

ANNEX E - CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

NUTS boundaries are used for reporting of regional statistics to Eurostat and those statistics are used to inform regional policy. The Scottish Government is proposing to make minimal changes beyond aligning existing NUTS boundaries to Local Authority Boundaries.

Do you have any comments on the Scottish Governments proposals for NUTS 2 regions?

Comments

Although not a resident on Cumbrae, I am a frequent visitor and my wife's elderly great aunt lives there, who will be affected by these proposed changes.

I can't understand the logic in the proposed changes, Cumbrae, Bute and Arran haven't stopped being islands and it can't be distance from the mainland as Arran isn't nearer than Mull and Skye is close to the mainland and has a bridge, so doesn't have the difficulties of islands that it once had. These 3 islands share the problems and advantages of the other Scottish Islands, which would not be understood within South West Scotland. I hope those making the decisions will allow these islands to remain in Highlands and Islands where they share the same circumstances and culture. Please reconsider these proposals.

James Farquhar Wilson

Do you have any comments on the Scottish Governments proposals for NUTS 3 regions?

Comments

NONE

Eurostat have requested we consider merging the Highlands & Islands with North Eastern Scotland to create a new area that's closer to the recommended population thresholds. The Scottish Government plan to request that these areas should be allowed an exemption under Article 3 (5) of the NUTS Regulations, i.e. because of particular geographical, socio-economic, historical, cultural or environmental circumstances, especially in the islands and the outermost regions.

Please provide any evidence in favour of or against an exemption under Article 3 (5) of the NUTS Regulations for Highlands & Islands and North Eastern Scotland NUTS 2 areas?

Comments

NONE

Eurostat have suggested that the Scottish Governments proposals for NUTS 3 should include merging Moray with Argyll & Bute Local Authority to create an area that meets their recommended population ranges.

Please provide any evidence in favour of or against an exemption under Article 3 (5) of the NUTS Regulations for the proposed Moray and Argyll & Bute NUTS 3 areas?

Comments

NONE