

**Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) 2006 -  
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Title	Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) 2006 - Statistical Units - Data set
Date	2008-01-01
Date type	Creation
Abstract	<p>This data set represents the regions for level 1, 2 and 3 of the Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) for 2006. The NUTS nomenclature is a hierarchical classification of statistical regions and subdivides the EU economic territory into regions of three different levels (NUTS 1, 2 and 3, respectively, moving from larger to smaller territorial units). NUTS 1 is the most aggregated level. The NUTS classification has been officially established through Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amendments. A non official NUTS-like classification has been defined for the EFTA countries and candidate countries. An introduction to the NUTS classification is available here: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/nuts/overview">http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/nuts/overview</a> . This data set has been created mainly from the EuroBoundary Map v 2.0 (Eurogeographics), geographic information from TurkStat for Turkey, the Global Administrative Unit Layer from FAO (UN) for Macedonia and a list of communes per statistical region provided by the countries. The public data set is available under the Download link indicated below. Available scales are 3M, 10M, 20M, 60M). The full data set is available via the EC restricted download link under GISCO.NUTS_2006. Here six scale ranges (100K, 1M, 3M, 10M and 20M, 60M) are available. Coverage is the economical territory of the EU, EFTA countries and candidate countries as in 2006.</p>

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**OnLine resource**

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**Keyword**

Keyword	Statistical units
Keyword	NUTS
Keyword	INSPIREGEOPORTAL

**Extent****Geographic bounding box**

West bound	-69.103165
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East bound	61.786290
South bound	-26.018616
North bound	75.814181

### Spatial resolution

Denominator	100000
Denominator	60000000

### Lineage

Statement	<p>This dataset is based on: EuroBoundaryMap (EBM) v2.0. from EuroGeographics (scale of 1:100.000), Global Administrative Unit Layer (GAUL) 2006 country data from UN/FAO, data from the National Statistical Institute of Turkey (TurkStat), General Register Office for Scotland (GRO) (scale 1:100.000), Digital Chart of the World from ESRI for Kaliningrad, ArcWorld from ESRI for the Aral Sea, the Caspian Sea, some other borders.</p> <p>The different scale levels were derived by generalisation of the 100K scale. This data set consists of 2 feature classes (region polygons and boundaries) per scale level (100k, 1M, 3M, 10M, 20M, 60M). In addition there is also a label feature class (scale independent). This labelpoint feature class was created with a label inside each NUTS region at the 3 NUTS levels (1 - 3) and for the country level. Furthermore two line feature classes were created: one feature class for cartographic joiners to identify where NUTS areas have one or more enclaves and a second line feature class for cartographic separators, to identify where the NUTS limits are in the sea. The arcs of two latter feature classes are only useful for cartographic purposes and are not meant to identify actual administrative or statistical boundaries stretching into the sea or any other significance. The boundaries and regions are related to each other through a relationship table. Associated tables contain basic information such as the region's name. The 5 small scale feature classes should be used exclusively for cartographic purposes. This data set is consistent at all scales with the following data sets: Communes 2006 â European Commission, Eurostat/GISCO, Countries 2006, European Commission - Eurostat/GISCO, Coastlines 2006, European Commission - Eurostat/GISCO. Different tests were performed to ensure conceptual , domain and topological consistency. A detailed description of these tests can be found in the data base manual.</p>
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### Resource constraints

Use limitation	<p>The Commission, its Executive Agencies and European Environmental Agency may use the dataset under the following usage restrictions: <a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fpfis/wikis/display/GISCO/License+conditions+for+EuroGeographics+Administrative+and+Topographic+spatial+datasets">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fpfis/wikis/display/GISCO/License+conditions+for+EuroGeographics+Administrative+and+Topographic+spatial+datasets</a> . Contractors of the Commission, its Executive Agencies and EEA can access the data after signing an agreement form. The agreement form can be requested by the responsible service from European Commission – Eurostat/GISCO <a href="mailto:ESTAT-GISCO@ec.europa.eu">ESTAT-GISCO@ec.europa.eu</a> . Once the form has been signed, access will be provided by European Commission - Eurostat/GISCO.</p>
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