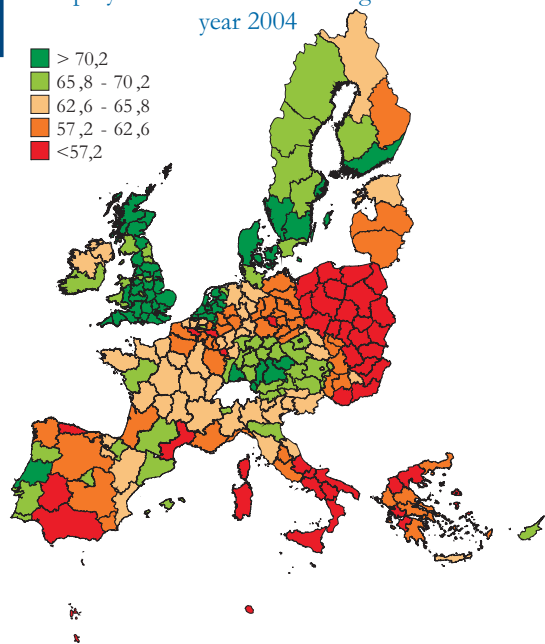


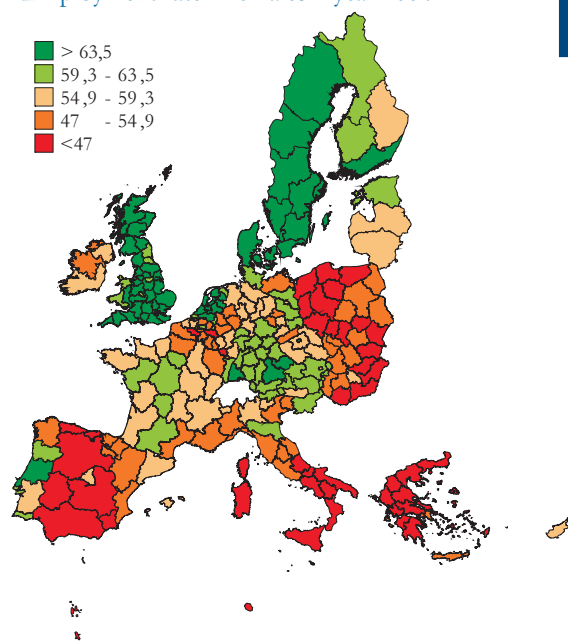
Employment

Employment rate for workers aged 15-64
year 2004

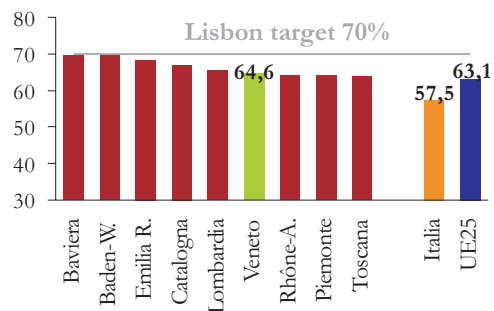


Over five years after the initial definition of the European strategy, the Commission itself has recognised that the progress achieved so far is unbalanced and, while most of the fundamental conditions for a re-launch of Europe are already in place, the results obtained on national and community levels have proved disappointing. It is for this reason that in order to cope with its aging population and to be competitive on a world level, the strategy from the year 2000 has been reformed and re-launched this year, concentrating on growth and employment in a way that is consistent with the strategy for sustainable development, receiving all the necessary support from the member states and the European Union itself.

Employment rate – females – year 2004



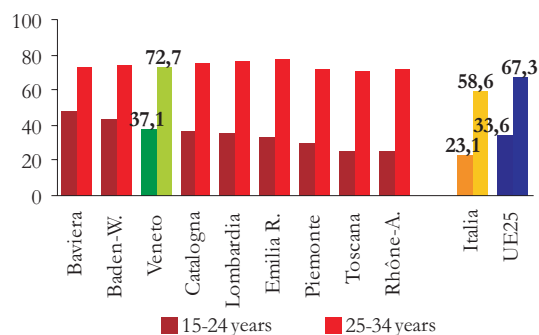
Employment rate for workers aged 15-64. Year 2005



The main priorities are to make Europe more attractive to investors and workers, to encourage knowledge and innovation which must be at the heart of European growth as well as develop policies which allow European industries to create more and better jobs.

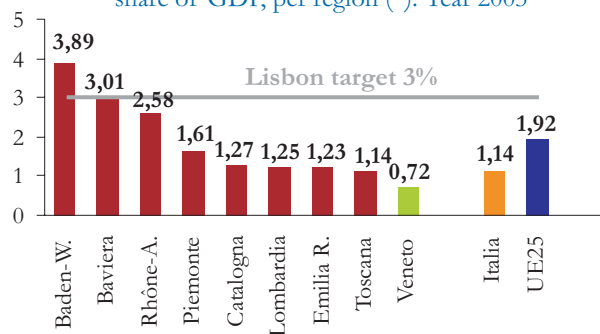
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Employment rate for females aged 15-24 and
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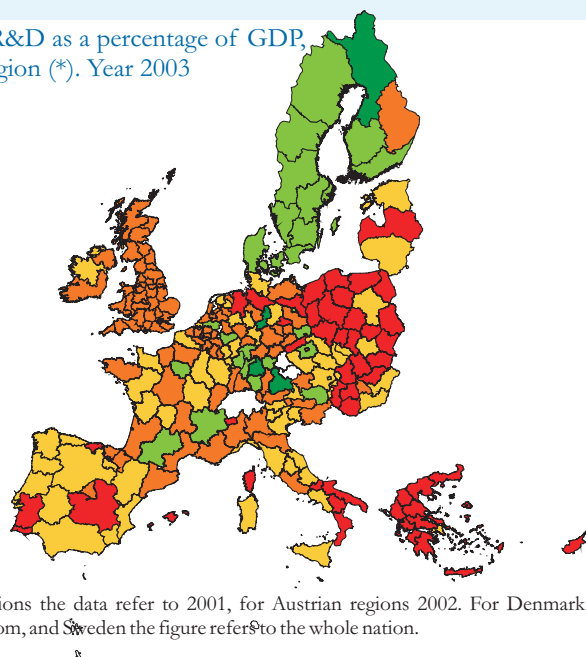
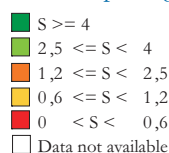


Research

Gross domestic expenditure on research and development as a
share of GDP, per region (*). Year 2003



Expenditure on R&D as a percentage of GDP,
per region (*). Year 2003



(*) for each region the most recent data available were used. For Germany and France 2001, Catalonia 2002, for all the others 2003

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(*) For the French regions the data refer to 2001, for Austrian regions 2002. For Denmark, Belgium, United Kingdom, and Sweden the figure refers to the whole nation.



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