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Environmental risks related with depopulation and ageing population in rural areas

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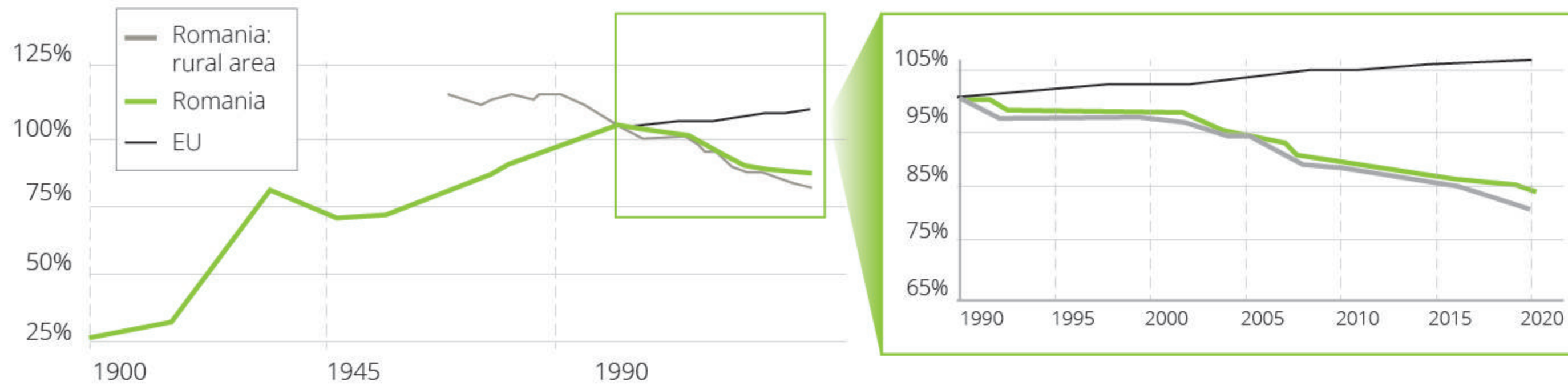
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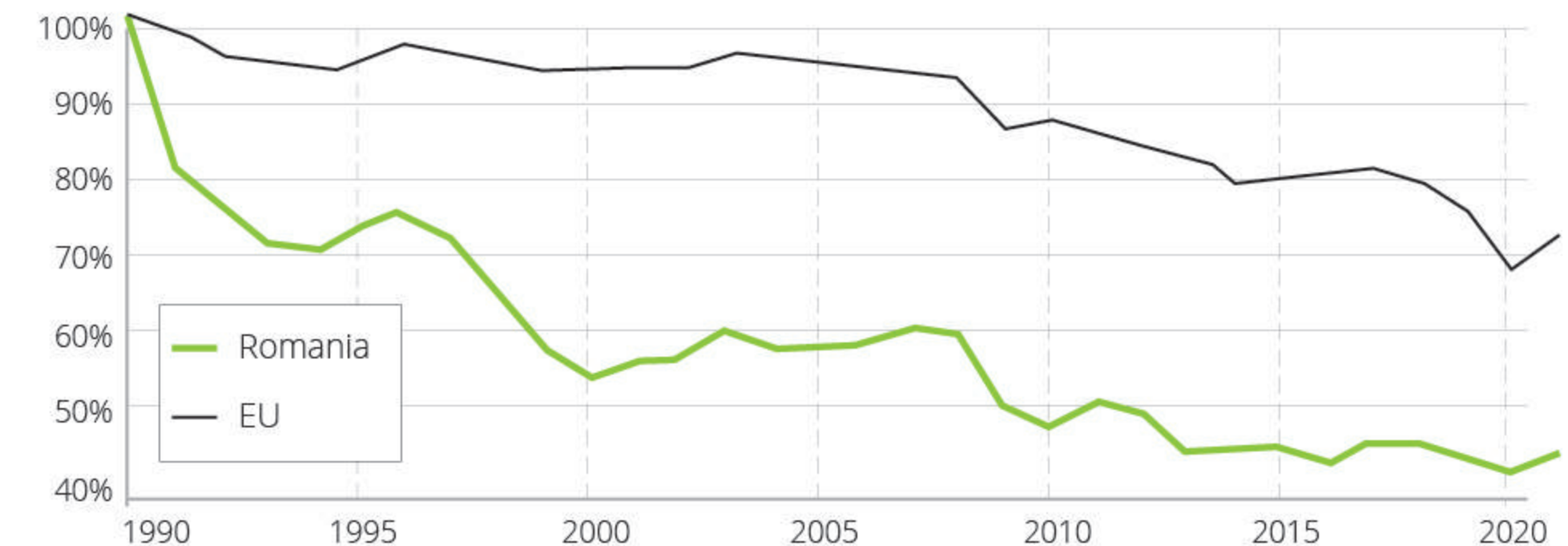
Demographic trends

Source: World Bank & EUROSTAT



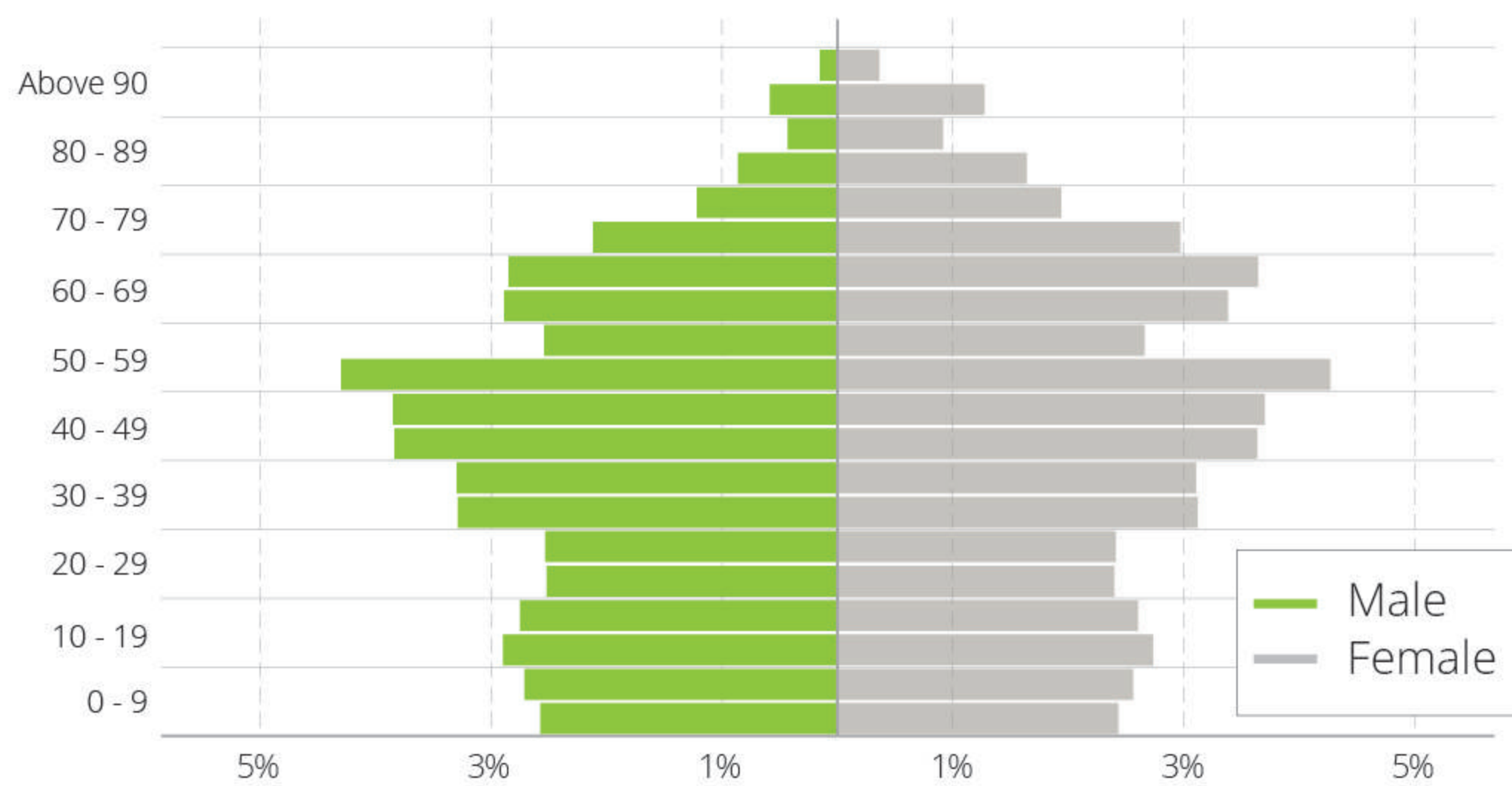
Regional GHG emissions

Source: EUROSTAT

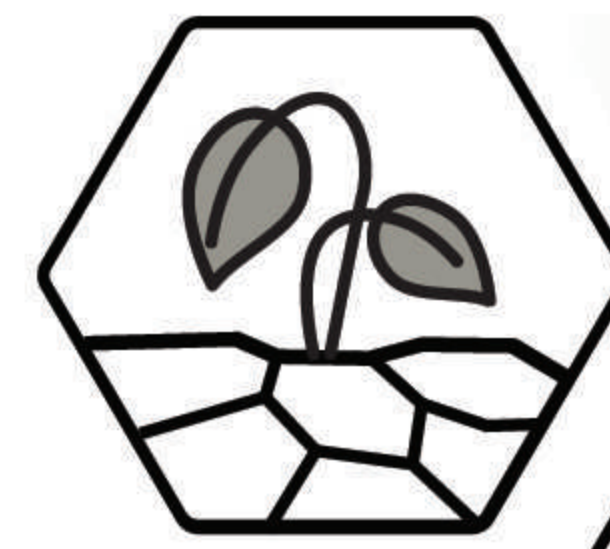


Population Pyramid

Total population: 19.403.268 inhabitants (EUROSTAT 2022)



Environmental risks and effects of climate change



Soil degradation



Biodiversity loss



Wildfires

Policy Objective

Promote sustainable development, environmental protection and social cohesion in rural regions

2024 onwards: Regional Operational Programmes (ROPs)
2014 – 2020: National Rural Development Programme (NRDP)
2030: Romania's Sustainable Development Strategy

Strengths

- Awareness and willingness to act against the climate crisis
- Skilled staff
- Regional climate policies with set goals

Weaknesses

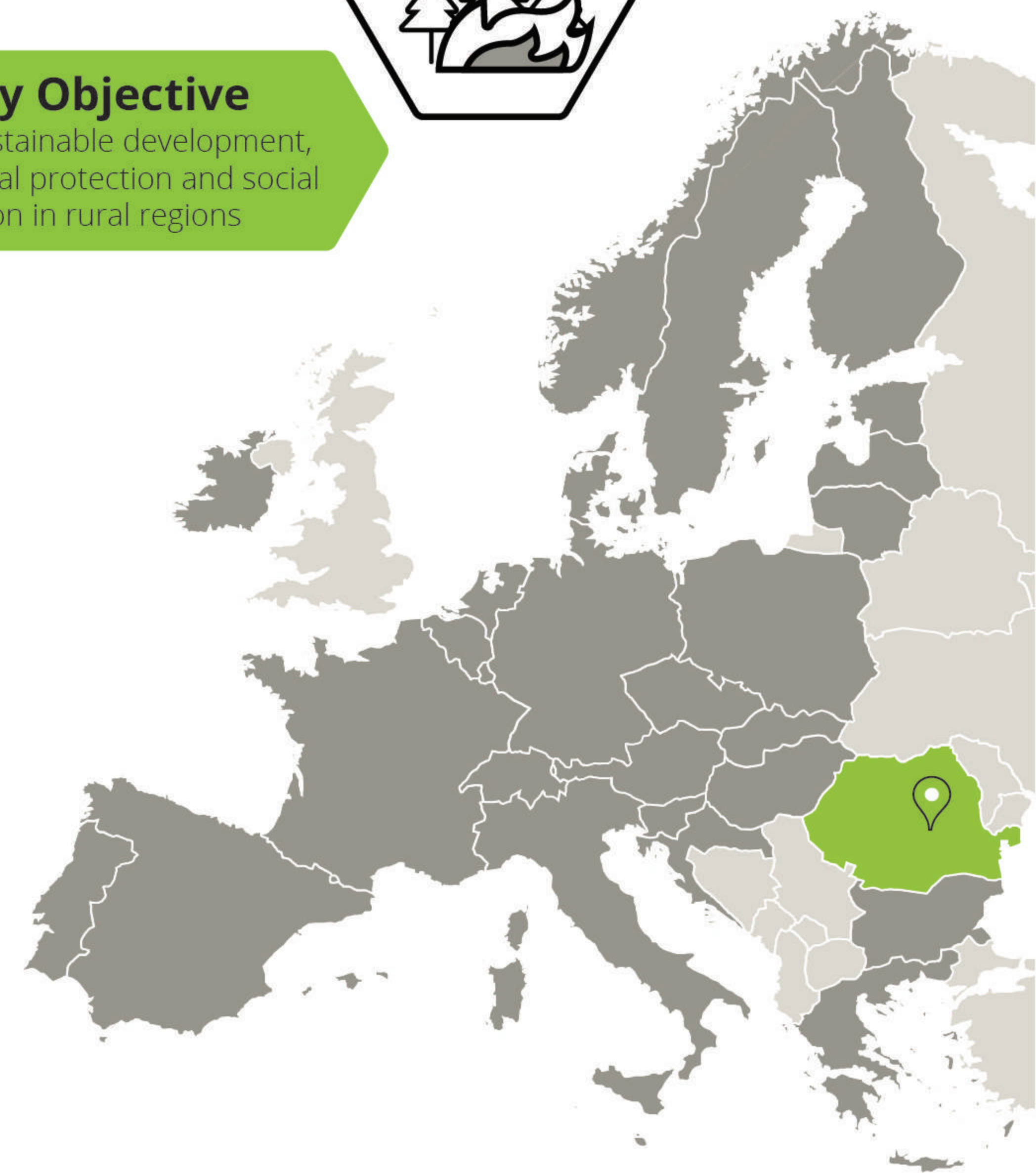
- Depopulation due to ageing and out-migration
- Poor social infrastructure
- Huge environmental risks: drought, storms, floods
- Lack of tech / facilities to move towards climate neutrality

Opportunities

- Willingness to support new policy instruments at various level
- Available funding
- Better legislation
- Urban agglomeration – to attract population in rural areas

Threats

- Further ageing population
- Lower income
- Bureaucracy
- Staff needs



Cases that address ageing, depopulation and related environmental risks



Increasing energy efficiency of public buildings



Adapting agricultural technologies to climate changes

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