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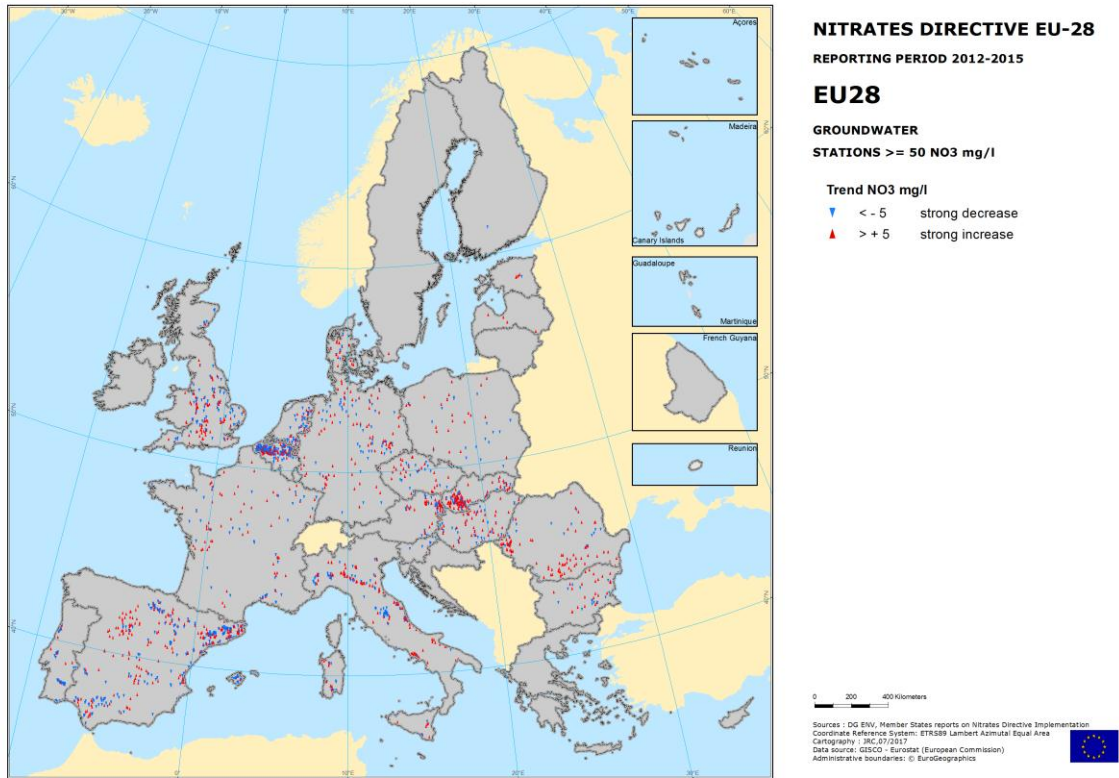
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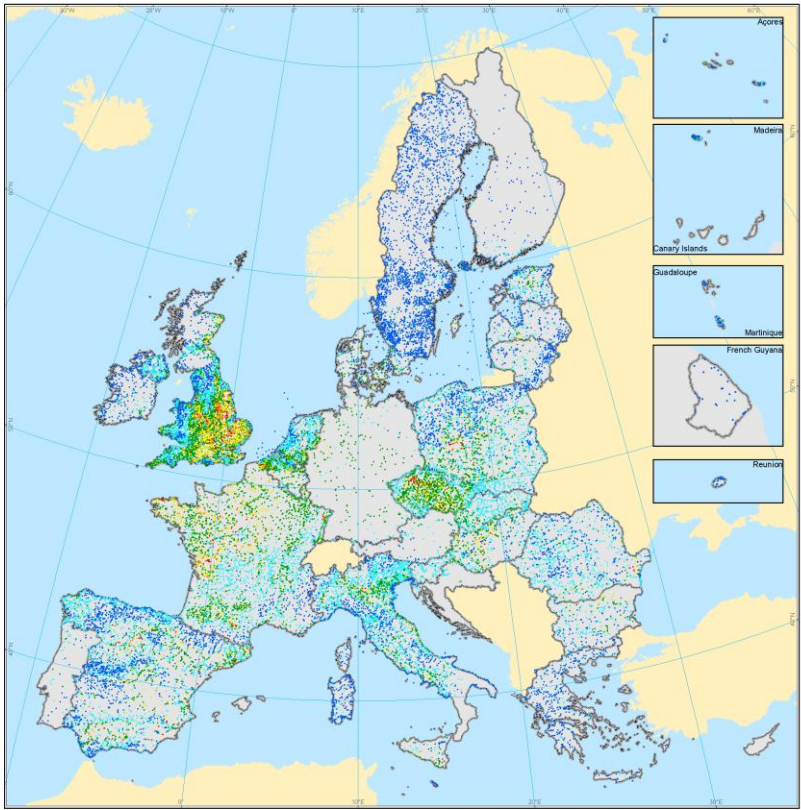
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**Map 8.** Trends in nitrates concentrations in groundwater between the reporting periods 2008-2011 and 2012-2015, for stations with an average annual nitrate concentration equal to or above 50 mg/L in 2012-2015.



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REPORTING PERIOD 2012-2015

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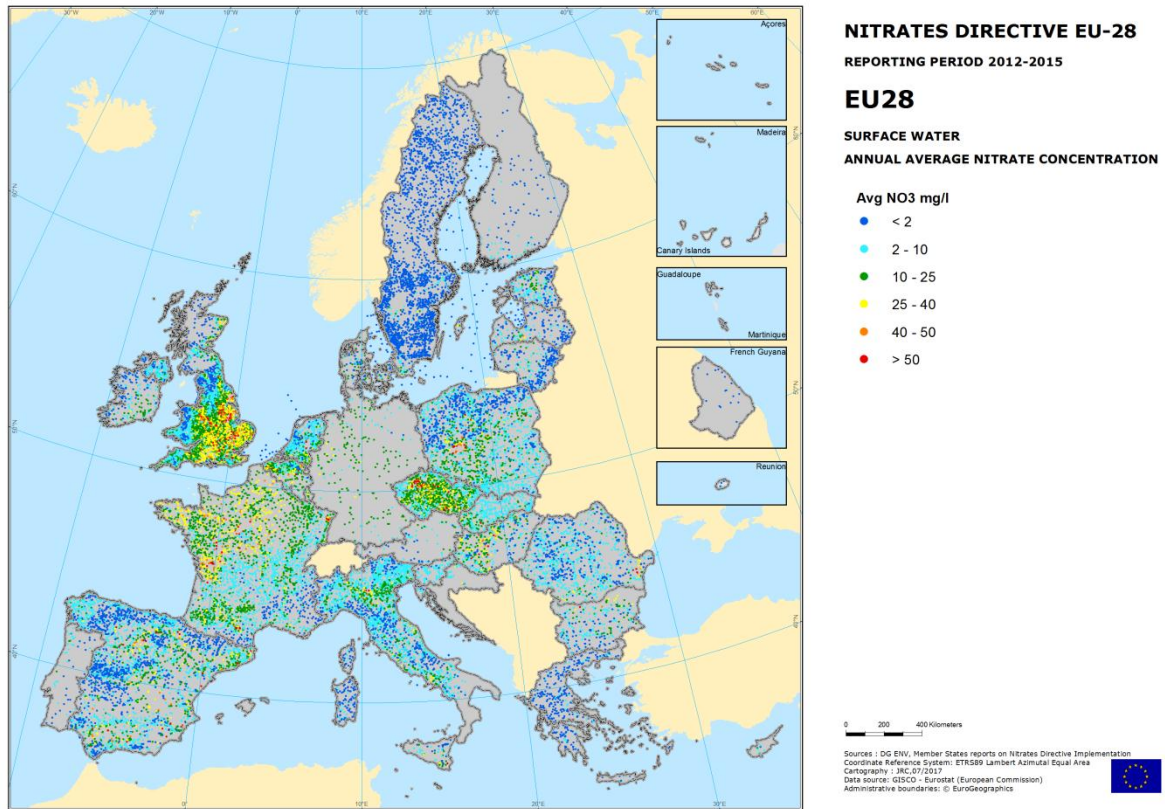
**SURFACE WATER**  
**ANNUAL AVERAGE NITRATE CONCENTRATION**

- Avg NO3 mg/l**
- < 2
  - 2 - 10
  - 10 - 25
  - 25 - 40
  - 40 - 50
  - > 50

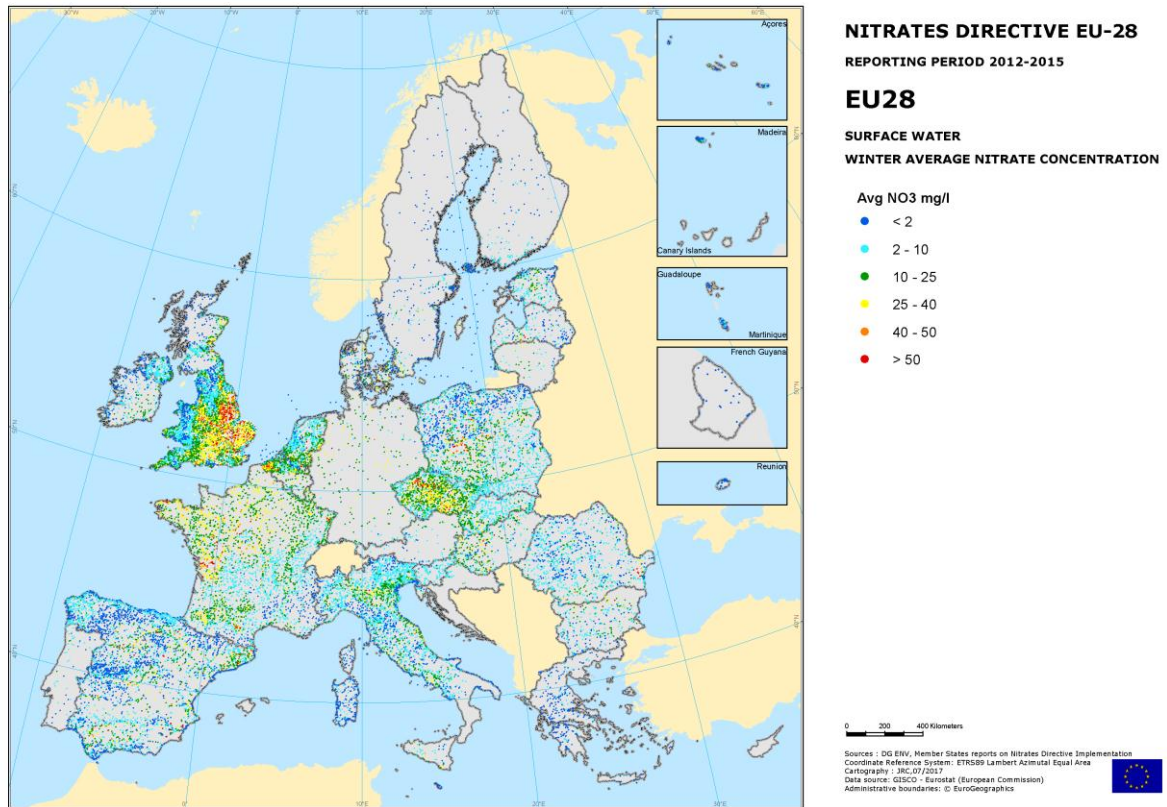
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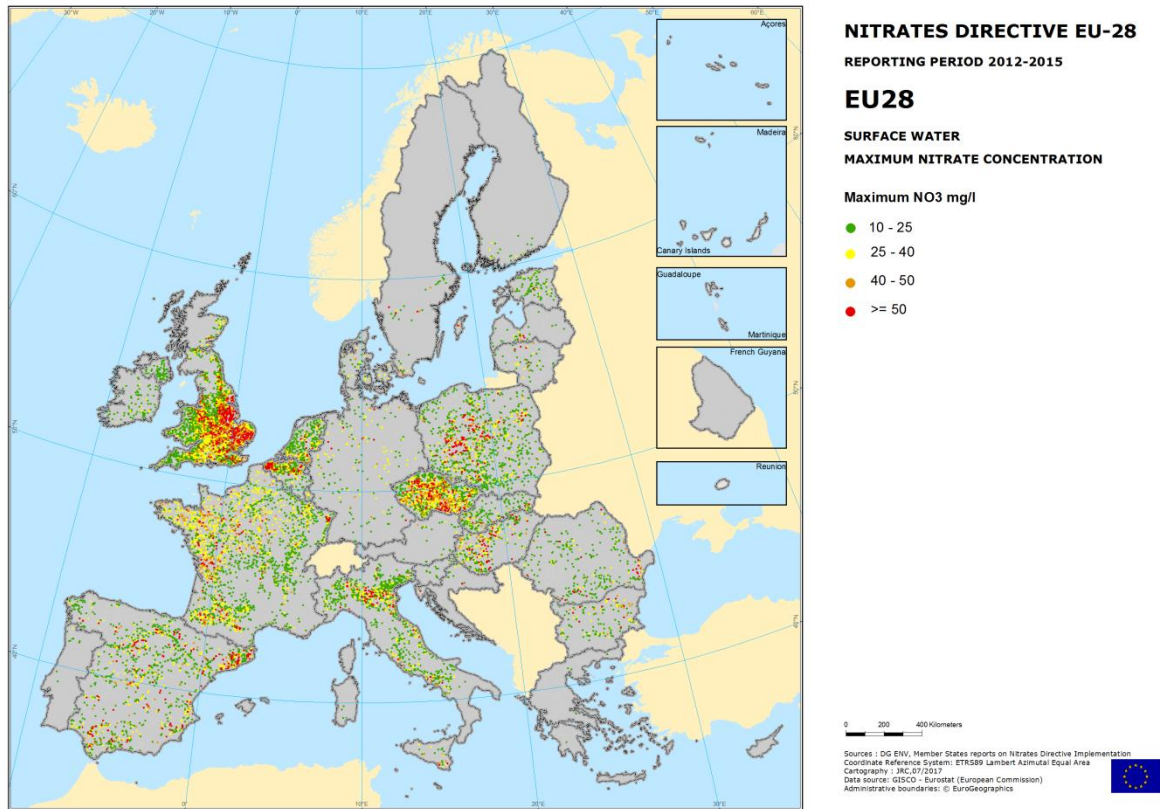




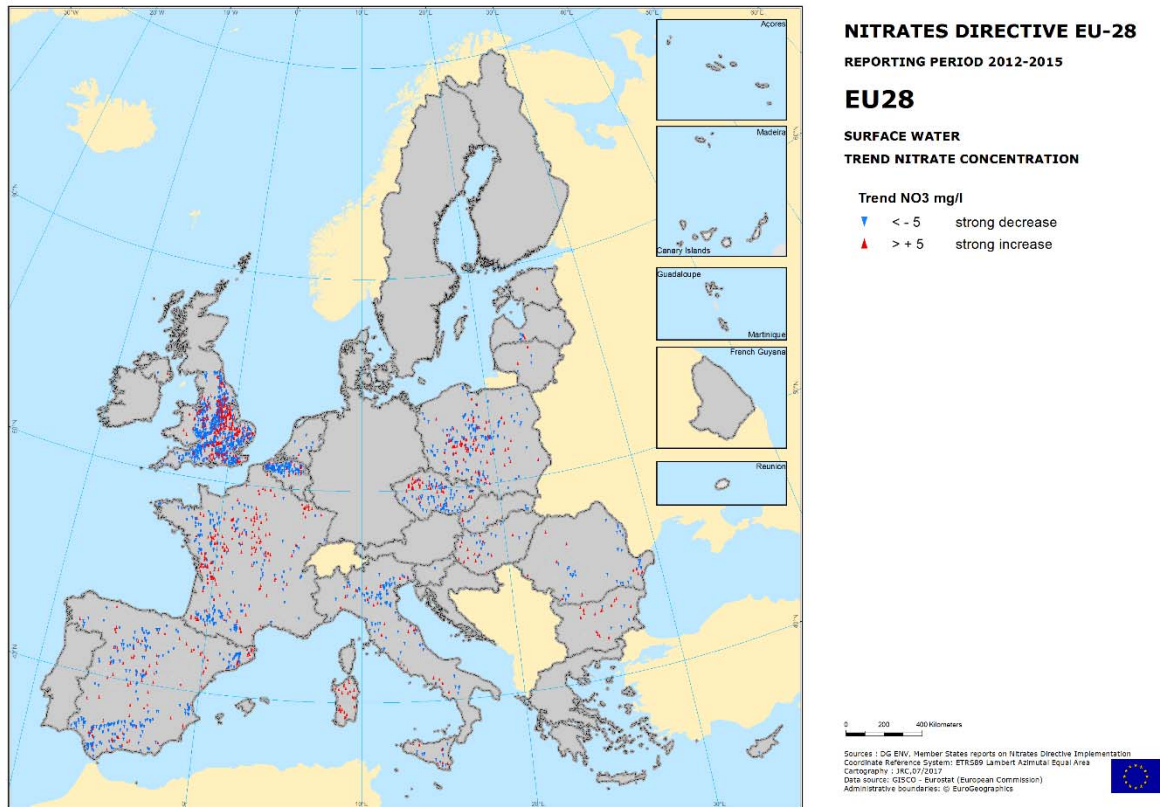
**Map 9.** Annual average nitrate concentrations in surface water for the reporting period 2012-2015.



**Map 10.** Winter average nitrate concentrations in surface water for the reporting period 2012-2015.



**Map 11.** Maximum nitrate concentrations in surface water for the reporting period 2012-2015.



**Map 12.** Trends in annual average nitrate concentrations in surface water between the reporting periods 2008-2011 and 2012-2015 for all stations.