



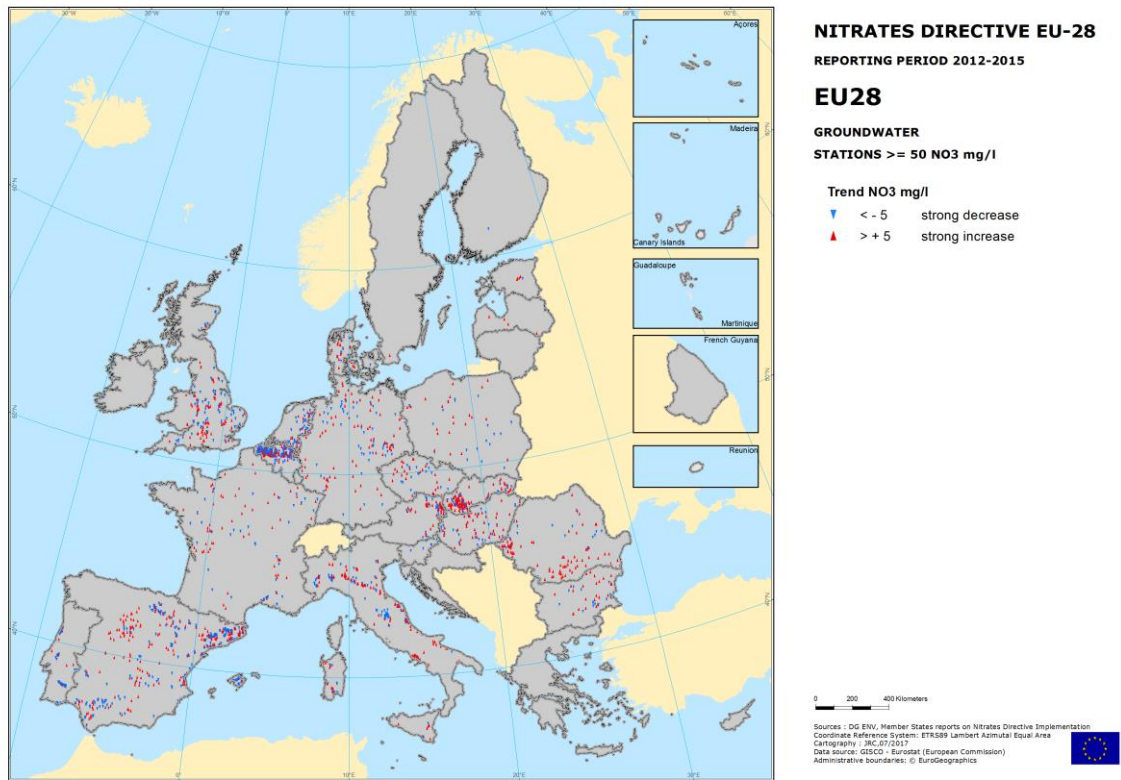
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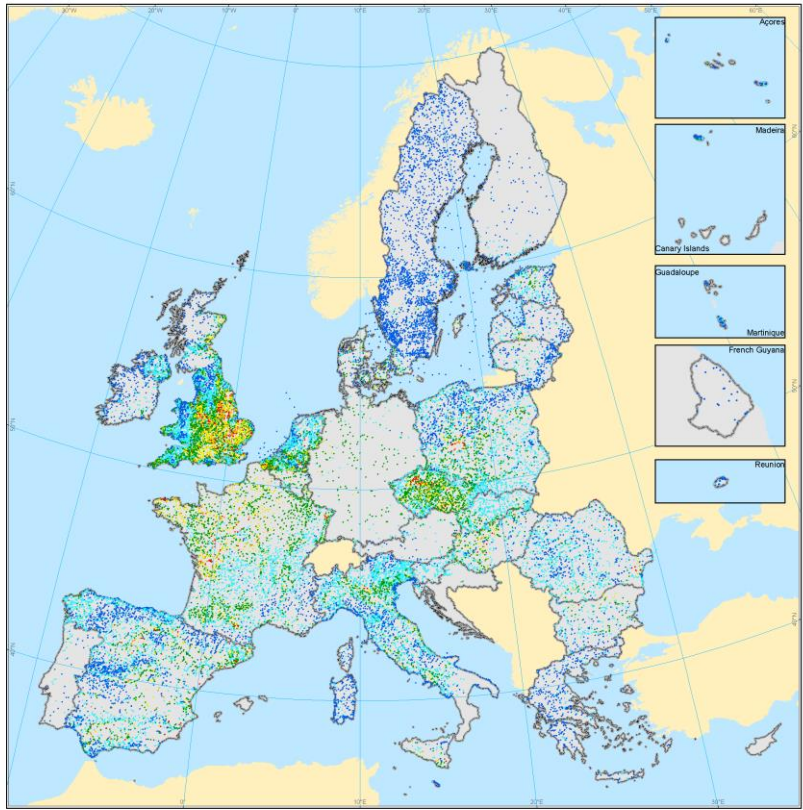
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Map 8. Trends in nitrates concentrations in groundwater between the reporting periods 2008-2011 and 2012-2015, for stations with an average annual nitrate concentration equal to or above 50 mg/L in 2012-2015.



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REPORTING PERIOD 2012-2015

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SURFACE WATER

ANNUAL AVERAGE NITRATE CONCENTRATION

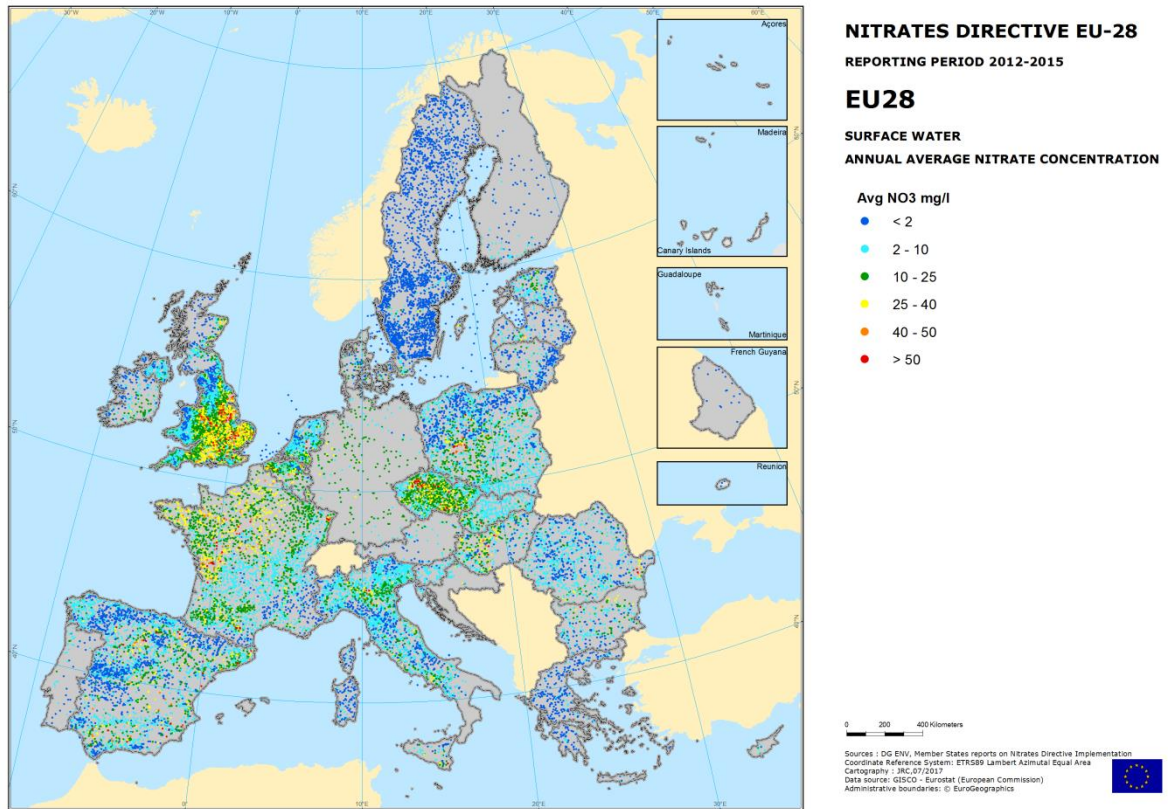
Avg NO3 mg/l

- < 2
- 2 - 10
- 10 - 25
- 25 - 40
- 40 - 50
- > 50

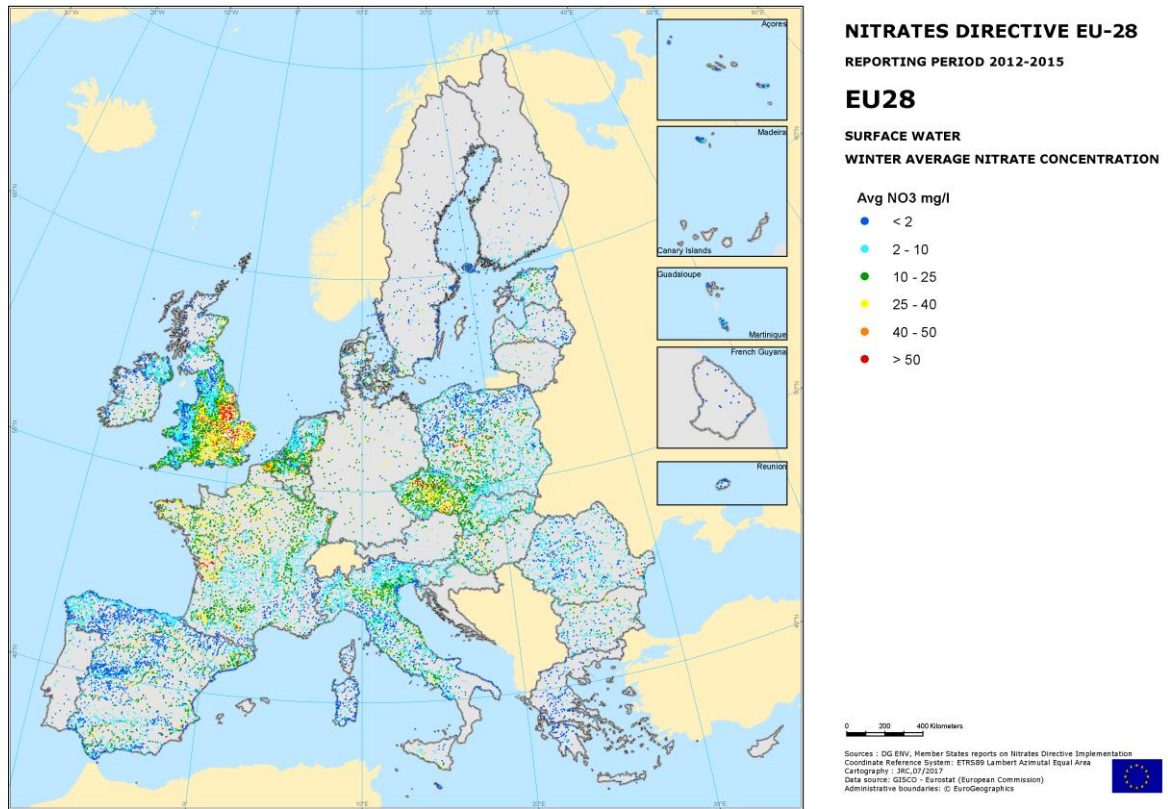
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Sources : DG ENV, Member States reports on Nitrates Directive Implementation
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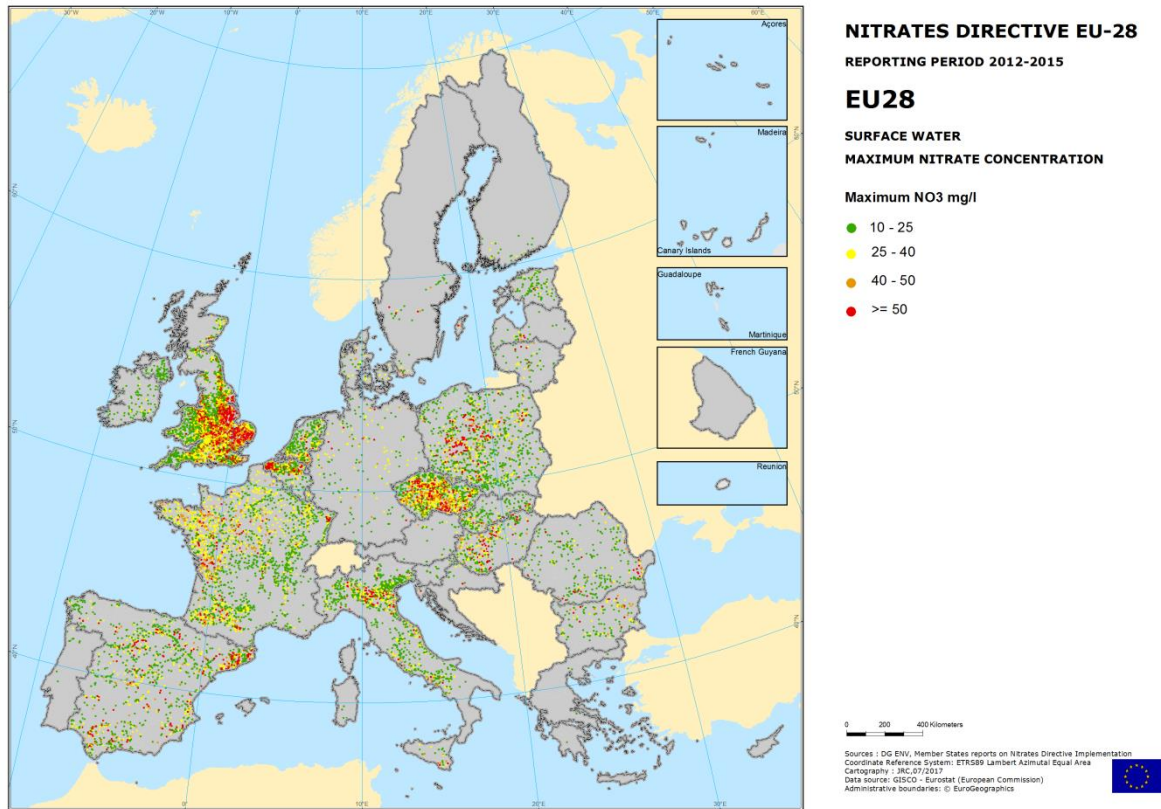




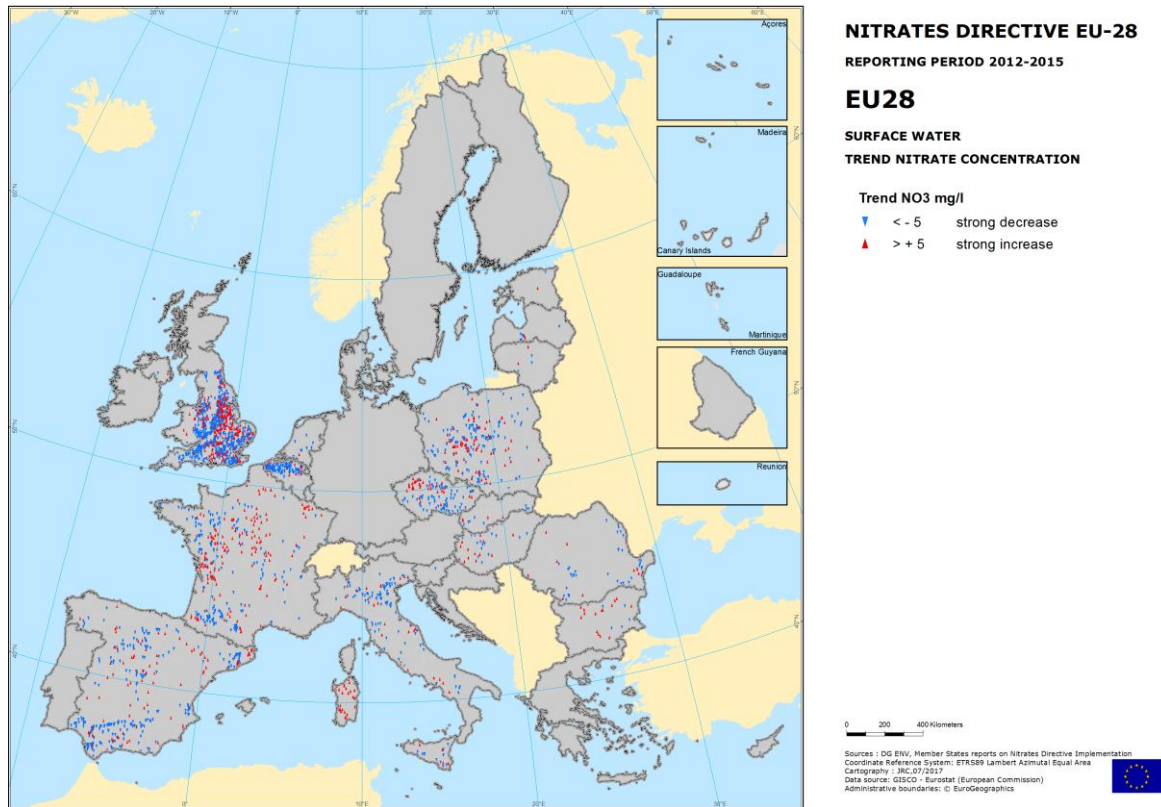
Map 9. Annual average nitrate concentrations in surface water for the reporting period 2012-2015.



Map 10. Winter average nitrate concentrations in surface water for the reporting period 2012-2015.



Map 11. Maximum nitrate concentrations in surface water for the reporting period 2012-2015.



Map 12. Trends in annual average nitrate concentrations in surface water between the reporting periods 2008-2011 and 2012-2015 for all stations.