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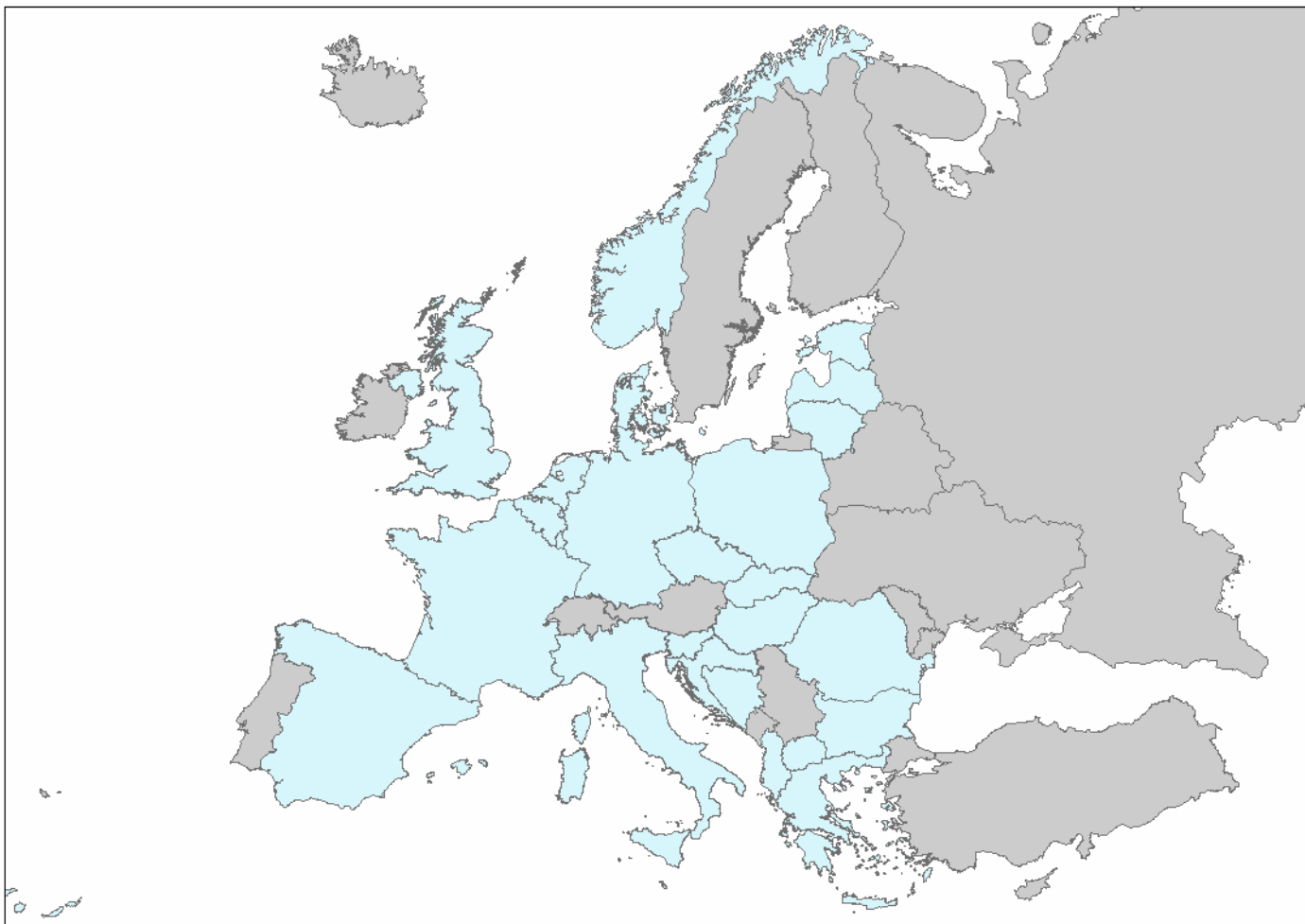
The work in GeoCapacity comprised:

- Full assessment of countries not previously covered
- Update of GESTCO and CASTOR countries
- Inventory of major CO₂ emission point sources and infrastructure
- Assessment of regional and local potential for geological storage of CO₂ in:
 - deep saline aquifers
 - hydrocarbon fields (incl. EOR/EGR)
 - coal fields (incl. ECBM)
- Technical site selection criteria and methodology for ranking
- Contribution to guidelines for assessment of geological storage capacity
- Analysis of source – transport – sink scenarios and economical evaluations
- Further development of mapping and analysis methodologies (GIS/DSS)
- Collaboration with China and other CSLF countries e.g. India and Russia



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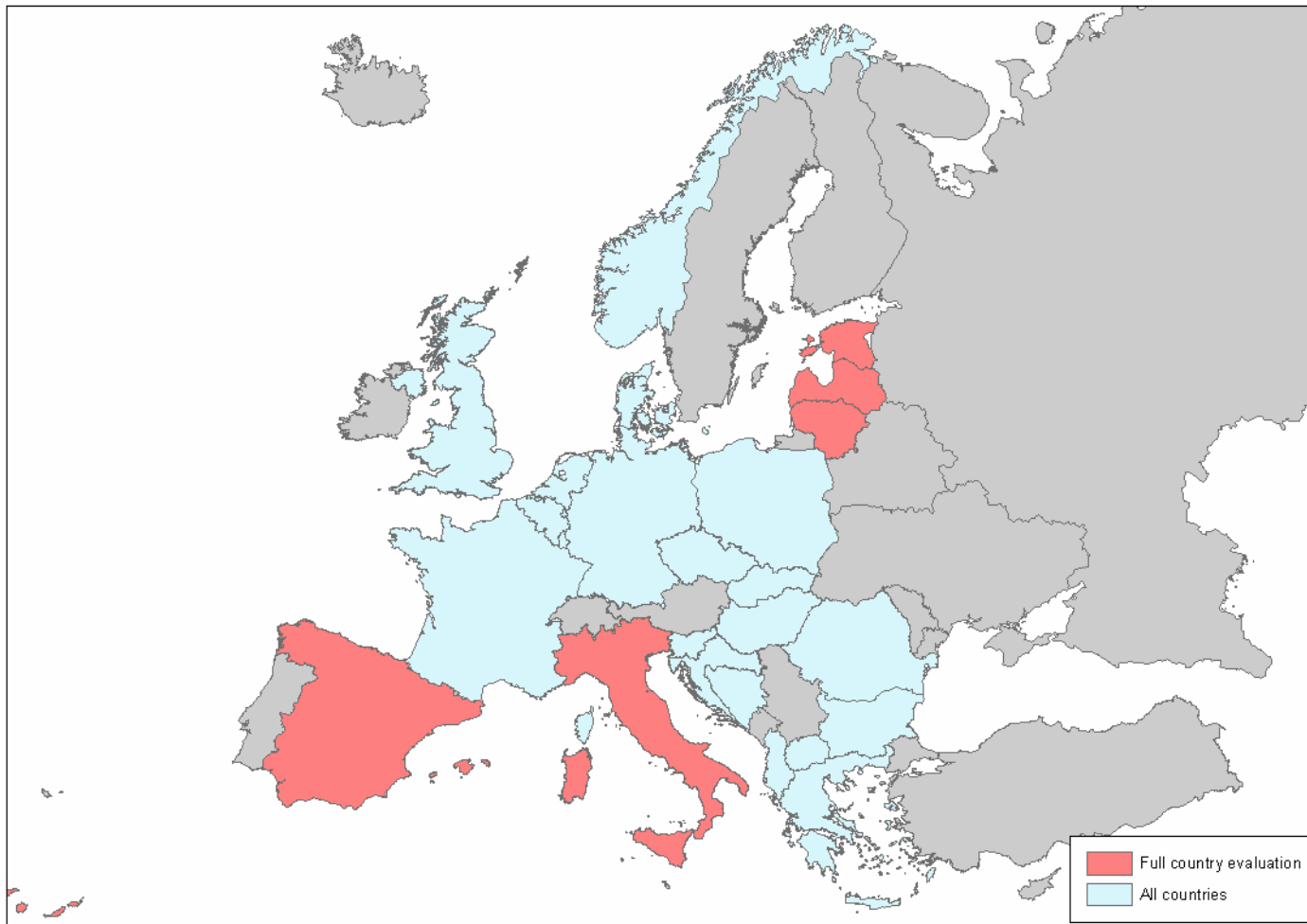
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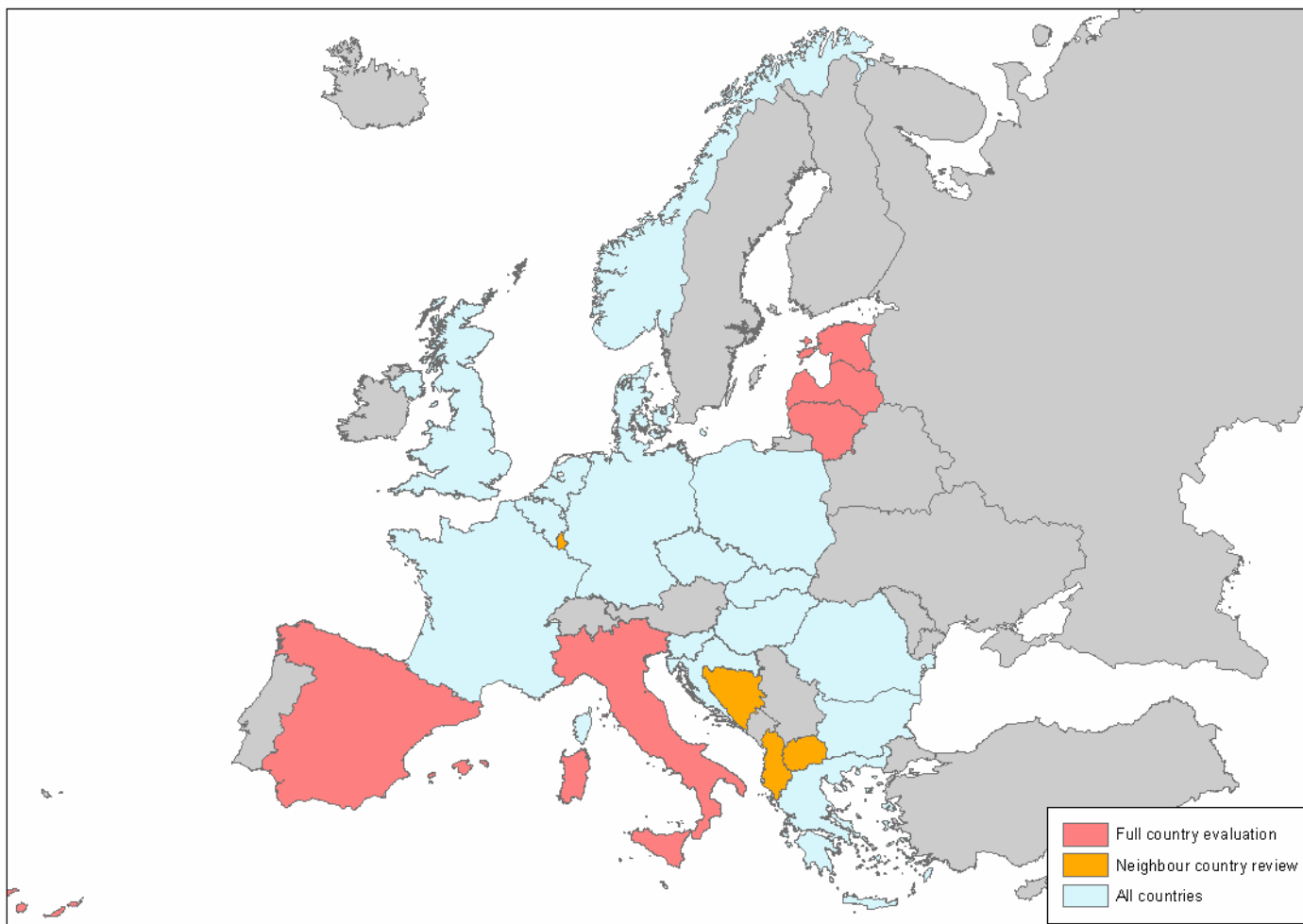
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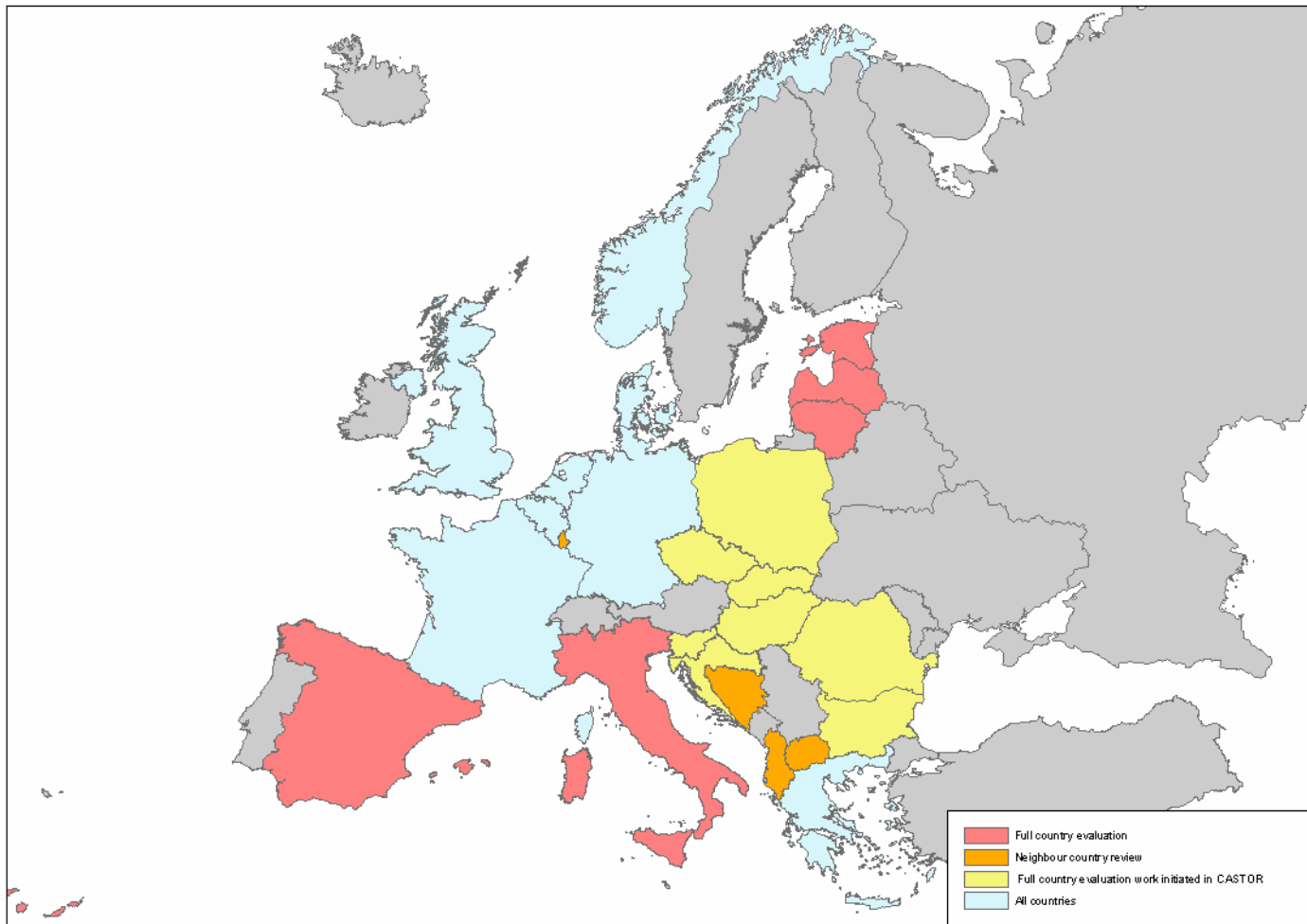
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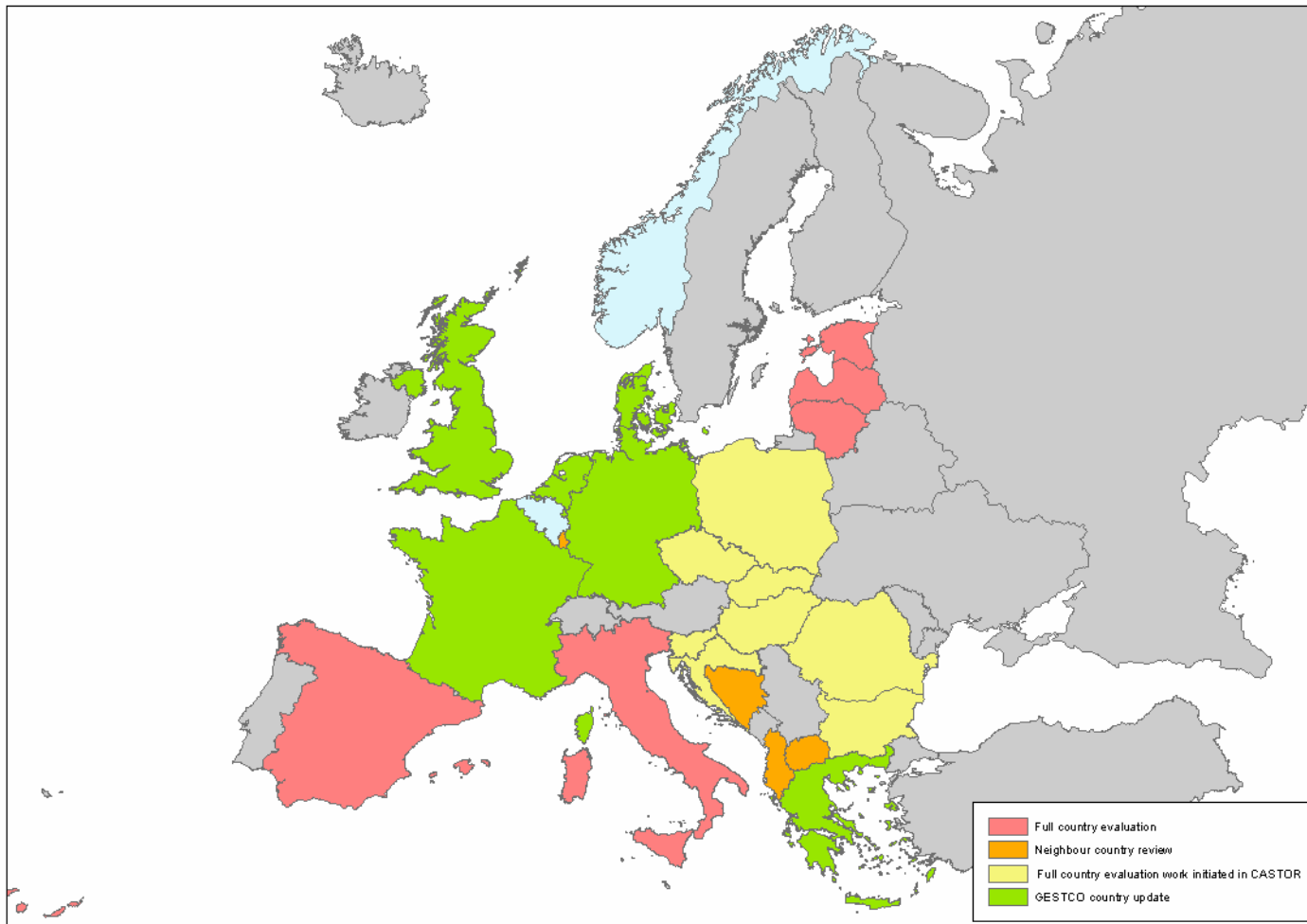
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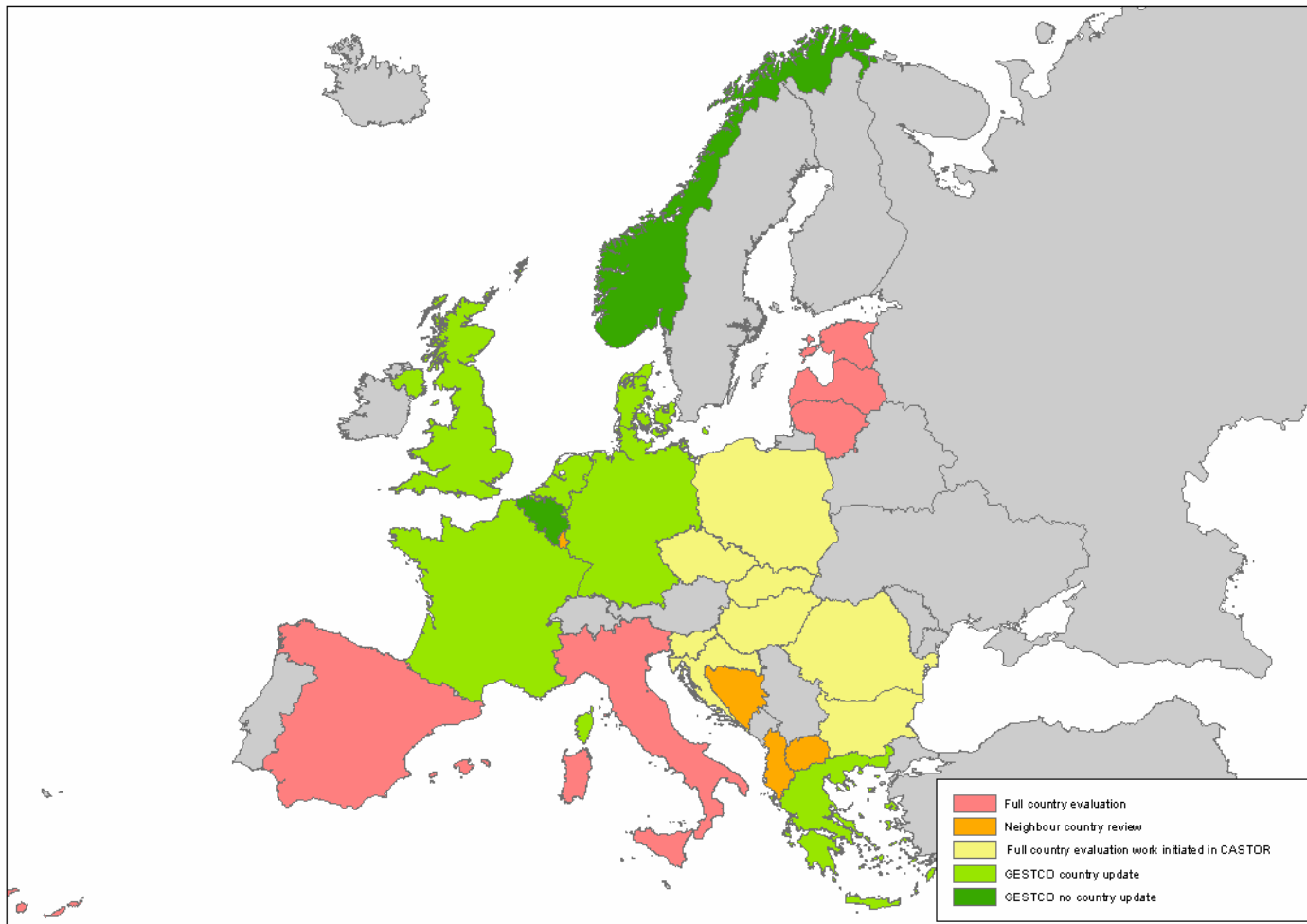
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26 Project partners from 20 countries

- Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland
- University of Sofia
- University of Zagreb
- Czech Geological Survey
- Institute of Geology at Tallinn University of Technology
- Bureau de Recherche de Geologie et Miniere
- Institute Francais du Petrole
- Bundesanstalt für Geologie und Rohstoffen
- Institute for Geology and Mining Engineering
- Eötvös Loránd Geophysical Institute of Hungary
- Istituto Nazionale Oceanografie e Geofisica Sperimentale
- Latvian Environment, Geology & Meteorology Agency
- Institute of Geology and Geography
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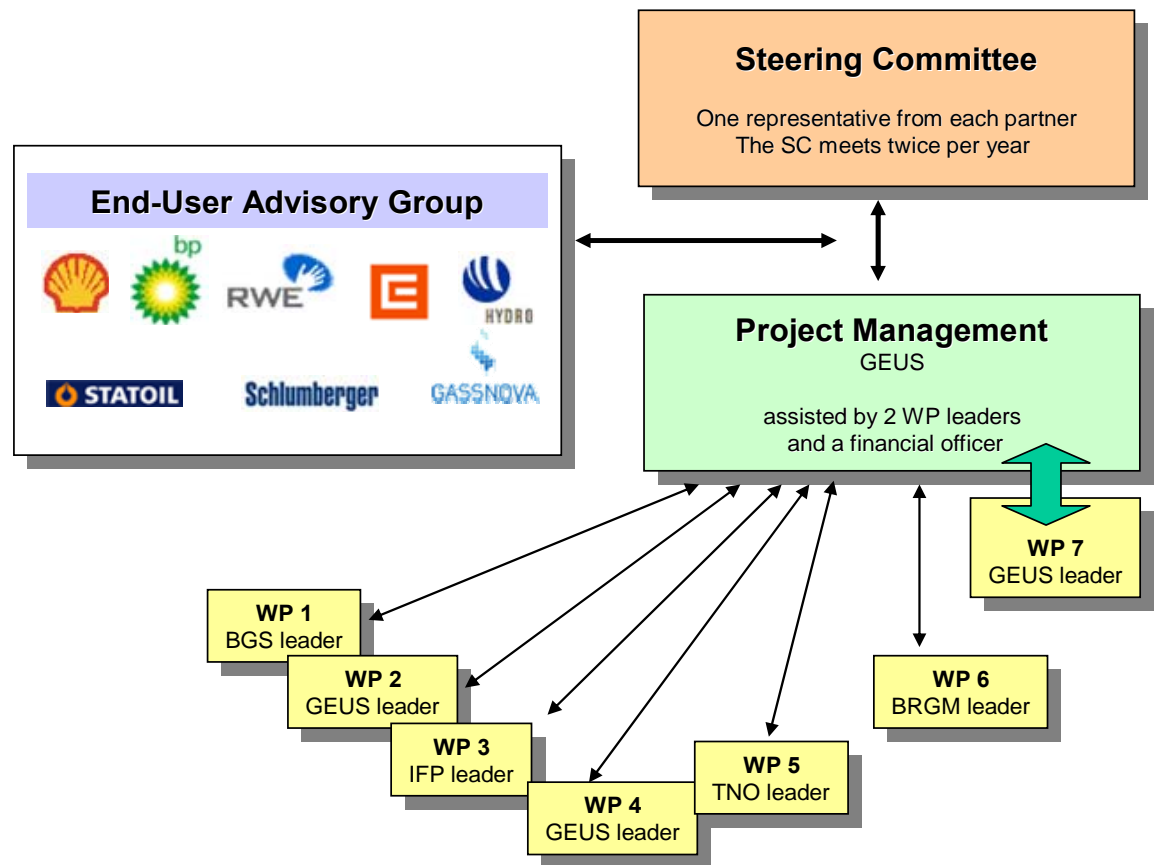
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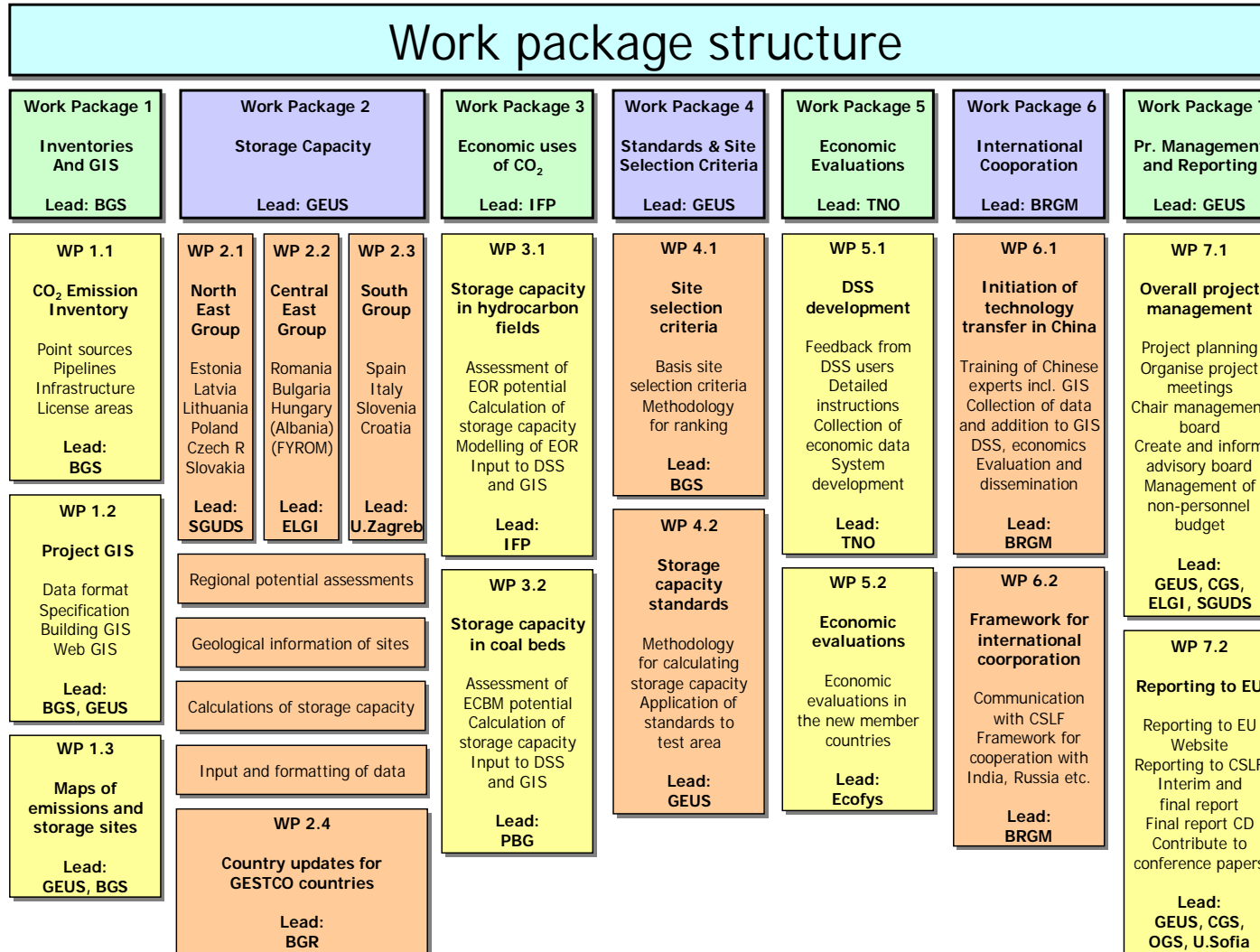
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GeoCapacity Project Organisational Structure







Mapping of emission sources and infrastructure

Stationary sources exceeding 100 kt CO₂ / year

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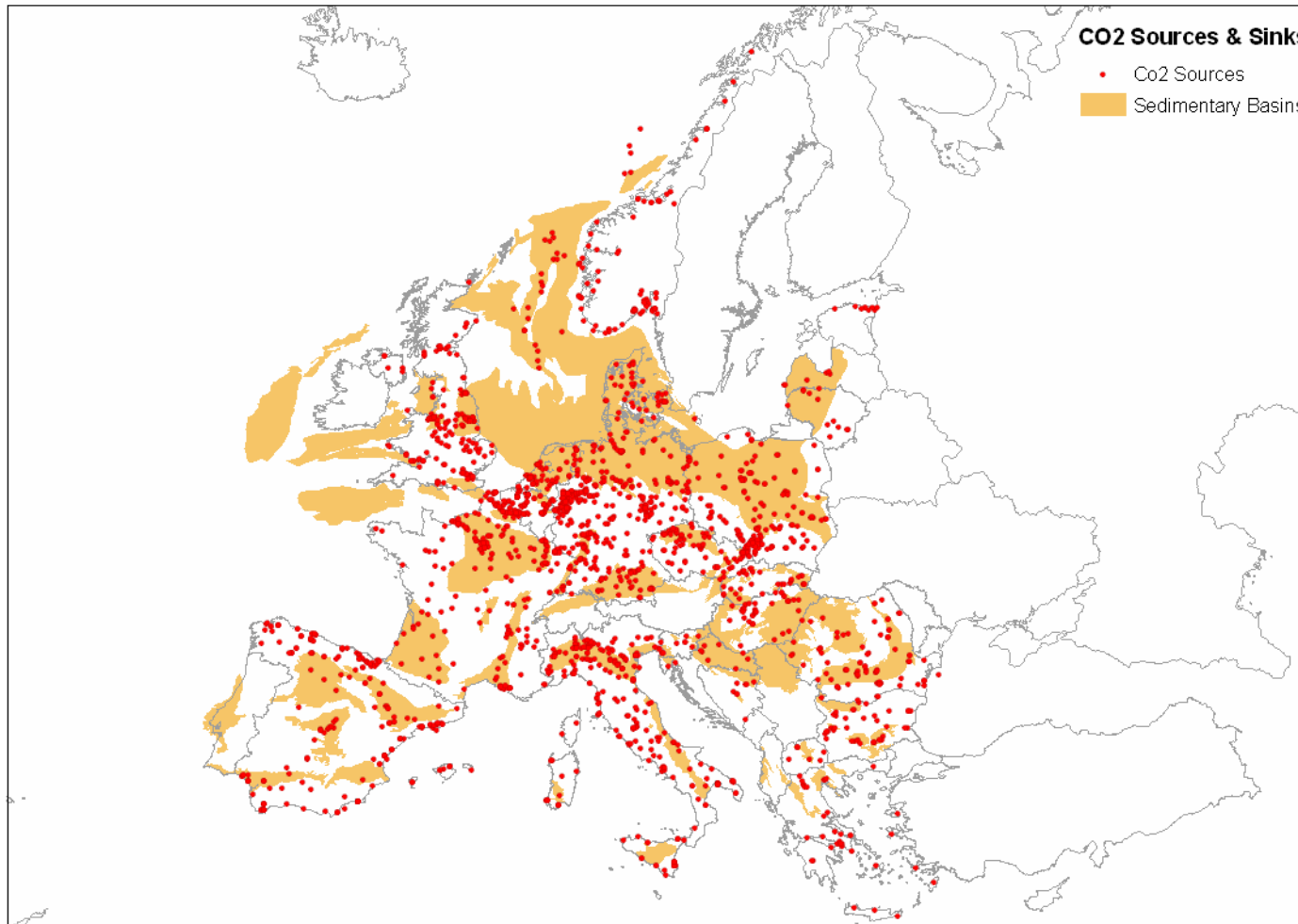
- annual reports for the EU ETS
- national allocation plans
- qualified estimations where data not available

Existing pipelines



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Identify from: <Top-most layer>

CO2 Sources

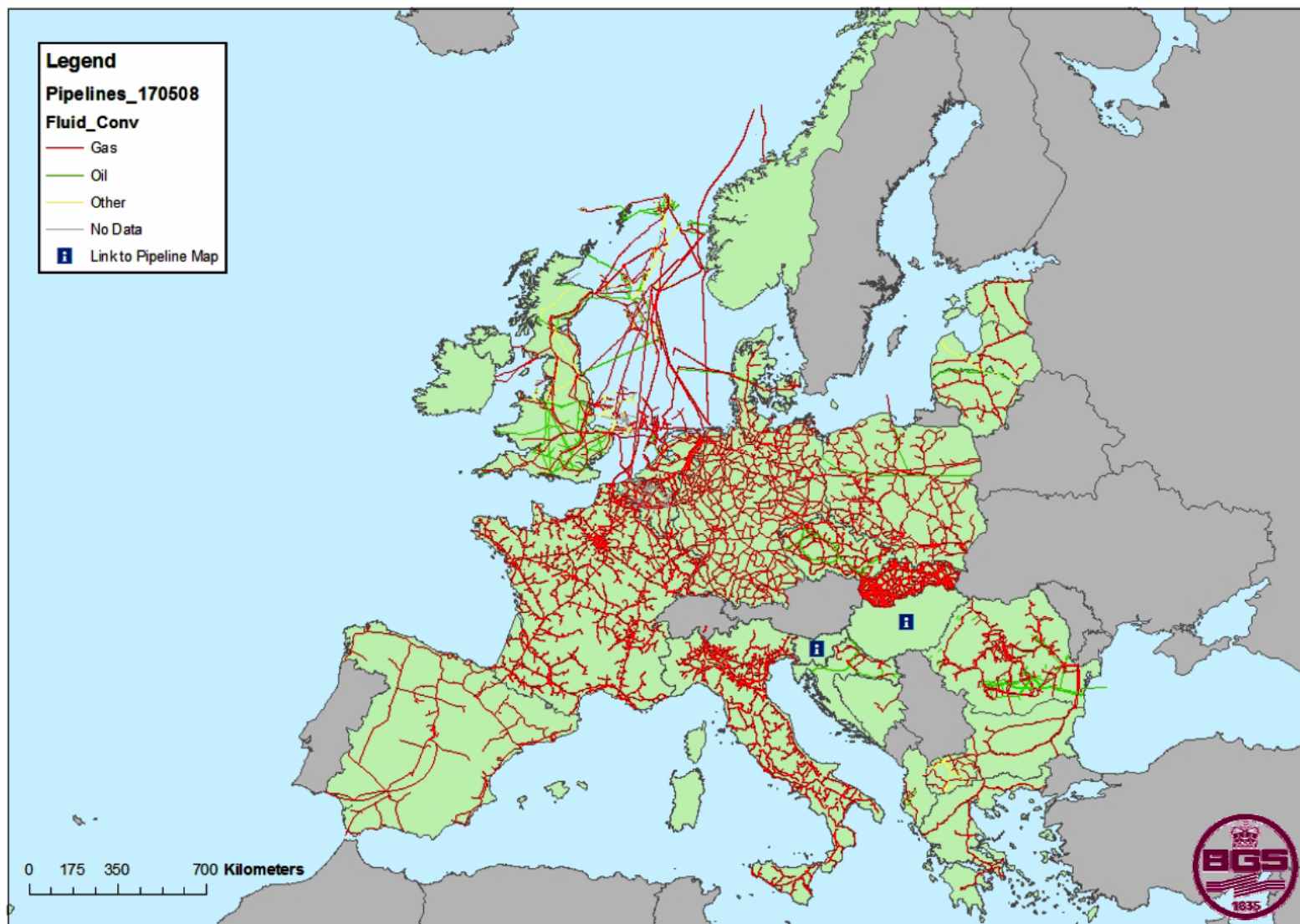
- VENDSYSSSELVAERKET

Location: -594,352.830 6,664,941.965 Meters

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Shape	Point
UNIT_ID	
SECTOR	Power
COMPANYNAM	Vattenfall A/S
PLANTNAME	VENDSYSSSELVAERKET
CITY	Vodskov
STATEPROVI	
COUNTRY	Denmark
COUNTRYCOD	DK
REGION	OECD Europe
LONGITUDE	10.041657
LATITUDE	57.07408
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SHUTYEAR	2028
CO2REPORTE	2.039000
YEARREPORT	2003
CO2ESTIMAT	<null>
YEARESTIMA	<null>
CONCENTRAT	<null>
PRODUCTION	2651
UNITPRODUC	GWh
FULLLOADHO	3842
CAPACITY	690
UNITCAPACI	MW
EMISSIONFA	0.77
TECHNOLOGY	Power - Steam turbine
MAIN_FUEL	COAL
OTHER_FUEL	FO1
FUEL_USE	21508
INFOSOURCE	DEA
INFOSOUR_1	NERI, GESTCO
CO2Legend	2.039
REMARKS	"YEAR REPORTED" is average for 2000-2005,
Projection	WGS84
X	10.041657
Y	57.07408



Pipelines





Mapping of storage sites

Initial screening for sedimentary formations

3 main types of storage considered

- aquifers
- hydrocarbon fields
- unmineable coal seams

Application of site selection criteria

Storage capacity estimations

Collection of data for GIS and project DSS

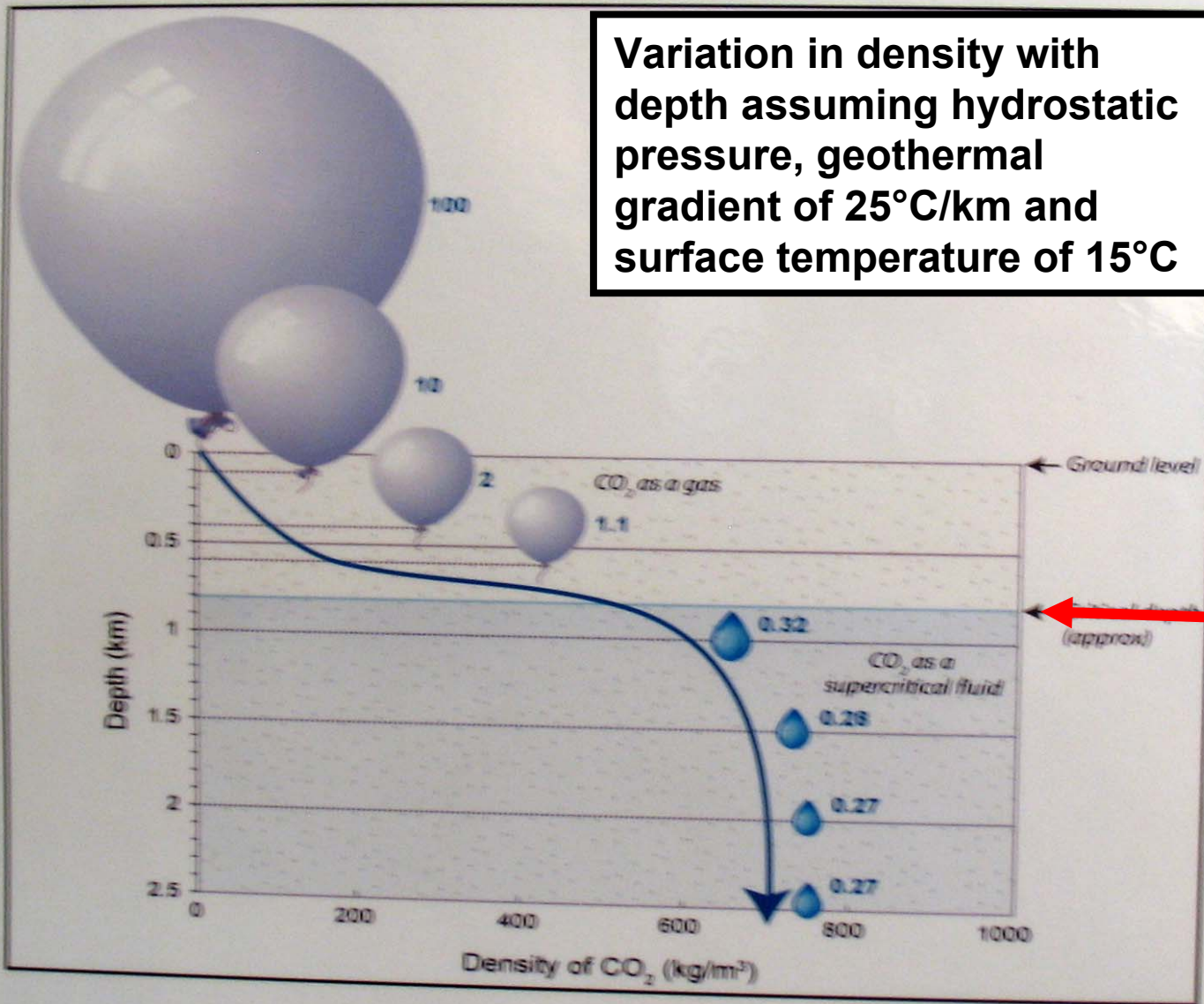


Basic site selection criteria

- Sufficient depth and storage capacity
 - supercritical CO₂ below 700-800 m (rule of thumb)



Variation in density with depth assuming hydrostatic pressure, geothermal gradient of 25°C/km and surface temperature of 15°C

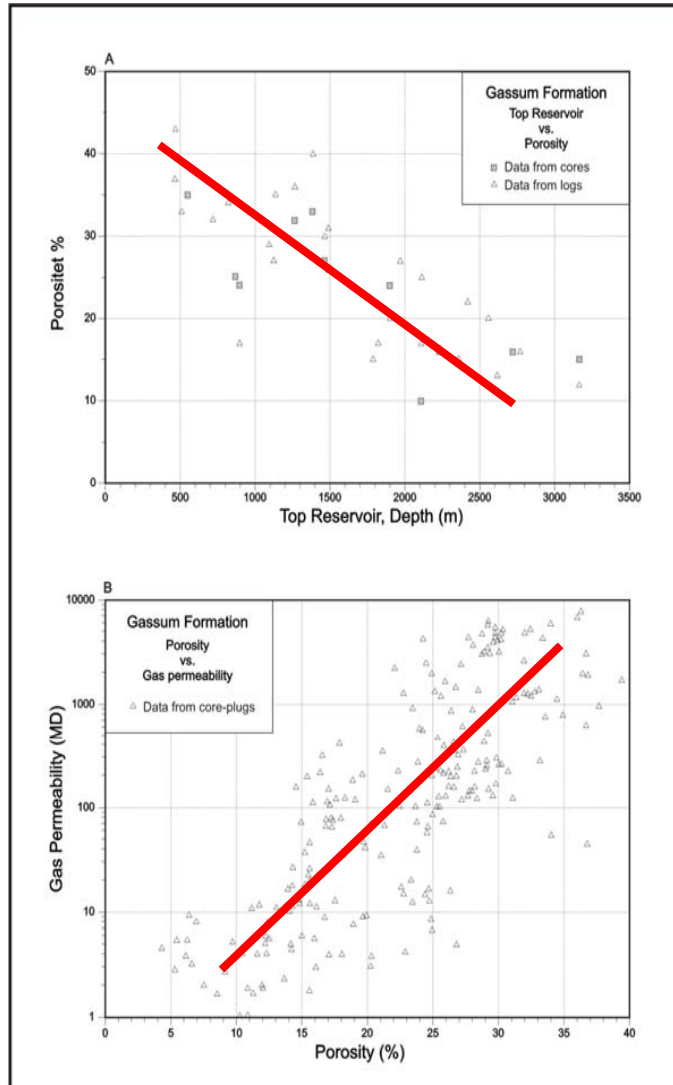


Great change in density / volume at ~ 800 m



Basic site selection criteria

- Sufficient depth and storage capacity
 - supercritical CO₂ below 700-800 m (rule of thumb)
 - porosity may deteriorate below 2500-3000 m



**One of the regional Danish
reservoir sandstones**

**Decreasing porosity with
depth**

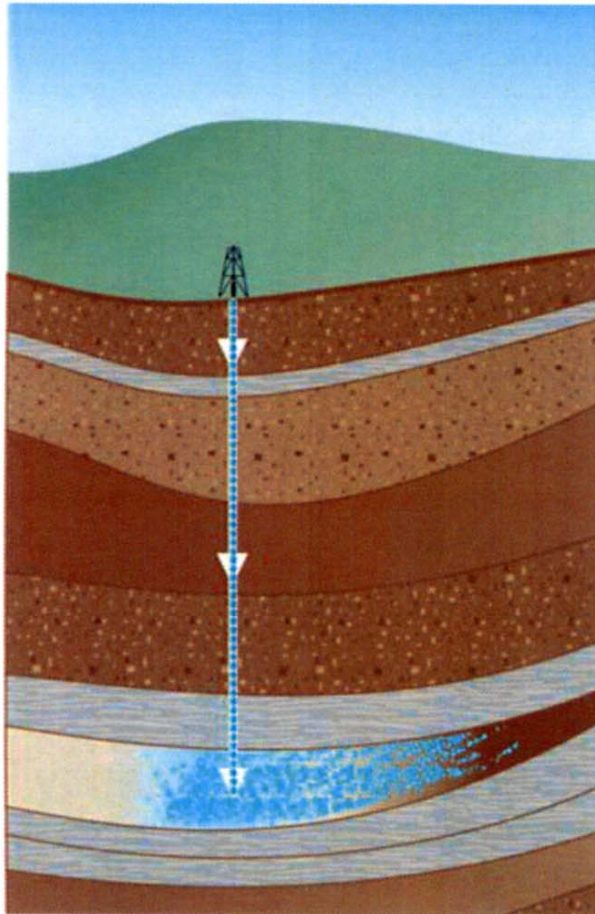
**Decreasing permeability with
decreasing porosity**

**In practise this means a
depth window of 800-2500 m**

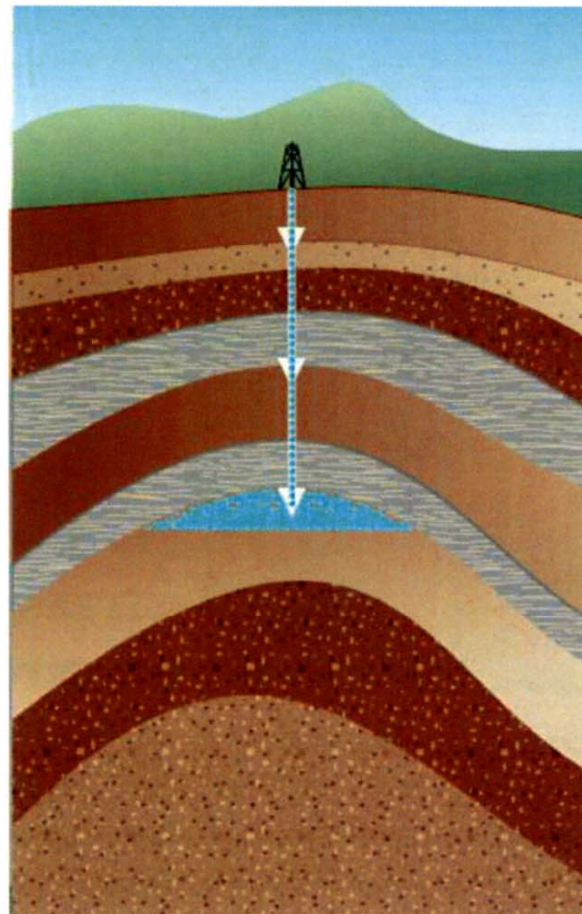


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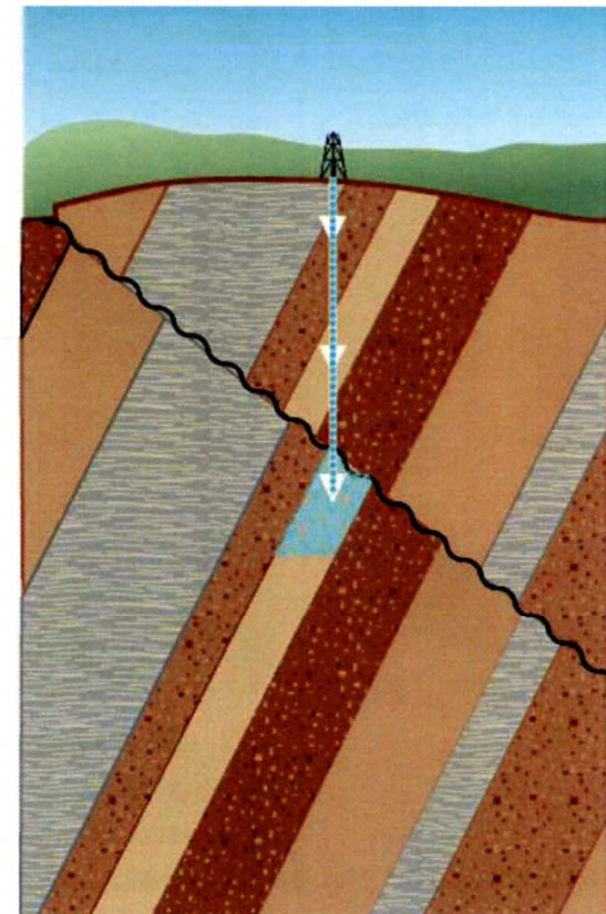
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 - trap type / areal extent / thickness



Stratigraphical trapping; porous layer bounded by tight seal



Structural trapping; porous layer topped by tight seal

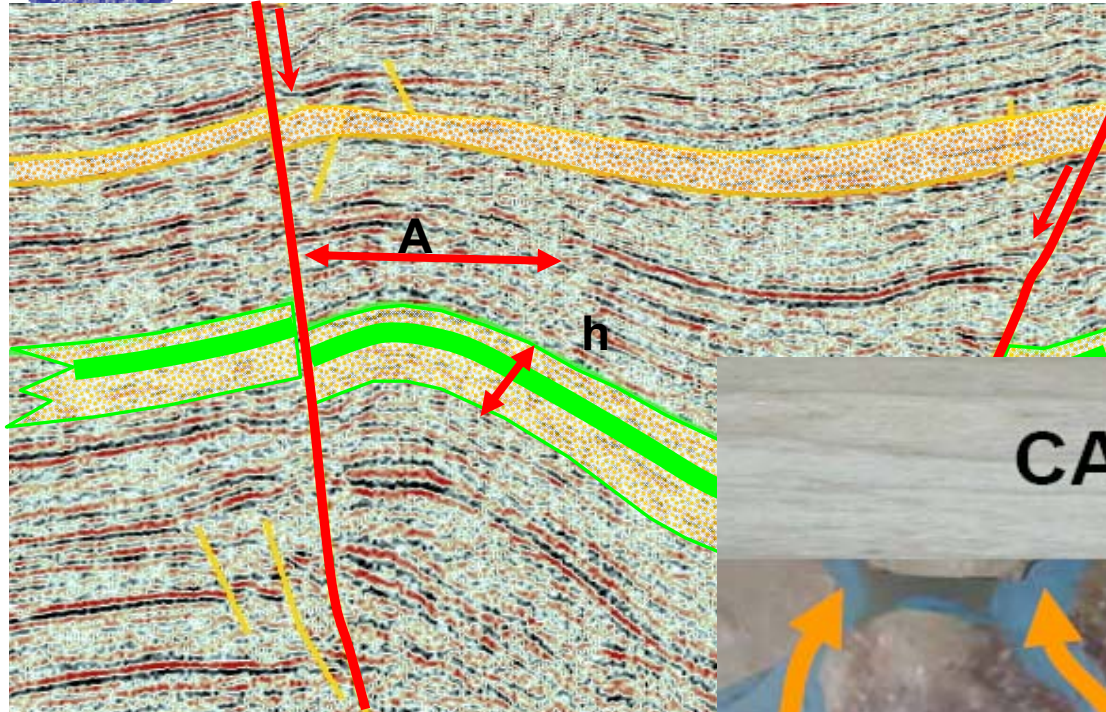


Structural trapping; porous layer in fault contact with seal



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 - storage capacity



**Areal
distribution and
thickness of
reservoir**



**Pore space in
the reservoir**

Reservoir rock

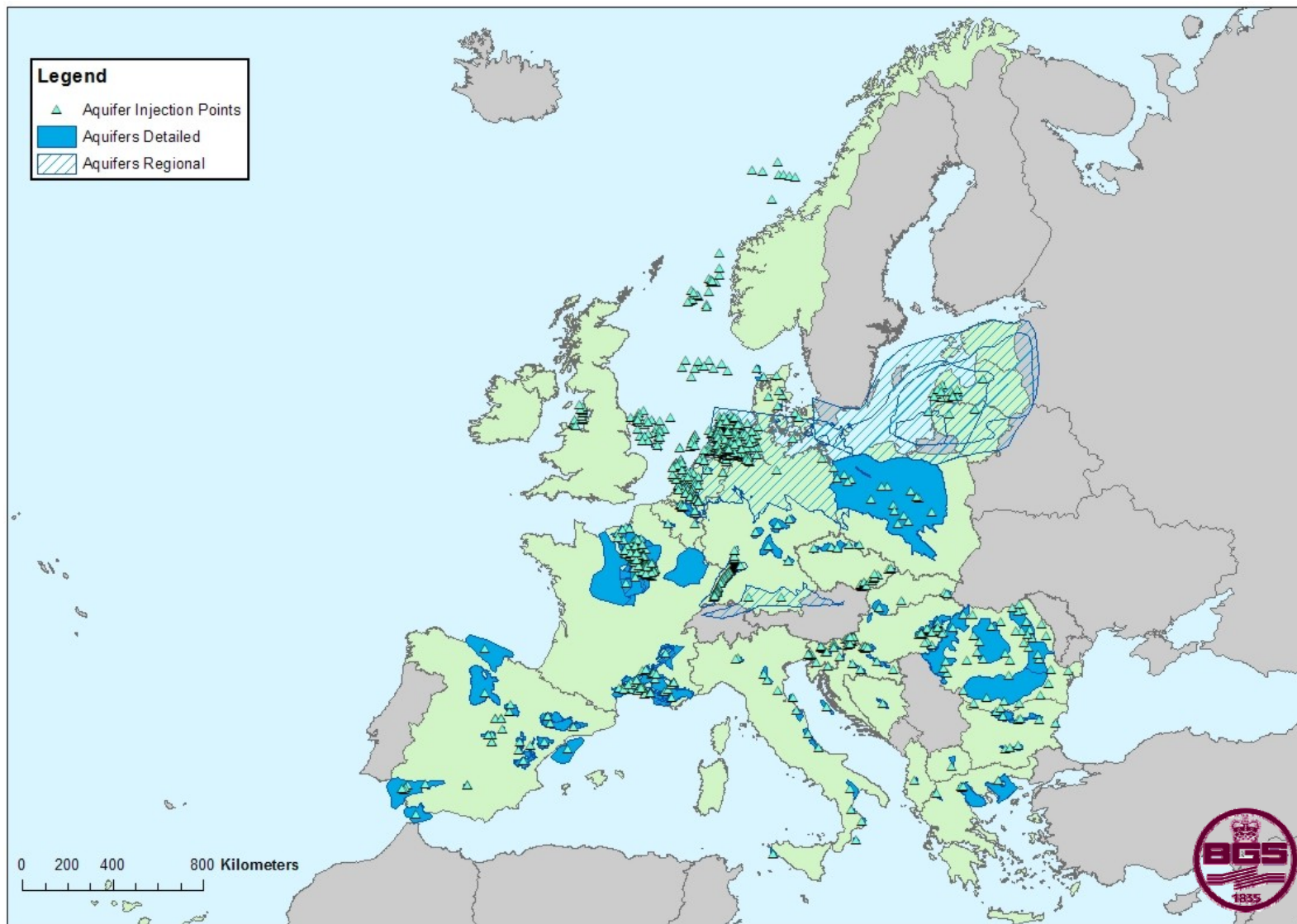


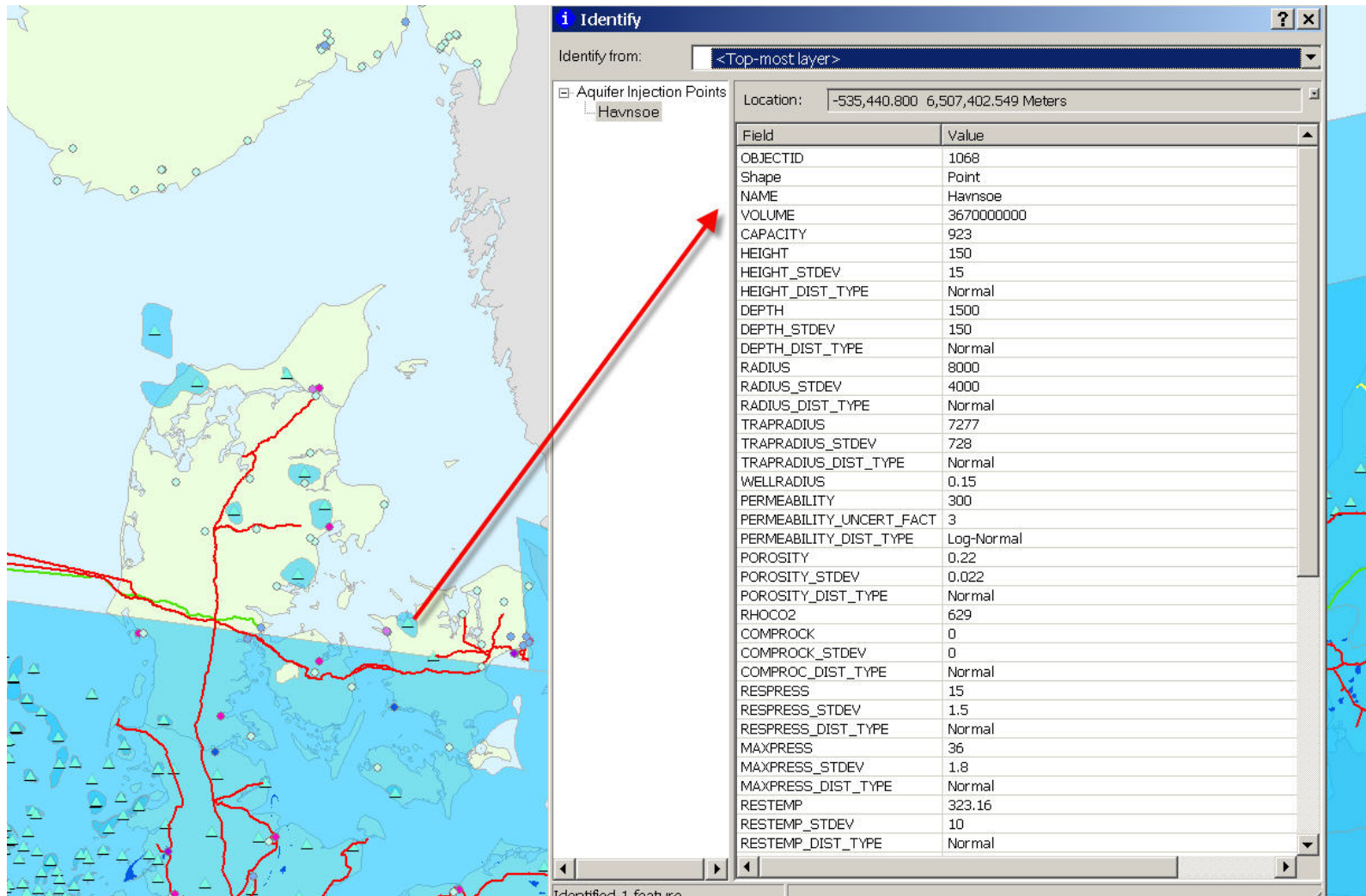
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- Sufficient injectivity to be economically viable
 - permeability (as a rule of thumb > 200 mD)
 - reservoir lithology
 - heterogeneity of reservoir
- Integrity of seal
 - seal lithology and permeability
 - seal capillary pressure and pore entry pressure
 - faulting / tectonic activity / fracture pressure



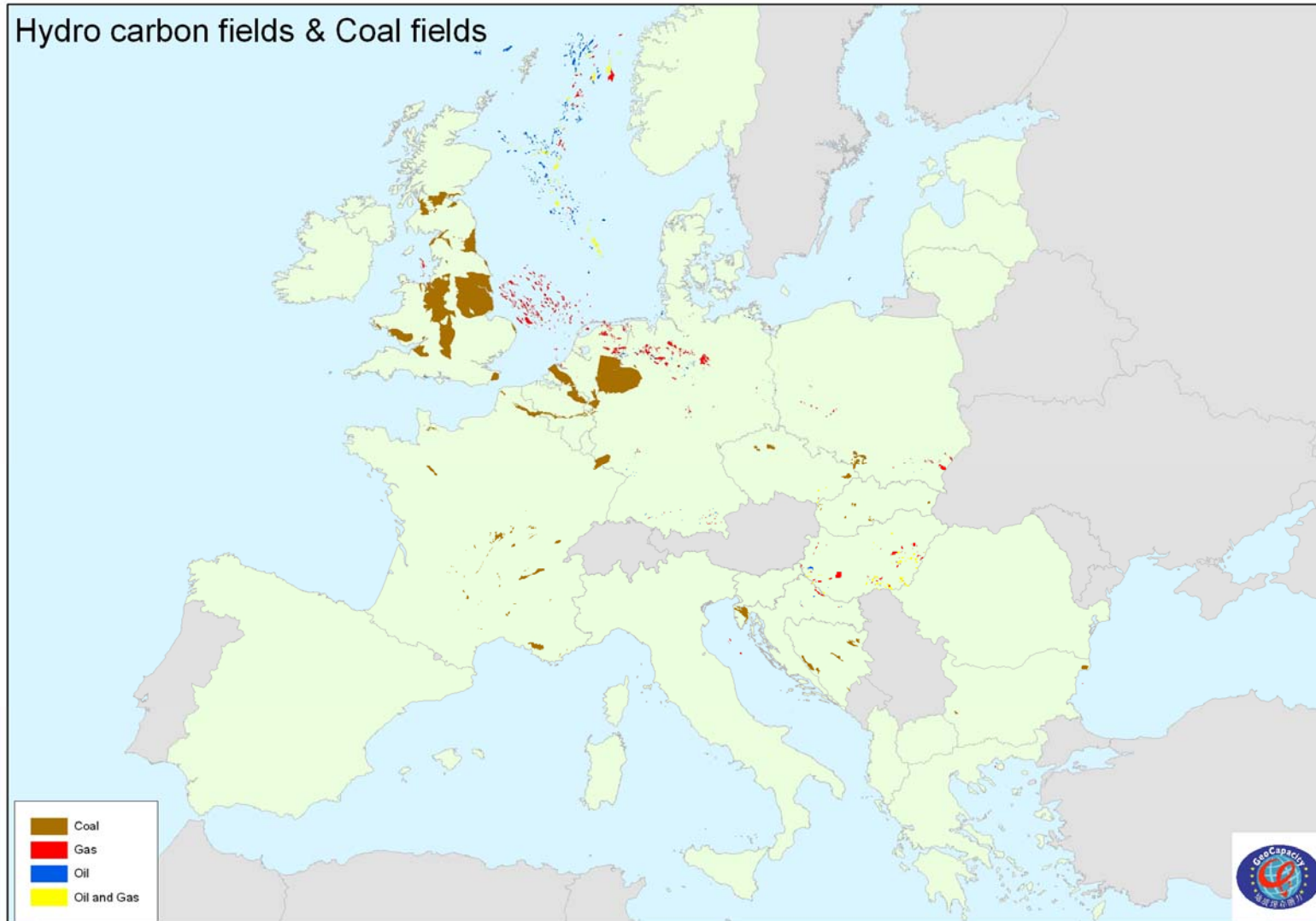
Aquifers





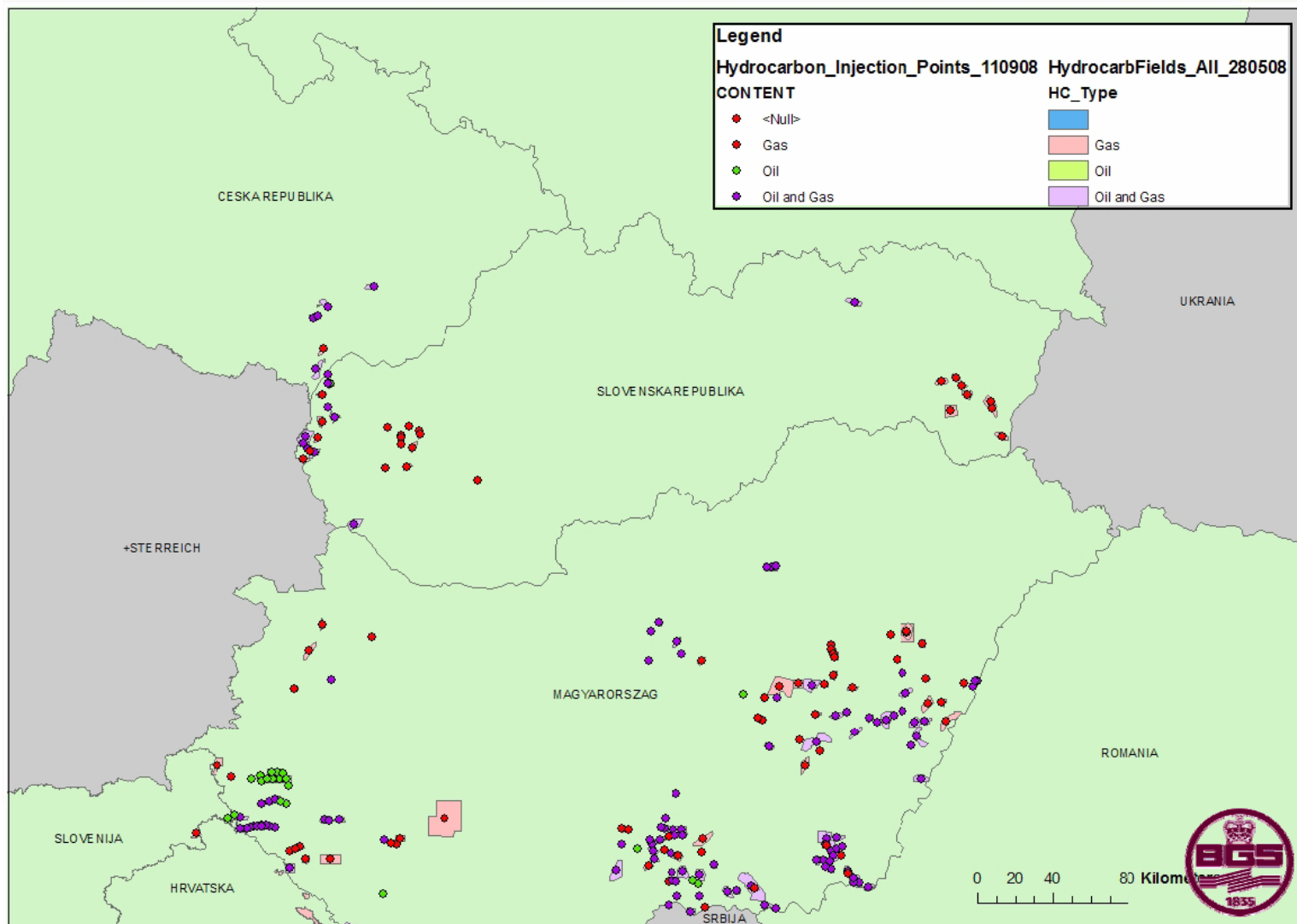


Hydro carbon fields & Coal fields



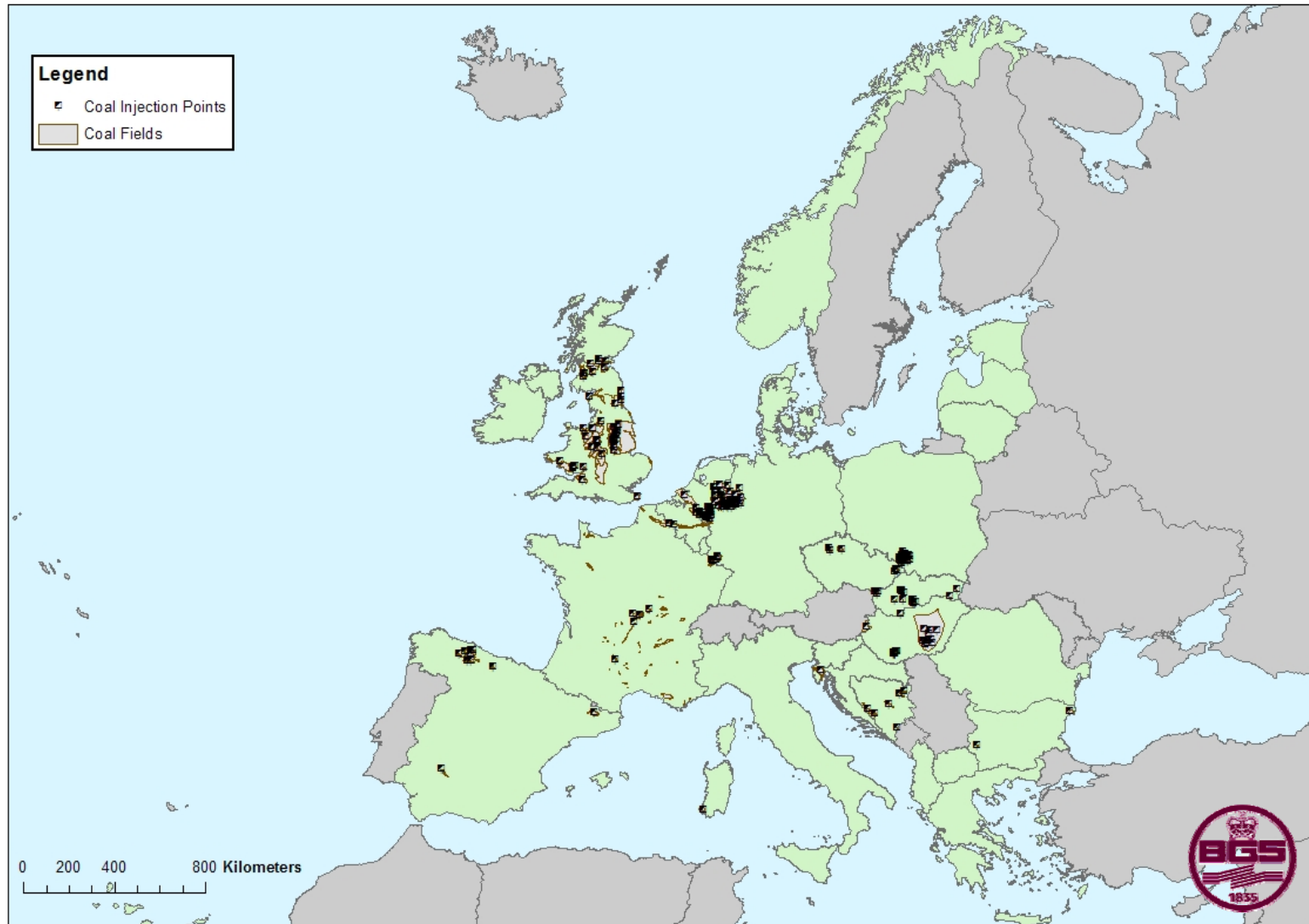


Hydrocarbon fields





Coal measures





Capacity calculations

Methodological resources:

- **CSLF Task Force on CO₂ Storage Capacity Estimation**
- **Modeling work by TNO**
- **US DOE methodology by the Geologic Working Group of the US Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership Program**

Uncertainties for aquifers !



General considerations for saline aquifers

- Distinguish between estimates for bulk volume of regional aquifers and estimates for individual structural or stratigraphic traps
- For estimates based on the bulk volume of regional aquifers we suggest a storage efficiency factor of 2 % based on work by US DOE
- For trap estimates the choice of storage efficiency factor depends on whether the aquifer system is open, semi-closed or closed
- For traps in open or semi-closed aquifer systems we suggest a rule-of-thumb approach with values for the storage efficiency factor in the range between 3 % and 40 % for semi-closed low quality and open high quality reservoirs, respectively
- For traps in closed aquifer systems we suggest an approach based on trap to aquifer volume ratio, pore and water compressibility and allowable average pressure increase with typical values for the storage efficiency factor in the range between 1 % and 20 %
- Storage capacity estimates should always be accompanied with information on assumptions and approach for storage efficiency factor



US DOE estimation of storage efficiency factor

Terms included in the CO₂ storage efficiency factor are:

Term	Symbol (range)	Description
Terms used to Define the Entire Basin/Region Pore Volume		
Net to total area	A_n/A_t (0.2–0.8)	Fraction of total basin/region area that has a suitable formation present.
Net to gross thickness	h_n/h_t (0.25–0.75)	Fraction of total geologic unit that meets minimum porosity and permeability requirements for injection.
Effective to total porosity ratio	ϕ_e/ϕ_{tot} (0.6–0.95)	Fraction of total porosity that is effective, i.e. interconnected
Terms used to Define the Pore Volume Immediately Surrounding a Single Well CO₂ Injector		
Areal displacement efficiency	E_A (0.5–0.8)	Fraction of immediate area surrounding an injection well that can be contacted by CO ₂ ; most likely influenced by areal geologic heterogeneity such as faults or permeability anisotropy.
Vertical displacement efficiency	E_v (0.6–0.9)	Fraction of vertical cross section (thickness), with the volume defined by the area (A) that can be contacted by the CO ₂ plume from a single well; most likely influenced by variations in porosity and permeability between sublayers in the same geologic unit. If one zone has higher permeability compared with others, the CO ₂ will fill this one quickly and leave the other zones with less CO ₂ or no CO ₂ in them.
Gravity	E_g (0.2–0.6)	Fraction of net thickness that is contacted by CO ₂ as a consequence of the density difference between CO ₂ and in situ water. In other words, 1-E _g is that portion of the net thickness not contacted by CO ₂ because the CO ₂ rises within the geologic unit.
Microscopic displacement efficiency	E_d (0.5–0.8)	Portion of the CO ₂ -contacted, water-filled pore volume that can be replaced by CO ₂ . E _d is directly related to irreducible water saturation in the presence of CO ₂ .

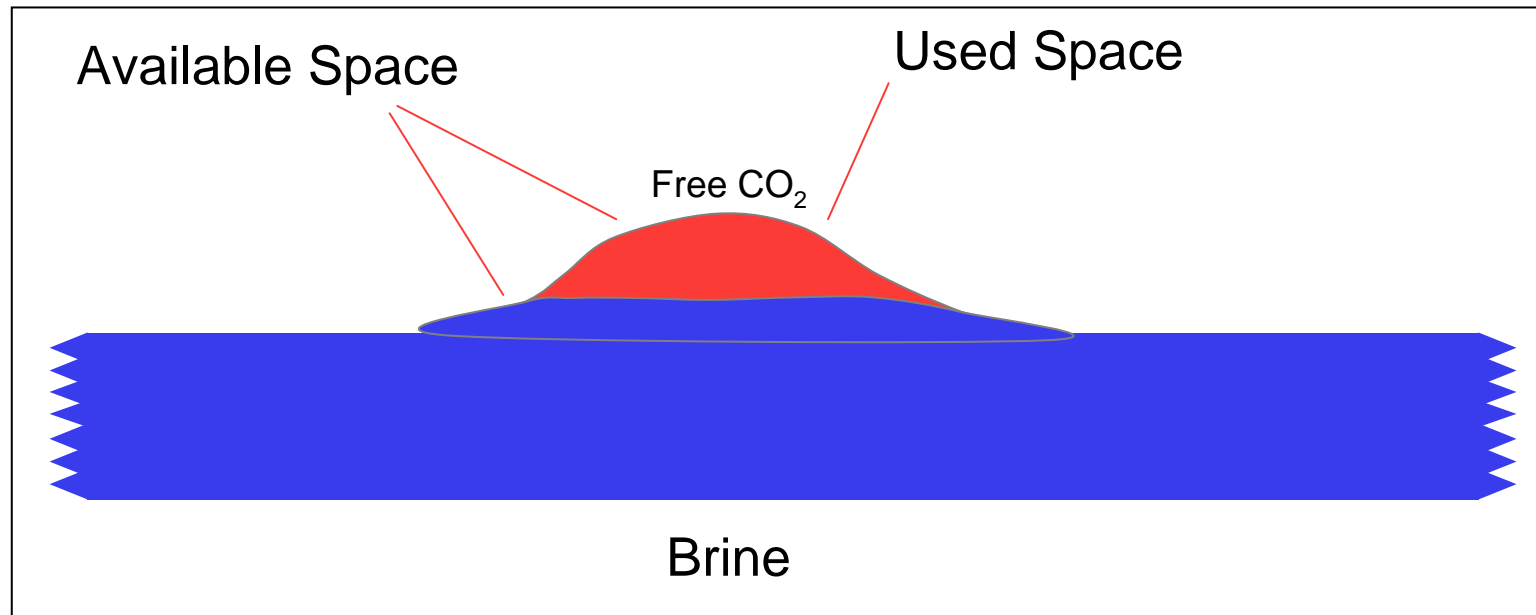
$$P_{15} : S_{eff.} = 1 \%$$

$$P_{50} : S_{eff.} = 2 \%$$

$$P_{85} : S_{eff.} = 4 \%$$

The range of values for each parameter is an approximation to reflect various lithologies and geologic depositional systems that occur throughout the Nation. The maximum and minimum are meant to be reasonable high and low values for each parameter.

Conceptual model for open aquifers

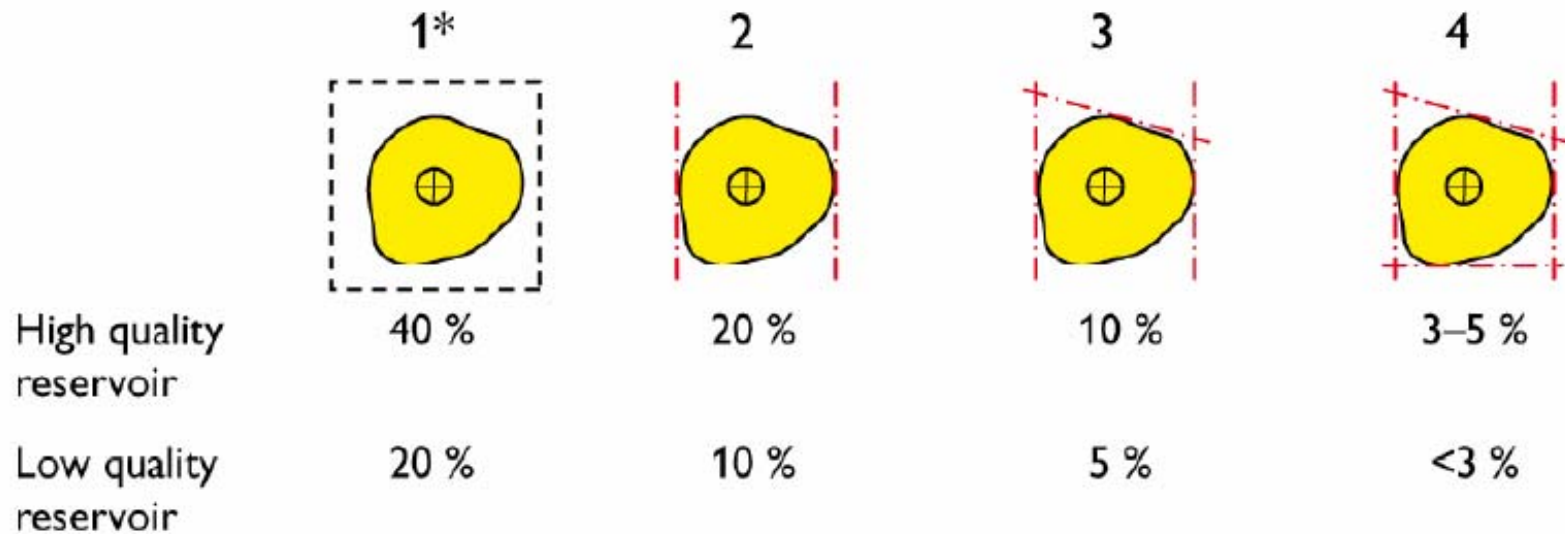


- Storage space is generated by displacing existing fluids and distributing pressure increase in surrounding aquifer system
- Storage volume = $A \cdot \text{height} \cdot N/G \cdot \phi \cdot S_{\text{eff}}$
- S_{eff} depends on connectivity to surrounding aquifer
- $S_{\text{eff}} = \text{Used space}/\text{Available space}$



Storage efficiency factor for open and semi-closed aquifers

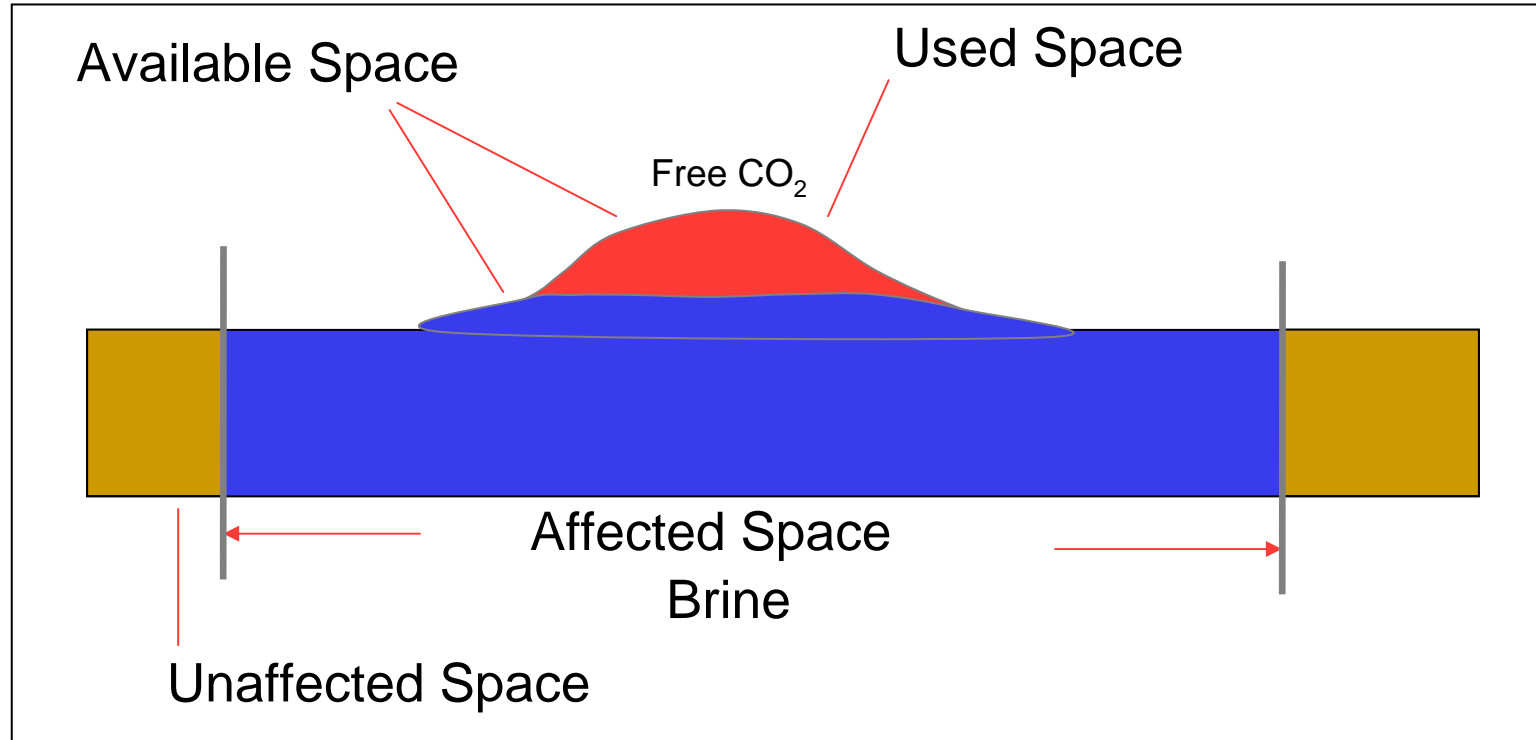
Storage coefficient (by the rule-of-thumb) $S_{c\text{ff}}$



*Volume of bulk reservoir shall be 5-10 times the volume of the reservoir

--- Fault

Conceptual model for open aquifers



- Affected space is full! (rock and water for aquifers)
- More space only via **pressure increase** and **compressibility**
- Storage volume = $A \cdot \text{height} \cdot N/G \cdot \phi \cdot (C_w + C_p) \cdot \Delta p_{\text{avg}}$
- Δp_{avg} = allowed average pressure increase in affected area



Storage efficiency factor for closed aquifers

$$S_{\text{eff}} = V_{\text{CO}_2} / (\phi \cdot V_{\text{trap}})$$

$$V_{\text{CO}_2} = c \cdot \Delta p \cdot \phi \cdot V_{\text{aquifer}}$$



$$S_{\text{eff}} = (c \cdot \Delta p \cdot \phi \cdot V_{\text{aquifer}}) / (\phi \cdot V_{\text{trap}}) = c \cdot \Delta p (V_{\text{aquifer}} / V_{\text{trap}})$$

- Storage efficiency

- As function of $V_{\text{aquifer}} / V_{\text{trap}}$ (between 1 and 100)

- As function of depth

- In table: percentage of trap pore space filled with CO₂

- Pressure increase 10%

← Key parameter, site specific

- Compressibility

- Pore: typical value $6 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ bar}^{-1}$

- Water: $4 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ bar}^{-1}$

- Total: pore + water = $10 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ bar}^{-1}$

$V_{\text{aquifer}} / V_{\text{trap}} \rightarrow$

Depth (m)	1	5	10	50	100
1000	0.10	0.5	1.0	5	10
1500	0.15	0.8	1.5	8	15
2000	0.20	1.0	2.0	10	20
2500	0.25	1.3	2.5	13	25
3000	0.30	1.5	3.0	15	30
3500	0.36	1.8	3.6	18	36

Small capacity of enclosed traps! →

← Higher capacities only when large aquifer volume can be used to accommodate pressure increase.

NOTE: numbers refer to trap, but depend on entire aquifer volume!

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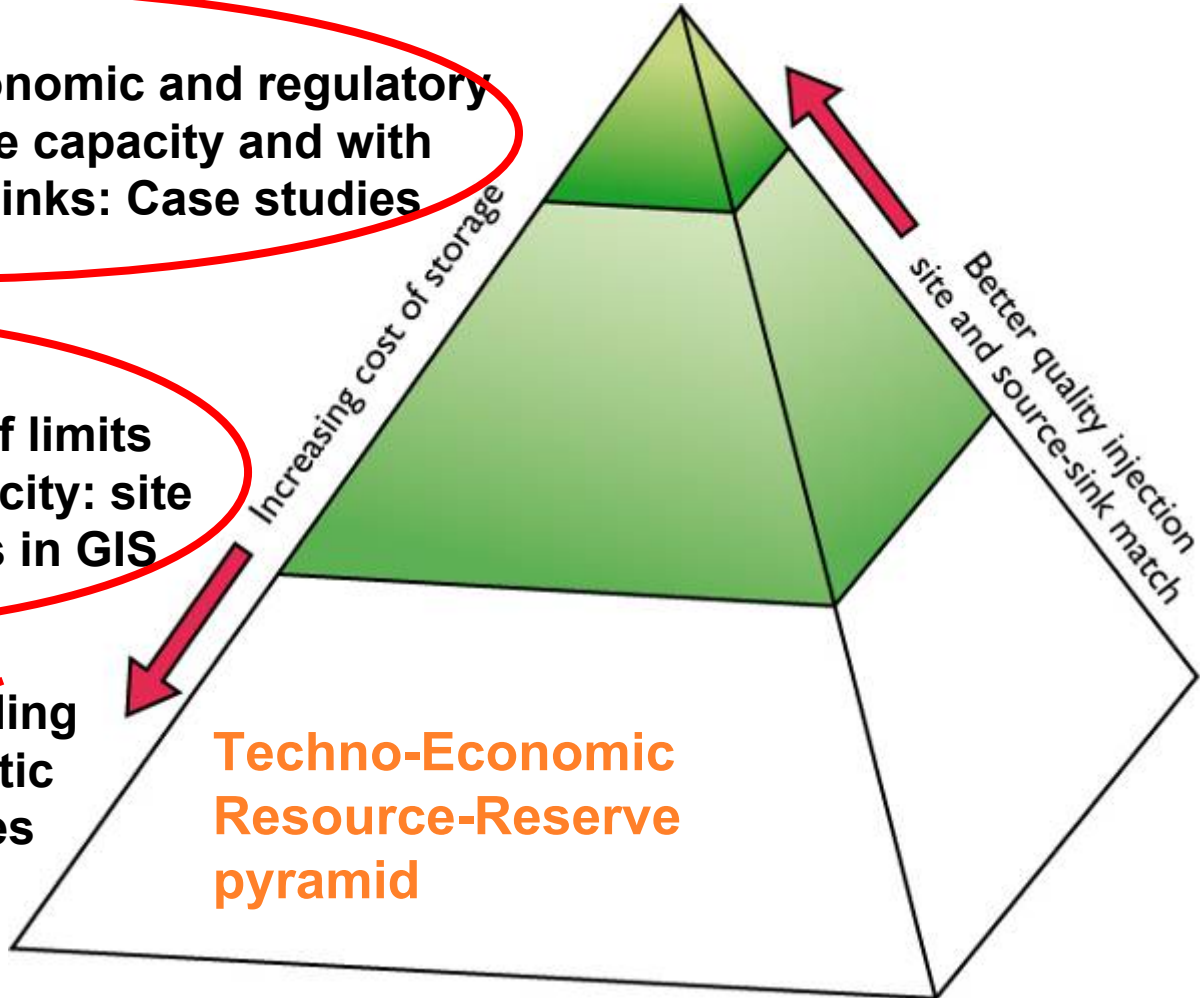
Practical capacity with economic and regulatory barriers applied to effective capacity and with matching of sources and sinks: Case studies

Middle:

Effective capacity with technical/geological cut-off limits applied to theoretical capacity: site specific/regional estimates in GIS

Bottom:

~~Theoretical capacity including large uneconomic/unrealistic volumes: regional estimates without storage efficiency~~



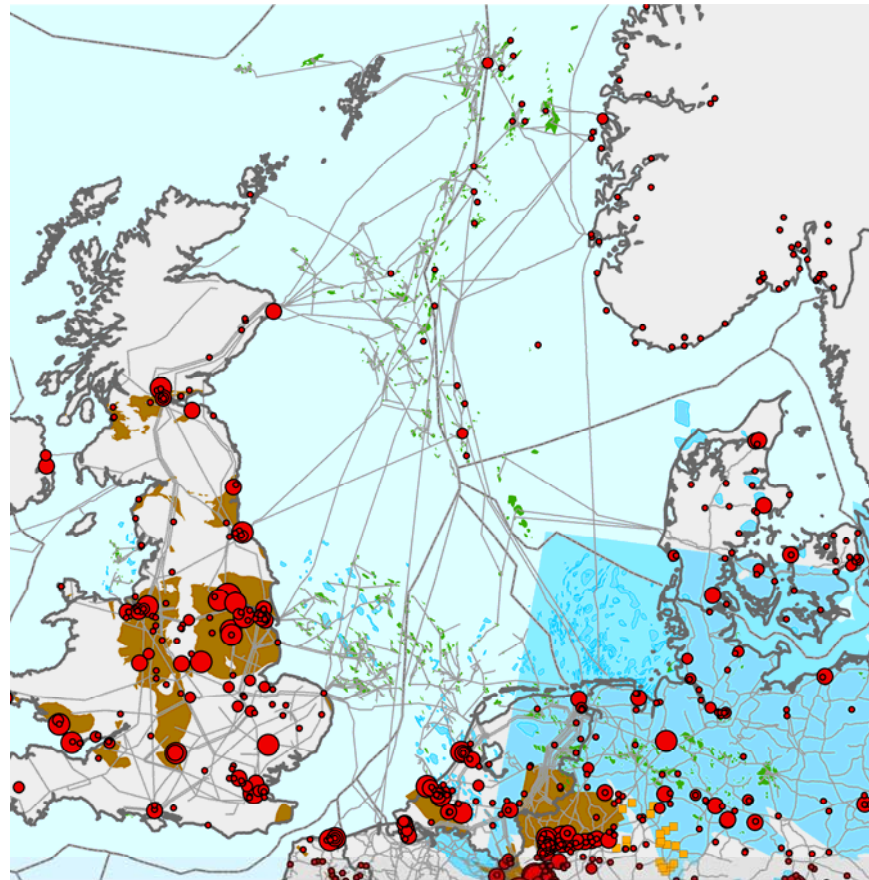


Preliminary pan-European storage capacity estimate

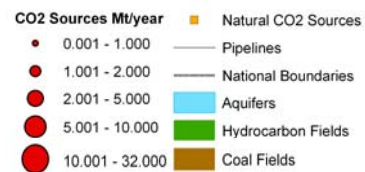
Emissions from big stationary sources (Gt CO ₂)	Storage capacity (Gt CO ₂)					
	Aquifers		Hydrocarbon fields		Coal measures	
	Effective capacity	Conservative estimate	Effective capacity	Conservative estimate	Effective capacity	Conservative estimate
2	350	100	30	25	1.5	1.0



North Sea area

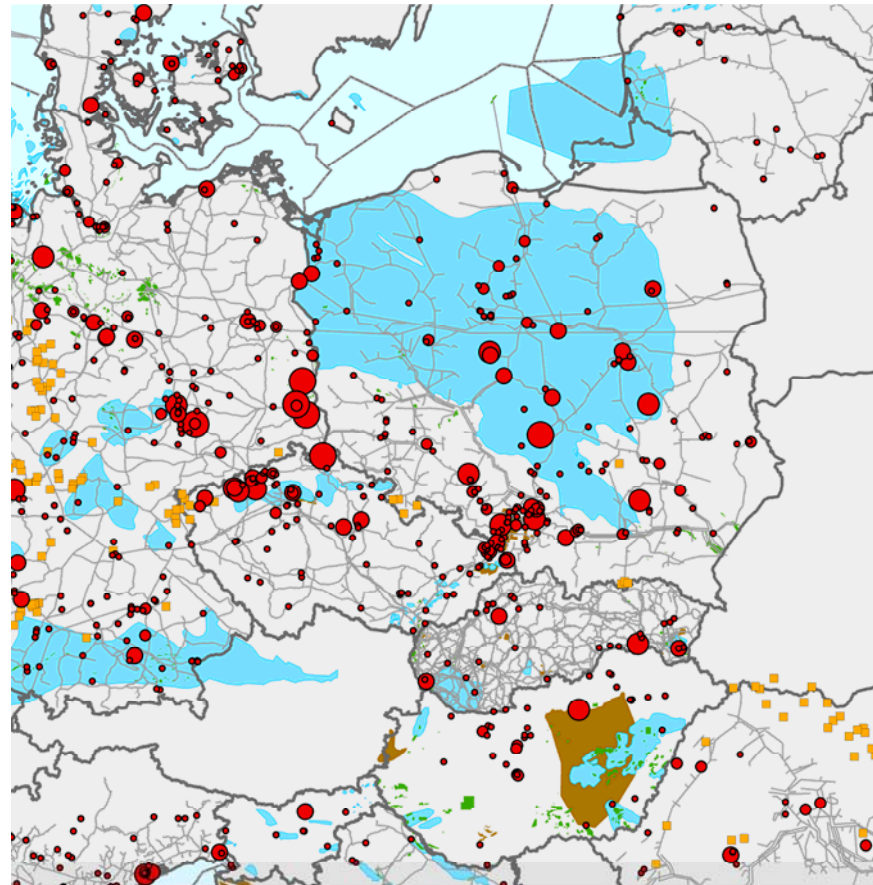


GeoCapacity maps of Sources & Sinks





North East Europe

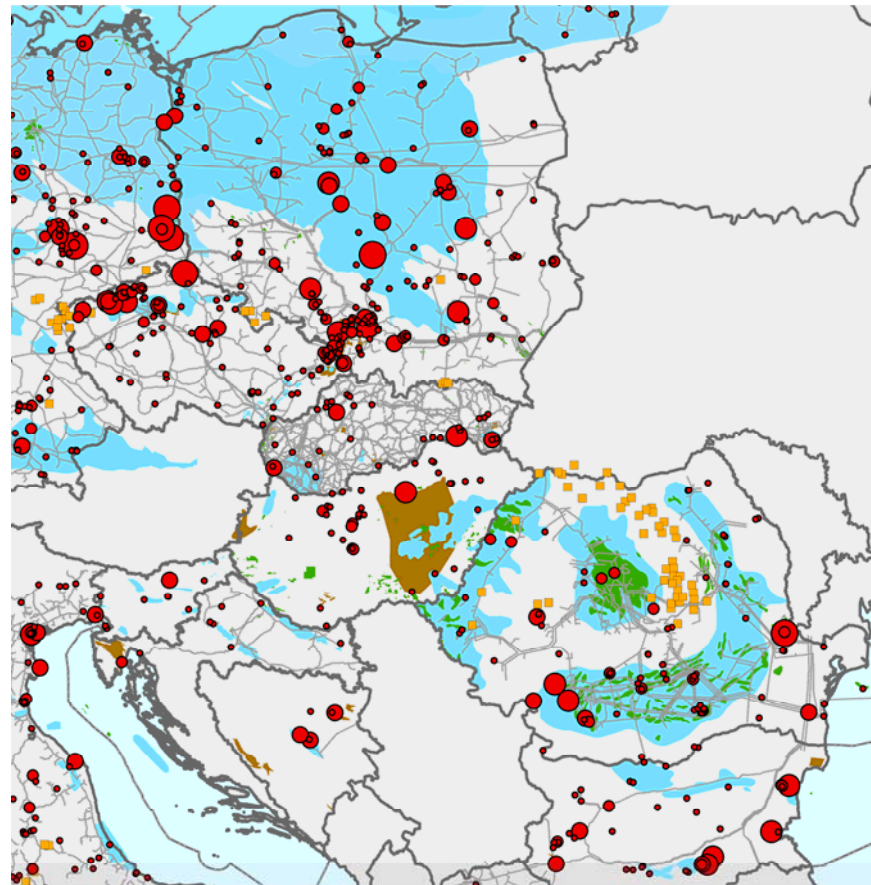


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| • 1.001 - 2.000 | — National Boundaries |
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| • 5.001 - 10.000 | ■ Hydrocarbon Fields |
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Central East Europe

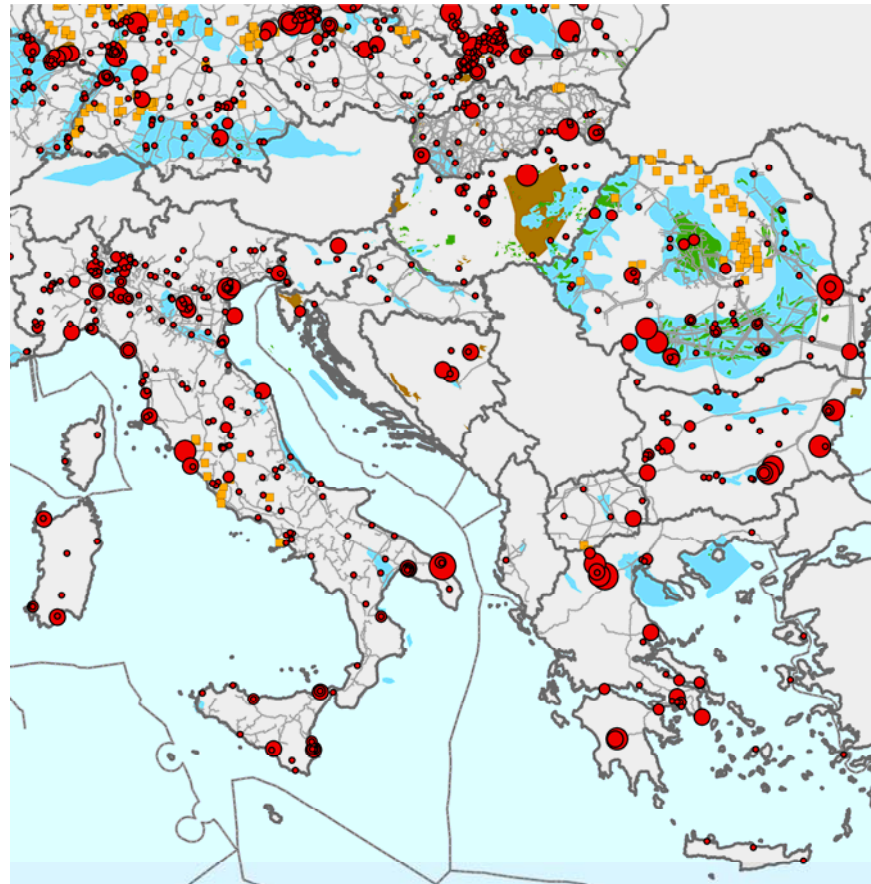


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South East Europe

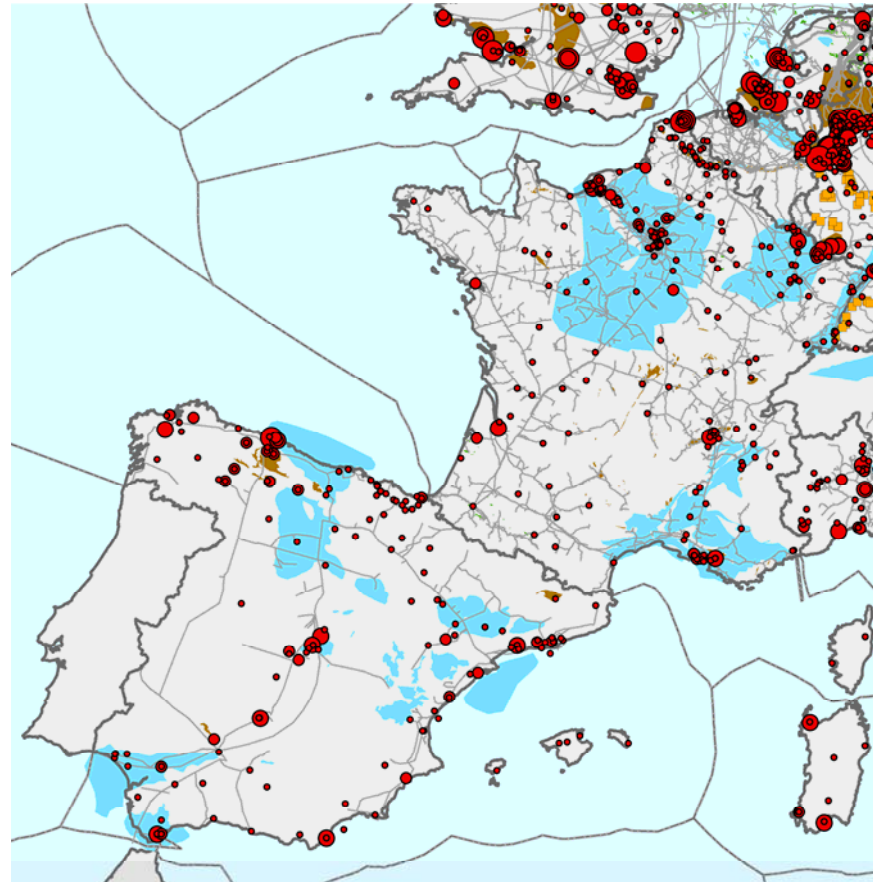


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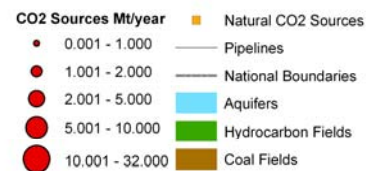
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South West Europe



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Case studies

Geological part

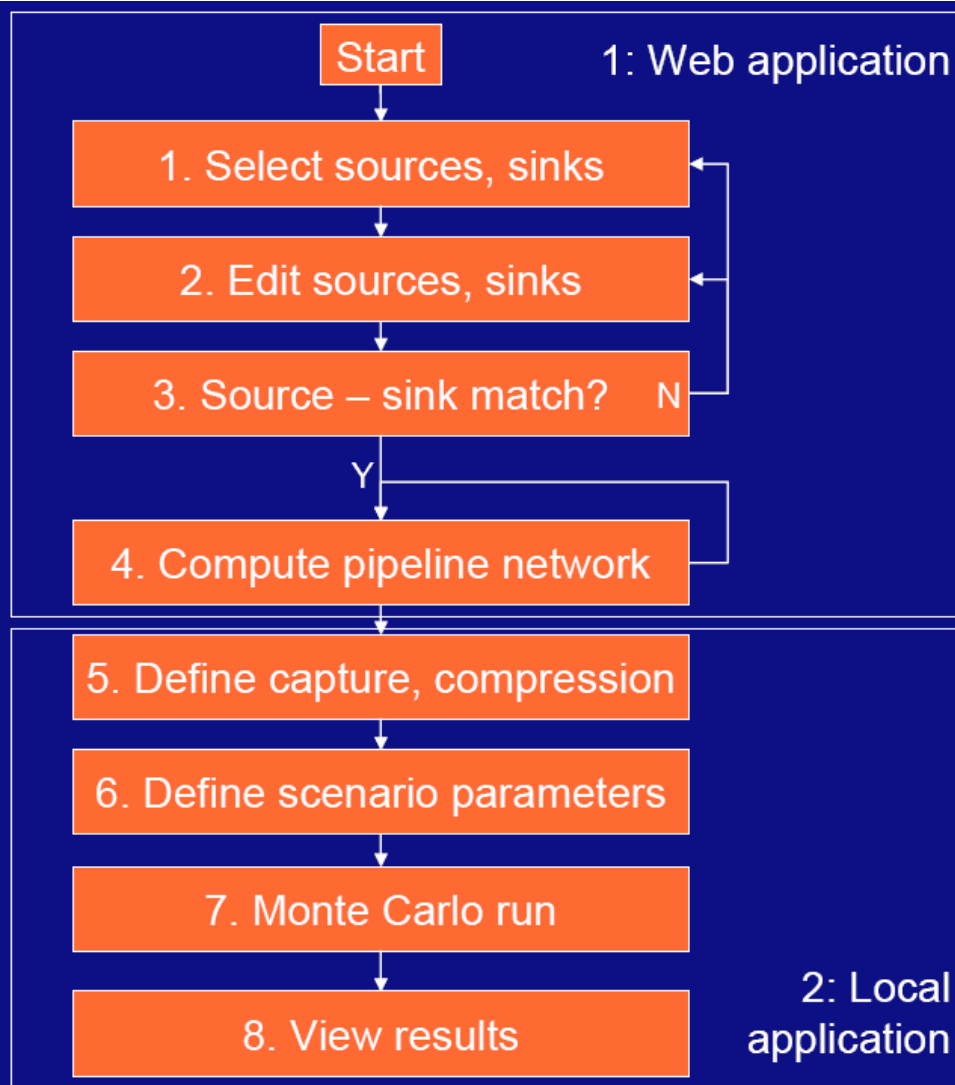
- **selected structures with potential for pilot / demonstration projects**

Economic part

- **utilisation of Decision Support System (DSS)**



Economic tool Overview





WP 6.1

Initiation of technology transfer to China

Focusing on one province with large CO₂ point sources and investigate the storage potential

WP 6.2

Framework for international cooperation

Establish communication links between GeoCapacity and CSLF countries to initiate the technology transfer



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Main project achievements:

- CCS inventory of Europe incl. GIS (base for future CO₂ storage atlas of Europe ?)
- Contribution to guidelines for assessment of geological storage capacity, site selection criteria and methodology for ranking
- Pioneering CCS work in many countries



Project website:

The screenshot shows the homepage of the GeoCapacity project website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, Project, Participants, Events, Publications, Links, and Partners Only. The main heading is "EU GeoCapacity" with the subtitle "Assessing European Capacity for Geological Storage of Carbon Dioxide". A central diagram illustrates the process of Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) and CO₂ storage, showing an industrial facility emitting CO₂ which is captured and transported to a storage site. The diagram is credited to Vattenfall AB. The page includes a "Project News" section mentioning a 5th Work Meeting in Heviz, Hungary, and a "Forthcoming Events" section for CCS events in 2008-2009. A "planetearth" logo is also visible. The footer contains copyright information for 2005 and navigation links for Home, Downloads, Server map, Search, Print, E-mail, and Top.

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