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UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE REGIONS IN 1989

Unemployment rate drops in the Community as a whole, but increases in one quarter of the regions

Behind the drop in unemployment in the Community as a whole (from 10.1% in April 1988 to 9.3% in April 1989) lie very uneven regional trends. In most regions the situation has improved. This is the case in all regions of Belgium, the FR of Germany, Portugal and the United Kingdom and in almost all the Spanish regions.

On the other hand, in approximately one quarter of the regions of the Community the unemployment rate was higher than in the previous year: in Denmark, most of the French regions, parts of Italy and the Netherlands and in a few regions in Spain.

A large difference still exists between the regions with low unemployment where rates are 4% or lower (Ten regions in the FR of Germany, three in Portugal, Trentino-Alto Adige, Luxembourg and East Anglia) and the areas where they exceed 15% (Eleven regions in Spain, five in Italy, Languedoc-Roussillon, Ireland and Northern Ireland).

In national terms the Member States can fall into three main groups. The unemployment rates in Spain and Ireland are considerably higher than the Community average, whilst those of the FR of Germany, Denmark, Portugal and the United Kingdom are much lower, with Luxembourg having by far the lowest rate of 1.8%. The rates in Belgium, France, Italy and the Netherlands are close to the Community average.

The regional differences within the Member States are also considerable. They are comparatively small in Denmark, relatively large between south and north in the FR of Germany and the United Kingdom and with an even wider gap in Italy where the discrepancy between north and south has increased still further.

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**The female unemployment rate also drops
but remains higher than the unemployment rate for men**

Unemployment rates for men and women dropped between April 1988 and April 1989. The rate for men fell from 8.3% to 7.4% and for women from 12.8% to 12.1%. The trend of recent years, when unemployment among women has increased steadily, has thus been reversed. Nevertheless the unemployment rate for women in the Community of Twelve is still more than 50% higher than the rate for men.

Female unemployment rates vary considerably from one Member State to another.. There has been an increase in Denmark , France, the Netherlands and Portugal, with Ireland constant, and a decrease in the rest of the Community. With the exception of some regions in Italy ,in every region where female unemployment has fallen, there has also been a drop in male unemployment.

The female unemployment rate is higher in general than the rate for men. In six regions, Limburg(B), Rioja, Aragon, Alentejo, Algarve and Acores , it is as much as four times as high. However, the reverse is true : in Hovedstadsregionen and in most regions of the United Kingdom female unemployment rates are lower than male unemployment rates.

**Youth unemployment rate in the Community of the Twelve
falls below 18%**

There has been another significant drop in the youth unemployment rate in the Community. It stood at 17.8.% in April 1989, well below rates of 20.2% recorded in April 1988 and 21.2 in April 1987.

In contrast to the general trend, however, the situation has deteriorated over the last year in eleven regions : Hovedstadsregionen , Vest for Storebaelt , Pais vasco , Extremadura, Ile de France , Provence-Alpes-Cote D'Azur, Lazio ,Abruzzi,Basilicata, Calabria and Sicilia .

Despite this improvement at a Community level, the youth unemployment rate is still almost twice as high as the overall rate. In some particularly badly affected regions of Spain and Italy , one in every two economically active persons under 25 years old is out of work.

The relative difference between the youth unemployment rate and the overall rate is particularly marked in some regions of Spain, France , Italy and Portugal. Only in the FR of Germany, (in more than two thirds of the regions, notably in the south) is the youth unemployment rate lower than the overall rate.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN APRIL (%)

CATEGORIES	TOTAL		MEN		WOMEN		AGE < 25		AGE ≥ 25	
	88	89	88	89	88	89	88	89	88	89
EUR 12	10.1	9.3	8.3	7.4	12.8	12.1	20.2	17.8	7.7	7.3
BELGIQUE-BELGIE	10.1	9.2	6.9	6.1	15.2	14.2	16.1	15.4	8.8	8.3
VLAAMS GEWEST	8.2	7.0	4.8	3.9	13.8	12.1	13.2	10.2	7.3	6.5
REGION WALLONNE	13.1	12.7	10.0	9.2	18.0	18.0	26.8	24.6	10.9	10.7
BRUXELLES-BRUSSEL	12.1	11.8	10.7	10.1	14.2	14.1	20.3	18.3	11.1	11.0
ANTWERPEN	9.2	8.2	5.3	4.5	16.2	14.8	14.9	11.8	8.3	7.6
BRABANT	8.9	8.3	6.8	6.2	12.0	11.3	16.6	14.0	7.9	7.6
HAINAUT	15.4	14.9	12.3	11.3	20.0	20.3	31.5	29.3	12.7	12.6
LIEGE	13.0	12.7	9.5	9.0	18.2	18.4	24.5	23.1	11.1	11.0
LIMBURG	13.2	10.8	6.5	4.9	23.8	20.5	18.9	14.7	12.0	10.1
LUXEMBOURG	9.5	8.2	6.3	4.9	15.2	13.9	22.1	17.9	7.2	6.5
NAMUR	12.4	11.9	9.6	8.8	17.0	17.0	25.6	23.1	10.1	10.0
OOST-VLAANDEREN	7.7	6.6	5.0	4.1	11.9	10.5	12.5	9.6	6.9	6.1
WEST-VLAANDEREN	6.0	4.9	3.6	2.8	9.9	8.4	8.6	6.8	5.5	4.5
DANMARK	6.4	7.0	5.6	6.1	7.4	8.1	9.3	9.9	5.6	6.2
HOVEDSTADSREGIONEN	5.2	5.8	5.3	6.0	5.0	5.5	7.7	8.5	4.5	5.1
OST FOR STOREBAELT, EX. HOVED	7.8	8.2	6.7	6.9	9.3	9.9	11.5	11.3	6.9	7.5
VEST FOR STOREBAELT	6.9	7.6	5.5	6.0	8.6	9.5	9.8	10.4	6.1	6.8
BR DEUTSCHLAND	6.3	5.7	5.3	4.7	7.9	7.3	6.8	5.3	6.2	5.8
SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN	7.2	6.7	6.4	5.8	8.5	8.1	8.6	7.6	6.9	6.5
HAMBURG	10.3	8.9	10.1	8.7	10.6	9.1	15.4	11.0	9.5	8.5
NIEDERSACHSEN	7.8	7.2	6.6	5.9	9.7	9.3	8.2	6.6	7.7	7.4
BRAUNSCHWEIG	8.0	7.6	6.1	5.8	10.7	10.3	7.9	6.9	8.0	7.8
HANNOVER	8.1	7.5	6.9	6.1	9.9	9.6	8.8	7.1	8.0	7.6
LUENEBURG	6.4	5.9	5.5	4.8	7.9	7.5	7.2	5.7	6.3	5.9
WESER-EMS	8.5	7.5	7.5	6.4	10.1	9.4	8.6	6.7	8.4	7.8
BREMEN	11.2	10.9	9.9	9.6	13.1	13.0	14.2	11.3	10.6	10.8
NORDRHEIN-WESTFALEN	8.4	7.7	6.9	6.2	10.8	10.1	9.0	7.1	8.2	7.8
DUESSELDORF	8.8	8.2	7.6	6.9	10.8	10.2	10.2	8.3	8.6	8.2
KOELN	8.0	7.3	6.5	5.9	10.5	9.7	8.8	7.2	7.8	7.4
MUENSTER	8.3	7.8	6.7	6.1	11.2	10.8	8.7	6.5	8.2	8.1
DETMOLD	6.5	6.0	5.0	4.4	8.8	8.6	6.4	4.7	6.5	6.3
ARNSBERG	9.0	8.0	7.3	6.4	12.1	10.9	9.5	7.2	8.9	8.2
HESSEN	4.8	4.4	3.8	3.4	6.2	5.9	5.2	4.2	4.6	4.5
DARMSTADT	4.4	3.9	3.5	3.1	5.6	5.1	4.8	3.7	4.3	3.9
GIESSEN	5.1	4.9	4.0	3.7	6.6	6.7	5.3	4.5	5.0	5.0
KASSEL	5.7	5.7	4.5	4.3	7.7	7.7	6.4	5.5	5.6	5.7
RHEINLAND-PFALZ	5.4	4.9	4.2	3.7	7.3	6.8	6.3	4.6	5.2	4.9
KOBLENZ	5.2	4.6	4.1	3.5	6.9	6.5	5.4	3.9	5.1	4.8
TRIER	6.1	5.8	5.2	4.8	7.7	7.5	8.3	5.9	5.6	5.7
RHEINHESSEN-PFALZ	5.4	4.8	4.0	3.5	7.6	6.9	6.5	5.0	5.1	4.8
BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG	3.6	3.2	2.8	2.5	4.7	4.4	3.9	2.7	3.5	3.4
STUTTGART	3.2	2.9	2.5	2.2	4.3	3.9	3.6	2.5	3.1	3.0
KARLSRUHE	4.3	4.0	3.4	3.1	5.6	5.3	4.9	3.6	4.2	4.1
FREIBURG	3.7	3.2	3.0	2.5	4.8	4.3	3.9	2.4	3.7	3.4
TUEBINGEN	3.4	2.9	2.7	2.1	4.3	4.0	3.2	2.1	3.4	3.1
BAYERN	4.4	3.8	3.4	2.7	5.7	5.2	3.9	3.0	4.5	3.9
OBERBAYERN	4.2	3.5	3.4	2.7	5.2	4.7	3.6	3.0	4.3	3.6
NIEDERBAYERN	4.3	3.7	3.4	2.6	5.6	5.1	3.6	3.0	4.5	3.9
OBERPFALZ	5.5	4.9	4.3	3.5	7.2	6.7	4.6	3.6	5.8	5.2
OBERFRANKEN	4.5	3.9	3.3	2.7	6.1	5.5	3.5	2.5	4.8	4.2
MITTELFRANKEN	4.8	4.1	3.7	3.1	6.1	5.4	3.8	3.0	5.0	4.4
UNTERFRANKEN	4.2	3.8	3.0	2.6	6.2	5.8	4.5	3.2	4.2	4.0
SCHWABEN	3.9	3.1	2.9	2.2	5.2	4.5	4.1	2.8	3.8	3.2
SAARLAND	9.4	8.6	8.6	7.8	10.7	10.1	10.7	8.1	9.1	8.7
BERLIN (WEST)	7.7	7.3	7.6	7.0	7.7	7.7	8.2	8.2	7.6	7.2

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN APRIL (%)

CATEGORIES	TOTAL		MEN		WOMEN		AGE < 25		AGE ≥ 25	
	88	89	88	89	88	89	88	89	88	89
ELLAS	7.7	:	5.4	:	11.9	:	25.2	:	5.1	:
ESPAÑA	20.2	18.0	16.0	13.4	28.2	26.8	41.7	36.6	14.0	13.0
NOROESTE	15.8	14.6	13.6	11.5	19.4	19.6	39.3	33.4	11.3	11.1
GALICIA	13.2	12.8	12.0	10.4	15.0	16.3	33.1	26.1	9.7	10.4
ASTURIAS	20.2	18.0	15.9	13.3	28.0	26.3	48.2	45.9	14.1	12.4
CANTABRIA	21.9	18.3	16.8	13.4	32.0	27.5	50.8	44.9	15.0	12.5
NORESTE	18.1	16.6	12.7	10.7	28.7	28.2	42.1	39.9	12.0	11.0
PAIS VASCO	21.8	20.7	16.5	15.0	31.6	31.7	51.9	53.0	14.1	13.1
NAVARRA	14.1	11.9	10.0	6.5	22.9	22.5	30.3	23.6	9.9	9.0
RIOJA	13.3	9.9	7.7	4.9	25.8	20.2	29.4	26.1	9.6	6.5
ARAGON	14.0	12.4	8.3	6.2	26.0	25.5	31.8	26.6	9.6	8.8
MADRID	17.2	13.7	12.9	9.7	25.9	21.4	43.1	29.1	11.1	10.2
CENTRO	19.3	19.1	15.6	13.9	27.9	30.3	39.9	40.0	13.1	13.1
CASTILLA - LEON	17.8	18.0	13.7	12.4	26.8	29.2	42.1	41.4	11.8	12.2
CASTILLA - LA MANCHA	16.6	15.3	13.3	11.2	25.0	25.3	31.4	30.3	11.3	10.4
EXTREMADURA	27.2	27.6	23.9	22.1	35.4	40.5	48.8	52.1	19.4	19.5
ESTE	19.0	14.8	13.6	9.7	28.4	24.0	38.0	29.5	13.2	10.9
CATALUNA	20.1	14.8	14.1	9.2	30.3	24.5	40.7	29.8	13.7	10.7
COMUNIDAD VALENCIANA	18.4	15.8	13.8	11.1	26.8	24.5	35.3	30.3	13.2	11.8
BALEARES	12.0	10.6	7.7	6.6	19.3	17.4	27.1	21.9	8.1	7.6
SUR	27.9	26.5	24.3	22.0	35.8	36.0	47.3	45.8	20.9	20.0
ANDALUCIA	29.3	27.9	25.9	23.4	37.0	37.5	49.2	47.5	22.2	21.3
MURCIA	17.6	16.7	12.1	11.5	28.0	26.0	32.7	31.9	12.4	11.7
CEUTA Y MELILLA	35.5	32.7	30.3	26.2	46.8	46.9	63.6	62.0	22.9	20.6
CANARIAS	22.6	23.2	18.6	17.9	31.0	33.7	43.4	42.5	15.4	16.8
FRANCE	9.8	9.9	7.8	7.5	12.5	12.8	21.2	19.8	7.9	8.2
ILE DE FRANCE	8.2	6.7	7.5	6.0	9.0	7.4	14.7	18.6	7.2	4.9
BASSIN PARISIEN	10.2	10.9	7.6	7.8	13.6	14.9	22.7	18.8	7.9	9.4
CHAMPAGNE-ARDENNE	10.6	11.2	7.9	7.9	14.4	15.8	22.5	17.8	8.2	9.9
PICARDIE	11.3	12.4	8.4	9.0	15.4	17.4	23.6	19.6	8.8	11.0
HAUTE-NORMANDIE	11.6	12.5	9.2	9.5	14.6	16.4	24.5	20.4	9.0	11.0
CENTRE	9.5	9.7	6.8	6.7	12.8	13.3	21.2	18.0	7.4	8.2
BASSE-NORMANDIE	8.9	10.1	6.6	7.4	12.0	13.5	22.0	18.0	6.7	8.7
BOURGOGNE	9.6	9.6	6.9	6.4	13.0	13.5	22.7	18.8	7.3	8.0
NORD - PAS-DE-CALAIS	13.6	14.7	11.5	11.7	16.6	19.1	26.3	22.5	10.8	13.1
EST	8.4	8.5	6.2	5.8	11.4	12.3	18.3	14.5	6.5	7.4
LORRAINE	9.8	10.6	7.3	7.5	13.5	15.3	23.8	18.6	7.3	9.3
ALSACE	6.0	5.7	4.5	3.8	8.0	8.4	11.5	9.5	4.8	5.0
FRANCHE-COMTE	9.8	8.9	7.0	5.5	13.5	13.3	20.9	16.3	7.7	7.6
OUEST	10.2	10.7	7.4	7.5	13.9	14.9	23.1	19.8	7.9	9.1
PAYS DE LA LOIRE	10.6	11.1	7.6	7.7	14.4	15.6	25.7	20.5	7.9	9.5
BRETAGNE	9.5	9.7	7.0	6.9	12.6	13.3	19.8	18.4	7.6	8.2
POITOU-CHARENTES	10.9	11.7	7.8	8.1	15.0	16.4	24.2	21.1	8.5	10.0
SUD-OUEST	10.0	10.5	7.2	7.7	13.7	14.2	22.5	21.6	8.0	8.8
AQUITAINE	11.4	12.1	8.2	8.8	15.7	16.3	24.9	23.9	9.2	10.1
MIDI-PYRENEES	9.0	9.4	6.5	7.0	12.1	12.4	20.5	19.9	7.1	7.7
LIMOUSIN	8.6	9.0	6.0	6.2	12.2	12.6	20.4	18.3	6.7	7.5
CENTRE-EST	8.4	8.6	6.2	6.3	11.3	11.6	19.8	18.4	6.6	7.1
RHONE-ALPES	8.1	8.2	6.0	5.9	10.8	11.0	18.3	17.0	6.4	6.7
AUVERGNE	9.9	10.6	7.3	7.8	13.2	14.2	27.5	25.3	7.5	8.7
MEDITERRANEE	12.5	12.6	10.3	10.3	15.5	15.6	27.3	27.4	10.1	10.2
LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON	14.5	15.1	11.5	12.2	18.6	19.0	34.1	32.5	11.4	12.5
PROVENCE-ALPES-COTE D'AZUR	11.7	11.6	9.9	9.6	14.1	14.2	24.8	25.8	9.6	9.3
CORSE	10.9	9.5	8.5	7.4	15.6	13.4	21.8	18.7	8.9	7.8

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN APRIL (%)

CATEGORIES	TOTAL		MEN		WOMEN		AGE < 25		AGE ≥ 25	
	88	89	88	89	88	89	88	89	88	89
IRELAND	17.8	17.2	17.4	16.6	18.6	18.6	25.9	23.8	15.3	15.2
ITALIA	11.0	10.9	7.4	7.4	17.3	17.0	33.2	32.9	6.1	6.1
NORD OVEST	7.6	7.6	4.4	4.4	12.9	12.7	27.9	26.7	3.7	3.7
PIEMONTE	7.4	6.8	4.2	3.7	12.3	11.7	25.3	23.0	3.7	3.5
VALLE D'AOSTA	3.9	:	2.3	:	6.6	:	12.4	:	2.2	:
LIGURIA	8.7	9.7	5.1	6.3	15.3	15.8	37.5	36.4	3.7	4.4
LOMBARDIA	4.7	4.1	2.8	2.4	8.0	6.9	14.6	12.7	2.4	2.1
NORD EST	6.1	5.0	4.0	2.8	9.6	9.0	15.8	12.5	3.5	3.1
TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE	4.3	3.6	2.8	2.3	7.0	5.9	10.8	9.9	2.6	1.9
VENETO	6.0	5.0	4.2	2.8	9.1	8.9	15.5	11.6	3.4	3.2
FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA	7.6	6.5	4.2	3.3	13.4	12.0	22.7	19.8	4.7	3.9
EMILIA-ROMAGNA	5.7	5.2	3.0	2.6	9.6	9.1	15.6	15.1	3.8	3.3
CENTRO	8.1	8.2	4.8	4.8	13.7	13.5	25.9	25.7	4.6	4.9
TOSCANA	8.4	8.3	4.9	4.6	14.3	14.2	26.5	26.3	4.6	4.9
UMBRIA	9.6	9.5	6.1	6.3	15.8	14.9	33.0	32.6	5.3	5.4
MARCHE	6.7	7.2	3.6	4.5	11.4	11.2	20.8	20.7	4.1	4.6
LAZIO	10.6	11.0	7.2	7.2	16.9	17.8	41.6	45.0	5.6	5.6
CAMPANIA	22.9	21.8	17.0	16.6	34.9	32.3	64.4	61.1	11.9	11.9
ABRUZZI-MOLISE	10.0	11.1	6.2	6.9	16.2	18.1	37.9	36.9	5.1	6.1
ABRUZZI	9.3	10.6	5.9	6.4	14.8	17.4	35.7	36.0	4.9	5.6
MOLISE	12.4	13.2	7.2	8.6	20.7	20.9	44.5	40.1	5.9	7.9
SUD	18.4	18.4	12.6	13.3	29.4	28.6	47.7	50.6	11.6	10.8
PUGLIA	15.7	14.9	10.7	10.9	25.7	23.3	40.3	40.1	9.5	8.7
BASILICATA	21.3	20.0	13.4	13.5	34.3	31.5	56.1	58.8	14.0	12.3
CALABRIA	22.5	24.2	16.1	17.6	34.0	35.9	60.3	67.2	14.4	13.8
SICILIA	18.6	21.1	11.6	14.2	34.8	37.1	56.3	59.0	10.9	12.4
SARDEGNA	18.2	18.3	12.8	13.4	28.8	27.9	52.3	49.5	9.6	10.5
LUXEMBOURG (GRAND-DUCHE)	2.3	1.8	1.7	1.4	3.3	2.6	5.5	3.6	1.5	1.4
NEDERLAND	10.0	9.8	7.4	7.0	14.2	14.4	16.1	15.1	8.2	8.3
NOORD-NEDERLAND	12.1	12.4	9.4	9.3	16.8	17.7	21.7	21.5	9.4	9.8
GRONINGEN	14.2	15.0	11.1	11.4	19.2	20.6	24.5	24.4	11.3	12.3
FRIESLAND	12.4	12.5	9.8	9.4	17.3	18.4	22.9	22.4	9.2	9.6
DRENTHE	8.9	8.8	6.8	6.6	12.7	12.5	16.0	15.9	7.0	6.9
OOST-NEDERLAND	9.7	9.3	7.1	6.6	14.1	14.1	16.7	15.3	7.7	7.6
OVERIJSSSEL	9.5	8.9	7.5	6.8	12.9	12.7	16.5	14.9	7.3	7.1
GELDERLAND	9.7	9.4	6.9	6.4	14.4	14.4	16.6	15.3	7.7	7.8
FLEVOLAND	10.8	10.8	6.9	6.7	17.9	18.0	19.8	19.0	9.0	9.1
WEST-NEDERLAND	9.7	9.7	7.3	7.0	13.5	13.9	14.8	14.0	8.2	8.4
UTRECHT	8.7	9.1	6.1	6.1	12.8	13.6	13.5	13.2	7.4	7.9
NOORD-HOLLAND	10.8	10.5	7.9	7.3	15.1	15.4	16.4	14.7	9.3	9.4
ZUID-HOLLAND	9.4	9.5	7.4	7.3	12.7	13.1	14.7	14.3	7.9	8.1
ZEELAND	7.0	6.7	5.0	4.5	10.6	10.7	10.4	9.9	5.8	5.6
ZUID-NEDERLAND	9.8	9.3	6.9	6.3	14.7	14.4	15.8	14.2	8.1	7.9
NOORD-BRABANT	9.3	8.8	6.6	6.0	14.0	13.8	14.4	13.0	7.8	7.6
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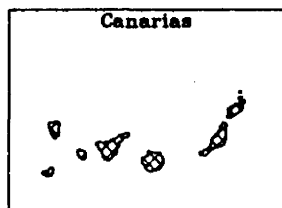
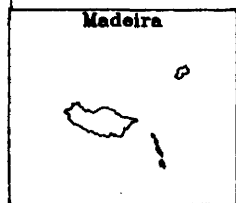
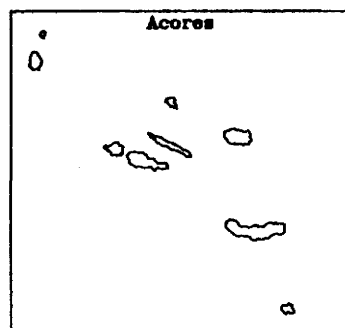
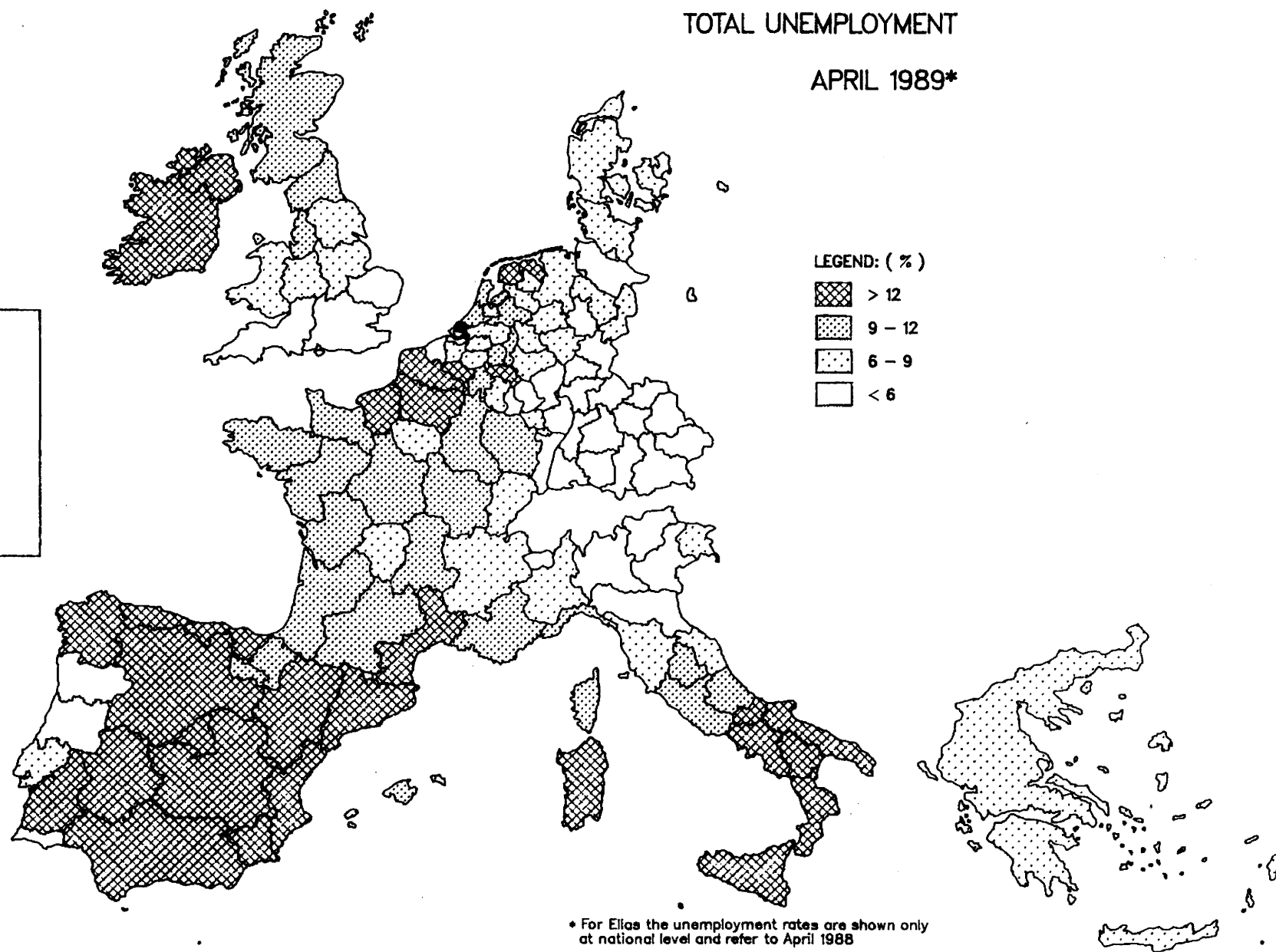
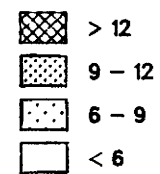
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN APRIL (%)

CATEGORIES	TOTAL		MEN		WOMEN		AGE < 25		AGE ≥ 25	
	88	89	88	89	88	89	88	89	88	89
PORTUGAL	6.1	5.7	4.5	3.6	8.3	8.5	13.9	11.9	4.0	4.1
NORTE DO CONTINENTE	3.7	3.4	3.1	2.5	4.5	4.6	8.2	7.1	2.3	2.3
NORTE	3.7	3.4	3.3	2.7	4.2	4.2	7.5	6.4	2.3	2.3
CENTRO	3.7	3.5	2.6	2.1	5.2	5.3	10.2	8.9	2.1	2.2
SUL DO CONTINENTE	9.4	8.9	6.4	5.1	13.6	14.1	25.2	21.8	6.1	6.3
LISBOA E VALE DO TEJO	8.9	8.3	6.5	5.2	12.2	12.6	25.0	21.5	5.6	5.7
ALENTEJO	14.8	14.5	7.6	6.1	25.6	27.0	31.6	27.5	11.0	11.7
ALGARVE	5.5	5.4	3.1	2.5	9.7	10.3	14.1	12.2	4.2	4.4
ILHAS	3.7	3.4	2.8	2.2	5.3	5.3	8.1	6.9	2.1	2.2
ACOPES	2.2	2.2	.9	.7	5.9	6.1	4.3	3.8	1.5	1.5
MADEIRA	4.9	4.3	4.8	3.8	5.0	5.0	11.1	9.3	2.6	2.6
UNITED KINGDOM	9.3	7.0	9.6	7.5	8.7	6.3	13.2	9.1	8.1	6.4
NORTH	12.9	10.5	14.3	11.9	11.0	8.5	18.6	14.2	11.2	9.4
YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE	10.7	8.1	11.4	8.9	9.7	7.1	16.5	11.2	9.1	7.2
EAST MIDLANDS	8.3	6.2	8.5	6.5	8.1	5.8	11.3	7.6	7.5	5.8
EAST ANGLIA	6.1	4.0	5.7	3.9	6.7	4.1	8.6	4.9	5.4	3.7
SOUTH EAST	6.4	4.5	6.5	4.7	6.3	4.2	8.4	5.3	5.9	4.3
SOUTH WEST	6.9	4.9	6.6	4.9	7.4	4.9	8.9	5.5	6.4	4.7
WEST MIDLANDS	10.2	7.1	10.1	7.3	10.2	6.8	14.7	9.3	8.9	6.5
NORTH WEST	11.5	9.2	12.4	10.2	10.4	7.8	17.0	12.6	9.9	8.2
WALES	11.3	8.5	12.1	9.3	10.3	7.5	17.1	11.8	9.7	7.6
SCOTLAND	12.8	10.4	13.6	11.3	11.7	9.1	19.0	13.9	10.9	9.3
NORTHERN IRELAND	17.9	16.7	19.3	17.9	15.9	14.9	24.3	20.0	15.8	15.7

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT

APRIL 1989*

LEGEND: (%)

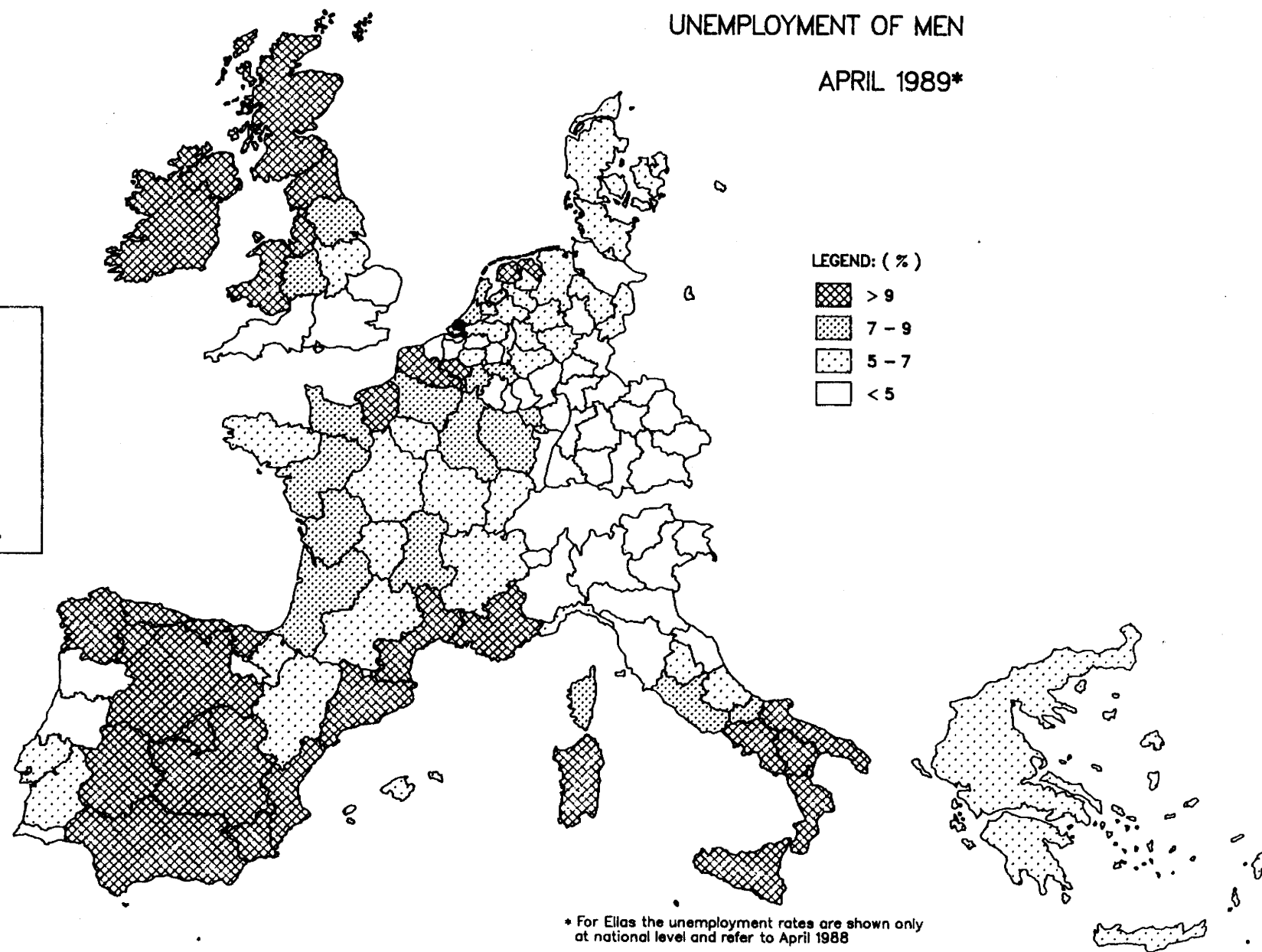
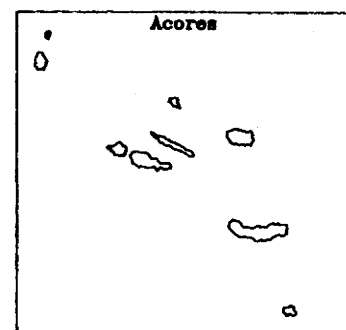
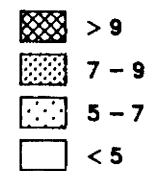


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UNEMPLOYMENT OF MEN

APRIL 1989*

LEGEND: (%)

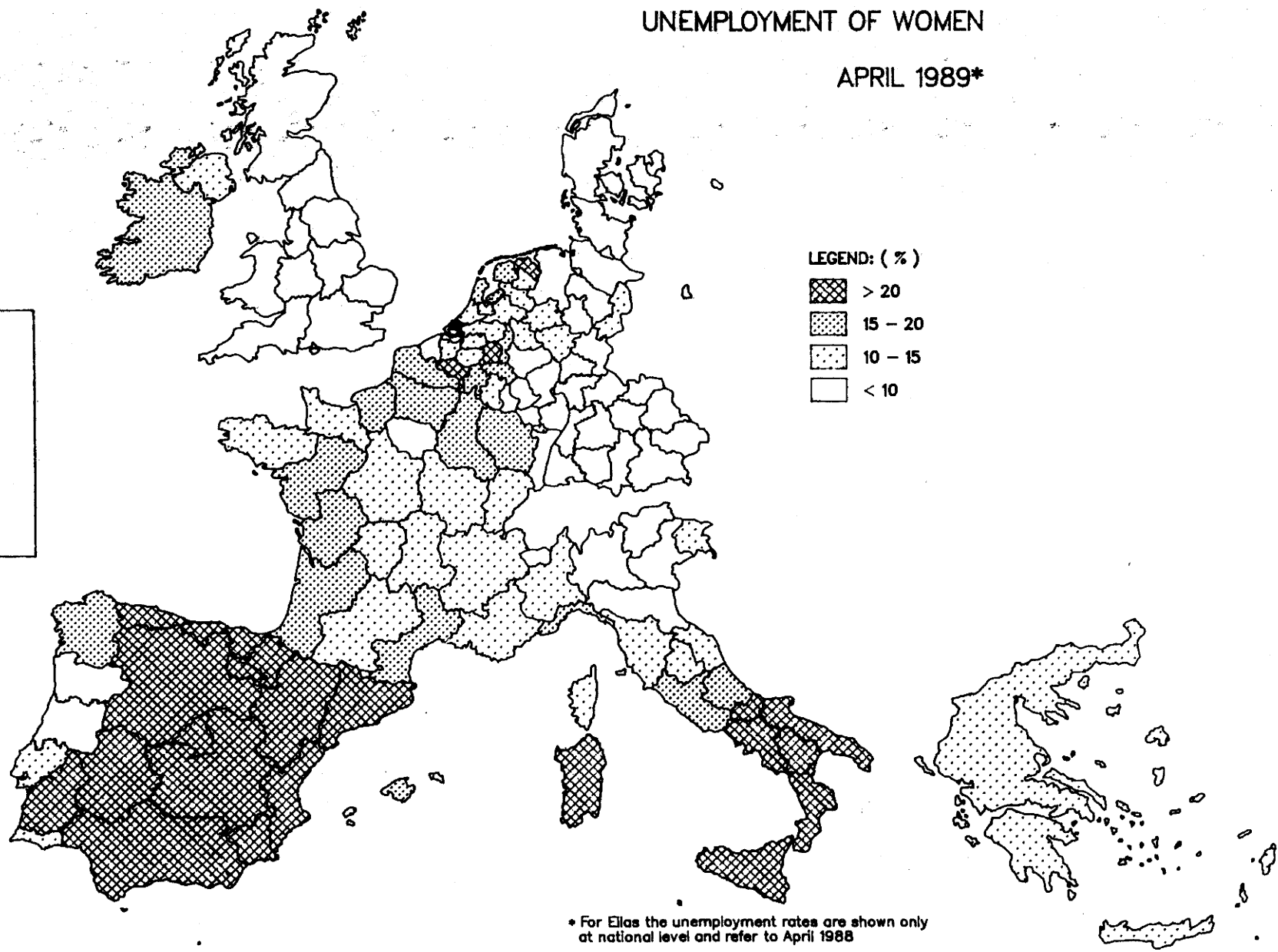
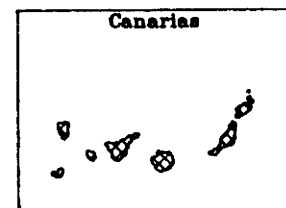
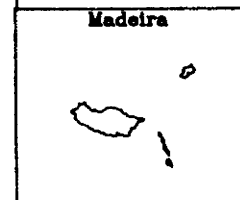
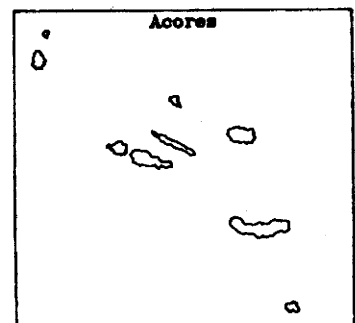
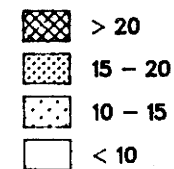


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UNEMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN

APRIL 1989*

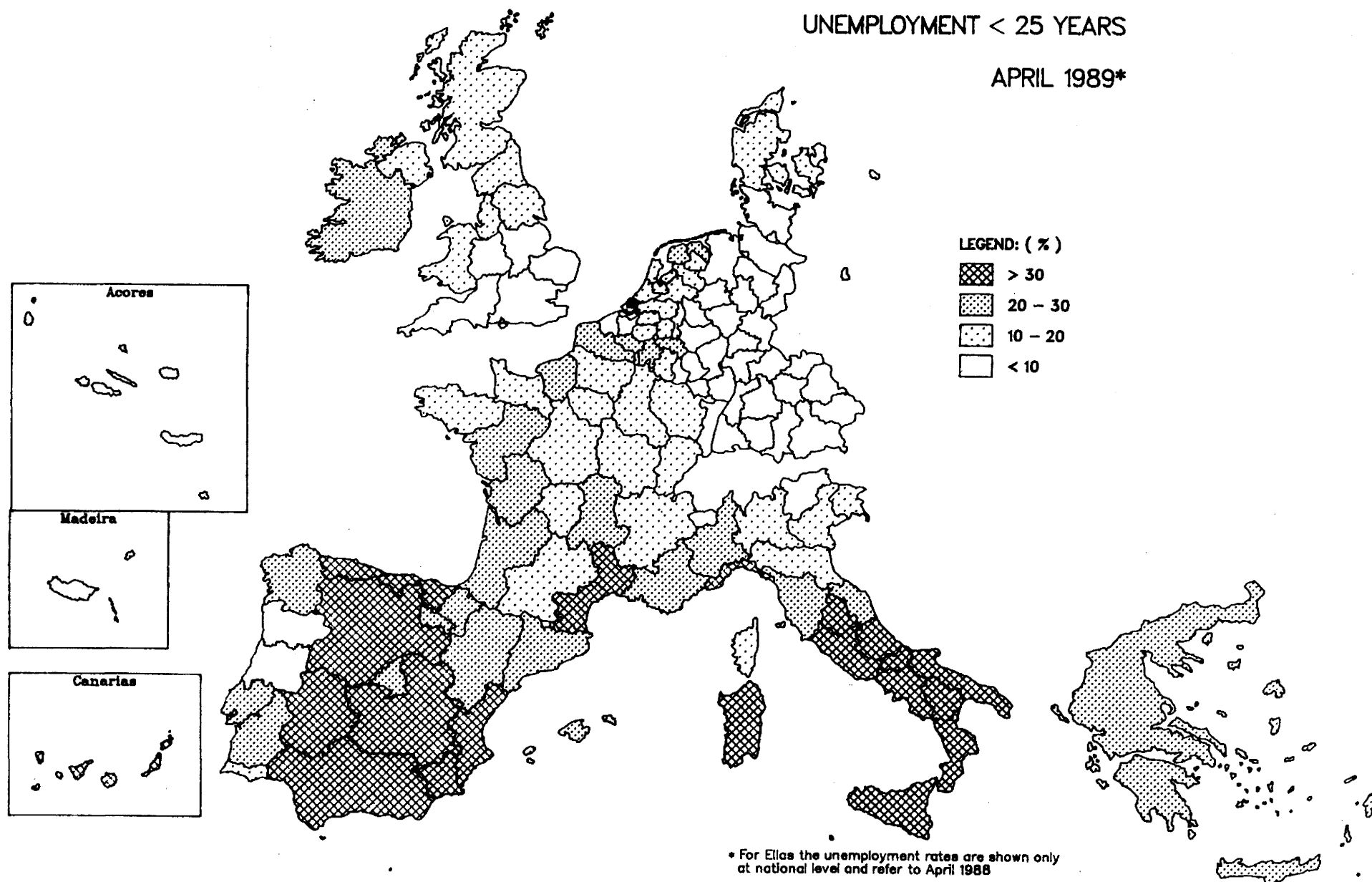
LEGEND: (%)



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UNEMPLOYMENT < 25 YEARS

APRIL 1989*



METHOD USED FOR THE CALCULATION OF REGIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

The estimation method of unemployment rates for comparison between countries will be described in detail in the methodological note "Comparable unemployment rates", that will be available as a working document in November 1989 and as a EUROSTAT publication in March 1990.

1. Starting point, the Community labour force sample survey (LFS)

The definition of unemployment in the LFS corresponds to that of the International Labour Office. It should be remembered that according to this definition a person is regarded as unemployed if he/she, during the reference period, was aged 14 years or over, without work, actively seeking work and immediately available for work.

This definition agreed upon by the 13th International Conference of Labour Statisticians can differ significantly from the definitions used by the national administrations.

The LFS survey carried out in spring every year provides

- for each Member State, the number of unemployed broken down by sex and age (under 25 years - 25 years and over), four categories in all;
- for each region, the working population broken down into the same categories.

The 1987 results of the survey are available for all the Member States; the 1988 results are still missing for Denmark, Greece, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

2. Updating of unemployment and working population

The updating of the number of unemployed according to the four categories provided by the labour force surveys of 1987 or 1988 is done in two stages :

- a. adjustment to the month of April of the results provided by the last survey available according to the trend of registered unemployment;
- b. updating of these results to the month of April 1989 (or April 1988 and April 1989 for the countries where the 1988 LFS is not yet available), again according to the trend of registered unemployment. For Spain, the figures are updated with the results of the quarterly national labour force survey in conjunction with data on registered unemployment. The LFS results are not updated for Greece.

The working population is calculated by adding these estimated unemployment figures to the employment data provided by the 1988 or 1987 LFS.

3. Regional breakdown of unemployment and working population

Each category of unemployment, estimated for April for each Member State, is regionalized on the basis of the regional breakdown of registered unemployment for April of the same year. However, the regional unemployment structure has been taken :

- for Spain and Italy, from the Community LFS for 1988 and from the quarterly national labour force survey for 1989;
- from the 1988 Community LFS for Portugal.

The regional data from the 1988 LFS are not yet available for Greece.

The working population is regionalized according to the Community LFS survey data; for the Member States where the 1988 results are not available, the 1987 regional structure is used.

For Spain and Italy, the 1989 regional breakdown has been taken from the quarterly national labour force survey.

4. Calculation of unemployment rates

The unemployment rates are obtained by dividing the number of unemployed in April 1988 or 1989 by the corresponding figures of working population.

5. Revision

The regional unemployment rates will be revised as soon as the results of the LFS survey for the reference year become available.