

Dear Editorial-team,

Many thanks for your positive evaluation and your excellent assistance and guidance through the submission process.

As you requested, we applied the minor changes in Figure1.

Furthermore, as I already informed you, additional changes were applied, as requested by co-authors:

- The dashed line of Kosovo was replaced by a different kind of dashed line. Now, the dashes are more visible.
- The disclaimer was shortened to the most diplomatic consensus. Accordingly no country (or not country) is mentioned. "This study is based on the NUTS-level classification system (and GIS data) as provided by Eurostat for the year 2016. Accordingly, the pan-European survey followed the NUTS regions and countries as given."