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# The role of the Mediterranean in a new international **disorder**

- The Trump effect: new economic shock after COVID, UKR war&energy crisis, new conflict in Middle East etc..
- The new Trump era starts a period of deglobalization?
- Globalization past phases: 1820-1915, 1915-1945, 1945-1971, 1971-?

Expected consequences:

- on growth: larger expected impact on weaker and isolated countries (MED?)
- on the environment: lower emissions in SR but also (further) reduced international cooperation and lower technological progress in LR



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- On international order: increasing **fragmentation** = Broken into small, often «disconnected», pieces or fragments. It implies a more complete or chaotic breakdown than «divided», implies a loss of cohesion.
- Disconnected: can we reconnect?
- Opportunity for a climate and trade coalition of the willings
- Coalition theory: how to make it stable and profitable (Botteon&Carraro, 1997; Carraro&Siniscalco, 1998)
- Coalition can be stable&profitable with a small number of homogeneous members, but needs incentives and enforcement mechanisms to avoid free riding with a larger number and/or with asymmetric countries
- A MED pact?
  1. MED plays a strategic role
  2. MED more vulnerable than other areas → citizens' attitude and high engagement



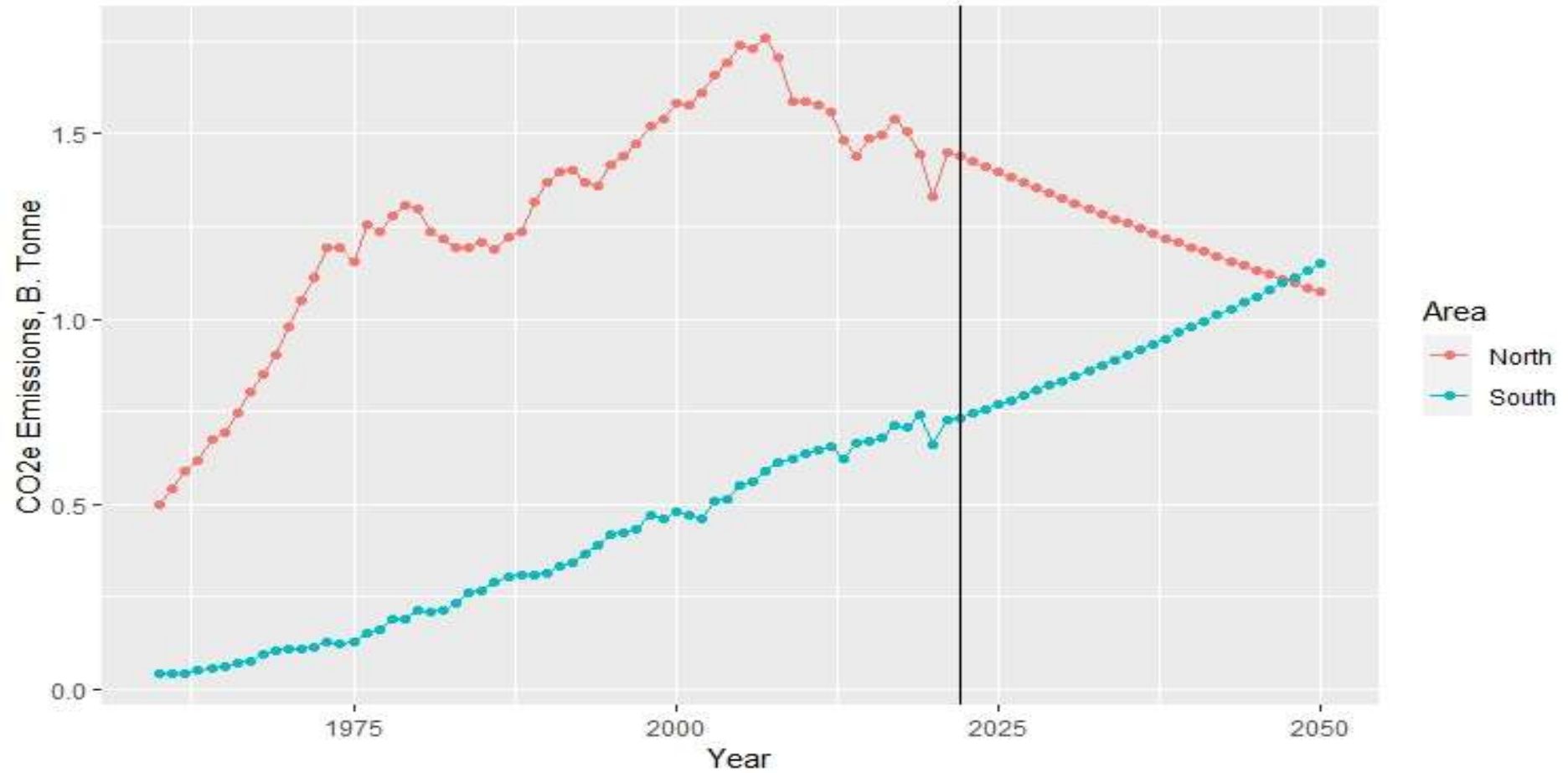
# Common problems, different trends

- High environmental vulnerabilities, esp. to climate change
- Temperature +1.7°C 1982-2023, twice as much as the oceans (Copernicus)
- Coastal exposition and coastal GDP twice as much as rest of the world
- Water scarcity: 180 millions water poverty, 60 millions water stress
- Natural resource conflicts
- Fishery management
- Natural disasters
- Environmental refugees...

Large differences in:

- Institutional settings
- Policies (economic, environm., social)
- Income levels (both within and across)
- Environmental trends
- Demographic trends
- SDG trends

# CO2 trends and projections

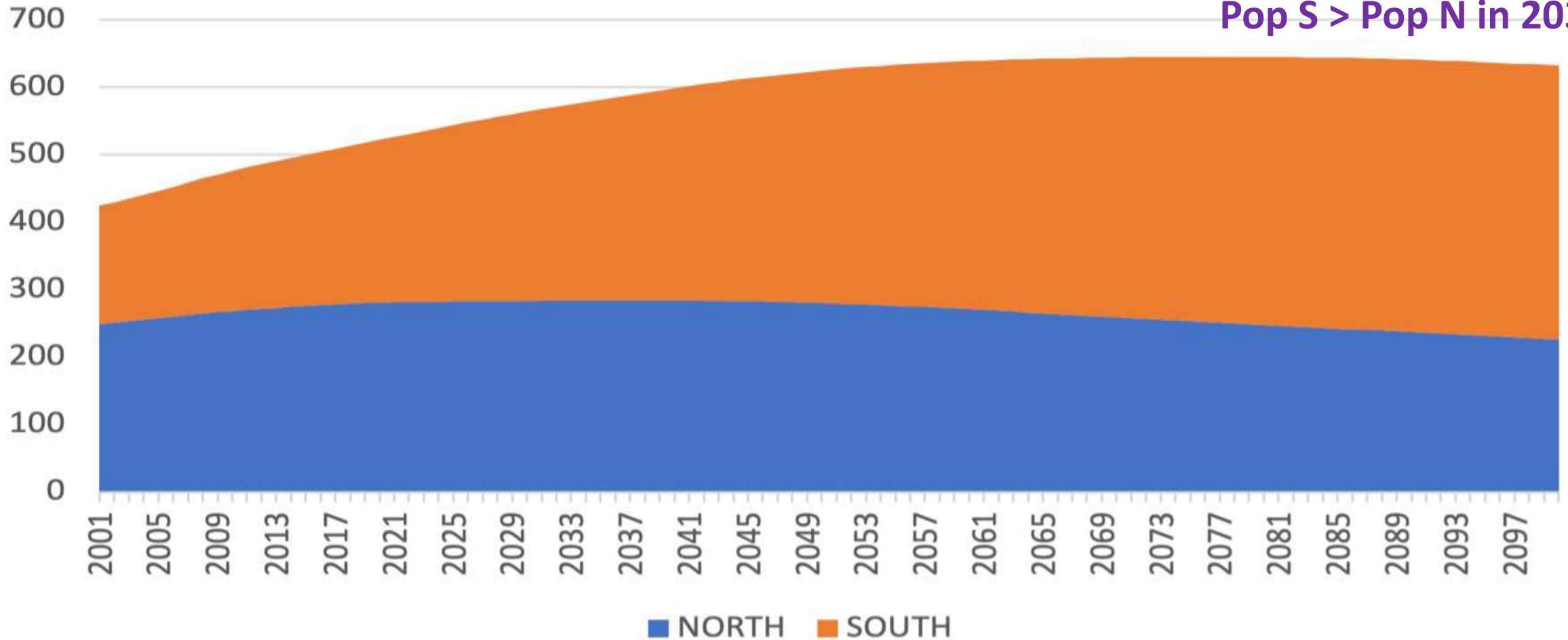


# Population trends

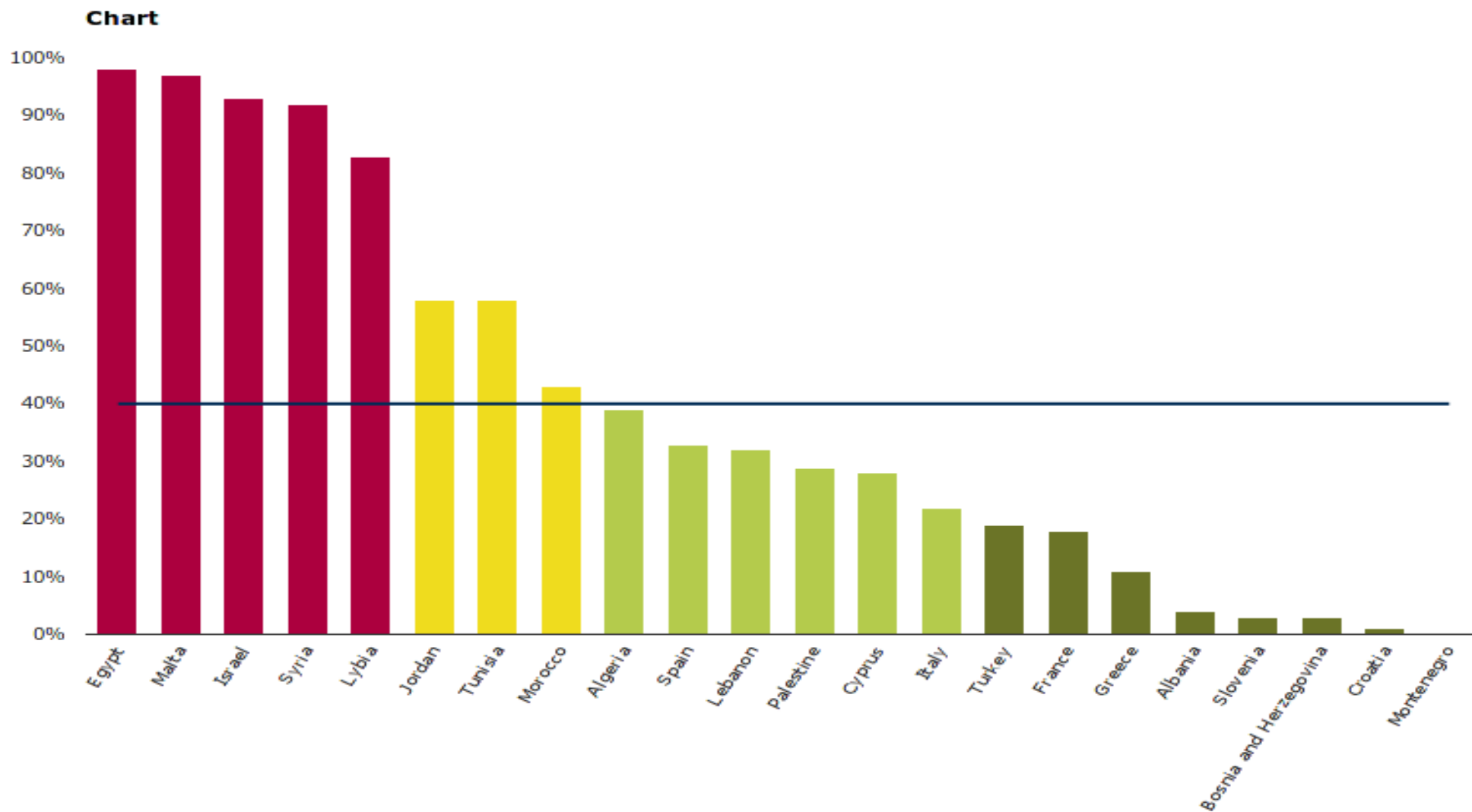


Population Projections, Millions

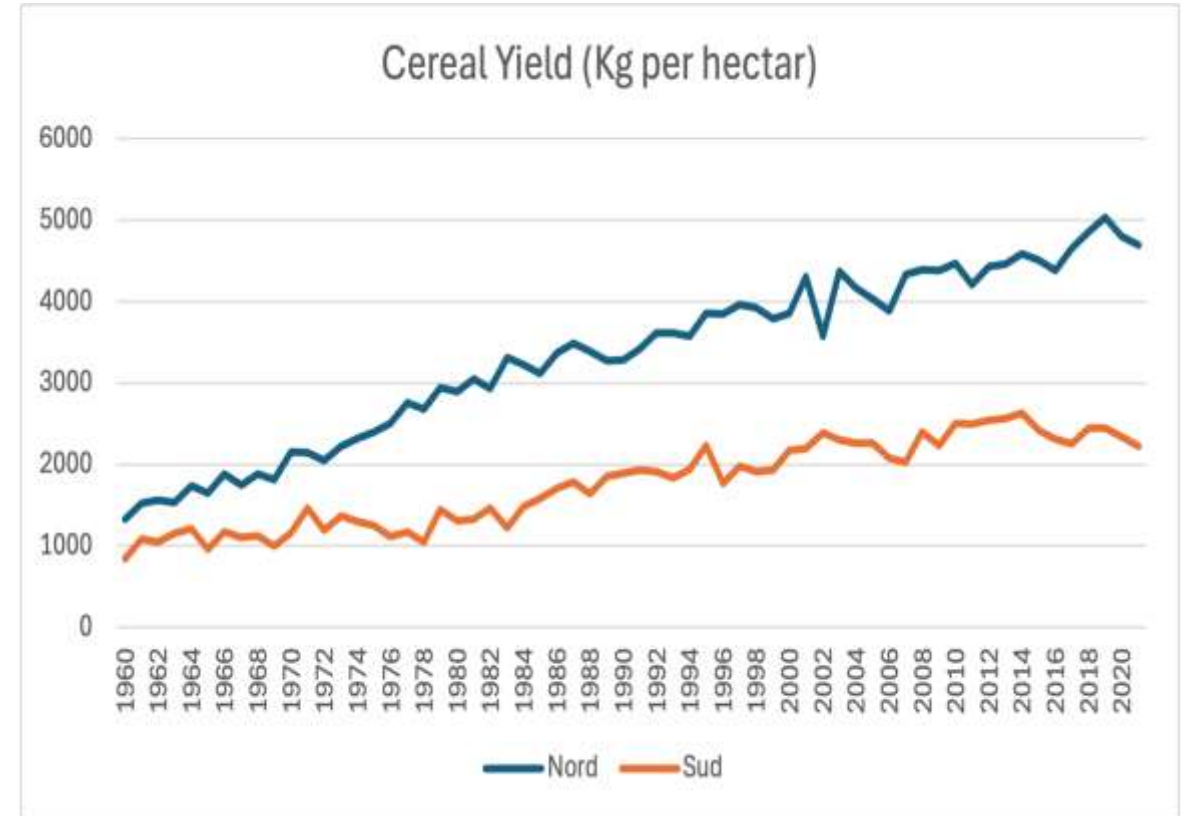
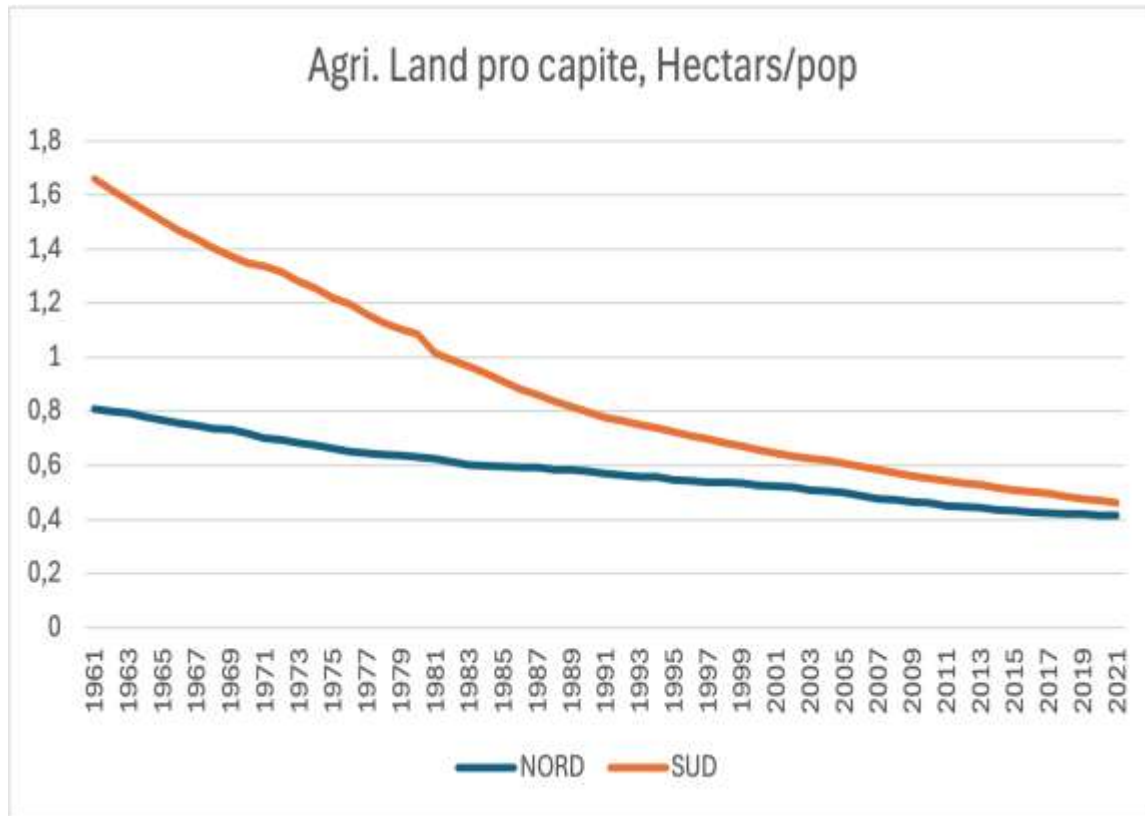
North: 248 → 226  
South: 175 → 405  
Pop S > Pop N in 2031



# Water exploitation index

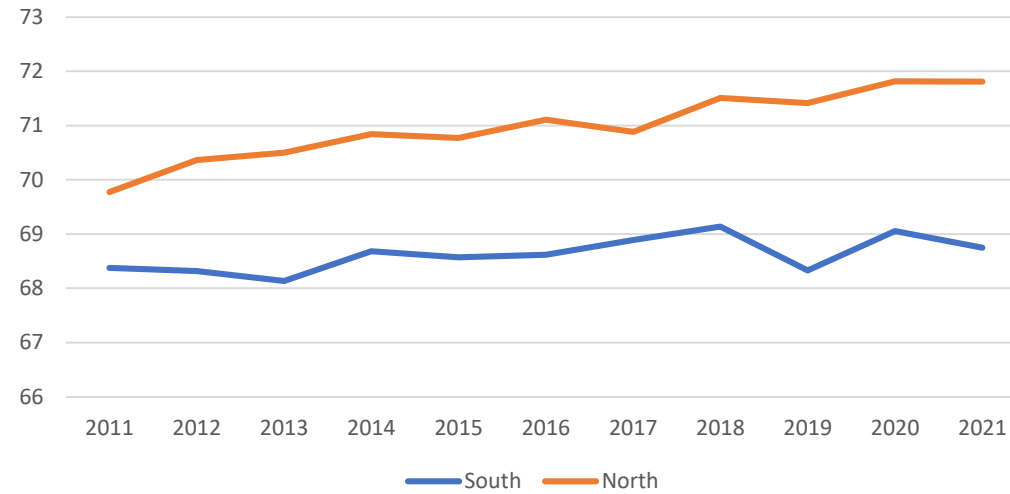


# Agricultural trends

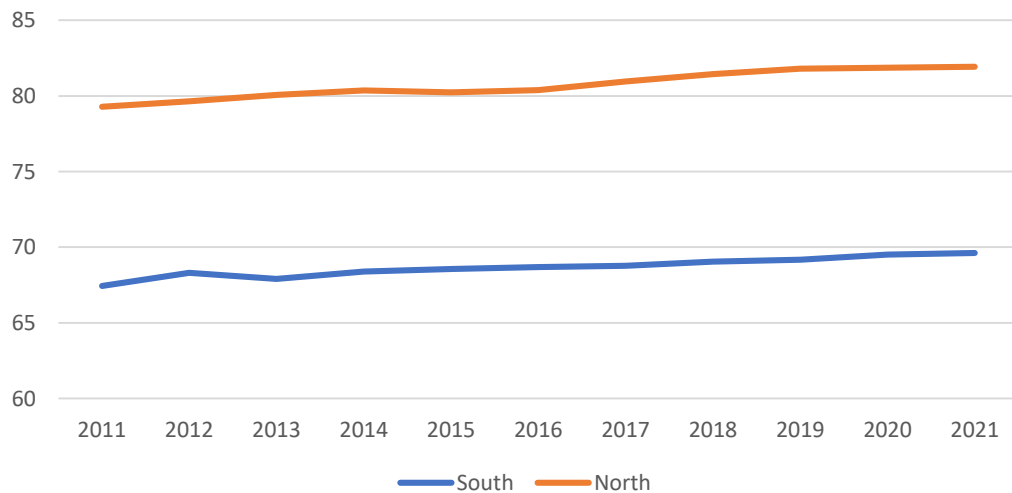


# SDG trends: a persistent gap

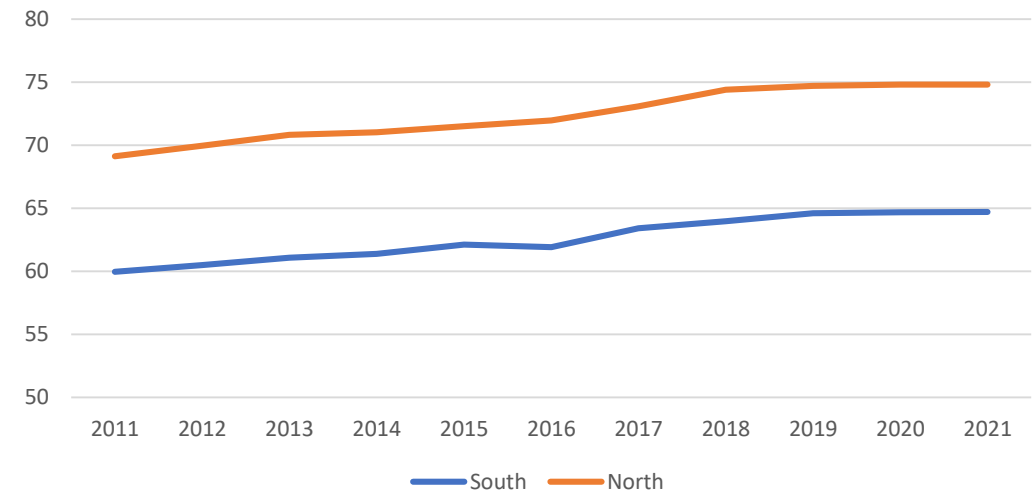
## Sustainability Progress (SDG 11-17)



## Social Progress (SGD 1-5)



## Economic Progress (SDG 6-10)



# MED cooperation in the EU environmental framework

- Environmental and climate policies at a crossroad
- Social acceptability is key
- MED area is key in environmental, social and geopolitical terms
- MED: higher vulnerability but higher acceptability
- Reduce MED gaps to increase MED cooperation → a MED Pact
- MEDAERE as key transboundary and transdisciplinary project of scientific and climate diplomacy to foster this process