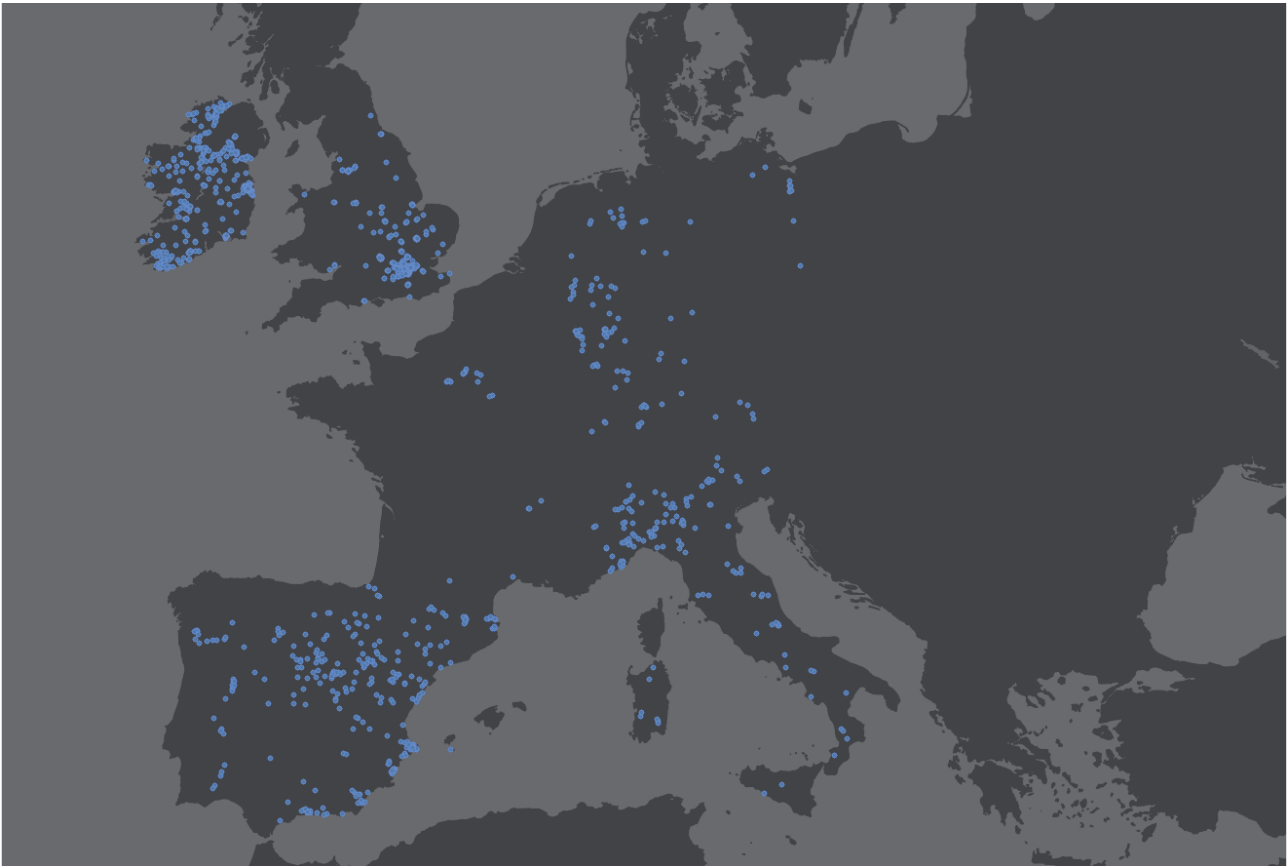# D4I – Data for Integration
Does migration concern only large cities?

Note: in the case of France only Local Administrative Units between 5 000 and 10 000 inhabitants are included.

Migration has become a structural feature of large metropolises and global cities around the world. But what about smaller towns and rural communities?

Initial findings from the D4I initiative suggest that many small cities, towns and rural communities are increasingly characterised by a large concentration of migrants and high levels of socio-cultural diversity.

D4I data gives a highly detailed overview of the distribution of migrants across the whole territory of eight EU Member States: France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and the UK. An examination of the data from these countries found over one thousand small local administrative units with less than 10 000 inhabitants in which more than 20 percent of the population had migrant background. These locations are signaled in blue on the map above.

These insights highlight the importance of including small cities and communities when analysing, conceiving and implementing integration policies.

Best practices on how to adapt to migration and the changes it brings may emerge from small cities too. Further research through D4I will provide for a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities related to the concentration of migrants outside of the largest cities.

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