



## **Towards indicators of proximity to services in Europe's major cities**

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The GMES Urban Atlas 2006 has provided detailed and harmonised land use data on the major agglomerations in the EU. Starting from register-based population distribution data and other detailed population data sources DG REGIO and DG JRC have modelled a population distribution compatible with the Urban Atlas. This presentation explains how the Urban Atlas data and the population estimates were used in combination with other geo-referenced datasets to develop harmonised indicators of proximity and accessibility to services in cities. This analysis focuses on public transport access nodes and green urban areas. Some first results, especially for the capitals of the EU Member States, are presented, and suggestions for further improvements of data and methodology are discussed.