

Common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS): accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU

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The Committee on Regional Development unanimously adopted – in the first reading of the co-decision procedure - a report drawn up by Gerardo **Galeote** (EPP-ED, ES) on the proposal amending Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) by reason of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU. It made two amendments:

- a new recital stated that, since the objectives of the Regulation, namely the creation of common statistical standards that permit the production of harmonised data, cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States acting alone, the Community may adopt measures in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity and proportionality;

- Annex III is amended to show Obshtini for Bulgaria (deleting Naseleni mesta).