

Market data for Europe-wide location and sales planning

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2 Data research and evaluation

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3 Case study: Location planning in Bulgaria



1 Market data for Europe



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Geomarketing defined

Geomarketing is the analysis of the location-related information contained in market and company data for the purpose of making better business decisions.

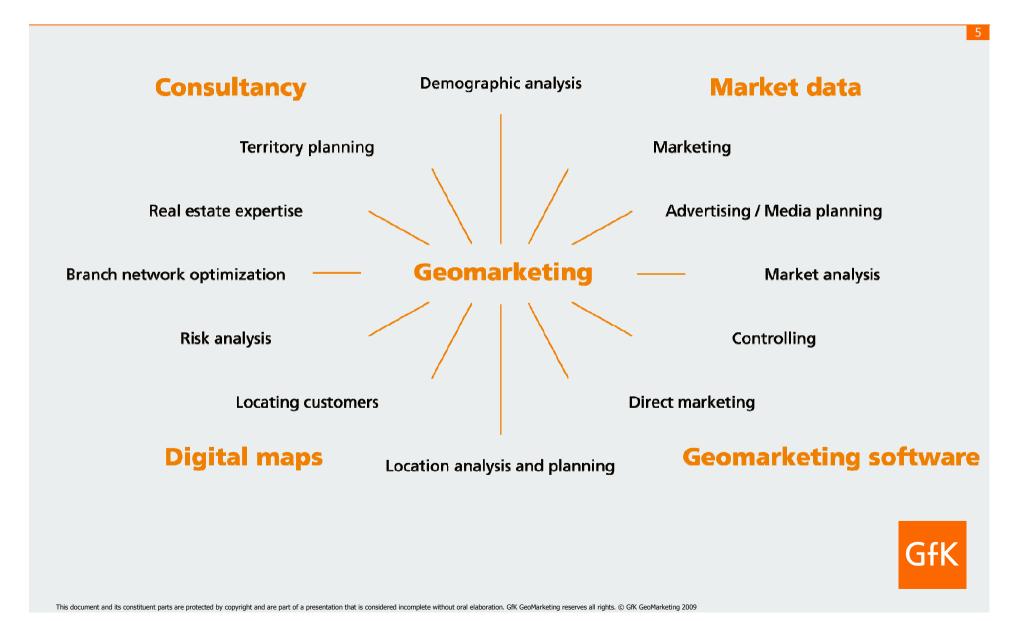
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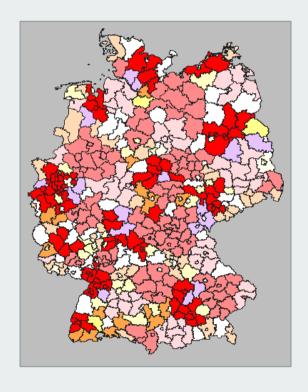
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Areas of application



Questions about regional sales planning and sales controlling

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- What sales turnover can an individual sales representative achieve?
- How can I evaluate the performance of my sales team?
- Where are areas of untapped potential?
- How can external sales areas be defined?
- How many external sales areas are suitable?

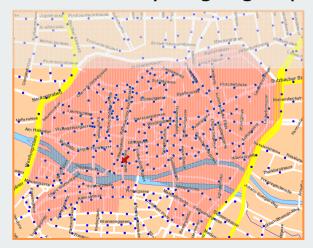


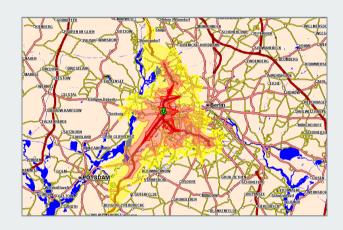


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Questions about planning and evaluating store catchment areas

- How can I evaluate store catchment areas?
- Where is there enough sales potential to warrant opening a new store?
- How can I define my catchment areas?
- Who is my target group?





- How many competitors are in my catchment area?
- How many prospects are in my catchment area?
- How much purchasing power is in my catchment area?
- How can I structure my sales program to respond to different consumer habits?



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Reasons and point of time for site and market analysis

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Strategy/planning phase:

- What are the market risks and opportunities?
- Determination of alternative usages
- Optimal and sustainable configuration of the project

Purchase decision:

• Is the purchasing price appropriate?

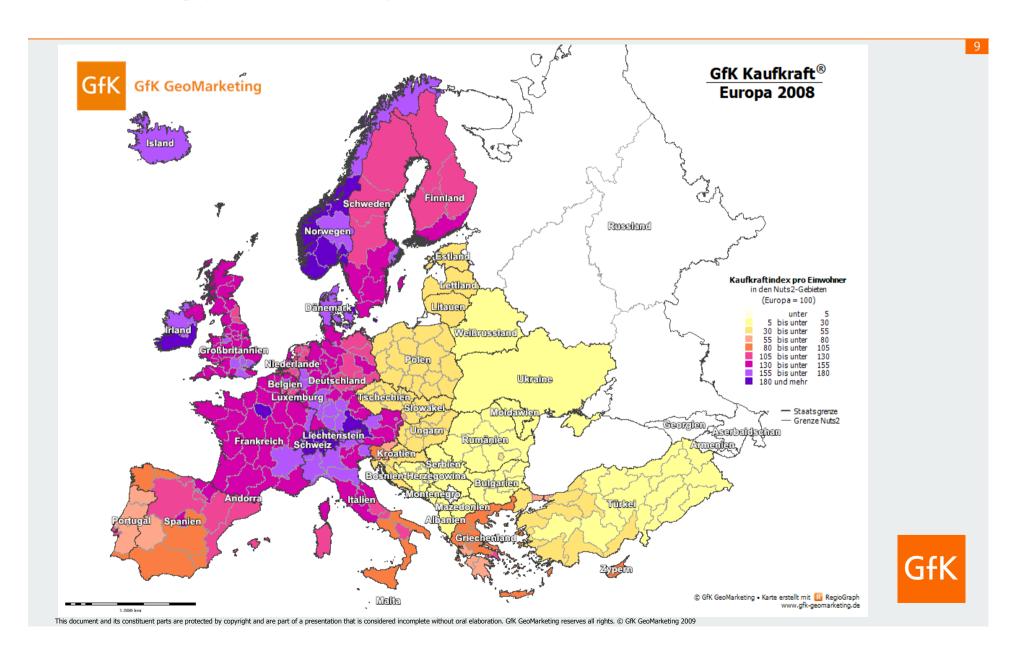
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Limitation of damage (professional crisis management)



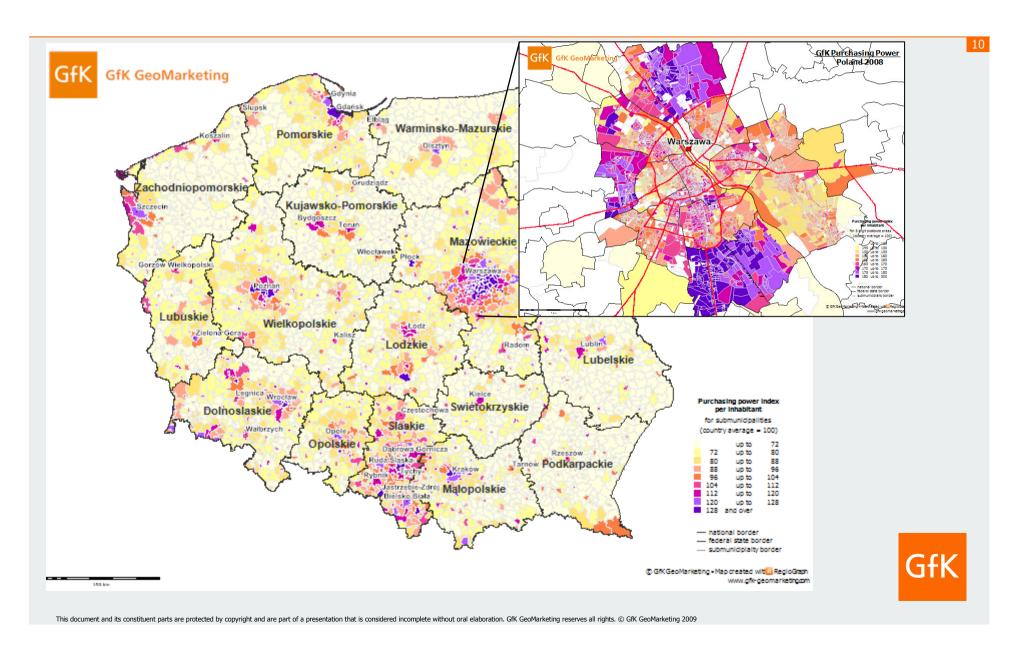
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Purchasing power in Europe



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Purchasing power in Poland



Local potential: Target groups and market area

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Consumer

- Where does the consumer live?
- Where can you find your target group?
- What is the spending power of the immediate population?

Retailer

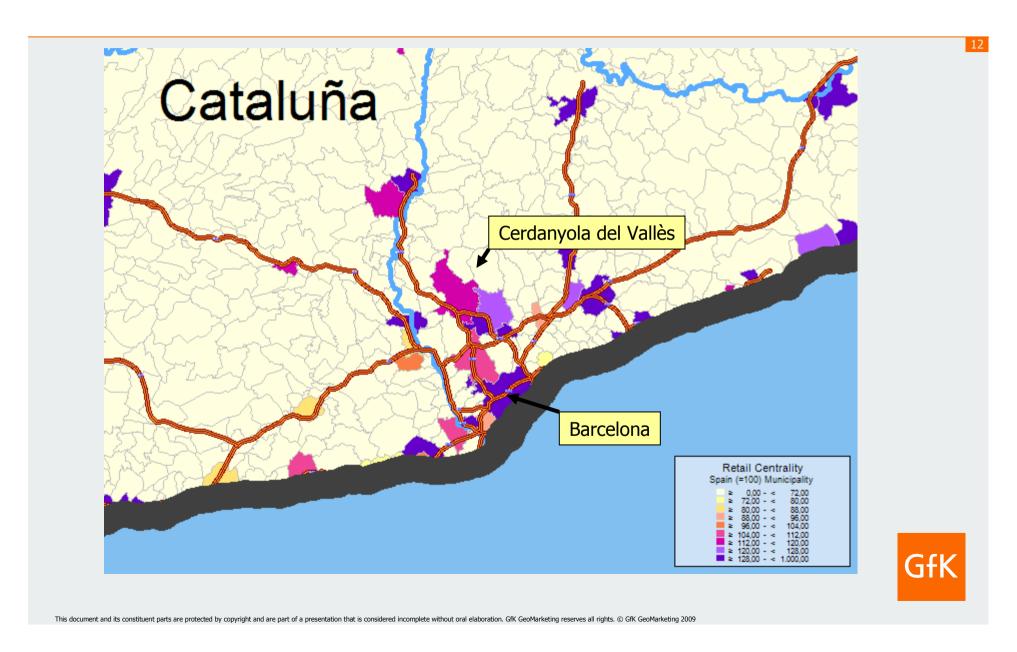
Where does the consumer spend money? Which product lines are involved? What is distribution of your turnover potential?

Who are you trying to reach?



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Retail centrality in Spain



Local market potential in Spain

What is the retail draw of city?

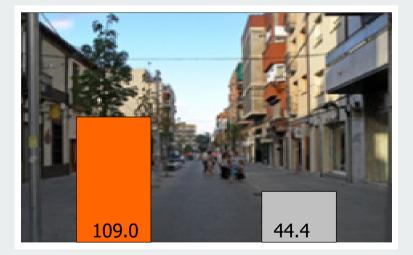
GfK Purchasing Power for women's wear 2007

GfK Retail Turnover for women's wear 2007

(per capita / Spain = 100)



Barcelona



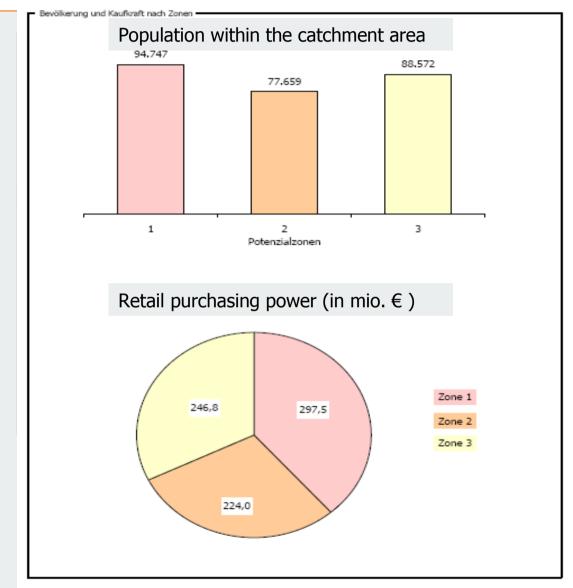
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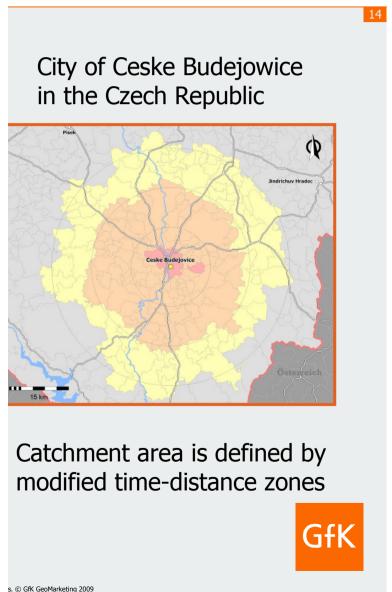


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Demand and potential





2 Data research and evaluation



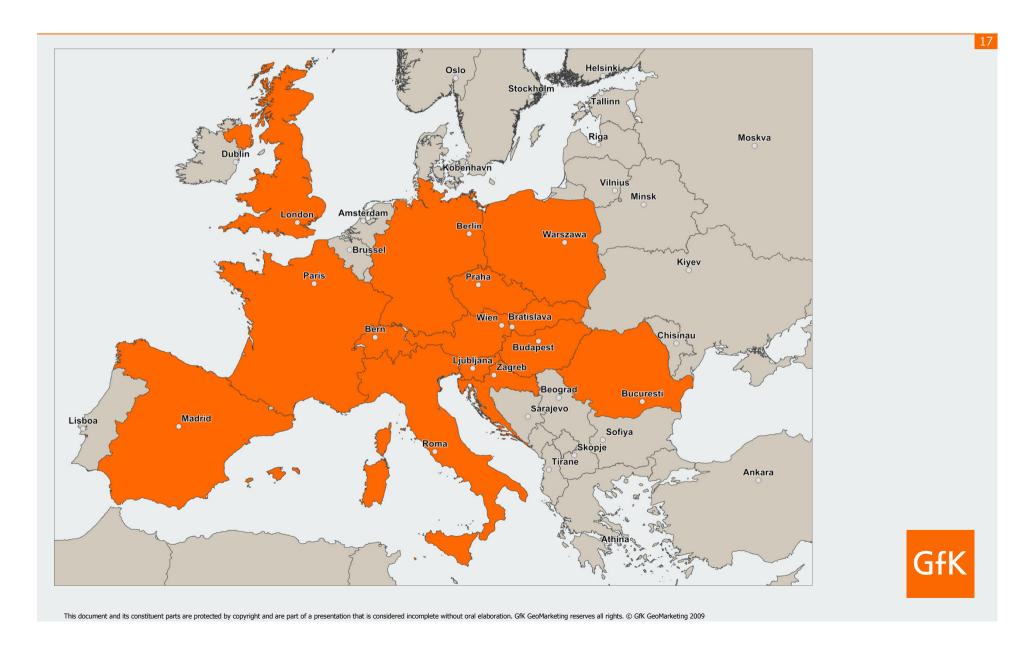
Data sources

- Official sources (Eurostat, national bureaus of statistics, UN, etc.)
- Private sources from national and international companies

- On-site evaluations performed by GfK GeoMarketing experts
- Data from partners
- Own calculations



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Data relevant to purchasing power

Good regional indicators:

- Net income
- Gross income
- Average wages, salaries
- Government subsidies (pensions, social benefits, etc.)

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Additional regional indicators:

- GDP per capita
- Unemployment / employment rate
- **Educational level**
- Percentage of those employed in agriculture
- Occupational status (for example, blue collar / white collar employees, low/high level, managers, entrepreneurs)
- Age distribution of population, percentage of population that is economically active (i.e., those 20 - 65 years old)
- Population density (inhabitants per m²)
- Household possessions: Distribution of automobiles, TVs, color TVs, phones, mobile phones, PCs, washing machines, refrigerators, etc.
- Number of physicians, dentists
- Living space (Qm per capita in households)

European purchasing power – regional levels

country	product	administrative level	number of units	postal level	number of unit
AL	Republika e Shqipërisë	municipalities	374		
AT	Österreich /Austria	municipalities	2.379	4	2.153
BA	Bosna i Hercegovina	municipalities	142	5	611
BE	Belgique-België	municipalities	589	4	1.146
BG	Bulgaria	municipalities	264	4	4.698
BY	Respublika Belarus	municipalities	138	6	3.836
CH + LI	Schweiz/Suisse/Svizzera plus Liechtenstein	municipalities	2.647	4	3.208
RS	Republika Srbija	municipalities	165	2	20
CY	Kypros / Kibris	municipalities	613	2	45
CZ	Ceska Republika	municipalities	6.249	5	3.386
DE	Deutschland	municipalities	12.228	5	8.235
DK	Danmark	municipalities	99	4	1.077
EE	Eesti	municipalities	227	5	5.230
ES	España	municipalities	8.112	5	10.949
FI	Suomi / Finland	municipalities	415	5	3.044
FR	France	municipalities	36.612	5	6.053
UK	United Kingdom	districts	436	PC sectors	9.481
GR	Ellada	submunicipalities	6.130	5	1.189
HR	Hrvatska	municipalities	556	5	942
HU	Magyarorszag	municipalities	3.174	4	3.049
ΙΕ	Ireland	municipalities	3.441		
IS	Ísland	municipalities	79	3	126
Π	Italia	municipalities	8.103	5	4.434
LT	Lietuva	municipalities	60	5	15.654
LU	Luxembourg (Grand-Duché)	municipalities	116	2	56
LV	Latvija	municipalities	525	4	684
MD	Moldova	municipalities	986	4	1.250
ME	Montenegro / Crna Gora	municipalities	21	2	3
MK	Poranesnata Jugoslovenska Republika Makedonija		84	2	20
MT	Malta	municipalities	68	3	68
NL	Nederland	municipalities	443	4	4.031
NO	Norge	municipalities	431	4	3.076
PL	Polska	urban/rural municipalities	3.096	5	20.602
PT	Portugal	municipalities	4.260	4	507
RO	Romania	municipalities	3.188	6	14.166
SE	Sverige	municipalities	290	5	9.417
SI	Slovenija	municipalities	210	4	467
SK	Slovenska Republika	municipalities	2.928	<u>.</u> 5	1.491
TR	Turkiye	counties	938	5	3.237
UA	Ukrajina	counties	681	3	592

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Potential problems when analyzing data

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Limited data availability – e.g., Albania Reasons: - No public statistics infrastructure compared to Western Europe

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- Data collection is difficult e.g., Russia

 - Reasons: Linguistic competence is necessary Some data is not available electronically and can only be accessed in person
- Data quality varies signficantly e.g., Turkey
 Reasons: Official bureau of statistics reformed its data reporting system
 Distinct municipal boundaries do not exist
- Data exhibits major differences from one year to the next e.g., Italy Reasons: The political conditions have been changed in the south of Italy in order to signficantly reduce the unemployment rate
- There are missing values in the data e.g, Germany Reasons: - Anonymization of data in accordance with data protection regulations, which vary from federal state to federal state

Conclusion:

In addition to rigorous research, precise market knowledge and an intensive evaluation of the data are necessary.

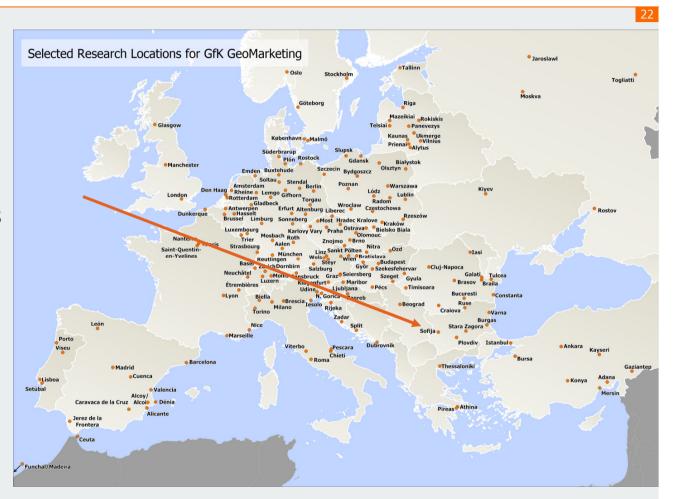
3 Case study: Location planning in Bulgaria



Location and real estate consultancy

Appraisals for

- Investors
- Banks
- Project developers
- Retail trade
- Public authorities





Study objective

Our clients needed support for an investment decision regarding the purchasing and financing of a certain commercial real estate object in Bulgaria.

This location analysis addressed the following aspects:

- Country overview (Bulgaria)
- Macro-location
- Micro-location
- Current shopping center situation and structure
- Competitive situation in the shopping center market
- Catchment area and volume demand
- Analyses of the center's sales figures and market position



Thank you very much!



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