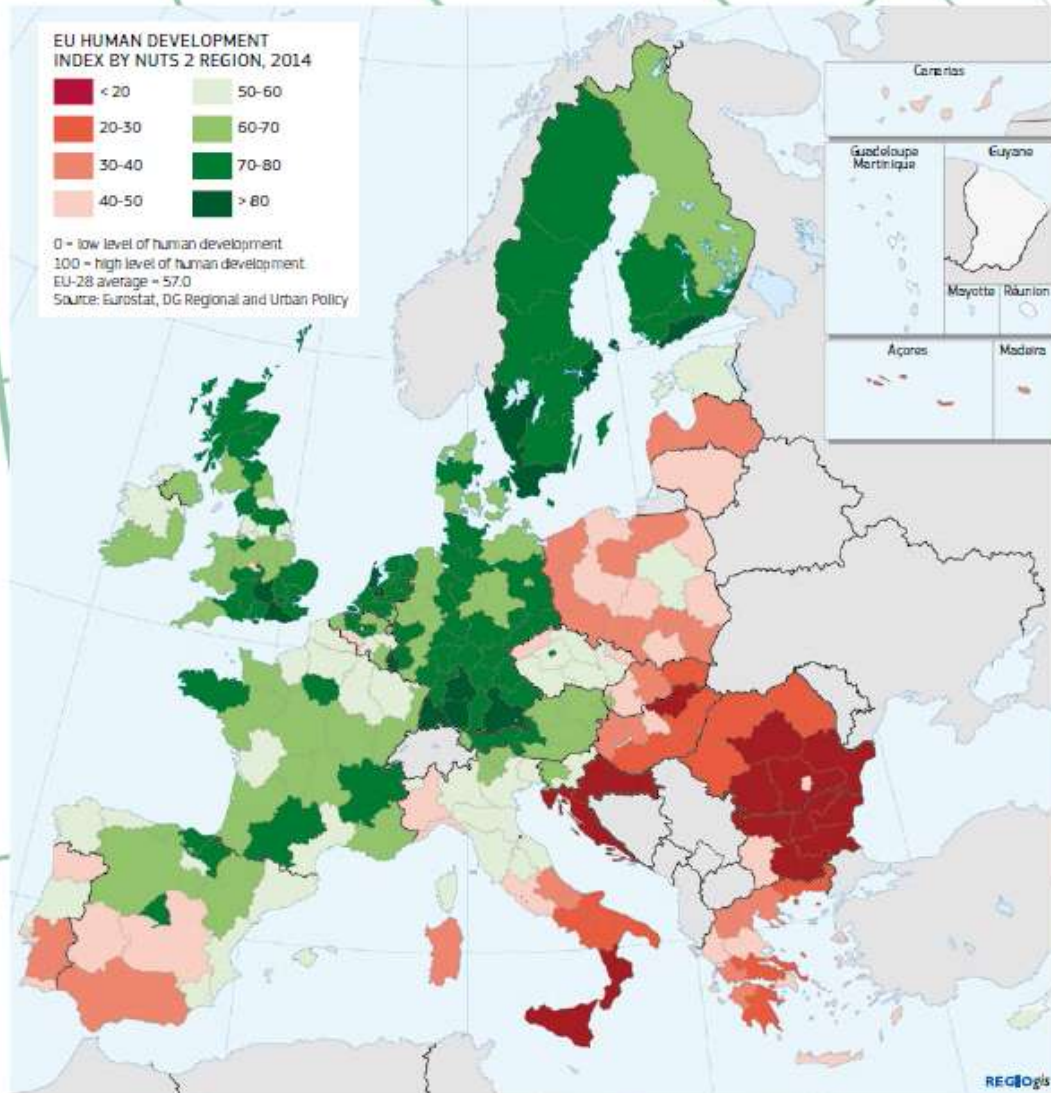


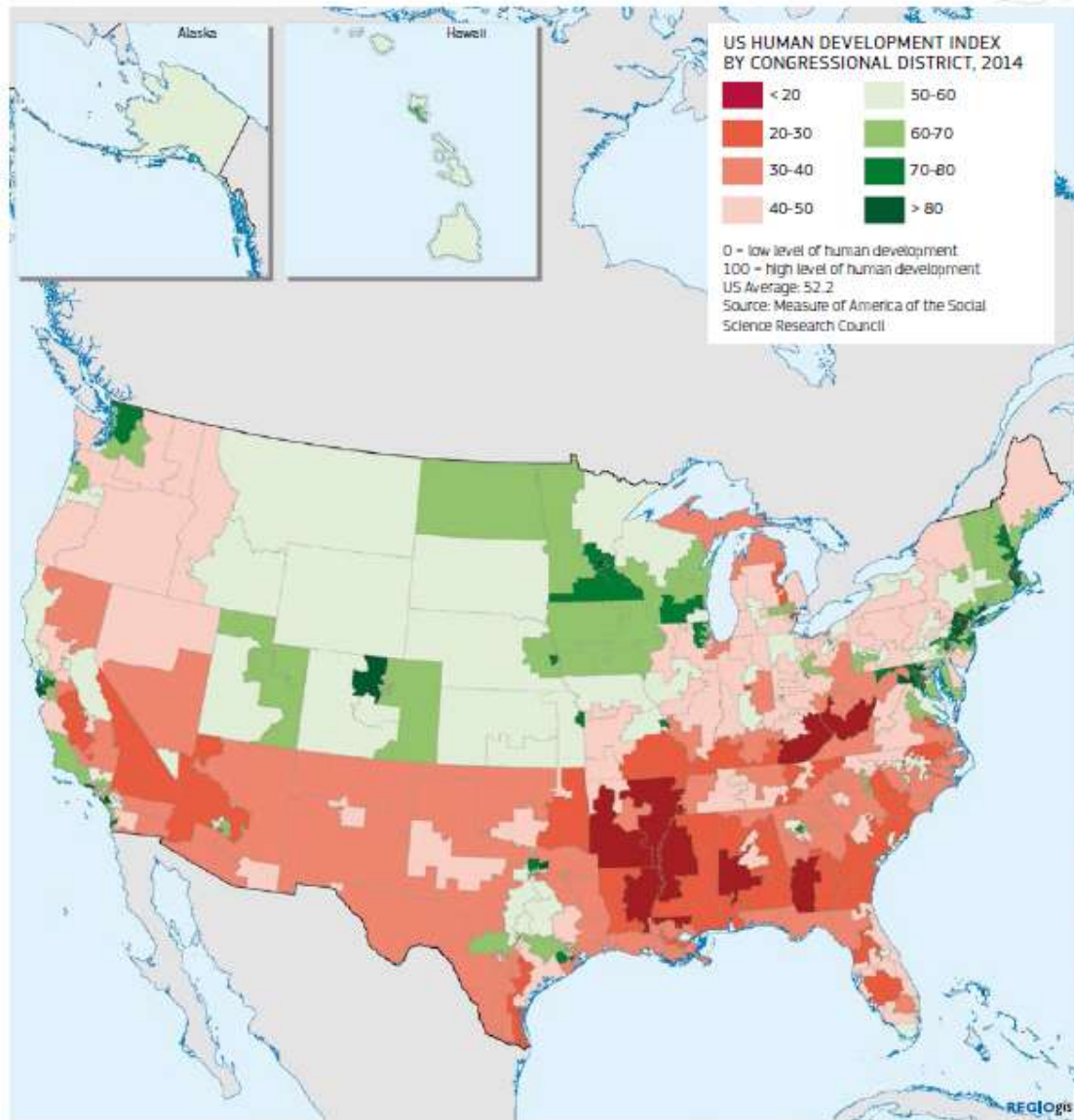
# ► EU HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX 2014



The Human Development Index (HDI) was specifically developed to compare the 435 US congressional districts to the EU NUTS 2 regions. It captures health, income and education based on six indicators: the USA has a higher disposable household income and employment rate, the EU has a higher healthy life expectancy and a lower infant

mortality; and the two have similar scores on the tertiary education and the 'not in employment, education or training' rate. Overall, the index for the EU is higher than that of the USA, as the better health performance compensated the lower income performance.

# ► US HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX 2014



The highest HDI was found in a US congressional district that covers parts of New York City. The second highest was Stockholm. These are followed by three congressional districts in the San Francisco Bay area, two outside Washington DC, one outside Boston, one more in New York City and two in Northern New Jersey. The next is Utrecht in the Netherlands.

The lowest ten HDIs were found in two Bulgarian and three Romanian NUTS 2 regions and five congressional districts in Mississippi, Kentucky, Louisiana, Georgia and Michigan (Detroit). A *Regional Focus* to be published by DG Regional and Urban Policy later this year will describe the results in more detail.