



# TED Mission Research Project

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Nonreligious populations

# What do we mean by Nonreligious?

We are seeking to identify and reach people who have a **long Christian heritage**, but who have **abandoned Christianity** in favor of **no religion**.



# Data Sources

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## Integrated Values Surveys

Wave 7: 2017–2022



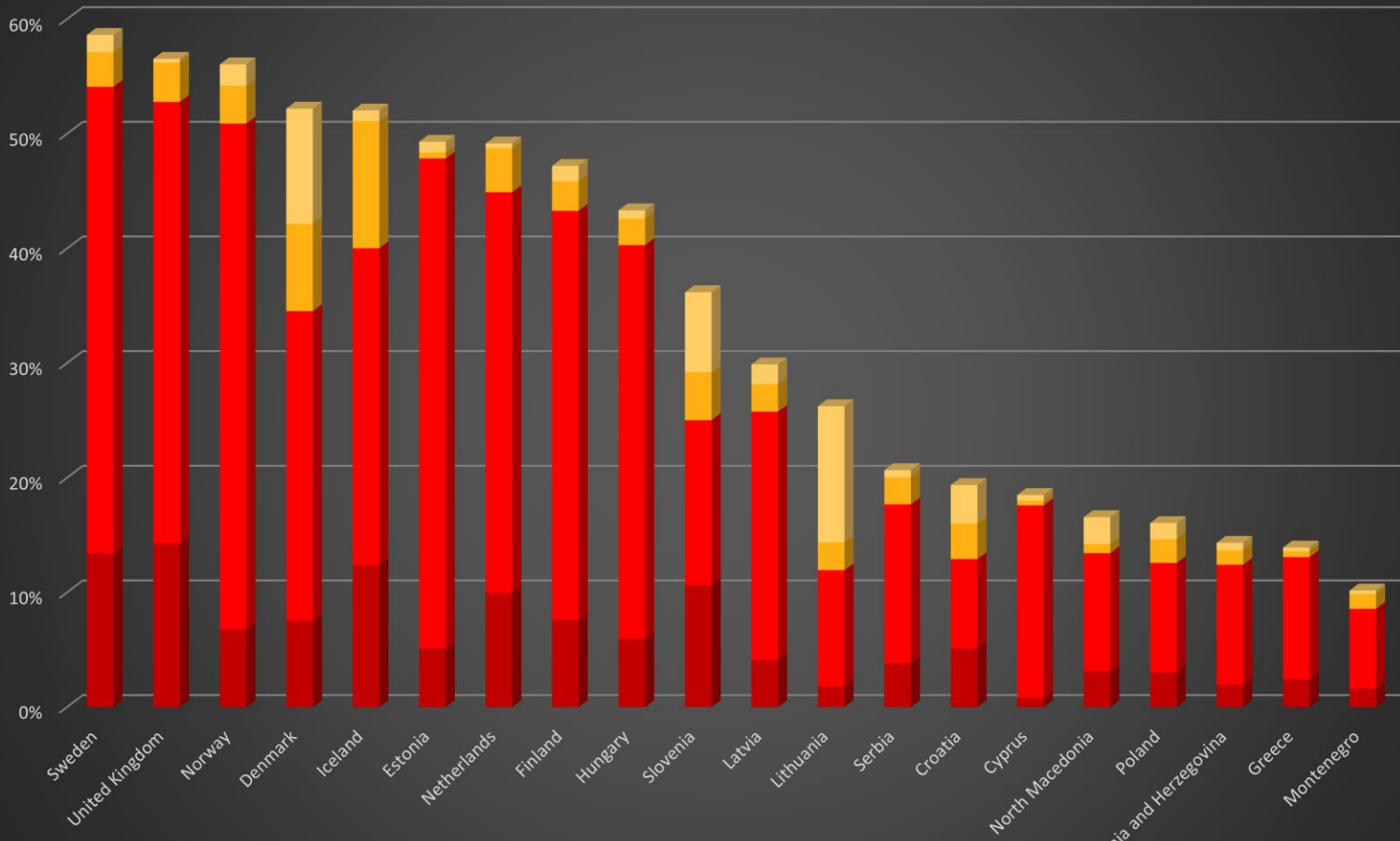
The Integrated Values Surveys (IVS) is a combination of two wide-ranging surveys: The European Values Study (EVS) and the World Values Survey (WVS). So far, the IVS has had seven “waves.” Wave 1 was conducted 1981–1984 and Wave 7 was conducted 2017–2022. Our study uses the data from Wave 7.



# Countries/Areas of the Trans-European Division



Trans-European Division: The Nonreligious  
Countrywide\* by Total



\*Albania is not included in this study and Ireland was not included in the data used for this study.

■ Atheist ■ No Religion ■ Christian, Never Attends Church ■ Christian, Attends Church, Never Prays

# Nonreligious by Country

In this chart, four categories of the nonreligious have been separated out:

- ❖ Atheists
- ❖ Persons who claim no religion
- ❖ Christian, but never attends church
- ❖ Christian, attends church, but never prays outside of church

# Finland Union of Churches

Nonreligious as a Percentage  
By NUTS 2 Region

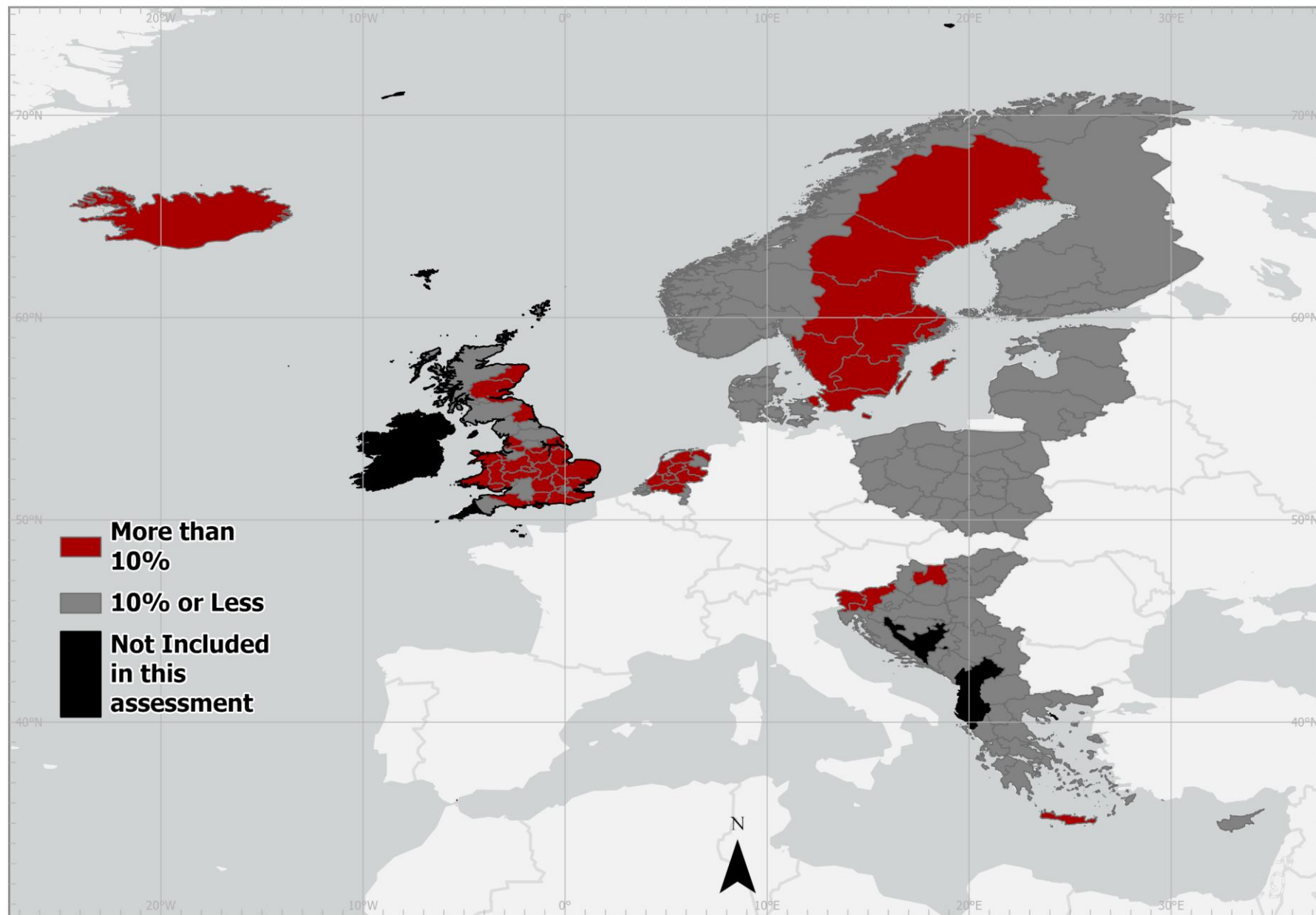


**Nominalism:** While claiming to be Christian, do not take steps to know God

**Practical Atheism:** Are not convinced there is no God, but live as if there weren't

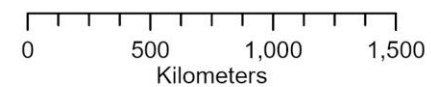
**Philosophical Atheism:** An adopted and intentional belief that there is no God

■ Atheist ■ Not Religious ■ Never Attends Church ■ Never Prays

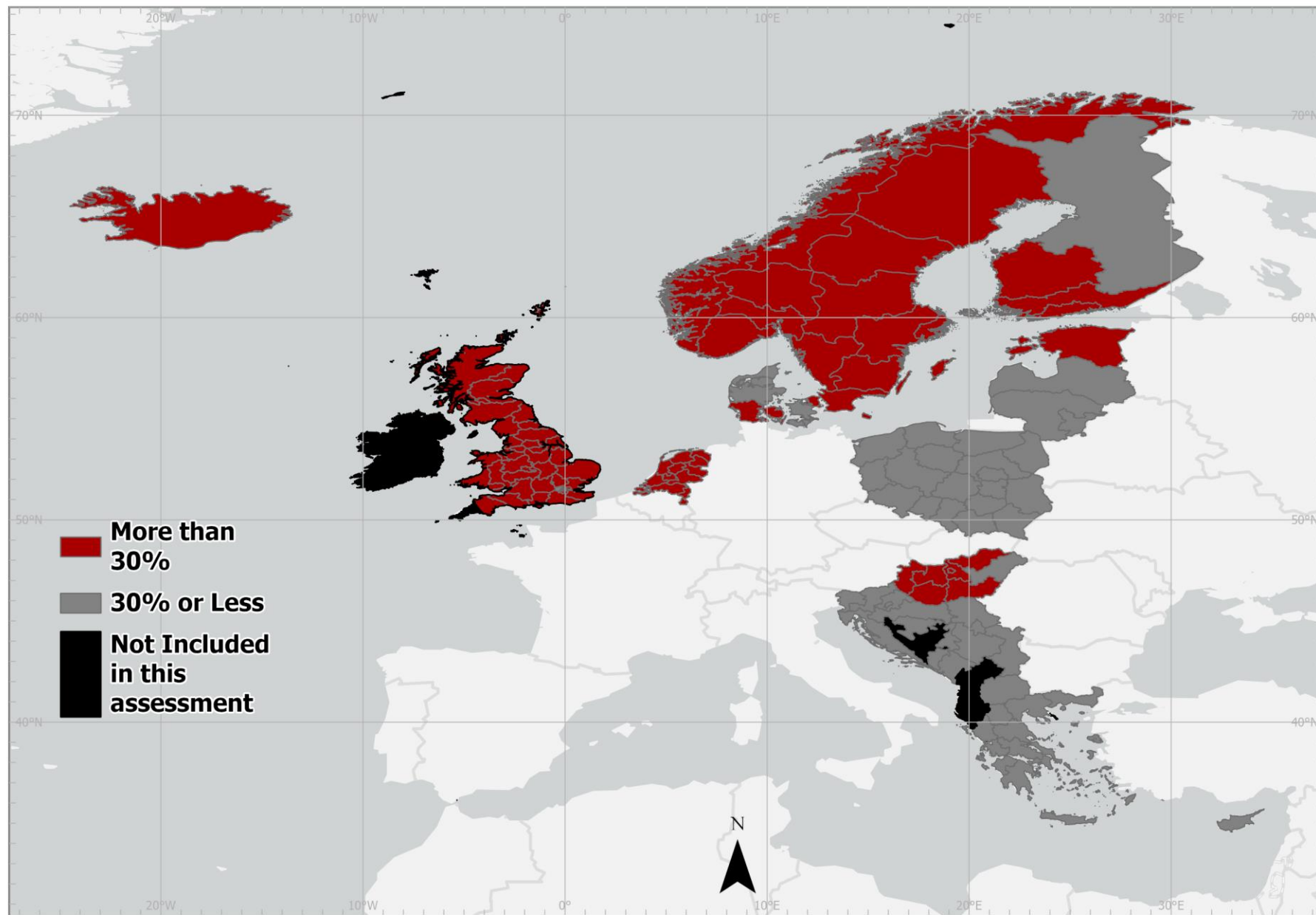


## Trans-European Division: Philosophical Atheists

Regions where more than 10% of the native-born population is philosophical atheist

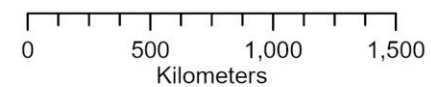


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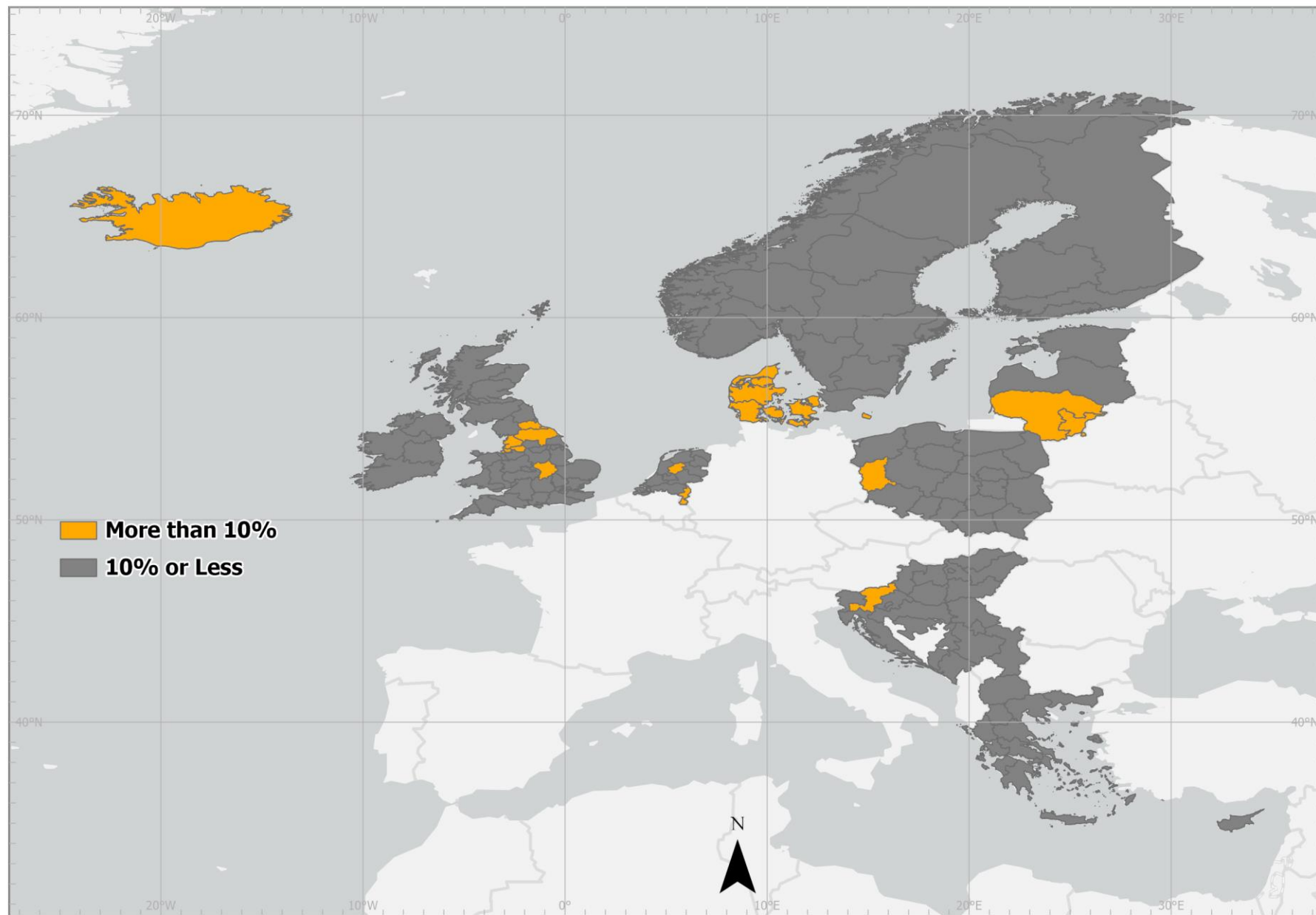
## Trans-European Division: Practical Atheists

Regions where more than 30% of the native-born population is practical atheist



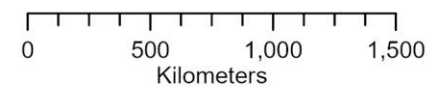
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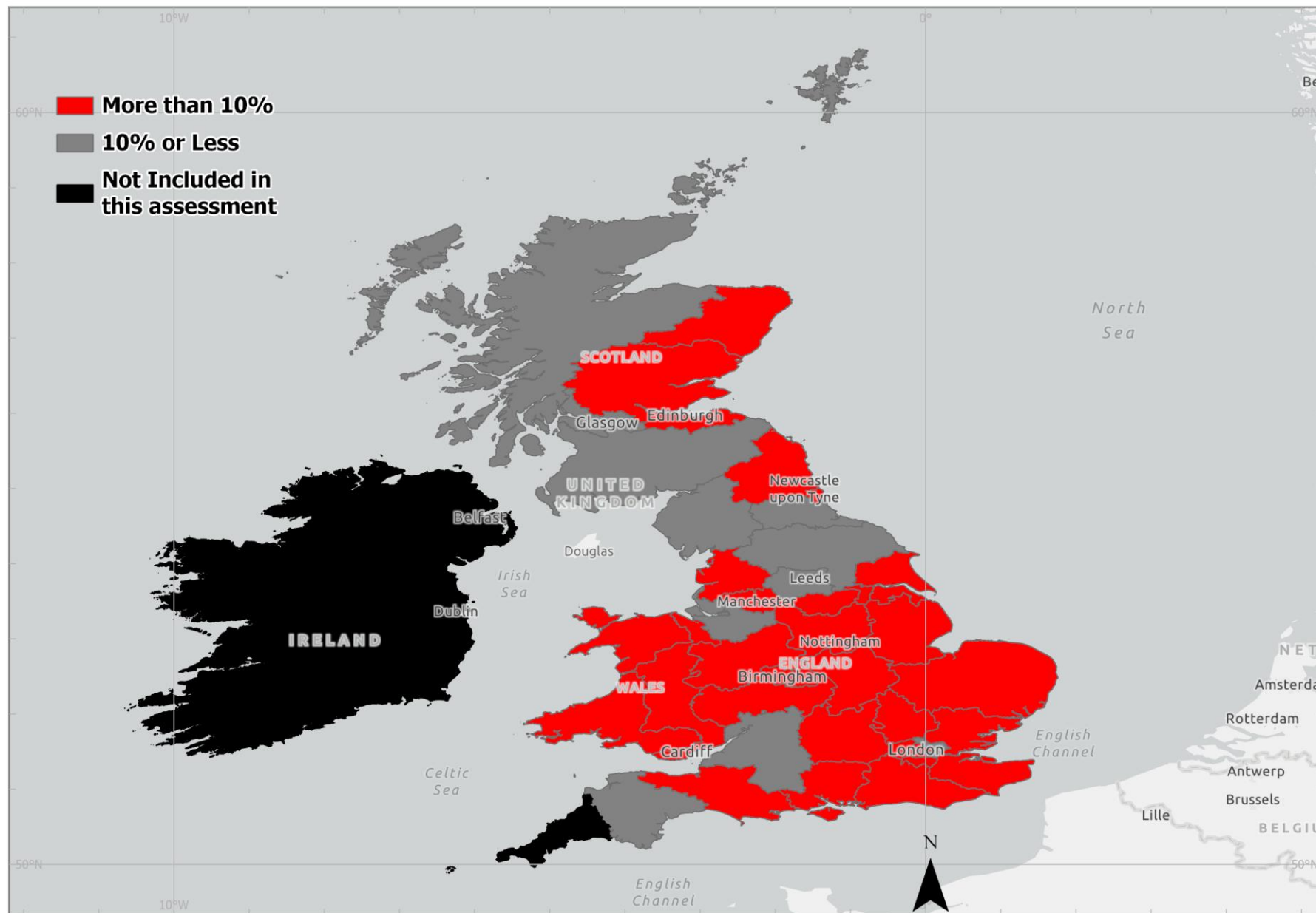


## Trans-European Division: The Nominals

Regions where more than 10% of the native-born population never attends church or never prays outside of church



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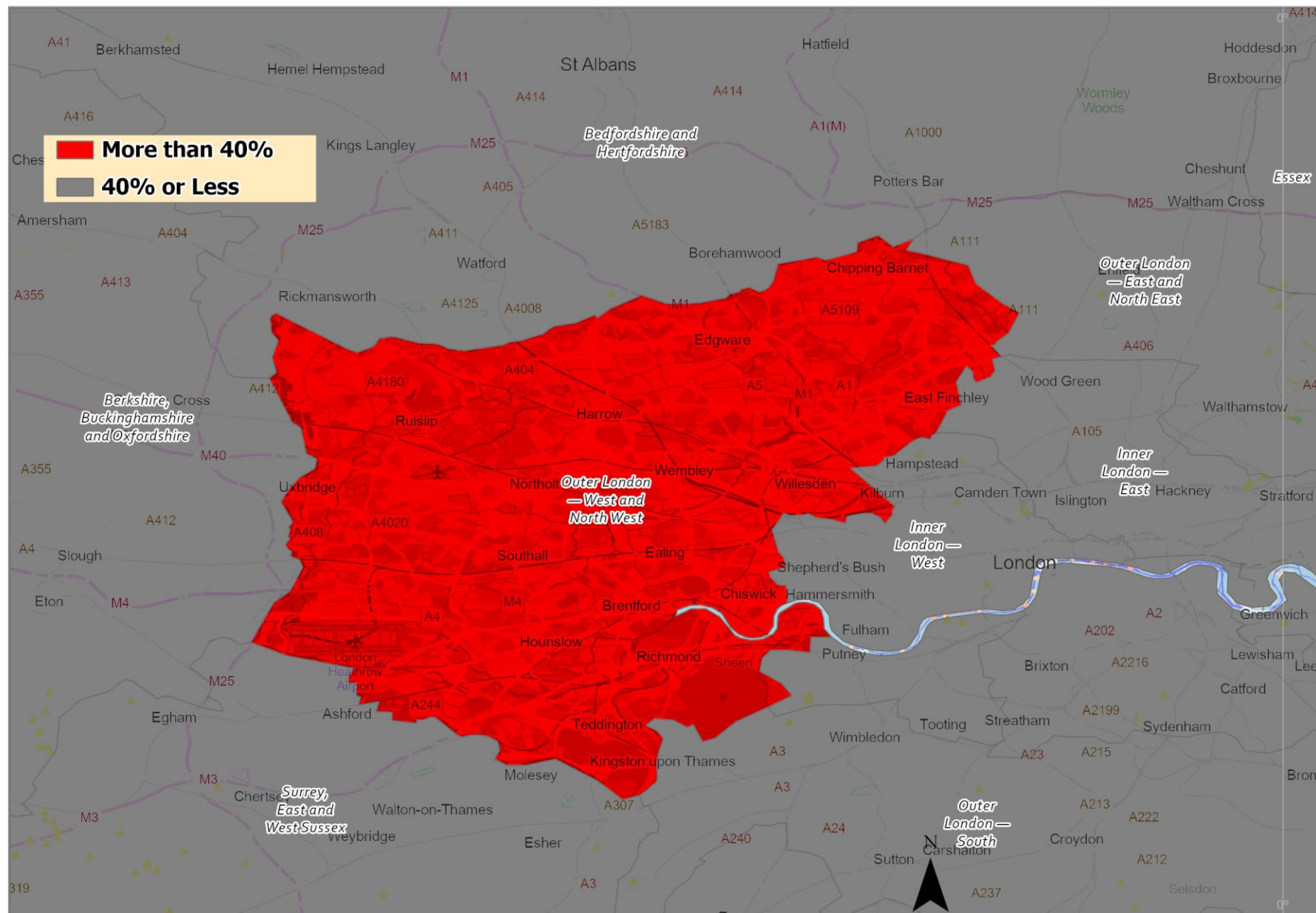


## British Union Conference: Philosophical Atheism

Regions where more than 10% of the native-born population identifies as atheist



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## British Union - London: Philosophical Atheism

The native-born population of this NUTS 2 region is approximately 323,000. Of these, 50% identify as atheists yielding approximately 161,500 native-born atheists. All of these have some amount of tertiary-level education. Eighty percent of them are in the top 20% of wage-earners.



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