

EUROPEAN LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

Regional results of Spring 1994

According to the results of the 1994 European Labour Force Survey - LFS - (for Austria, Finland and Sweden, comparable data are available at national level), in eight out of the fifteen Member States of the European Union, more than half of the working age population (fifteen years or more) are in employment, with Denmark topping the list with 59.2 employment rate (the employment rate should not be related with the unemployment rate - see "basic concepts and definitions"). In the bottom end are most of the Spanish regions, from which in Extremadura only 30.4% of the working age population are employed. Most of the regions of Germany, Netherlands, Portugal and all of the regions of the United Kingdom, enjoy an employment rate of 50% or over. From these, Flevoland, Utrecht (Netherlands), Oberbayern, Schwaben (Germany) and East Anglia (United Kingdom) have rates of at least 10 percentage points above the European Union average. On the other end, around one third (less than 35%) of the working age population are employed in Voreio Aigaio of Greece, in the Spanish regions of Asturias, Cantabria, Castilla-La-Mancha, Extremadura, Andalucia and Ceuta Y Melilla and in the Italian regions of Campania, Calabria and Sicilia. It should be noted, that these regions suffer from high unemployment rates, with the exception of Voreio Aigaio which has the lowest activity rate in the European Union.

The employment rates among the female working age population are consistently lower than the corresponding male ones. Smaller differences are recorded in Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Limousin and Auvergne of France and Yorkshire and Humberside, North West of the United Kingdom. The pattern analysed above for the total employment rates, stand for the female rates as well, with certain United Kingdom regions being among the top of the list.

Interesting conclusions may be drawn by the observation of the share of sectors in the total employment, with special attention given to the fact that the measurement of employment, taken from the LFS, refers to the employed at the place of residence and not to the employed at the place of work. The regions with the higher employment share in agriculture (20% or over) are found in Greece (all of the regions except Attiki and Notio Aigaio), Galicia of Spain, Molise of Italy and Centro of Portugal. High shares of industrial employment (37% or over) are encountered in Limburg of Belgium, in numerous regions of Germany, in Navarra, Rioja, Cataluna and Pais Vasco of Spain, in the northern Italian regions of Lombardia, Piemonte and Veneto, in Franche-Compte and Alsace of France and in Norte of Portugal. In the service sector, a high 90.3% share in total employment is found in Ceuta Y Melilla of Spain. More than 50% of the employed are occupied in services in almost all of the regions of the European Union. Exceptions are, principally, the regions of Greece, in which agriculture constitutes the main activity.



	Employment by sector of activity (%)			Activity rates (%)		Employment rates (%)	
	Agriculture	Industry	Services	Total	Female	Total	Female
EUR 15	5.5	30.6	63.9	55.3	44.8	49.1	39.1
EUR 12	5.5	30.7	63.8	55.0	44.2	48.7	38.5
BELGIQUE-BELGIE	2.9	28.9	68.2	50.3	40.2	45.5	35.2
VLAAMS GEWEST	3.1	31.6	65.2	51.3	40.9	47.9	37.1
REGION WALLONNE	3.1	26.7	70.2	48.8	38.7	42.3	32.2
BRUXELLES-BRUSSEL	0.2	17.0	82.8	49.8	40.4	41.7	33.7
<i>Antwerpen</i>	1.8	31.5	66.7	50.1	38.5	46.3	34.8
<i>Brabant</i>	1.6	19.8	78.6	51.6	42.5	46.2	37.4
<i>Hainaut</i>	2.8	29.3	67.9	47.2	37.2	39.8	30.0
<i>Liege</i>	2.1	28.5	69.4	49.3	39.5	42.4	32.3
<i>Limburg (B)</i>	2.9	37.7	59.4	49.5	38.7	45.7	33.6
<i>Luxembourg (B)</i>	6.6	24.1	69.4	50.8	39.5	46.9	34.3
<i>Namur</i>	5.1	20.1	74.8	49.7	39.3	44.0	33.9
<i>Oost-Vlaanderen</i>	3.1	33.3	63.6	52.1	42.4	48.7	38.8
<i>West-Vlaanderen</i>	5.9	35.6	58.5	51.2	40.7	48.3	37.1
DANMARK	5.0	26.5	68.4	64.4	58.3	59.2	53.0
BR DEUTSCHLAND	3.3	37.0	59.7	58.2	47.8	53.1	42.9
BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG	3.0	44.1	52.9	59.4	48.7	55.8	45.7
<i>Stuttgart</i>	3.5	45.8	50.7	60.0	48.7	56.0	45.5
<i>Karlsruhe</i>	1.3	42.0	56.8	57.9	48.0	54.3	44.9
<i>Freiburg</i>	3.5	41.3	55.2	59.4	49.0	56.3	46.4
<i>Tübingen</i>	4.1	46.8	49.1	60.3	49.5	57.2	46.8
BAYERN	5.3	38.5	56.2	61.3	50.8	58.2	47.8
<i>Oberbayern</i>	3.8	33.6	62.6	62.3	52.2	59.4	49.5
<i>Niederbayern</i>	8.9	40.9	50.2	59.7	48.4	57.4	46.3
<i>Oberpfalz</i>	7.5	38.6	53.9	60.8	49.8	57.8	46.8
<i>Oberfranken</i>	6.0	43.1	51.0	61.8	51.7	58.6	48.1
<i>Mittelfranken</i>	3.1	40.0	56.9	60.1	49.9	56.4	46.5
<i>Unterfranken</i>	4.7	42.0	53.3	59.8	48.1	56.4	44.6
<i>Schwaben</i>	7.2	41.5	51.3	62.4	52.0	59.3	48.7
BERLIN	0.8	25.6	73.5	62.9	54.4	55.3	47.6
BRANDENBURG	4.7	34.3	61.0	63.3	58.2	52.9	45.5
BREMEN	0.9	31.1	68.0	54.3	43.5	48.6	38.3
HAMBURG	0.9	24.2	74.9	58.5	48.5	54.1	44.8
HESSEN	2.2	34.9	62.9	57.4	46.1	53.3	42.7
<i>Darmstadt</i>	1.4	34.0	64.6	58.7	47.9	55.0	44.9
<i>Gießen</i>	2.4	38.1	59.5	55.6	43.9	51.2	39.9
<i>Kassel</i>	4.5	35.3	60.2	54.8	42.5	50.2	38.5
MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN	8.4	31.6	59.9	64.5	58.1	53.6	45.4
NIEDERSACHSEN	4.0	35.2	60.7	56.5	45.0	52.1	41.2
<i>Braunschweig</i>	2.3	39.3	58.3	55.1	44.8	50.0	39.9
<i>Hannover</i>	2.4	33.8	63.9	57.7	47.0	53.1	42.8
<i>Lüneburg</i>	6.0	34.4	59.6	57.4	45.1	53.9	42.0
<i>Weser-Ems</i>	5.6	34.3	60.1	55.8	43.2	51.4	40.1
NORDRHEIN-WESTFALEN	1.9	38.9	59.1	53.9	41.5	49.9	38.4
<i>Düsseldorf</i>	1.7	38.8	59.5	54.1	41.3	49.7	38.0
<i>Köln</i>	1.9	35.7	62.3	53.8	41.5	49.9	38.4
<i>Münster</i>	2.3	37.9	59.8	55.0	42.6	50.8	39.4
<i>Detmold</i>	2.4	41.8	55.8	54.7	42.8	51.8	40.5
<i>Arnsberg</i>	1.8	41.8	56.4	52.6	40.4	48.6	37.1
RHEINLAND-PFALZ	3.5	37.0	59.5	56.2	44.0	52.3	40.9
<i>Koblenz</i>	2.9	36.8	60.3	54.9	41.9	50.9	38.5
<i>Trier</i>	5.4	34.0	60.5	54.2	40.7	50.9	38.7
<i>Rheinhausen-Pfalz</i>	3.4	38.0	58.6	57.6	46.4	53.6	43.2
SAARLAND	1.1	39.9	59.0	49.8	36.5	45.6	33.4
<i>Sachsen</i>	2.6	38.5	58.9	59.3	52.8	49.8	41.2
<i>Chemnitz</i>	2.8	40.1	57.1	56.8	49.8	46.4	37.1
<i>Dresden</i>	2.4	37.5	60.1	61.4	55.5	52.5	44.9
<i>Leipzig</i>	2.6	37.8	59.7	59.8	53.3	50.7	42.0
SACHSEN-ANHALT	4.0	36.3	59.7	61.3	55.7	51.0	43.4
<i>Dessau</i>	3.8	40.3	55.9	59.9	53.2	50.1	41.5
<i>Halle</i>	2.9	35.9	61.2	60.7	55.7	51.1	43.6
<i>Magdeburg</i>	5.0	34.7	60.3	62.4	56.9	51.2	44.1
SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN	4.7	28.1	67.2	58.0	46.2	54.0	42.9
THÜRINGEN	3.0	37.1	59.8	61.3	55.2	51.9	43.7

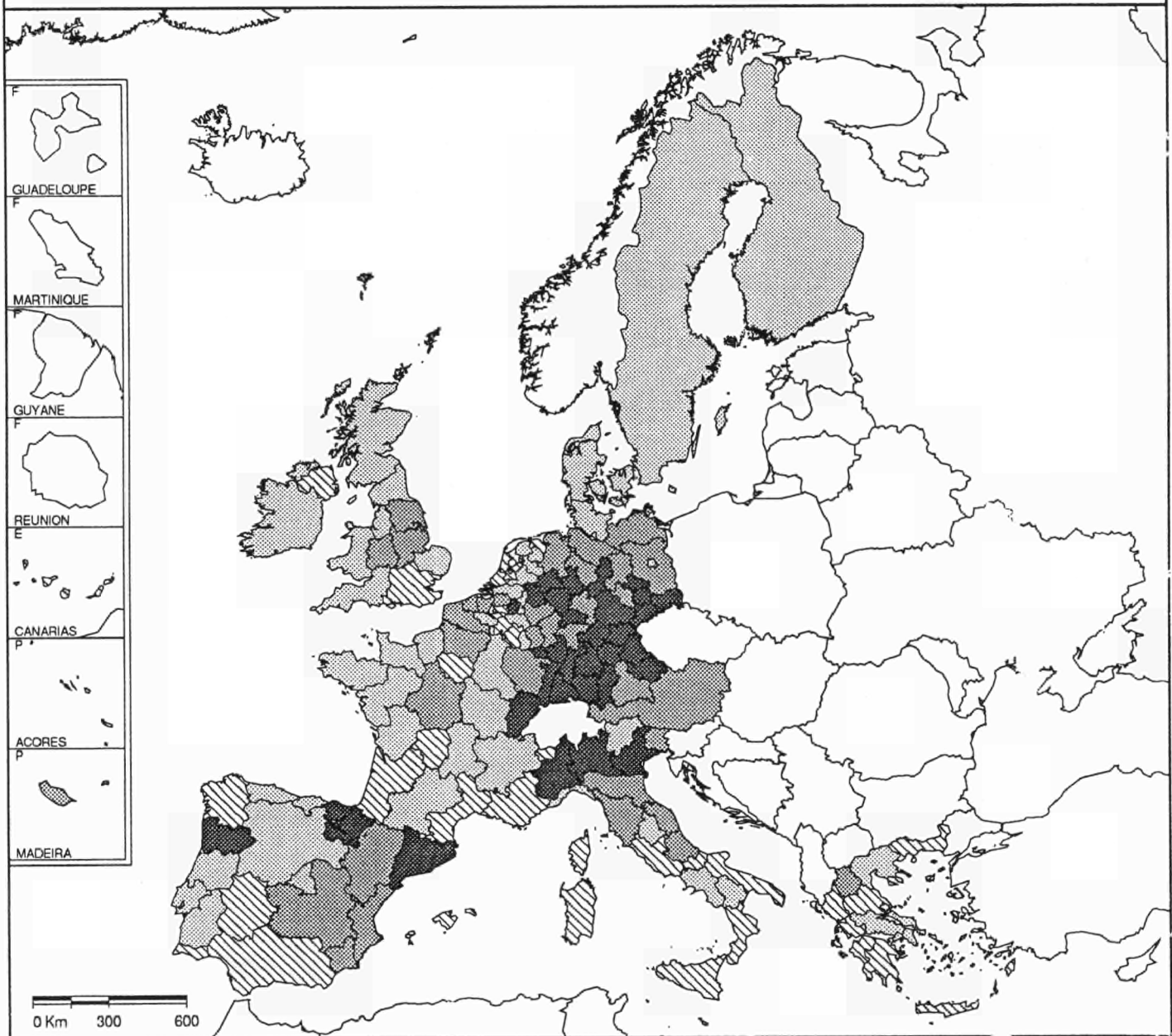
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	Agriculture	Industry	Services	Total	Female	Total	Female
ELLADA	20.8	23.6	55.6	49.1	35.0	44.7	30.2
VOREIA ELLADA	29.3	24.0	46.7	50.4	35.8	46.5	31.5
<i>Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki</i>	44.3	17.7	38.1	55.8	43.0	51.7	38.5
<i>Kentriki Makedonia</i>	21.0	26.8	52.3	48.7	34.3	44.7	30.0
<i>Dytiki Makedonia</i>	25.9	34.0	40.2	51.0	34.7	46.3	30.1
<i>Thessalia</i>	38.3	18.4	43.2	50.5	34.6	47.0	30.2
KENTRIKI ELLADA	39.2	19.3	41.5	49.9	35.8	45.8	30.8
<i>Ipeiros</i>	33.3	18.3	48.3	47.0	33.0	43.3	29.1
<i>Ionia Nisia</i>	27.1	17.4	55.5	50.8	38.1	49.1	36.2
<i>Dytiki Ellada</i>	43.6	16.4	40.0	51.3	38.1	45.9	31.3
<i>Stereia Ellada</i>	30.9	29.4	39.8	46.4	29.9	41.4	24.6
<i>Peloponnisos</i>	47.8	15.8	36.4	52.9	39.2	49.6	34.9
ATTIKI	1.0	27.4	71.6	47.2	33.8	41.9	28.2
NISIA AIGAIΟΥ, KRITI	26.4	17.7	55.9	50.5	35.4	48.4	33.0
<i>Voreio Aigaio</i>	23.7	22.0	54.3	37.2	19.3	34.6	16.6
<i>Notio Aigaio</i>	10.5	21.7	67.8	51.3	33.3	49.5	31.5
<i>Kriti</i>	34.6	14.8	50.6	55.1	42.6	53.0	39.9
ESPANA	9.9	30.1	60.0	48.4	35.0	36.6	24.0
NOROESTE	24.4	25.4	50.1	47.0	36.2	37.2	27.2
<i>Galicia</i>	29.5	24.1	46.4	49.1	38.9	39.5	30.2
<i>Asturias</i>	14.9	27.6	57.5	42.3	31.3	32.9	22.5
<i>Cantabria</i>	13.1	29.4	57.5	45.9	32.5	34.8	20.9
NORESTE	6.9	36.9	56.2	48.2	35.3	37.9	24.5
<i>Pais Vasco</i>	3.3	37.1	59.6	49.5	37.0	37.1	24.9
<i>Navarra</i>	5.9	42.4	51.6	47.3	33.7	40.2	25.9
<i>Rioja</i>	12.2	39.7	48.1	46.0	31.2	37.7	22.1
<i>Aragon</i>	12.2	33.5	54.2	46.9	33.8	38.5	23.9
MADRID	1.1	27.3	71.6	48.3	34.1	38.2	25.0
CENTRO (E)	16.2	30.2	53.6	44.6	29.4	34.1	19.3
<i>Castilla - Leon</i>	15.7	29.8	54.5	45.1	31.3	35.4	21.1
<i>Castilla - La Mancha</i>	15.7	34.4	49.9	43.6	26.7	34.7	18.6
<i>Extremadura</i>	18.3	23.8	57.8	44.8	29.2	30.4	15.9
ESTE	5.1	36.1	58.9	51.5	39.0	40.1	27.8
<i>Cataluña</i>	3.4	37.7	58.9	51.7	39.8	40.7	29.1
<i>Comunidad Valenciana</i>	8.1	35.6	56.2	51.1	37.5	38.6	25.1
<i>Baleares</i>	3.6	24.9	71.6	52.2	40.0	43.4	31.6
SUR	13.1	23.9	63.0	47.2	32.4	31.6	18.9
<i>Andalucia</i>	13.4	22.8	63.8	46.8	32.0	30.7	18.1
<i>Murcia</i>	12.6	31.7	55.7	50.6	36.0	37.9	24.9
<i>Ceuta y Melilla</i>	0.6	9.1	90.3	44.3	28.9	32.1	17.5
CANARIAS	7.0	15.3	77.7	50.8	37.9	36.5	25.4
FRANCE	5.2	26.9	67.9	55.5	47.9	48.4	41.0
ILE DE FRANCE	0.6	21.2	78.3	61.3	54.4	54.4	48.1
BASSIN PARISIEN	7.3	30.5	62.2	55.6	47.7	48.7	40.7
<i>Champagne-Ardenne</i>	10.3	27.5	62.2	56.3	47.5	48.8	39.8
<i>Picardie</i>	6.5	33.1	60.4	55.3	45.9	47.8	38.9
<i>Haute-Normandie</i>	4.1	30.7	65.1	55.4	46.9	48.1	39.6
<i>Centre</i>	6.1	31.3	62.6	57.1	50.2	50.5	43.0
<i>Basse-Normandie</i>	10.5	27.7	61.9	53.1	47.1	47.1	40.7
<i>Bourgogne</i>	8.2	30.9	60.9	55.4	47.5	48.7	41.0
NORD - PAS-DE-CALAIS	3.0	31.2	65.8	50.2	40.9	41.2	32.6
EST	3.0	36.2	60.8	56.2	47.1	50.2	40.8
<i>Lorraine</i>	2.8	33.0	64.1	55.0	45.6	48.1	38.8
<i>Alsace</i>	2.5	37.3	60.2	58.7	50.0	53.5	44.4
<i>Franche-Comté</i>	4.1	41.1	54.9	55.2	46.1	49.8	39.8
OUEST	9.7	27.6	62.7	54.3	48.2	48.3	41.8
<i>Pays de la Loire</i>	9.3	30.3	60.3	56.6	50.1	49.8	42.9
<i>Bretagne</i>	9.6	25.7	64.7	53.4	47.0	48.1	41.4
<i>Poitou-Charentes</i>	10.4	25.8	63.8	51.8	46.7	45.8	40.3
SUD-OUEST	9.5	25.2	65.3	52.9	45.9	46.1	38.7
<i>Aquitaine</i>	8.9	24.9	66.3	53.3	46.1	46.1	38.7
<i>Midi-Pyrénées</i>	9.8	25.9	64.3	53.2	45.9	46.5	38.7
<i>Limousin</i>	11.1	23.9	65.0	49.6	44.4	44.6	38.4
CENTRE-EST	5.0	29.9	65.1	57.3	50.4	50.4	43.0
<i>Rhône-Alpes</i>	3.9	30.6	65.5	58.2	51.1	51.2	43.5
<i>Auvergne</i>	10.1	26.9	63.0	53.1	47.3	46.9	41.0

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MEDITERRANEE	4.7	19.1	76.2	50.3	42.0	41.9	34.1
<i>Languedoc-Roussillon</i>	8.0	18.7	73.3	49.8	41.8	40.3	32.5
<i>Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur</i>	2.7	19.5	77.8	51.0	42.8	43.0	35.5
<i>Corse</i>	12.9	13.5	73.6	41.4	29.6	37.2	26.4
DEPARTEMENTS D'OUTRE-MER	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
IRELAND	13.1	27.1	59.7	53.3	38.6	45.0	32.5
ITALIA	7.7	32.1	60.2	47.4	33.7	42.0	28.4
NORD OVEST	5.7	36.5	57.7	47.6	36.2	43.4	31.7
<i>Piemonte</i>	6.3	40.6	53.1	49.2	37.9	45.1	33.4
<i>Valle d'Aosta</i>	8.3	24.1	67.6	53.2	43.5	50.2	40.6
<i>Liguria</i>	3.7	25.8	70.4	43.2	31.4	38.7	26.9
LOMBARDIA	3.2	43.0	53.8	51.2	38.6	48.1	35.2
NORD EST	6.8	37.0	56.3	50.2	36.6	47.1	33.2
<i>Trentino-Alto Adige</i>	8.6	27.4	64.0	53.5	39.7	51.2	37.4
<i>Veneto</i>	6.9	39.9	53.3	50.4	36.3	47.2	32.7
<i>Friuli-Venezia Giulia</i>	4.9	33.7	61.5	47.2	35.1	44.0	31.9
EMILIA-ROMAGNA	8.2	34.4	57.4	51.5	41.1	48.1	37.1
CENTRO (I)	6.1	33.4	60.5	47.8	36.2	44.1	31.8
<i>Toscana</i>	5.1	32.7	62.2	48.2	36.5	44.3	31.9
<i>Umbria</i>	7.8	30.7	61.5	45.6	33.2	41.6	29.0
<i>Marche</i>	7.7	36.7	55.6	48.1	37.2	45.0	33.2
LAZIO	4.2	20.8	75.0	46.7	32.2	41.7	27.4
CAMPANIA	10.6	25.2	64.1	45.2	29.1	34.9	19.7
ABRUZZI-MOLISE	11.8	30.4	57.8	45.9	33.1	40.8	27.2
<i>Abruzzi</i>	9.8	31.9	58.3	45.7	32.7	41.3	27.4
<i>Molise</i>	20.1	24.2	55.7	47.0	34.8	38.8	26.4
SUD	16.2	23.1	60.7	43.2	27.5	35.7	21.1
<i>Puglia</i>	15.2	24.8	60.0	42.7	25.5	36.3	20.4
<i>Basilicata</i>	19.3	26.8	53.9	43.1	29.0	36.0	22.1
<i>Calabria</i>	17.5	18.4	64.1	44.3	31.1	34.5	22.0
SICILIA	13.2	20.3	66.5	41.6	23.5	32.5	16.2
SARDEGNA	13.8	22.1	64.1	46.0	30.3	36.7	21.8
LUXEMBOURG (GRAND-DUCHE)	3.2	27.0	69.9	52.7	38.4	50.9	36.7
NEDERLAND	4.0	23.3	72.7	58.9	47.7	54.7	43.9
NOORD-NEDERLAND	5.8	26.0	68.2	54.8	43.3	50.1	38.9
<i>Groningen</i>	4.0	24.3	71.7	54.0	42.6	49.2	37.8
<i>Friesland</i>	6.2	25.0	68.8	54.7	43.4	50.0	38.9
<i>Drenthe</i>	7.4	29.3	63.3	55.9	44.1	51.4	40.5
OOST-NEDERLAND	5.2	26.2	68.6	58.8	47.1	54.8	43.2
<i>Overijssel</i>	5.3	28.7	65.9	57.6	44.4	53.3	40.8
<i>Gelderland</i>	5.2	25.8	69.0	59.0	47.8	55.0	43.9
<i>Flevoland</i>	5.3	19.0	75.8	63.3	53.0	59.4	48.5
WEST-NEDERLAND	2.9	18.4	78.6	59.7	49.1	55.3	45.3
<i>Utrecht</i>	1.8	16.3	81.9	62.6	53.0	59.3	50.0
<i>Noord-Holland</i>	2.4	18.4	79.2	59.3	49.8	54.6	45.4
<i>Zuid-Holland</i>	3.6	18.7	77.8	59.2	47.8	54.9	44.0
<i>Zeeland</i>	4.3	23.3	72.3	57.9	45.0	53.7	41.4
<i>Zuid-Nederland</i>	4.3	30.1	65.6	59.2	47.3	55.3	43.7
<i>Noord-Brabant</i>	4.1	29.8	66.1	60.3	48.3	56.2	44.7
<i>Limburg (NL)</i>	4.7	30.7	64.6	57.2	45.4	53.5	41.8
OESTERREICH	6.9	35.4	57.7	60.9	50.0	58.6	48.1
PORTUGAL	11.8	32.5	55.8	58.5	49.6	54.5	45.7
CONTINENTE	11.6	32.6	55.9	58.6	49.9	54.6	46.0
<i>Norte</i>	12.3	42.7	45.0	59.4	50.5	55.9	47.4
<i>Centro (P)</i>	24.3	30.3	45.4	59.7	51.3	57.0	48.4
<i>Lisboa e Vale do Tejo</i>	3.5	25.9	70.6	58.7	50.4	53.9	45.6
<i>Alentejo</i>	15.0	25.0	59.9	50.4	39.5	44.7	33.3
<i>Algarve</i>	10.6	15.5	73.9	56.0	47.6	52.1	43.8
ACORES	18.4	24.8	56.8	53.3	35.9	49.8	31.9
MADEIRA	14.2	34.3	51.5	59.3	50.2	56.5	47.1



	Employment by sector of activity (%)			Activity rates (%)		Employment rates (%)	
	Agriculture	Industry	Services	Total	Female	Total	Female
SUOMI /FINLAND	8.6	26.3	65.1	61.2	56.1	49.9	46.7
SVERIGE	3.4	25.0	71.6	60.5	56.9	55.6	53.0
UNITED KINGDOM	2.1	27.8	70.1	61.7	52.5	55.8	48.6
NORTH	1.7	29.5	68.8	58.4	49.8	51.6	45.7
YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE	1.7	31.0	67.3	60.9	52.0	54.8	48.1
EAST MIDLANDS	2.9	34.8	62.3	62.2	53.1	57.0	49.5
EAST ANGLIA	4.5	29.0	66.5	63.8	54.1	59.1	50.8
SOUTH EAST (UK)	1.0	22.0	77.0	64.0	54.5	57.8	50.5
SOUTH WEST (UK)	3.3	26.1	70.5	61.8	52.9	57.1	49.7
WEST MIDLANDS	1.9	36.0	62.1	62.4	52.6	56.1	48.5
NORTH WEST (UK)	0.8	30.7	68.6	59.6	50.6	53.4	46.9
WALES	4.3	29.8	65.9	56.5	47.8	51.2	44.0
SCOTLAND	3.4	27.7	69.0	61.7	52.7	55.6	48.3
NORTHERN IRELAND	5.4	24.3	70.3	56.6	45.4	50.0	42.3

Share of Industrial Sector in total Employment –1994*



EUR15 = 30,6 %

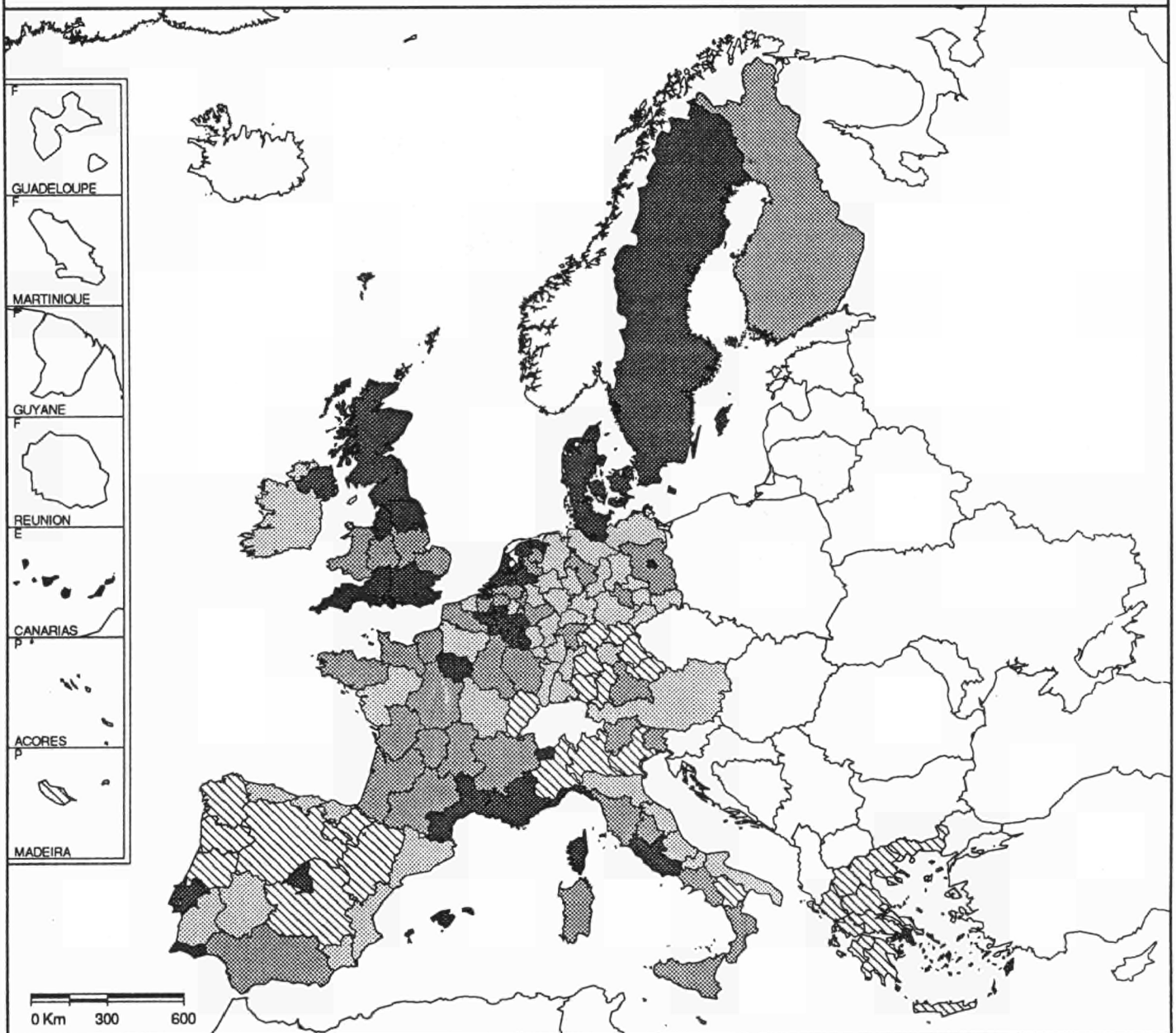
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Share of Services Sector in total Employment -1994*



EUR15 = 63,9 %

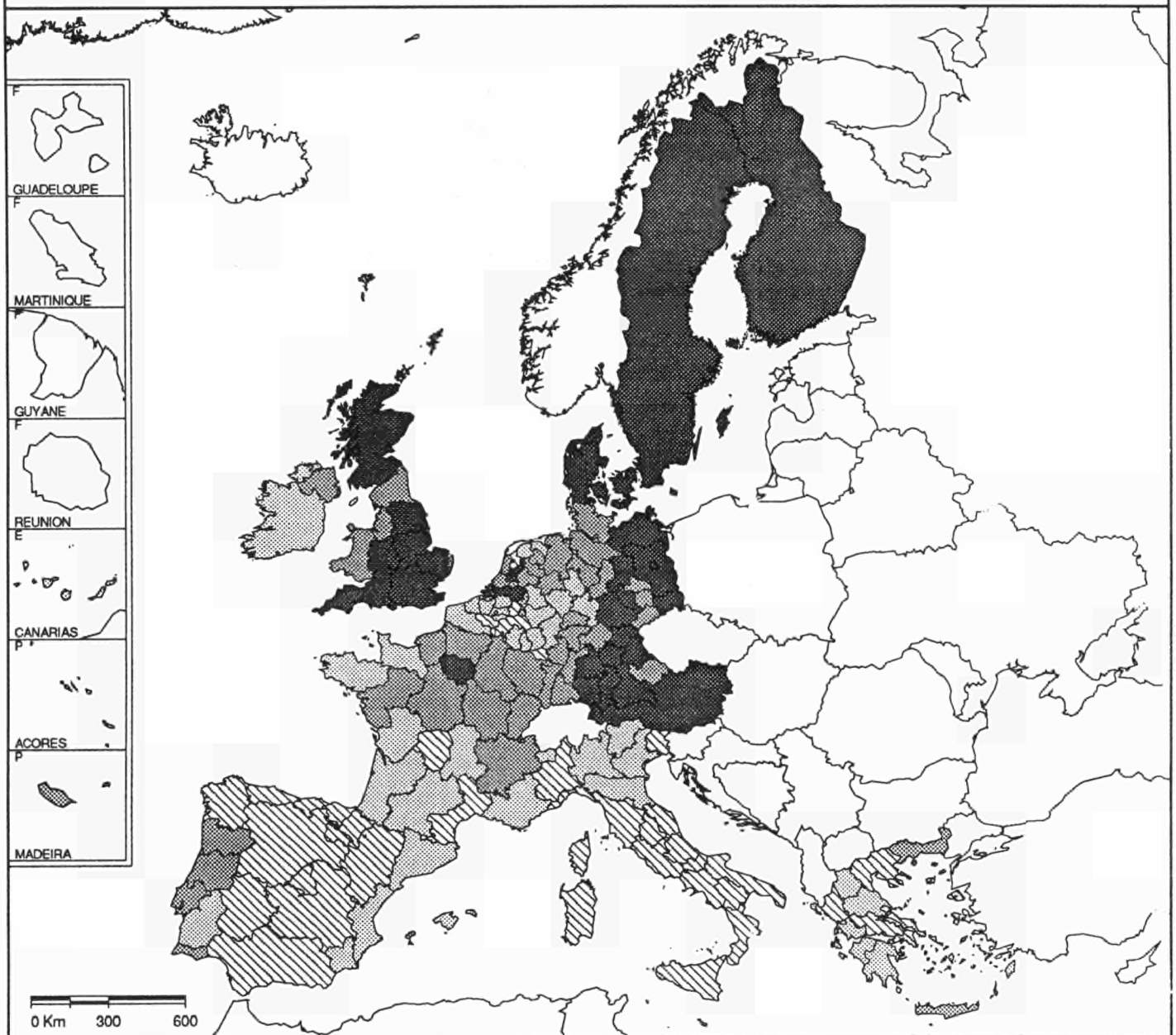
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Activity Rates -1994* -Total



EUR15 = 55,3 %

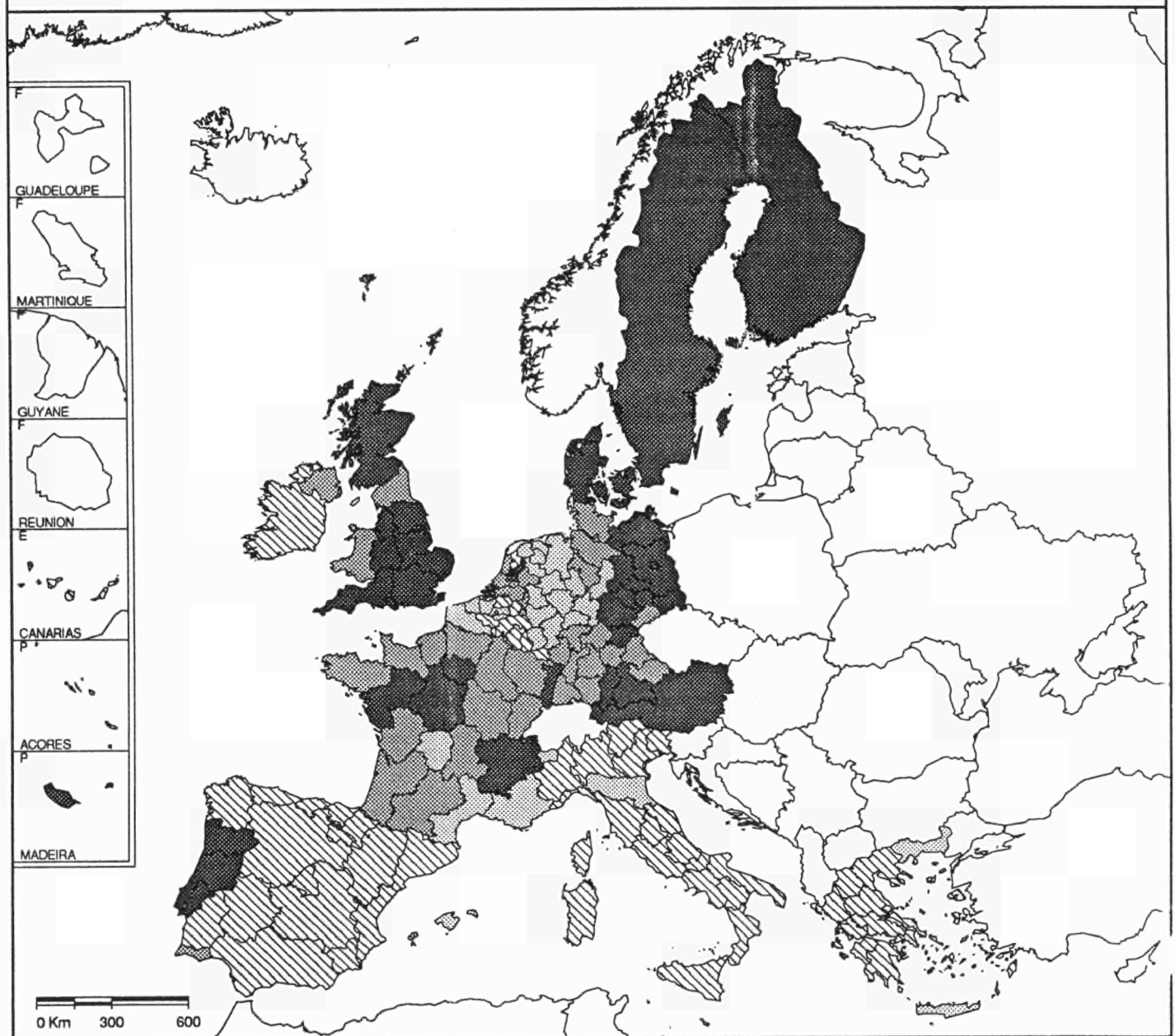
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- 50 -55 %
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Activity Rates –1994* –Female



EUR15 = 44,8 %

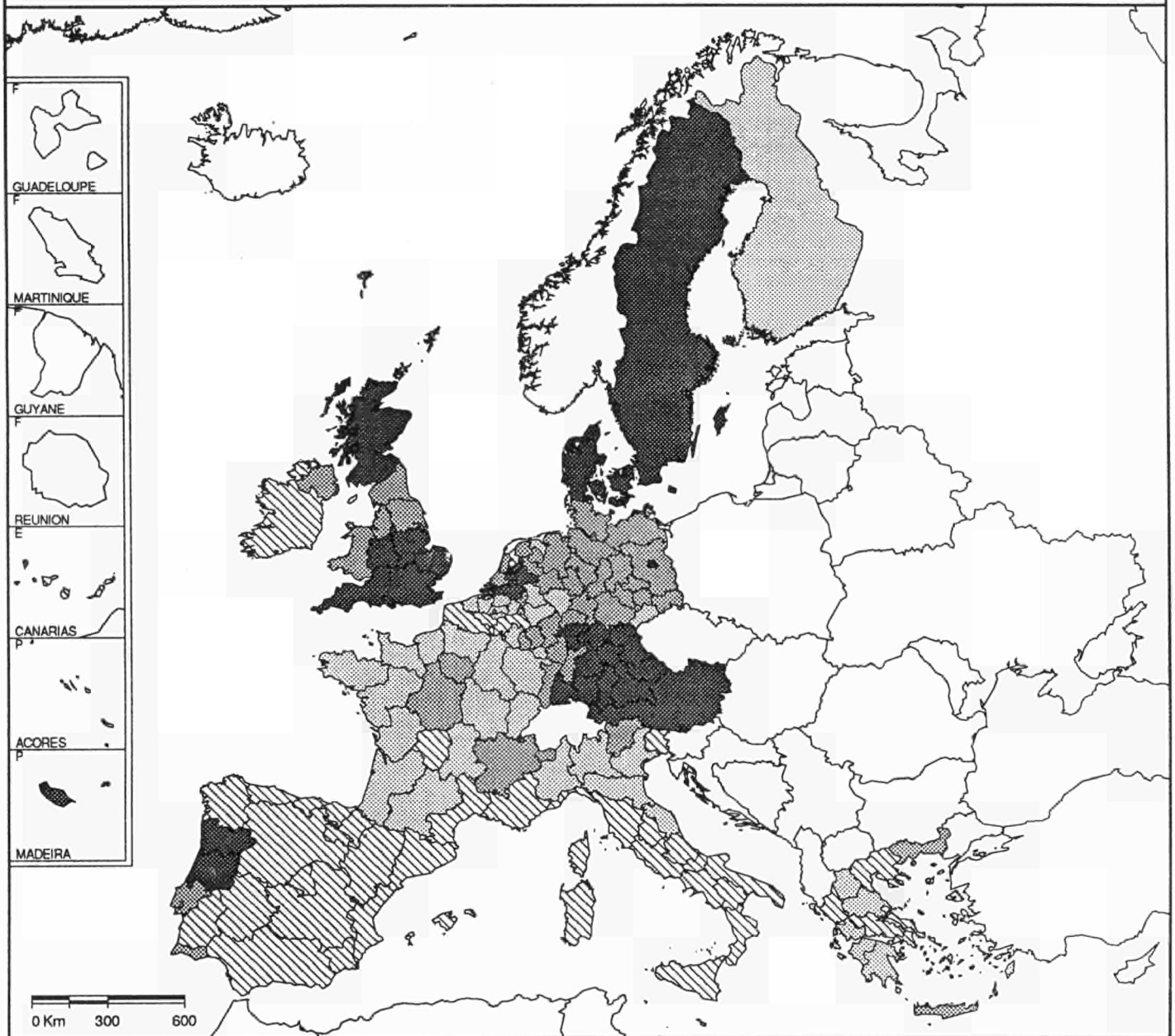
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- 40 –45 %
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Employment Rates –1994* –Total



EUR15 = 49,1 %

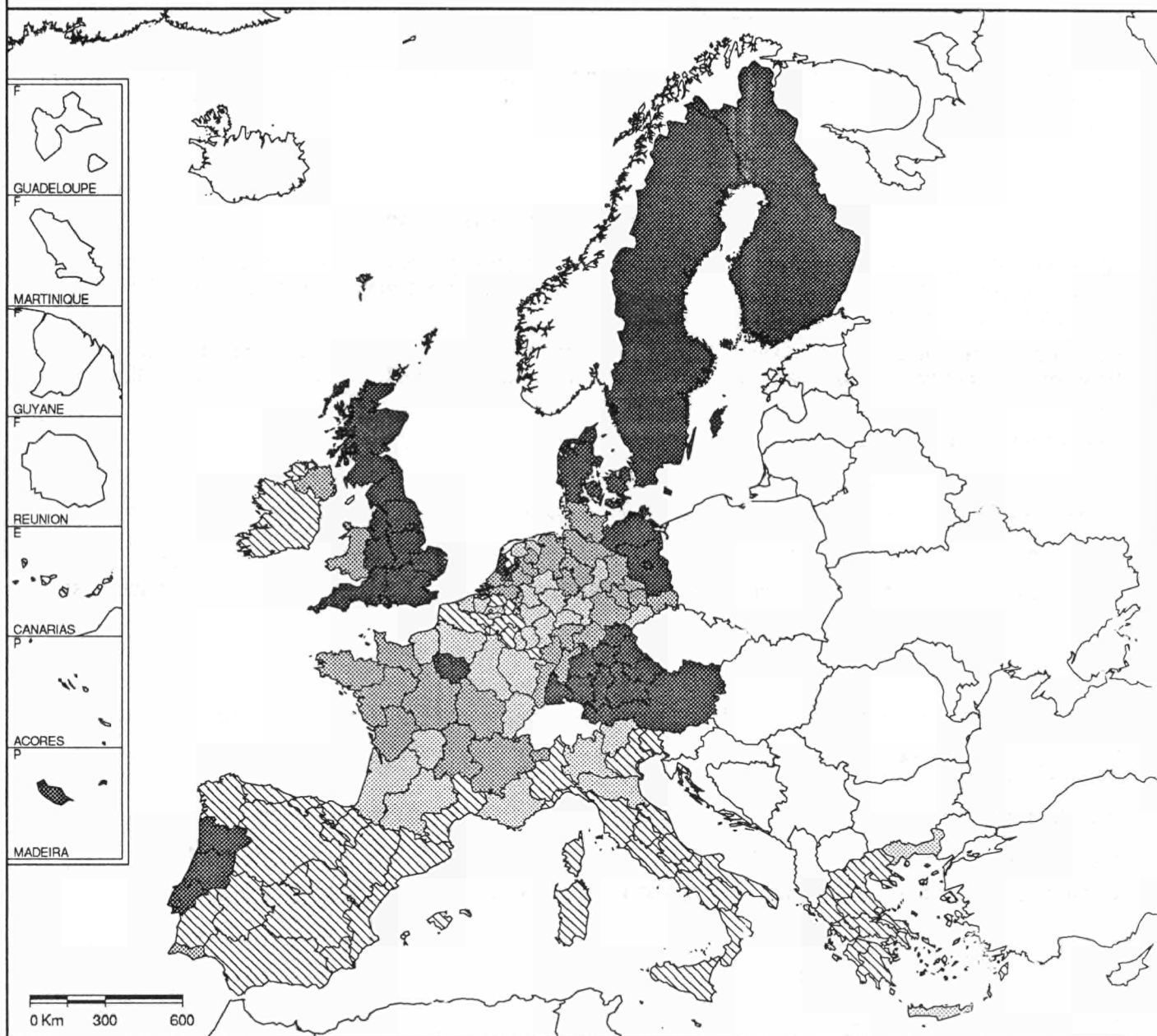
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- 50-55 %
- 45-50 %
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Employment Rates –1994* –Female



EUR15 = 39,1 %



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Explanatory notes

The European Labour Force Survey (LFS) was conducted in spring 1994 in the Member States of the European Union in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3711/91 of 16 December 1991. Similar surveys were conducted in Austria, Sweden and Finland. For Ireland and Austria, as 1994 results were not available, the published results are for 1993.

A detailed description of the sampling methods, the adjustment procedures, the definitions and the common Community coding currently used in the labour force survey is presented in the publication *Labour Force Survey - Methods and definitions, 1992 series*.

Basic concepts and definitions

All these definitions apply to persons aged 15 years and over, living in private households. The concepts and definitions used in the survey follow the guidelines of the International Labour Organisation. For Finland and Sweden the published results include collective households.

Persons in employment are those who during the reference week did any work for pay or profit for at least one hour, or were not working but had jobs from which they were temporarily absent. Family workers are also included.

Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week:

- (a) had no employment, and
- (b) were available to start work within the next two weeks, and
- (c) had actively sought employment at some time during the previous four weeks.

In addition, unemployed persons include those who had no employment and had already found a job to start later.

The **active population (or labour force)** is defined as the sum of persons in employment and unemployed persons.

Inactive persons are those who are not classified as persons in employment nor as unemployed persons.

Working age population is the population aged 15 years and over and living in private households, which, in the LFS context, comprises active population and inactive persons.

Activity rates represent the labour force as a percentage of the working age population.

Employment rates represent persons in employment as a percentage of the working age population.

Unemployment rates represent the unemployed persons as a percentage of the labour force.

Detailed regional results of the LFS

Detailed results at regional level are included in the forthcoming Eurostat publication "REGIONS: Statistical Yearbook". Furthermore, time series on the LFS results are available in REGIO, Eurostat's regional data bank.

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