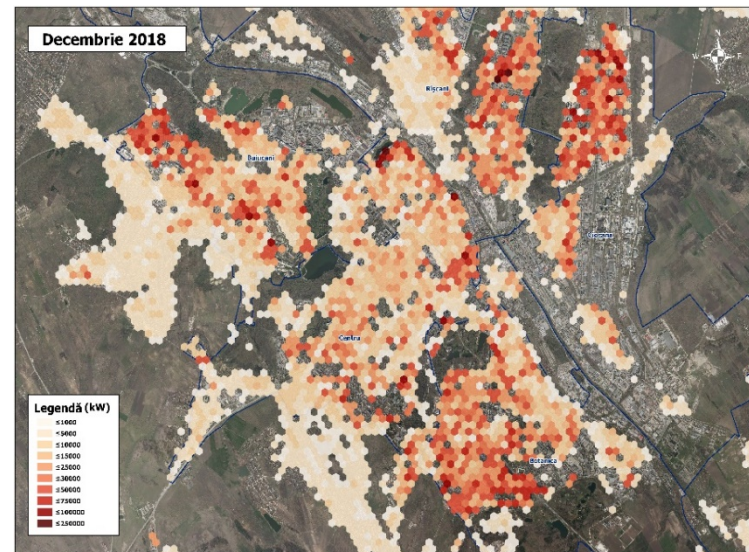
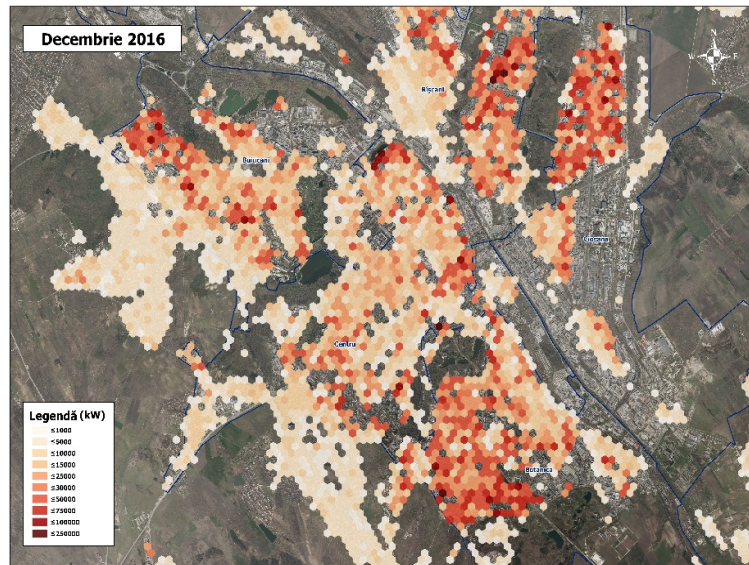


Source: UNDP, European Space Agency

What is happening with inequalities of opportunities in urban Moldova?

- Un-equal opportunities today in accessing services and spaces of quality (healthcare, education, jobs, transport, etc.)
- Un-equal dwelling conditions.

Georeferenced electricity consumption in residential sector in Chisinau 2014-2018

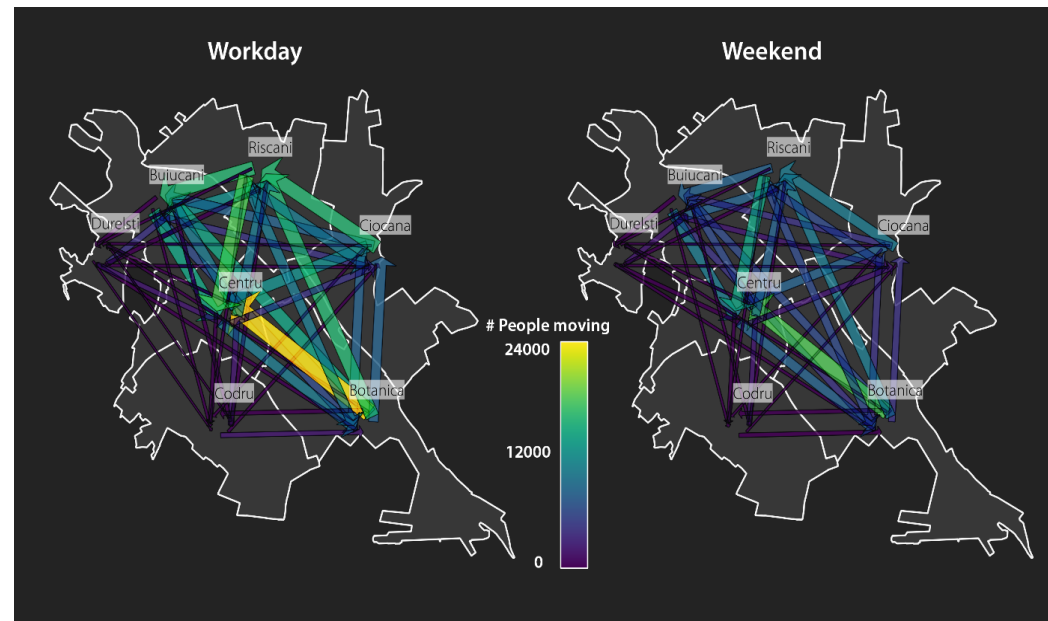


Source: Premier Energy, UNDP

Emerging risks of un-equal opportunities in mobility and access to electricity.

- **Urban mobility** and the concerns of a monocentric city
- **Access to electricity** and unsustainable consumption growth

Intra-City mobility in Chisinau based on mobility data



Source: Orange Moldova, UNDP, European Space Agency

What do people think about inequalities?

- Around 40% of respondents are not satisfied with the current status of inequalities.
- Less than 5% of people have a vision for the future.
- Over half of respondents are mostly preoccupied about themselves and concerned with their own needs.

How is life in Moldova, 2018



Source: UNDP, Cognitive Edge

