

The geographical distribution of unemployment at localities desegregation level case study for South Muntenia Region - Romania

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Abstract

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unemployment. This significant number of persons without a job relatively sudden increase the pressure over the labour market institutions and diminish the dynamics of the labour market (induced by the limited occupational mobility) and acts as a shock (intense and or long time pressure probability) very difficult to be compensated in time by policies.

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Key words: regional unemployment, spatial analysis, spatial concentration, defavorised areas

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1. Identifying the most defavourised areas from the perspective of labour force employment and unemployment from South Muntenia using the spatial analyse

Based on the Niebuhr observation we try to identify the regions/areas characterised by high unemployment level and also the regions/areas characterised by low unemployment levels. In view to use the Local Indicators of Spatial Association (LISA) to indicate the presence or absence of significant spatial clusters or outliers for each location we consider as local hot spots¹⁴ to be identified the:

[A] hot spot of type H-H (High-High) locations as centres of the clusters named “**defavourised areas**” :

- a1 - “**defavourised quantitative areas**” shaped by the areas with high number of unemployed people (N) surrounded by areas (localities) areas with high number of unemployed people, by total, female and male - represents the **case HHN** „LISA univariate”. This indicator reflects the magnitude of the phenomenon, the **inertia** of the problem and requires adequate intervention solutions;
- a2 - “**defavourised qualitative areas**” shaped by the areas with high share (P) of number of unemployed people in the stable population of the locality (total, female, male) in age of 18-62 years, surrounded by areas with high share of number of unemployed people, by (total, female, male)- represents the **case HHP** „LISA univariate. This indicator reflects the depth of the phenomenon, in terms of the degree of “**contagion**” and requires adequate intervention solutions;

The character of defavourised areas for these locations is given by the high level of unemployment, in locations that indicates an agglomeration builded in time with high probability of its persistence. This indicator signals the underutilisation of human capital, an economic activity with problems and indicates the special attention from the policy development and implementation;

[B] hot spot of type LL (Low-Low) locations as centres of the clusters named “**competitive areas**”;

- b1 - “**competitive quantitative areas**” shaped by the areas with low number of unemployed people (N) surrounded by areas (localities) areas with low number of unemployed people, by total, female and male - represents the **case LLN** „LISA univariate”. These locations could reflect an important potential of development centres in the region - aspect that could be exploited in view to develop interregional relationships and of course specific policies;
- b2 - “**competitive qualitative areas**” shaped by the areas with low share (P) of number of unemployed people (total, female, male) in the stable population of the locality, surrounded by areas with low share of number of unemployed people, in age of 18-62 years by (total, female, male)- represents the **case LLP**. This indicator could indicate that the economic activity is dynamic, intense and diverse, the labour force utilization is efficient and probable is increasing the demand of labour force.

The character of competitive areas for these locations is given by the low level of unemployment, in locations that indicates an agglomeration builded in time with high probability of socio-economic development. This indicator signals the efficient utilisation of human capital, an economic activity with good performances and indicates the need of different interventions from the policy development and implementation side;

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2. Method

The method used is Anselin, 2005¹⁵/ Varga, 2009¹⁶, analysing the Local Spatial Autocorrelations characteristics, to identify the clusters HH, LL with different significance level, for the unemployment and the share of unemployment in the stable population for the mentioned characteristics (total, feminine, masculine, age 18-62 years, at locality level), for December 2009 compared with March 2010, at locality level using Arc GIS 9.3. (Arc GIS Catalog and Arc MAP)¹⁷. Spatial econometrics through the GeoDa software¹⁸ was applied under the hypothesis that localities represent the centres of the Thiessen polygons, using rook contiguity weight file. Results are presented through maps and tables indicated the localities situated in the HH and LL clusters, localities that are positive local correlated.

Among the limits regarding the applied method we mention: the univariate analysis (mask multivariate associations, variability related to scale mismatch, and other spatial heterogeneity)¹⁹, the using of Thiessen polygons in view to pass over the limit of GEODA program regarding the LISA univariate analysis applying on islands (considering that the analysis at the localities level make the localities similar to islands), the LISA “maps is based on pseudo p-values that are dependent on the run number of permutations²⁰”.

2. Data and indicators used in the South Muntenia Region Analysis

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next to the stoc data we used in our model, respective the entrance and exits in and out from unemployment.

Fig. 1

Sources, data and indicators used in the South Muntenia Region Analysis

Input

(Important observation: for this indicator there is not mentioned the source. Usually is measured through census -INS)

Reference data (constant, without variation for the reports of the months: December 2009 and March 2010)

The number of stabile population in the locality in age 18-62 years (total, female and male)

- I The total number of the stabile population in age 18-62 years at locality level (input data)
- II The total number of the females in age 18-62 years at locality level (input data)
- III The total number of the males in age 18-62 years at locality level (input data)

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I	x	x
II	x	x
III	x	x

Working data - indicators provided by ANOFM (National Agency for Labour Force Employment / AJOFM - County Agency for Labour Force Employment) with monthly variation, covering 567 localities /2121 localities from Region South Muntenia

For every locality that monthly reports the unemployment number of persons - administrative unemployment - we consider the indicators with the characteristics

Number of registered unemployed people at locality level = number of unemployed people that receive unemployment benefit + number of unemployed people without receiving unemployment benefit

N

- Ns IV Total number of registered unemployed persons at locality level - input data
- NsF V Number of female registered as unemployed persons at locality level - input data
- NsM VI Number of male registered as unemployed persons at locality level - calculated data

Ns	x	x
NsF	x	x
NsM	x	x

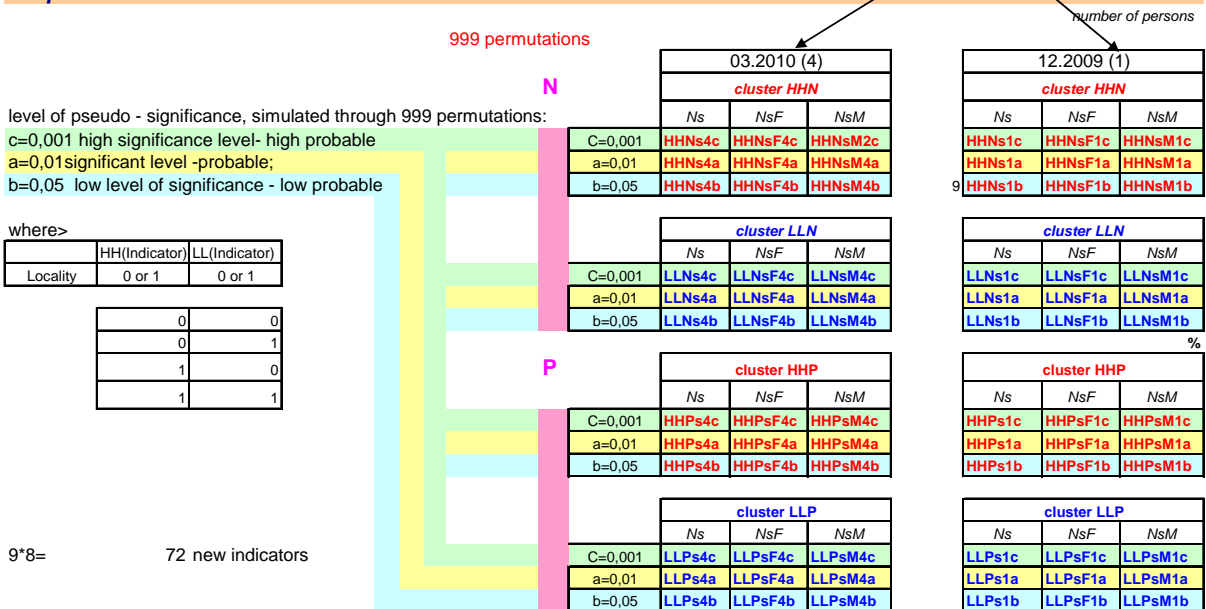
The share of number of unemployed people (total, female, male) in the stabile population of the locality (total, female, male) in age of 18-62 years;

P

- Ps VII The share of number of total unemployed persons in total stabile population of the locality in age of 18-62 years (calculated data);
- PsF VIII The share of number of female registered as unemployed persons in female stabile population of the locality in age of 18-62 years (calculated)
- PsM IX The share of number of male registered as unemployed persons in male stabile population of the locality in age of 18-62 years (calculated data);

Ps	x	x
PsF	x	x
PsM	x	x

Output



The output indicators calculated are characterised by different level of pseudo significance, simulated through 999 permutations with the levels: c=0,001 high significance level- high probable; a=0,01 significant level -probable; b=,05 low level of significance - low probable. Every hot spot type corresponds to an output indicator. The result could be presented under the 36 lists/month for each cell presented in the output module in the figure

1= 3 demographic characteristics (T,M,F)* 3level of significance (c,a,b)*2 cluster type (HH,LL)*2 indicator type(N, P).

3. Results

As is visible in figure 1, there are grouped in results the modules calculated. So, for each month (December 2009 and March 2010), for each characteristic (total, female and male), for each type of indicator (Number N, share P) and for each type of cluster HH and LL we obtain 72 new indicators of the region description at locality level with 36 new indicators/month, with values assigned 0 for “FALSE” or 1 for “TRUE”. The detailed results could be analysed under tree types of groups by interpretation:

3.1. Spatial volume distribution type of results perspective for the unemployment in a month at locality level

In view to illustrate the results of the method applied on volume indicators (number of unemployed persons) we present some partial results in:

a. Table 1- The most defavourized localities under the employment performance and unemployment level in the region South-Muntenia, December 2009, hierarchy resulted from the spatial distribution of the number of the unemployed persons (total, feminine and masculine) by different significance level;

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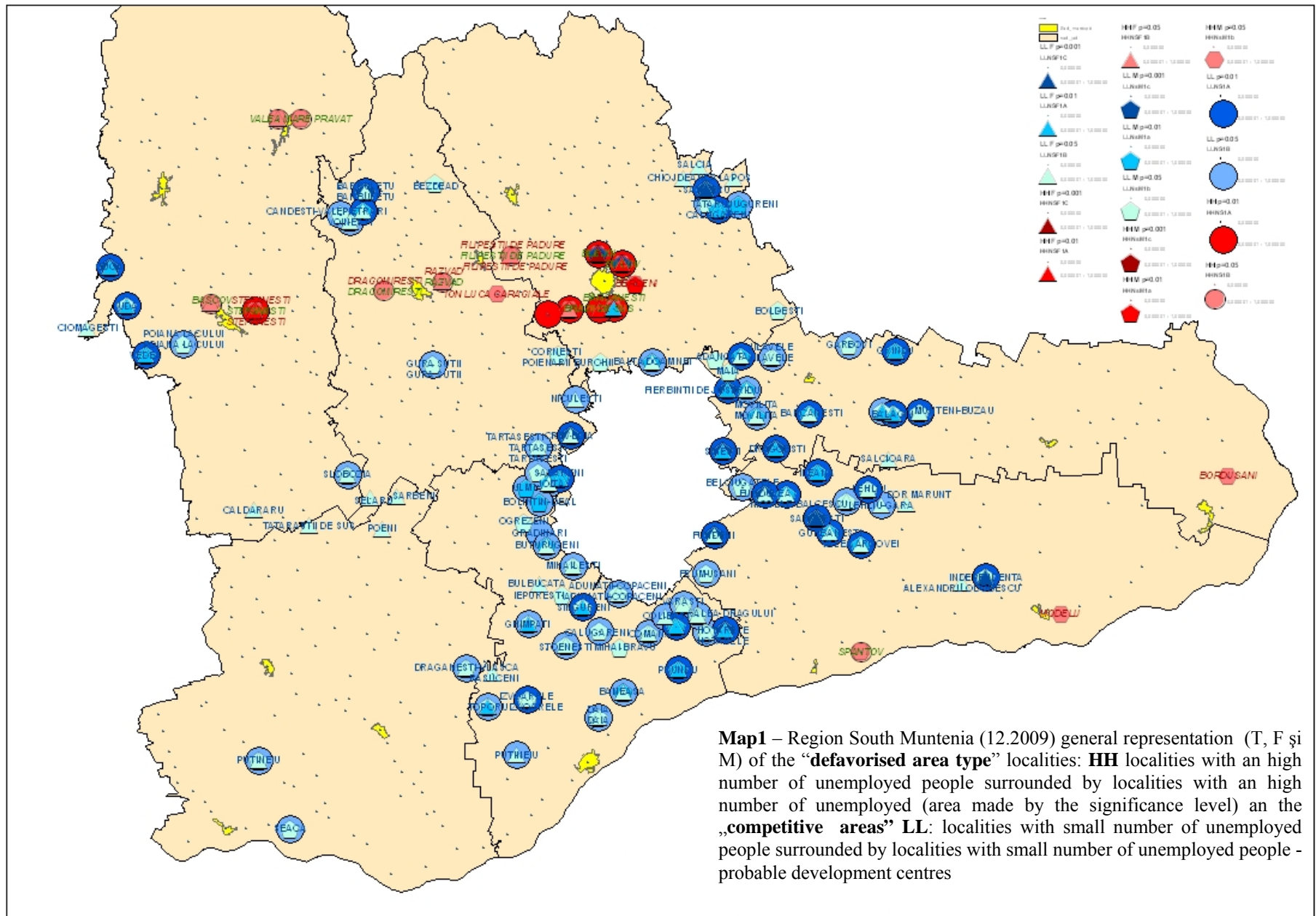
a. The most defavourized localities (HH number of unemployed people)

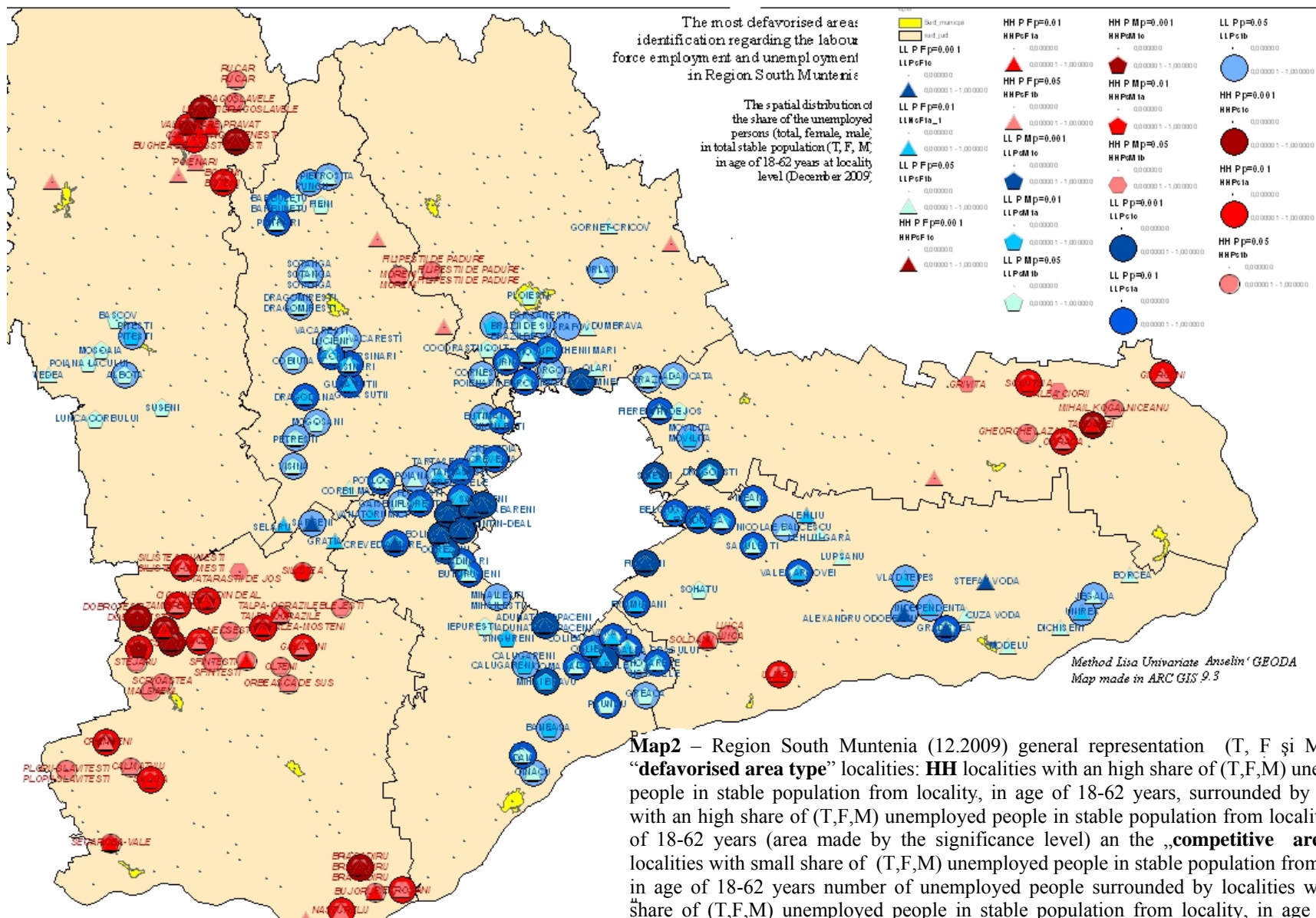
NUME	UNITADM	JUDET	a=0,01	b=0,05	C=0,001	a=0,01	b=0,05	C=0,001	a=0,01	b=0,05
BLEJOI	BLEJOI	PRAHOVA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
BUCOV	BUCOV	PRAHOVA	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
BARCANESTI	BARCANESTI	PRAHOVA	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
STEFANESTI	STEFANESTI	ARGES	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
BRAZI DE SUS	BRAZI	PRAHOVA	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
TARCSORU VECHI	TARCSORU VECHI	PRAHOVA	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1
FILIPESTII DE PADURE	FILIPESTII DE PADURE	PRAHOVA	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
RAZVAD	DAMBOVITA	DAMBOVITA	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
BUGHEA DE SUS	BUGHEA DE SUS	ARGES	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
BASCOV	BASCOV	ARGES	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
SPANTOV	SPANTOV	CALARASI	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
VALEA MARE PRAVAT	VALEA MARE PRAVAT	ARGES	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
DRAGOMIRESTI	DRAGOMIRESTI	DAMBOVITA	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
BERCENI	BERCENI	PRAHOVA	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
BORDUSANI	BORDUSANI	IALOMITA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MODELU	MODELU	CALARASI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ION LUCA CARAGIALE	LL.CARAGIALE	DAMBOVITA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

a. The most competitive localities (LL number of unemployed people)

NUME	UNITADM	JUDET	LLNSIA	LLNSIB	LLNSF1C	LLNSF1A	LLNSF1B	LLNsM1c	LLNsM1a	LLNsM1b
SANGERU	SANGERU	PRAHOVA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
SARULESTI	SARULESTI	CALARASI	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
DRAGOESTI	DRAGOESTI	IALOMITA	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
INDEPENDENTA	INDEPENDENTA	CALARASI	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
CUCA	CUCA	ARGES	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
FIERBINTII DE JOS	FIERBINTI-TARG	IALOMITA	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
SINESTI	SINESTI	IALOMITA	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
HOTARELE	HOTARELE	GIURGIU	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
ILEANA	ILEANA	CALARASI	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
GRINDU	GRINDU	IALOMITA	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
CALUGARENI	CALUGARENI	PRAHOVA	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
VEDEA	VEDEA	ARGES	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
PRUNDU	PRUNDU	GIURGIU	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
GOSTINARI	GOSTINARI	GIURGIU	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
SABARENI	SABARENI	GIURGIU	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
BALACIU	BALACIU	IALOMITA	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
UDA	UDA	ARGES	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
SINGURENI	SINGURENI	GIURGIU	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
FUNDENI	FUNDENI	CALARASI	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
CREVEDIA	CREVEDIA	DAMBOVITA	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
BARBULETU	BARBULETU	DAMBOVITA	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
FUNDULEA	FUNDULEA	CALARASI	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1

Legend: c=0,001 high significance level- high probable; a=0,01 significant level -probable; b=,05 low level of significance - low probable





Map2 – Region South Muntenia (12.2009) general representation (T, F și M) of the “defavorised area type” localities: **HH** localities with an high share of (T,F,M) unemployed people in stable population from locality, in age of 18-62 years, surrounded by localities with an high share of (T,F,M) unemployed people in stable population from locality, in age of 18-62 years (area made by the significance level) an the „**competitive areas**” **LL**: localities with small share of (T,F,M) unemployed people in stable population from locality, in age of 18-62 years number of unemployed people surrounded by localities with small share of (T,F,M) unemployed people in stable population from locality, in age of 18-62 years number of unemployed people - probable development centres

b. The **Map1** – Region South Muntenia (12.2009) general representation (T, F și M) of the “**defavorised area type**” localities: **HH** localities with an high number of unemployed people surrounded by localities with an high number of unemployed (area made by the significance level) an the „**competitive areas**” **LL**: localities with small number of unemployed people surrounded by localities with small number of unemployed people - probable development centres, both calculated for December 2009.

3.2. Spatial intensity distribution type of results perspective for the unemployment in a month at locality level

In view to illustrate the results of the method applied on intensity indicators (share of unemployed persons in the stable population of the lcoality) we present some monthly results in the **Map2** Region South Muntenia (12.2009) general representation (T, F și M) of the “**defavorised area type**” localities: **HH** localities with an high share of (T,F,M) unemployed people in stable population from locality, in age of 18-62 years, surrounded by localities with an high share of (T,F,M) unemployed people in stable population from locality, in age of 18-62 years (area made by the significance level) an the „**competitive areas**” **LL**: localities with small share of (T,F,M) unemployed people in stable population from locality, in age of 18-62 years number of unemployed people surrounded by localities with small share of (T,F,M) unemployed people in stable population from locality, in age of 18-62 years number of unemployed people - probable development centres.

3.3. Spatial contagion type of results: the unemployment spatial distribution progress made of it's the volume (or intensity), between the moments expressed as stoc data for two months: studied month and the reference month, at locality level

If the method is applied identically for every month then comparing the maps for the spatial distribution of the volume or of the intensity indicators then we can point some spreading directions / progress of the contagion of regression for the studied phenomenon. Our results covers the March 2010 and December 2009 moments, based on the stoc data (measured at the end of the month at locality level). Because of the extended volume of results (detailed lists for the 36 output indicators, for each locality with values for unemployment) we present only one synthetic example in table 2: “The cluster ”defavourised areas - type HH unemployment” identification by the spatial distribution of the number of the unemployed persons - comparing the centre identified in March 2010 with the centre identified in December 2009 by different significance level”.

The monitoring of the locality dynamic under the characteristic of being a hot spot - centre of clusters of type HH or LL, with the its significance level, could offer an image of the transition speed from one state to another. We note as “**old**” the localities that get out from the initial reference state (defavorised area) and described them as: localities that belong to specific cluster /active in December 2009 and inactive in March 2010. In mirror w consider, that “**new**” reflects the transitions of the localities from the state “neutral” or inactive in December 2009 and active/becomes a centre of cluster in March 2010, relatively to belonging to an cluster type HH or LL, under the analyse criteria. The last used label is “**ct**” that reflects the constancy of the status, noted as ”active in December 2009 and active in March 2010” and indicating that the locality is still and cluster centre.

Table 2

The cluster "defavoured areas - type HH unemployment" identification by the spatial distribution of the number of the unemployed persons - comparing the centre identified in March 2010 with the centre identified in December 2009 by different significance level

Locality	administrative unit	Significance	March 2010		December 2009		
			a=0,01	b=0,05	a=0,01	b=0,05	
TARGSORU VECHI	TARGSORU VECHI	PRAHOVA	1	1	1	1	ct
BARCANESTI	BARCANESTI	PRAHOVA	1	1	1	1	ct
BUCOV	BUCOV	PRAHOVA	1	1	1	1	ct
BLEJOI	BLEJOI	PRAHOVA	1	1	1	1	ct
BRAZII DE SUS	BRAZI	PRAHOVA	1	1	1	1	ct
STEFANESTI	STEFANESTI	ARGES	0	1	1	1	old
RAZVAD	RAZVAD	DAMBOVITA	0	1	0	1	ct
BUGHEA DE SUS	BUGHEA DE SUS	ARGES	0	1	0	1	ct
SPANTOV	SPANTOV	CALARASI	0	1	0	1	ct
BASCOV	BASCOV	ARGES	0	1	0	1	ct
VALEA MARE PRAVAT	VALEA MARE PRAVAT	ARGES	0	1	0	1	ct
ULMI	ULMI	DAMBOVITA	0	1	0	0	new
DRAGOMIRESTI	DRAGOMIRESTI	DAMBOVITA	0	0	0	0	old
FILIPESTII DE PADURE	FILIPESTII DE PADURE	PRAHOVA	0	0	0	1	old
MANESTI	MANESTI	PRAHOVA	0	0	1	0	old

Legend: a=0,01 significant level -probable;
b=,05 low level of significance - low probable

Centre grouping by the typology of the significance level considering the general direction description based on the labels:

old="active in December 2009 and inactive in March 2010",

ct="active in December 2009 and active in March 2010",

new ="inactive in December 2009 and active in March 2010".

4. Final remarks

This spatial analysis could be a measure of the new cohesion policy, focused on territorial, economic and social cohesion in view to implement the strategic perspective. In view to improve the efficiency and coordination the Strategy implementation process at regional level, there some advantages of this method, considering it is:

- an relative easy to apply method with results visual friendly to a large spectrum of users with the result could be presented under the 36 lists/month for each cell presented in the output module in the figure 1= 3 demographic characteristics (T,M,F)* 3level of significance (c,a,b)*2 cluster type (HH,LL)*2indicator type(N, P).

- a useful instrument that exploits and valuate indicators that already exists and opens new possibilities to be improved - as an secondary analysis low cost result;

- a method possible to be adapted to monitoring the of different policies effect on the labour market at locality level (monitoring its the transition speed, the stage relatively at cluster type), also on short term, with an improved accuracy. At this stage is more an alarm sign that point out the hot spot that need more/specific attention.

All the maps are doubled with indexed lists that allow identifying the localities under different characteristics quantitative/ volume, qualitative/intensity by demographic characteristics (total, female, male) under spatial distribution perspective.

All these information superposed with other data spatially distributed could offer the opportunity to develop multivariate analysis in view to better shape the interactions, effects and problems at the local level, to measure the **intra regional unemployment clusters** also in their dynamic interaction.

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