

THE LIMITS OF CULTURAL IDENTITY FOR THE COOPERATION OF THE CATALAN CROSS-BORDER SPACE

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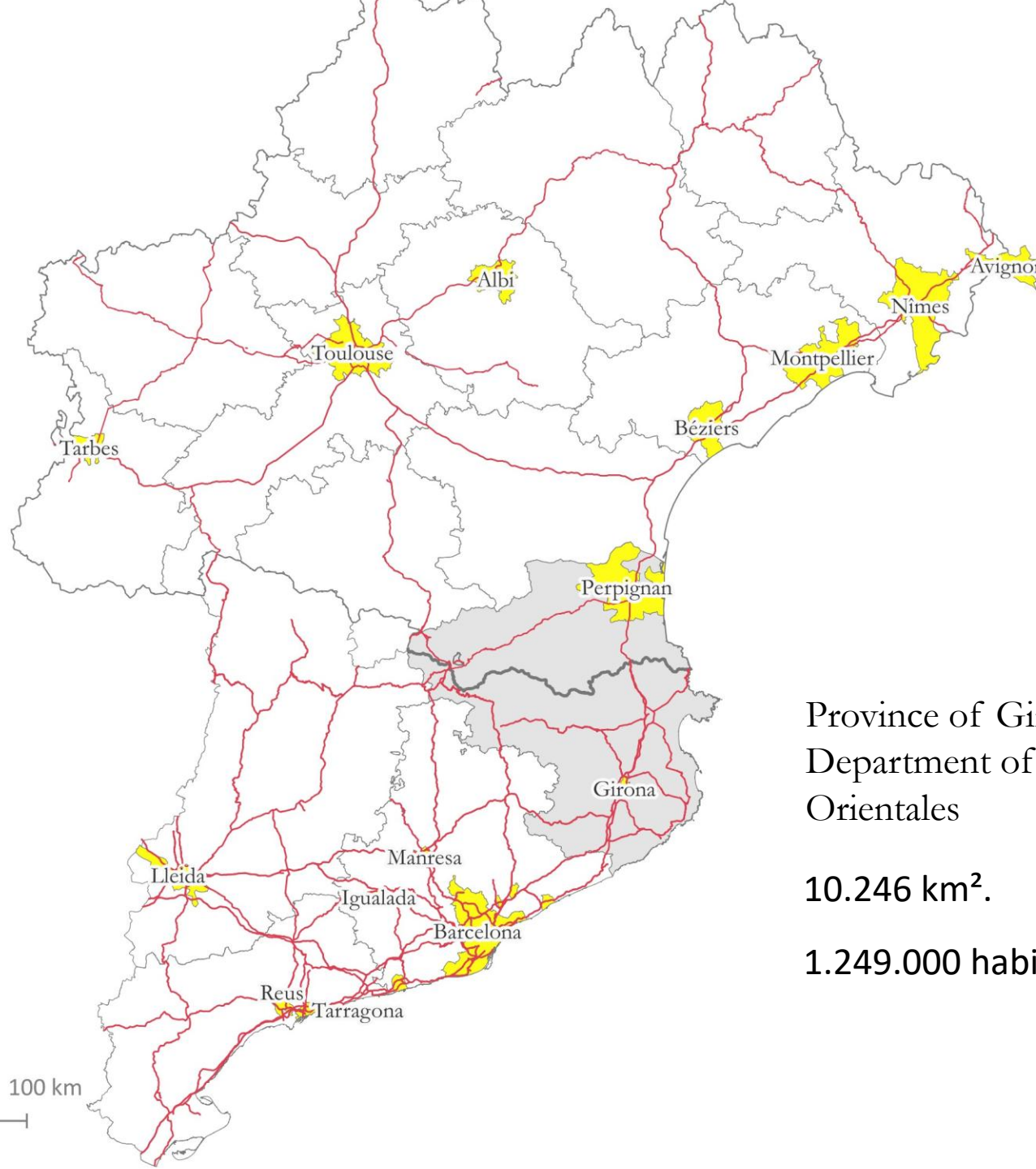
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Catalan Cross-border Space (ESCAT) and regional context. 2023



- Espai Català Transfronterer
- Divisions administratives (departaments i províncies)
- Àrees urbanes funcionals (FUAs)
- Xarxa viària principal
- Límit fronterer

Province of Girona and
Department of Pyrenees
Orientales

10.246 km².

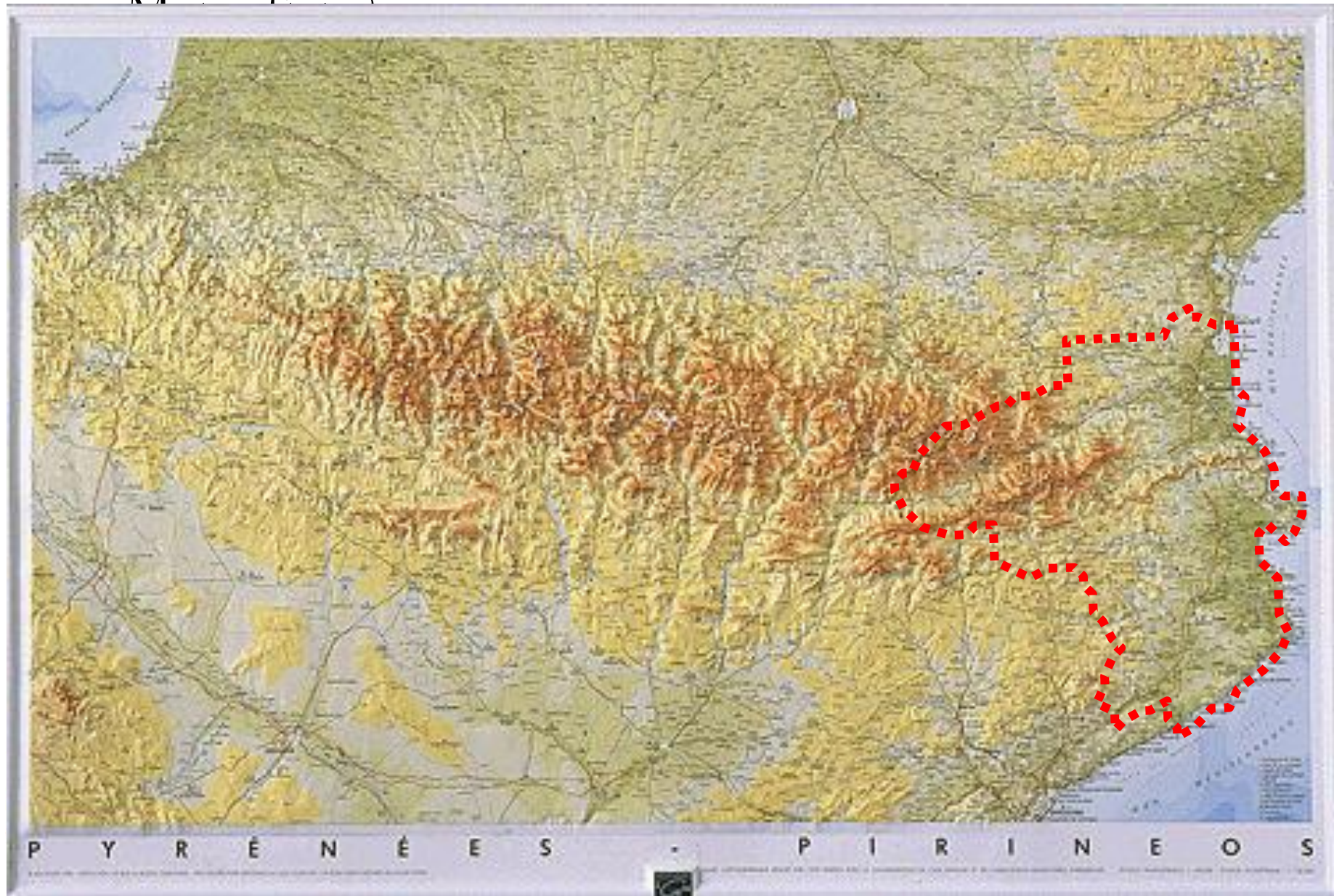
1.249.000 habitants



0 50 100 km



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1659 Treaty of the Pyrenees

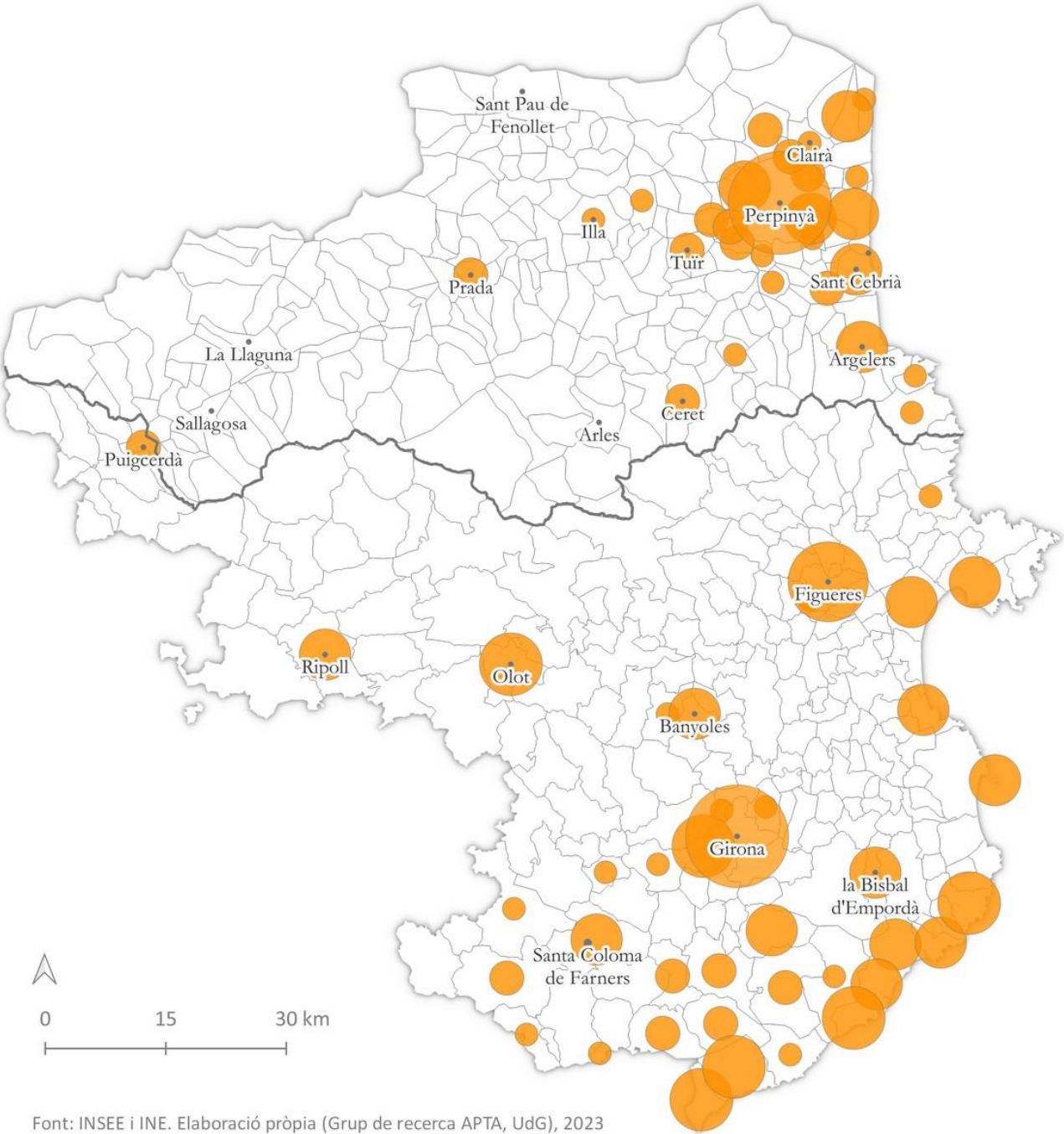


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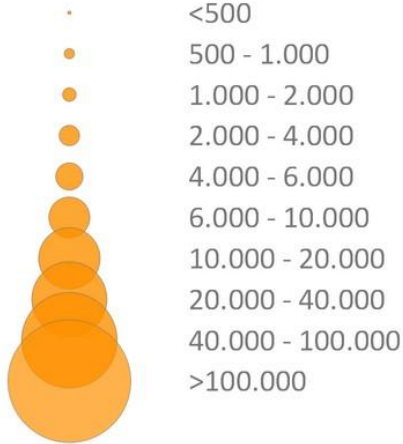
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Settlement at Catalan Cross-border Space (ESCAT). 2019



Proporcionalitat segons població



Totals
 EsCaT: 1.254.350
 Pirineus Orientals: 479.994
 Província de Girona: 774.356

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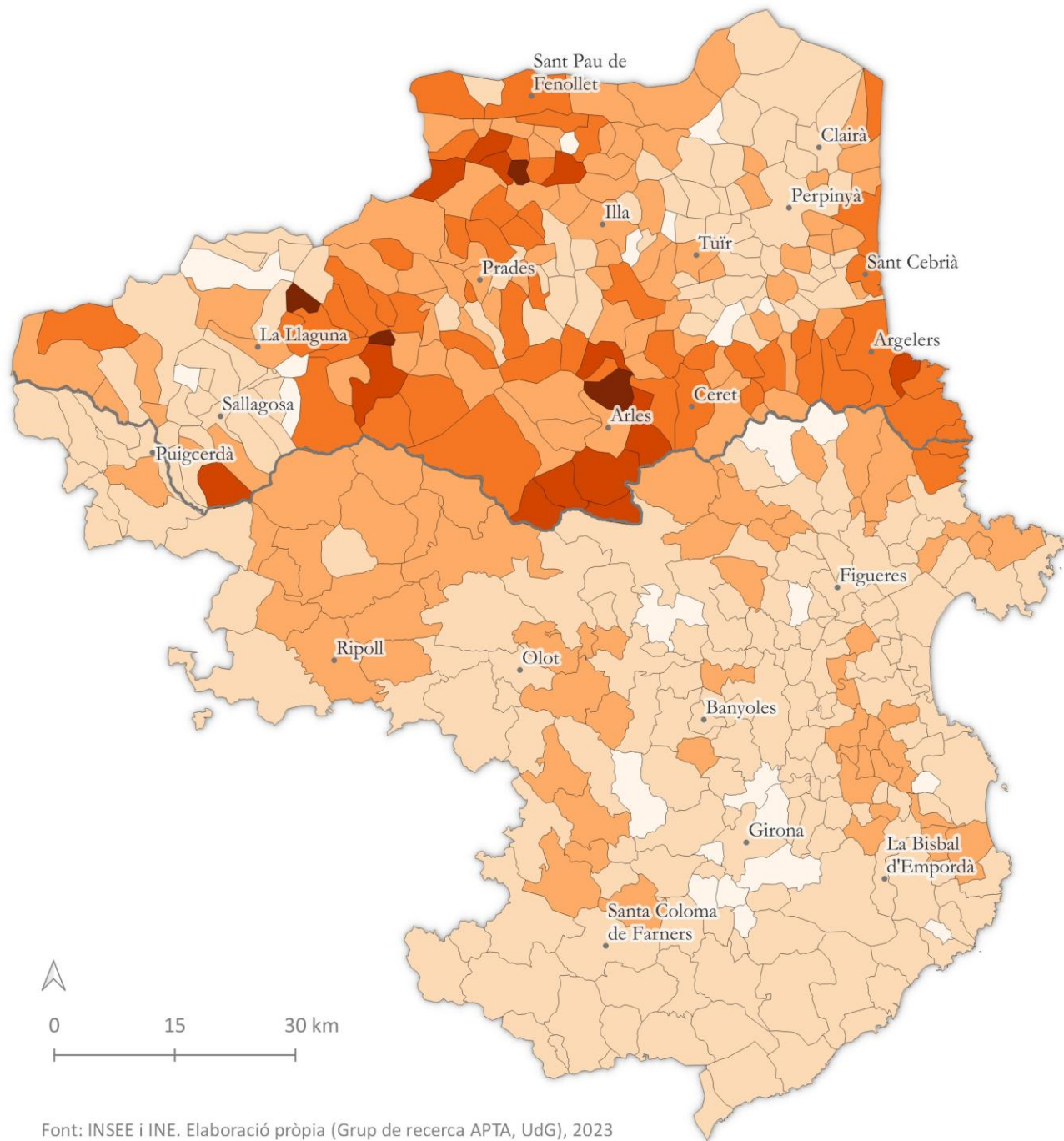


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Population aged > 60 years at Catalan Cross-border Space (ESCAT). 2019



Percentatges

- <20
- 20 - 30
- 30 - 40
- 40 - 50
- 50 - 60
- >60

Mitjanes

- EsCaT: 31,19%
- Pirineus Orientals: 35,07%
- Província de Girona: 27,32%

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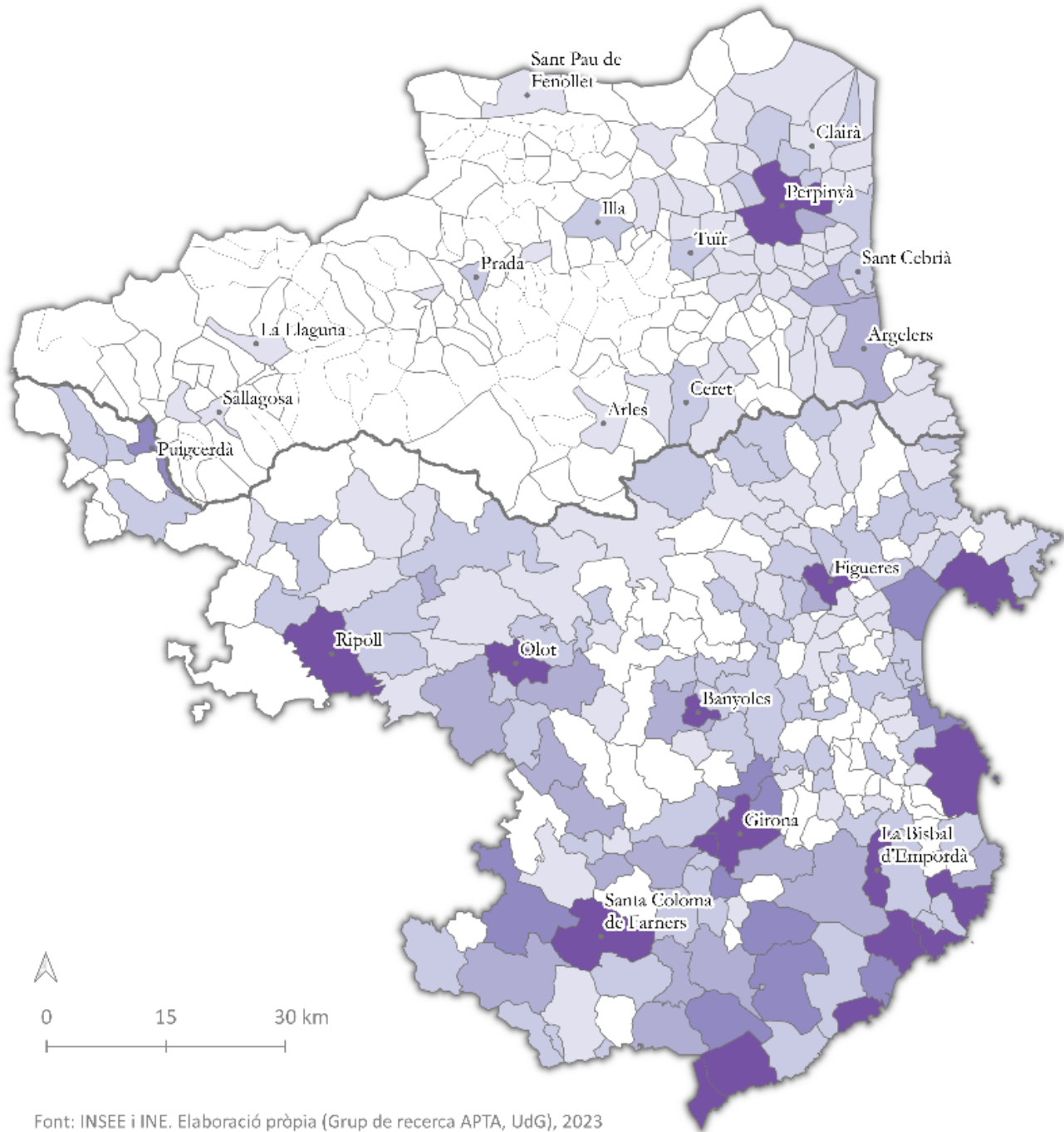


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Nº centres of Primary School by municipality (ESCAT). 2021



Suma

EsCaT: 579 centres
 Pirineus Orientals: 111 centres
 Província de Girona: 468 centres

Mitjanes

EsCaT: 1,30 centres/municipi
 Pirineus Orientals: 0,49 centres/municipi
 Província de Girona: 2,12 centres/municipi

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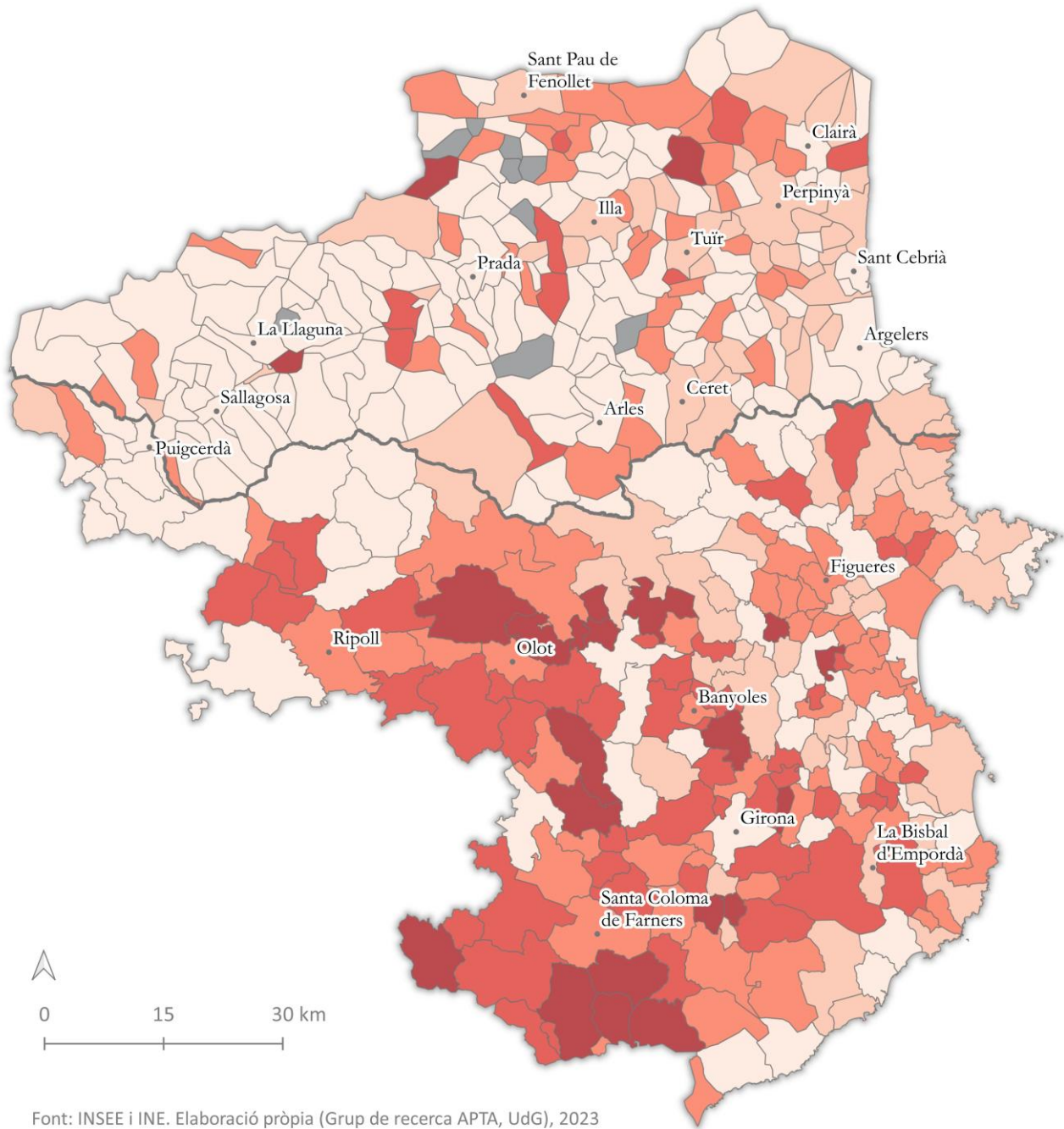


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% Occupation in Industry Sector by municipality (ESCAT). 2019



Percentatge

- 0 - 5
- 5 - 10
- 10 - 25
- 25 - 50
- > 50
- Sense dades

Mitjanes

EsCaT: 13,13%
 Pirineus Orientals: 6,33%
 Província de Girona: 19,93%

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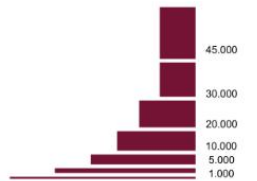
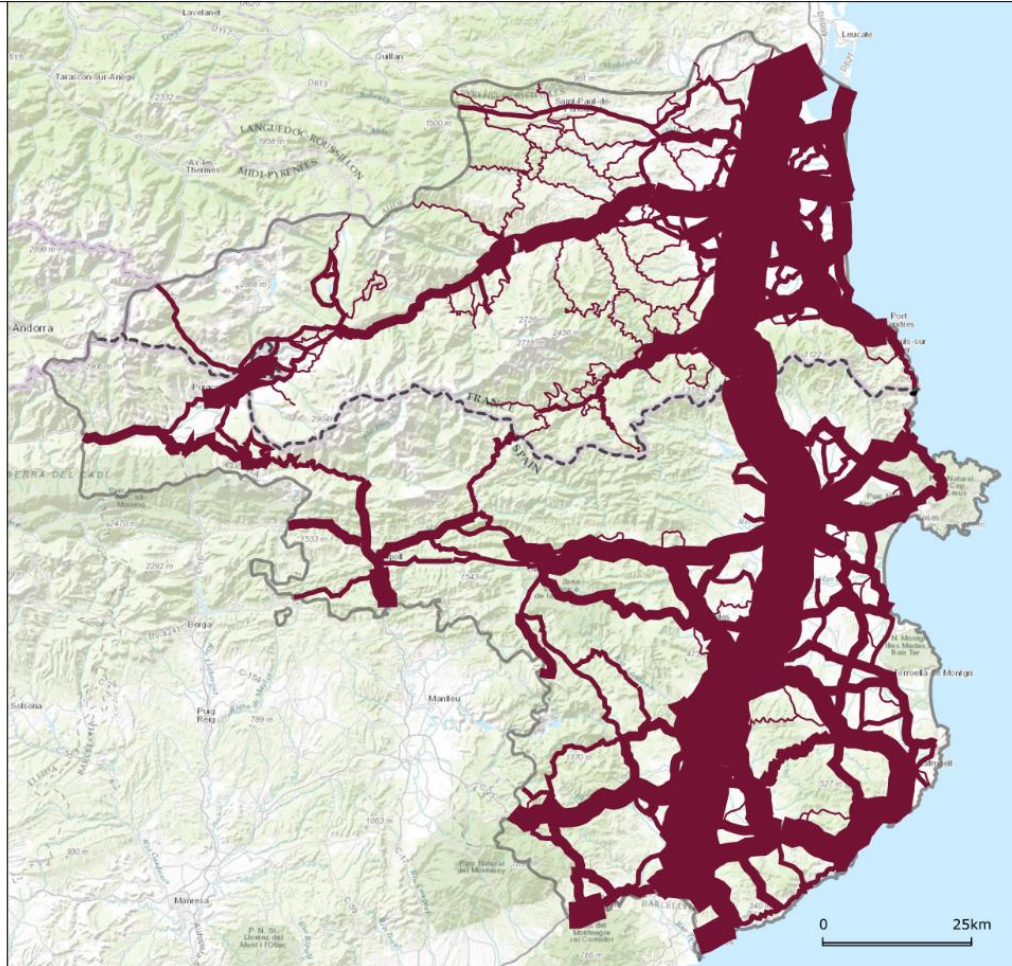
The result of historical divergences: few C-B relations

Trànsit de la xarxa viària

Intensitat Mitjana Diària (IMD)

Àmbit: Eurodistricte Català Transfronterer

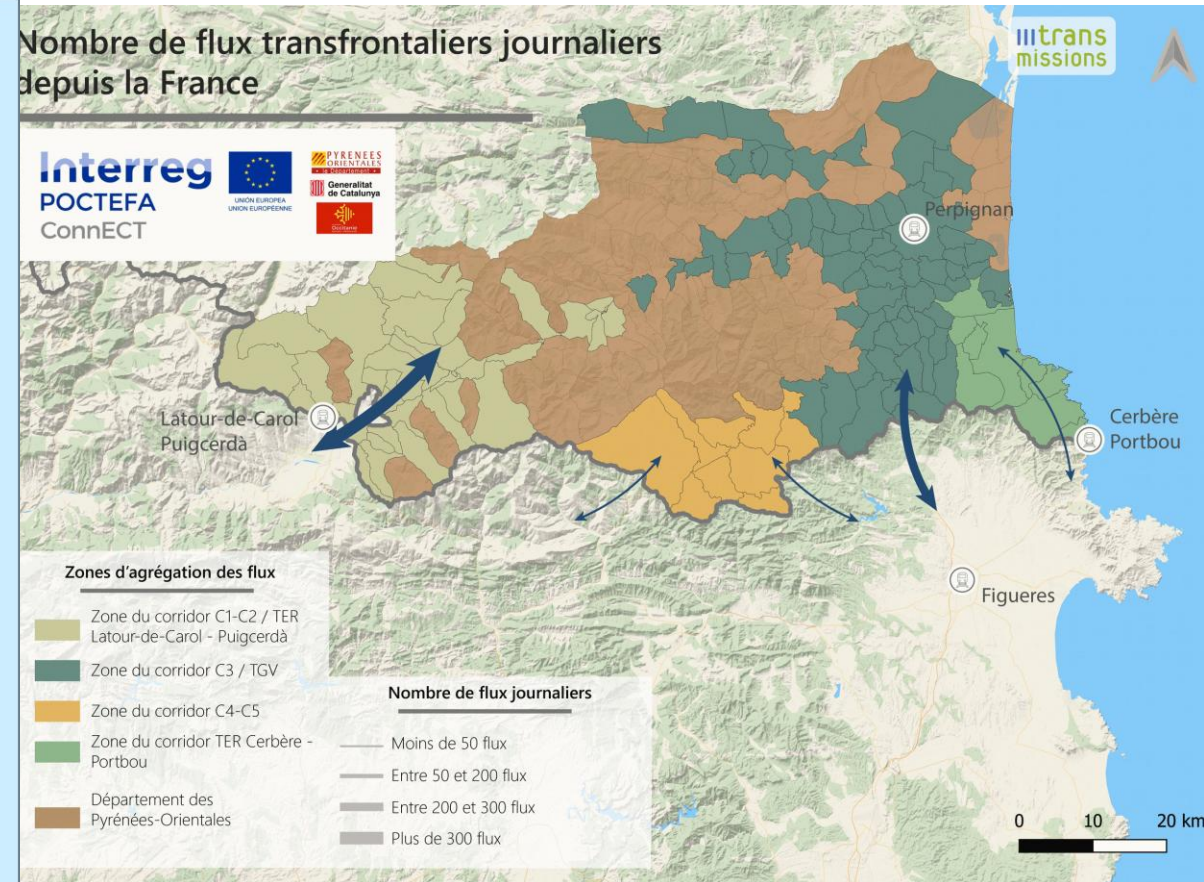
Mitjana de vehicles per dia



Font: Elaboració pròpia a partir de: resultats des comptages de circulation (2017), Departement des Pyrnees Orientales i Mapa de Tràfic 2019, Provincias, Ministerio de Fomento

Nombre de flux transfrontaliers journaliers depuis la France

Interreg POCTEFA Connect



- Zones d'agregació des flux**
- Zone du corridor C1-C2 / TER Latour-de-Carol - Puigcerdà
 - Zone du corridor C3 / TGV
 - Zone du corridor C4-C5
 - Zone du corridor TER Cerbère - Portbou
 - Département des Pyrénées-Orientales
- Nombre de flux journaliers**
- Moins de 50 flux
 - Entre 50 et 200 flux
 - Entre 200 et 300 flux
 - Plus de 300 flux

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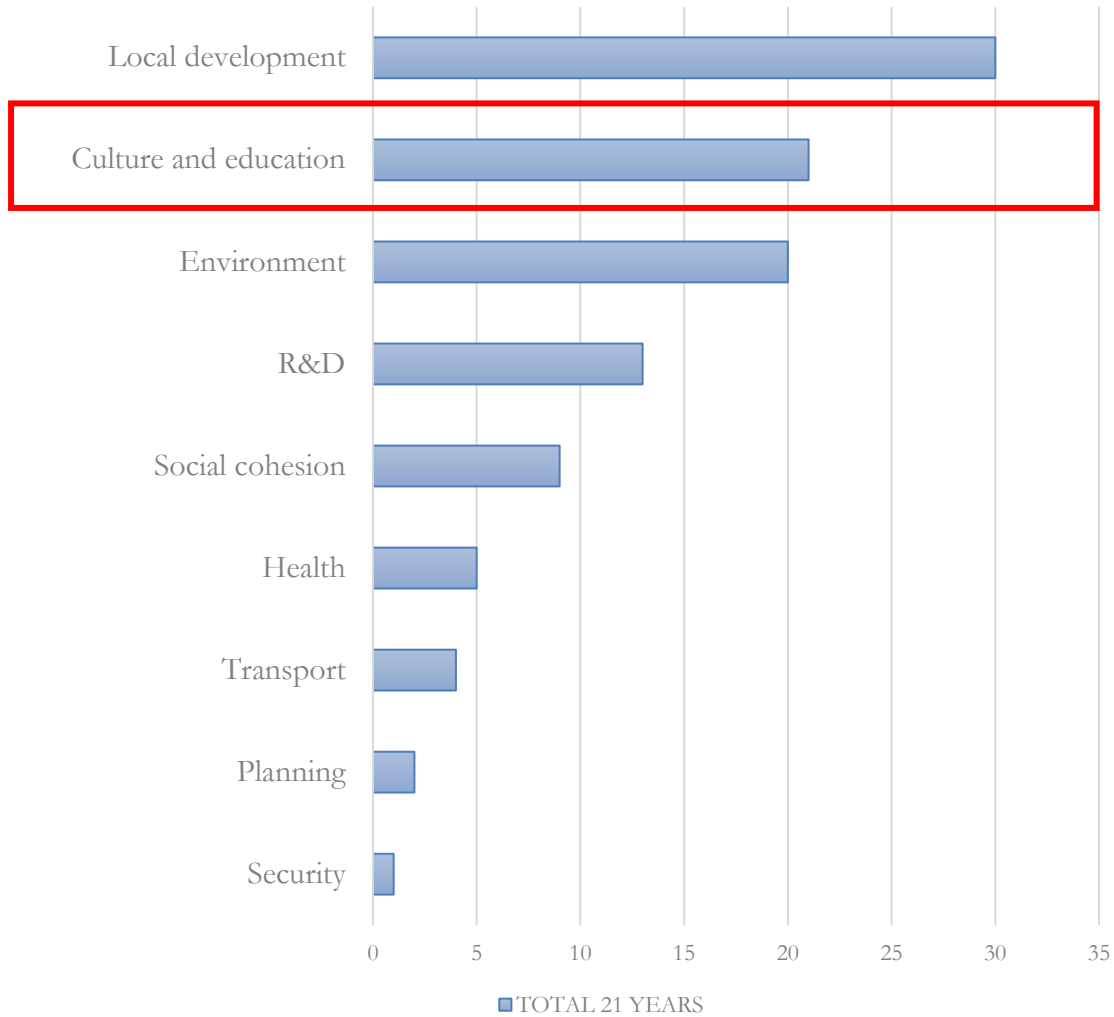
transfronterer euro-institut network

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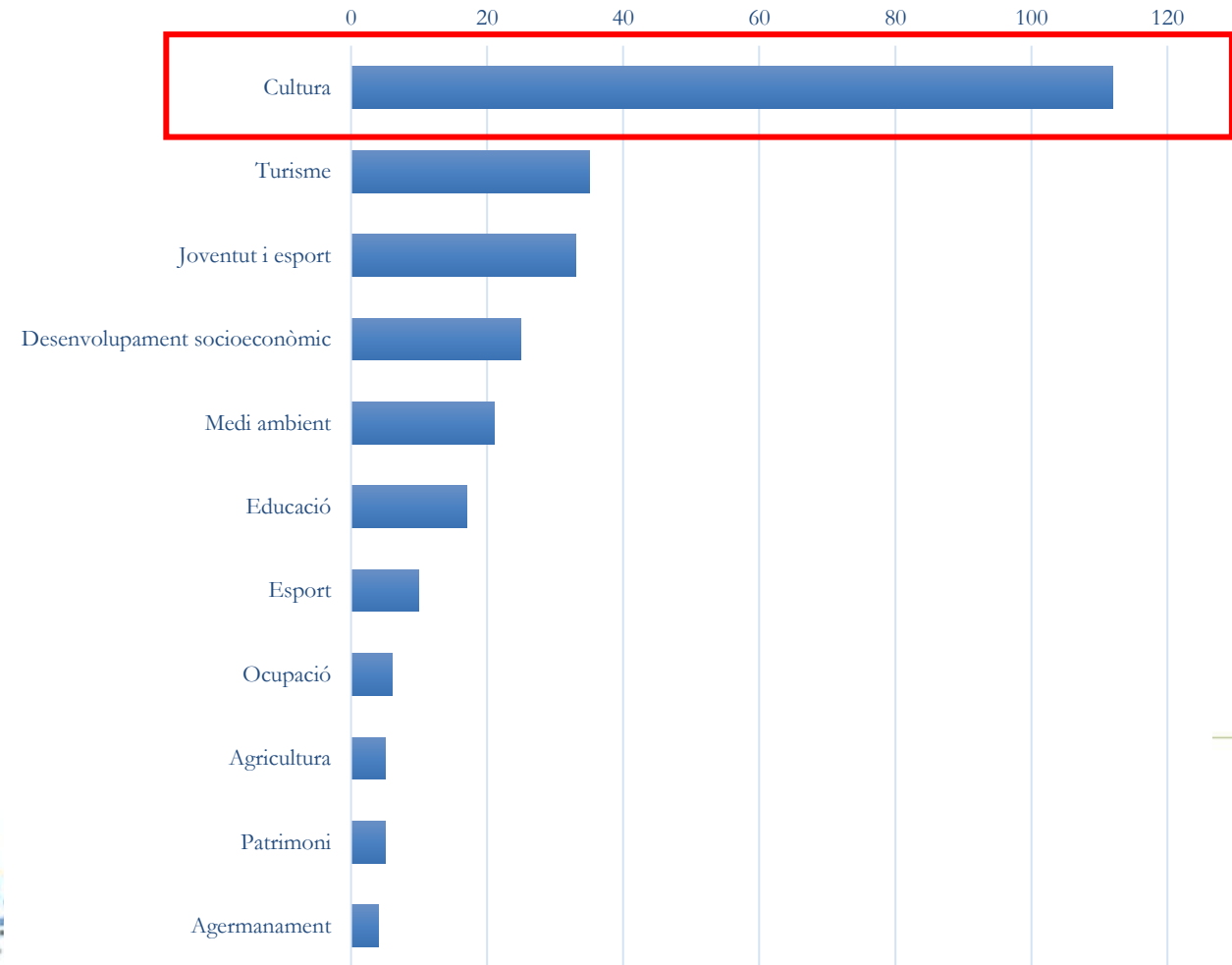
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Long term Cross-border projects by theme

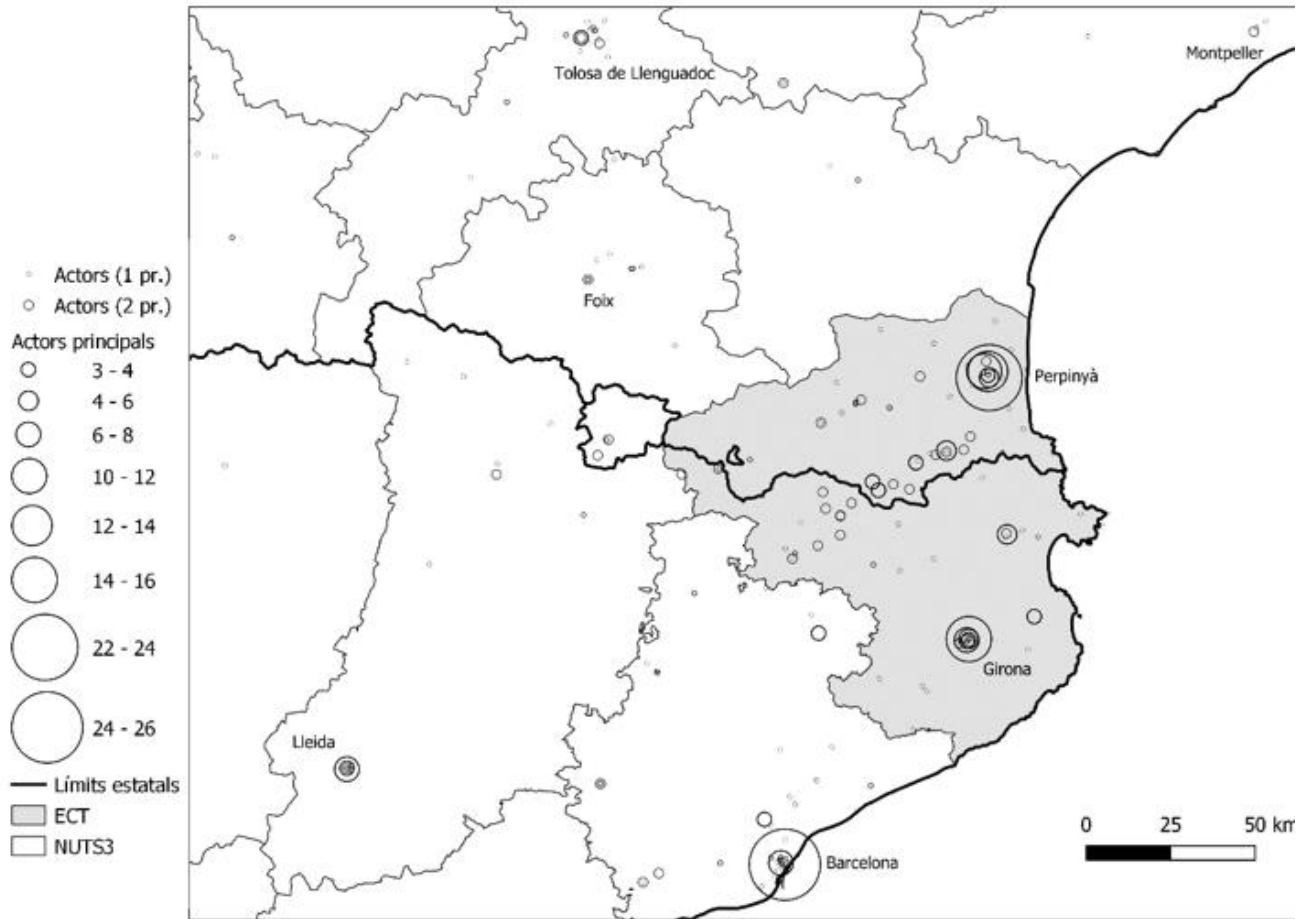
Interreg projects 1999-2021



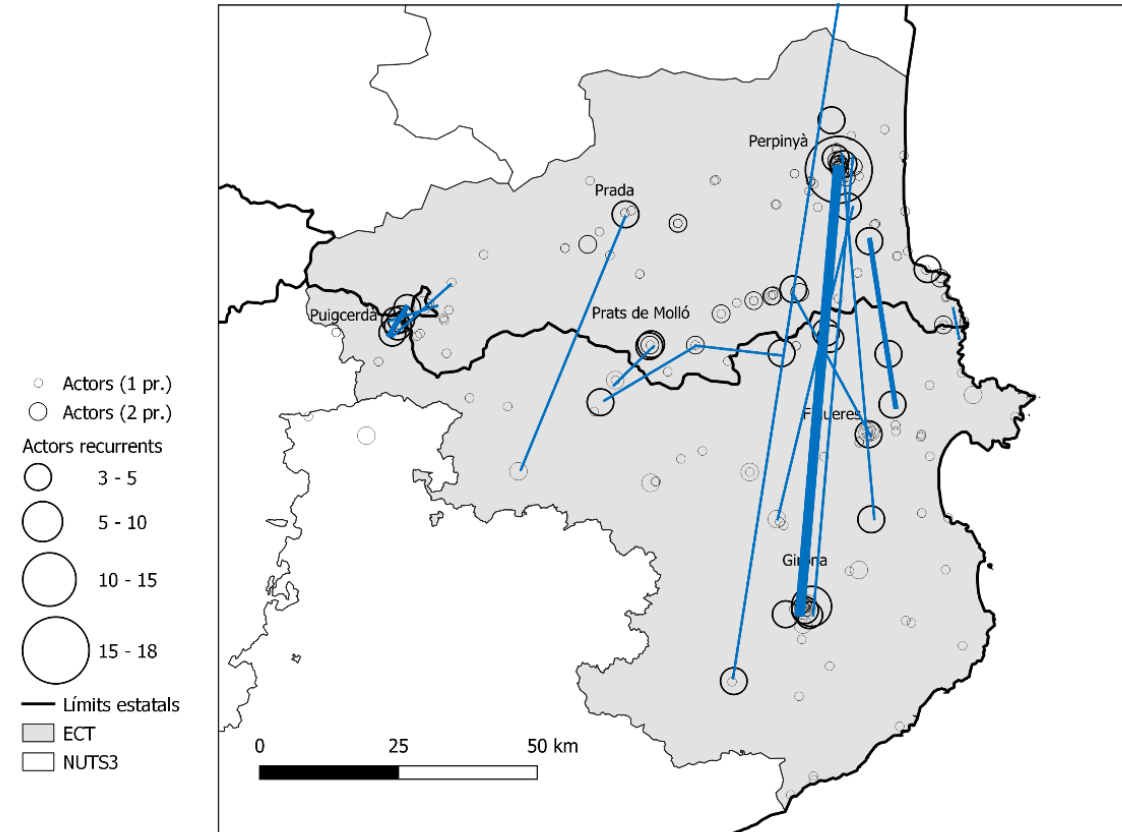
Micro-projects 2008-2022



Interreg projects 1999-2021



Micro projects 2008-2022



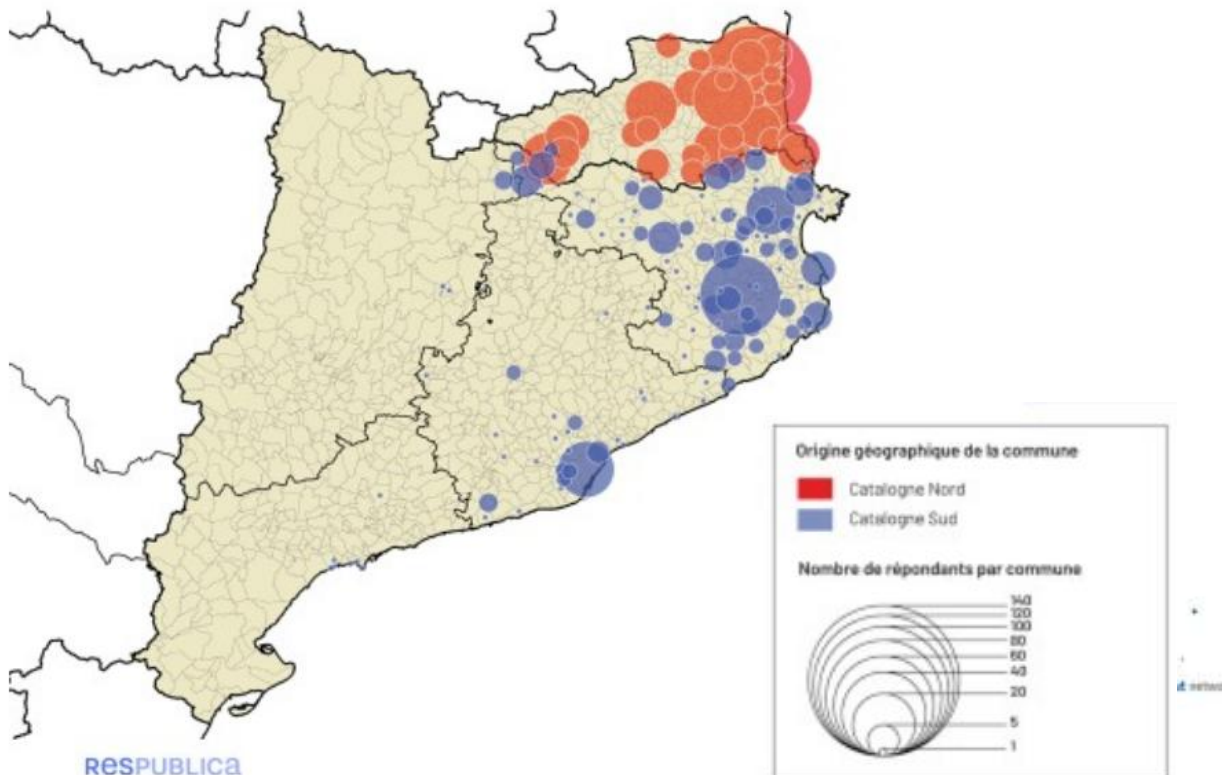
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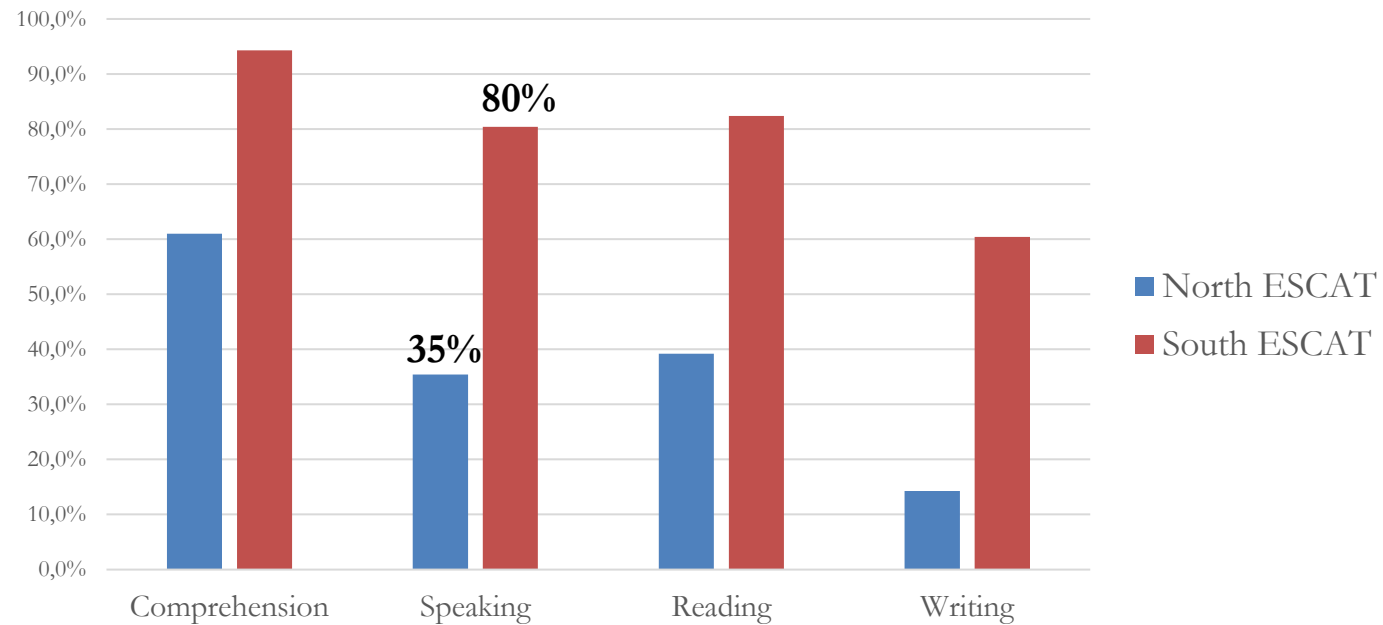
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- Last surveys (2023), who is mobilized and for what?
- -Profile: Strong identity sense, cross-border for leisure, border as advantage
- -Main citizen ideas: better Knowledge of territory, language and culture

Localisation des répondant.es à l'enquête



Knowledge of Catalan Language



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The question: It is necessary to introduce new narratives to enhance Cross-border cooperation?

In a context of:

- Growing process of minorisation of Catalan culture
- Growing of (ultra)nationalist (nation-state) narratives

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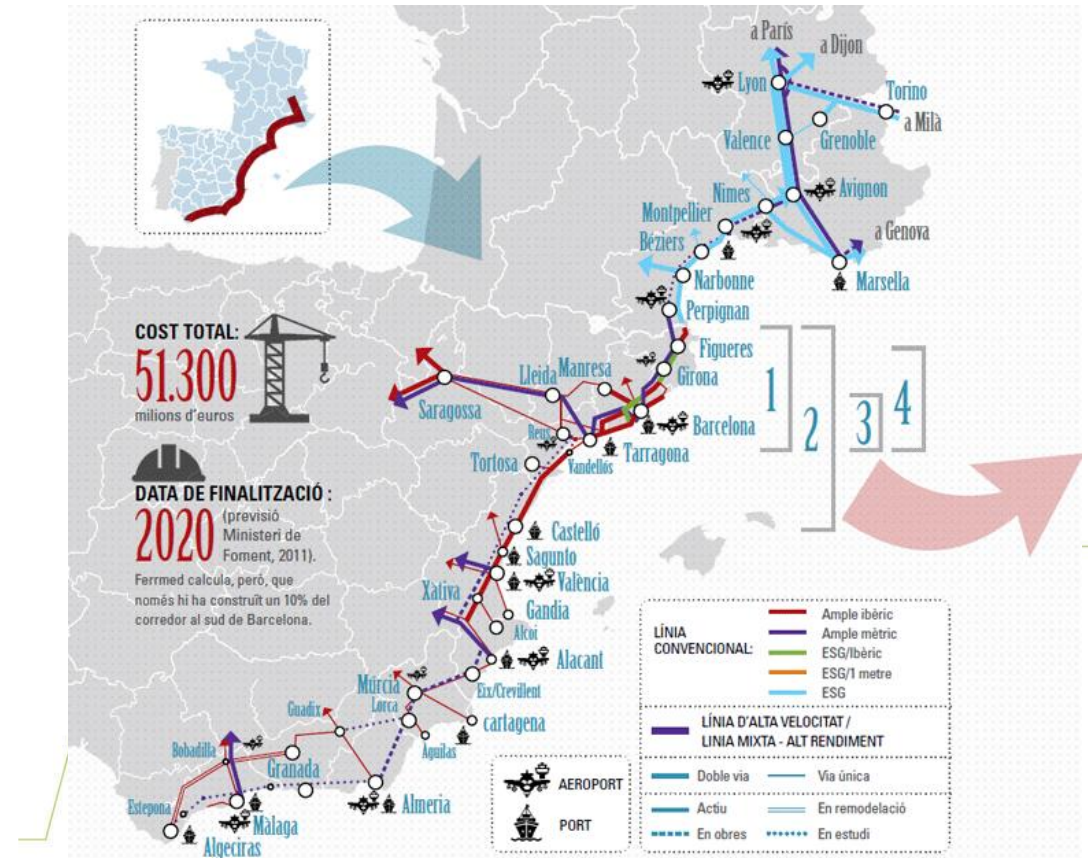

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In other similar regions has been quite successful the Euroregional economical integration narratives but in ESCAT doesn't seem to have had much success.

For example Mediterranean Arc Euroregion (2010s) with the new High-speed Rail.

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Last projects give another chance to new narratives?

- Functional Area (strategy)
- Unification of Big projects (Interreg) and small projects (Microprojects)
- Universities lead-projects (ACROSS, UNIESCAT (Interreg))
- Regional projects (CB SITMUN)

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