The *eurostat* package

R tools to access open data from Eurostat database

Search and download

Data in the Eurostat database is stored in tables. Each table has an identifier, a short table_code, and a description (e.g. *tsdtr420* - People killed in road accidents).
Key eurostat functions allow to find the table_code, download the eurostat table and polish labels in the table.

Find the table code

The **search_eurostat(pattern, ...)** function scans the directory of Eurostat tables and returns codes and descriptions of tables that match pattern.

```
library("eurostat")
query <- search_eurostat("road", type = "table")
query[1:3,1:2]
##                                 title     code
## 1           Goods transport by road ttr00005
## 2   People killed in road accidents tsdtr420
## 3 Enterprises with broadband access tin00090
```

Download the table

The **get_eurostat(id, time_format = "date", filters = "none", type = "code", cache = TRUE, ...)** function downloads the requested table from the *Eurostat bulk download facility* or from *The Eurostat Web Services JSON API* (if **filters** are defined). Downloaded data is cached (if **cache=TRUE**). Additional arguments define how to read the time column (**time_format**) and if table dimensions shall be kept as codes or converted to labels (**type**).

```
dat <- get_eurostat(id="tsdtr420", time_format="num")
head(dat)
##     unit    sex    geo  time values
## 1     NR      T     AT  1999   1079
## 2     NR      T     BE  1999   1397
## 3     NR      T     CZ  1999   1455
## 4     NR      T     DK  1999    514
## 5     NR      T     EL  1999   2116
## 6     NR      T     ES  1999   5738
```

Add labels

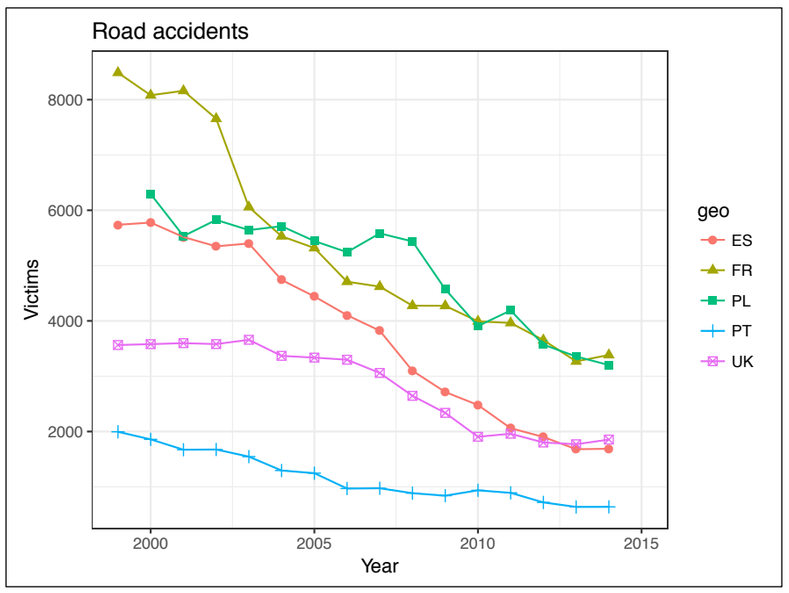
The **label_eurostat(x, lang = "en", ...)** gets definitions for Eurostat codes and replace them with labels in given language ("en", "fr" or "de").

```
dat <- label_eurostat(dat)
head(dat)
##     unit    sex            geo  time values
## 1 Number  Total        Austria  1999   1079
## 2 Number  Total        Belgium  1999   1397
## 3 Number  Total Czech Republic  1999   1455
## 4 Number  Total        Denmark  1999    514
## 5 Number  Total         Greece  1999   2116
## 6 Number  Total          Spain  1999   5738
```

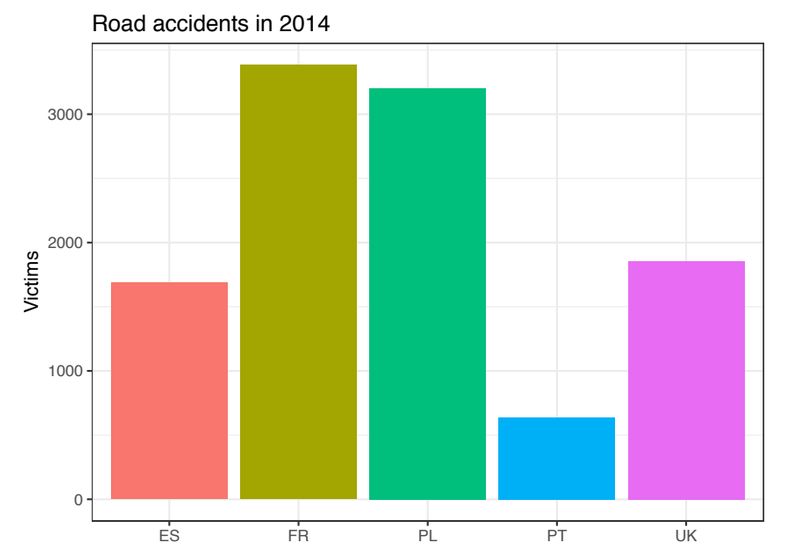
eurostat and plots

The **get_eurostat()** function returns tibbles in the long format. Packages **dplyr** and **tidyr** are well suited to transform these objects. The **ggplot2** package is well suited to plot these objects.

```
t1 <- get_eurostat("tsdtr420", filters =
            list(geo = c("UK", "FR", "PL", "ES", "PT")))

library("ggplot2")
ggplot(t1, aes(x = time, y = values, color = geo,
               group = geo, shape = geo)) +
  geom_point(size = 2) +
  geom_line() + theme_bw() +
  labs(title="Road accidents", x = "Year", y = "Victims")
```




```
library("dplyr")
t2 <- t1 %>% filter(time == "2014-01-01")
ggplot(t2, aes(geo, values, fill=geo)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity") + theme_bw() +
  theme(legend.position = "none")+
  labs(title="Road accidents in 2014", x="", y="Victims")
```



eurostat and maps

Fetch and process data

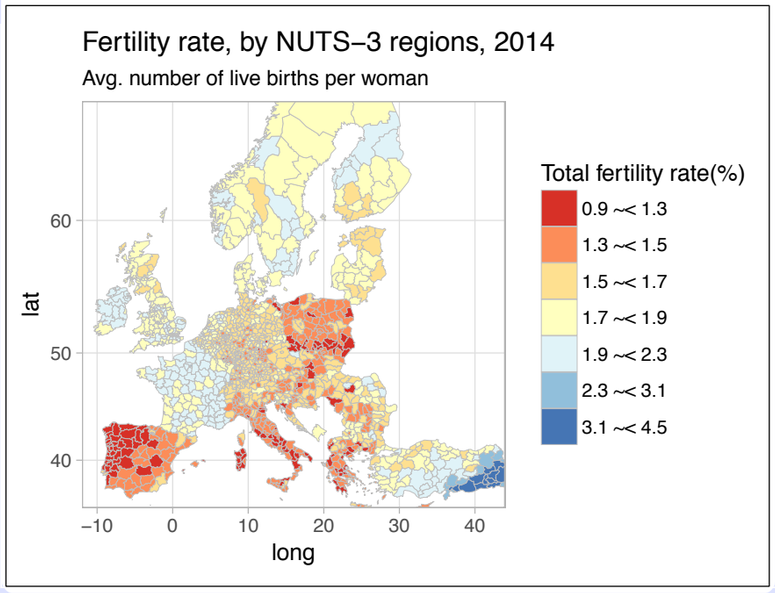
There are three function to work with geospatial data from GISCO. The **get_eurostat_geospatial()** returns preprocessed spatial data as sp-objects or as data frames. The **merge_eurostat_geospatial()** both downloads and merges the geospatial data with a preloaded tabular data. The **cut_to_classes()** is a wrapper for **cut()** - function and is used for categorizing data for maps with tidy labels.

```
library("eurostat")
library("dplyr")

fertility <- get_eurostat("demo_r_frate3")  %>%
  filter(time == "2014-01-01") %>%
  mutate(cat = cut_to_classes(values, n=7, decimals=1))

mapdata <-  merge_eurostat_geodata(fertility,
              resolution = "20")

head(select(mapdata,geo,values,cat,long,lat,order,id))
##     geo values        cat     long      lat order id
## 1 AT124   1.39 1.3 ~< 1.5 15.54245 48.90770   214 10
## 2 AT124   1.39 1.3 ~< 1.5 15.75363 48.85218   215 10
## 3 AT124   1.39 1.3 ~< 1.5 15.88763 48.78511   216 10
## 4 AT124   1.39 1.3 ~< 1.5 15.81535 48.69270   217 10
## 5 AT124   1.39 1.3 ~< 1.5 15.94094 48.67173   218 10
## 6 AT124   1.39 1.3 ~< 1.5 15.90833 48.59815   219 10
```

Draw a cartogram

The object returned by **merge_eurostat_geospatial()** are ready to be plotted with ggplot2 package. The **coord_map()** function is useful to set the projection while **labs()** adds annotations o the plot.

```
library("ggplot2")
ggplot(mapdata, aes(x = long, y = lat, group = group))+
  geom_polygon(aes(fill=cat), color="grey", size = .1)+
  scale_fill_brewer(palette = "RdYlBu") +
  labs(title="Fertility rate, by NUTS-3 regions, 2014",
       subtitle="Avg. number of live births per woman",
       fill="Total fertility rate(%)") + theme_light()+
  coord_map(xlim=c(-12,44), ylim=c(35,67))
```



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