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## Local self-government structure in the EU member states in 2011

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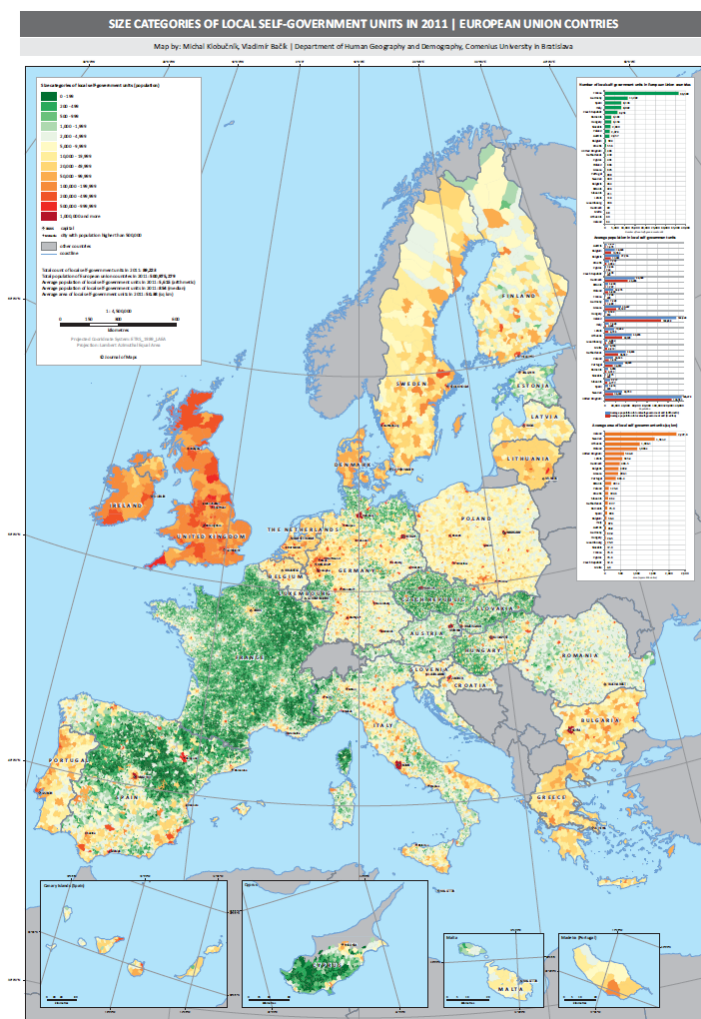
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### Abstract

*This article aims to point out the current size structure of the smallest self-government units in the EU countries. Municipal reform is currently an ongoing process which has already taken place in several EU member states and resulted in a differentiated structure of these units. Local self-government units have legitimately elected representatives whose action influences the day to day life of local residents. From the perspective of comparative analysis, it is important to understand the size structure of local self-government units which has an enormous impact on the functioning of the self-government and it is a key factor in terms of the amount of funding available in these units. The dynamics of integration and desintegration changes are relatively strong as confirmed by the results of our analysis where in almost every EU member state the number of these units has changed more or less significantly in the last decade (2001-2011). For the sake of better mutual comparison, the final map interpretation (the number of local self-government units in the EU) was drawn up to 2011 when all EU member states conducted a census.*

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Main map example