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Promoting evidence-based reforms on medical deserts

Country experiences on medical deserts The case of Romania

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Do we have any medical deserts in Romania?

Scarce stock
to replace
retiring
health
workers.

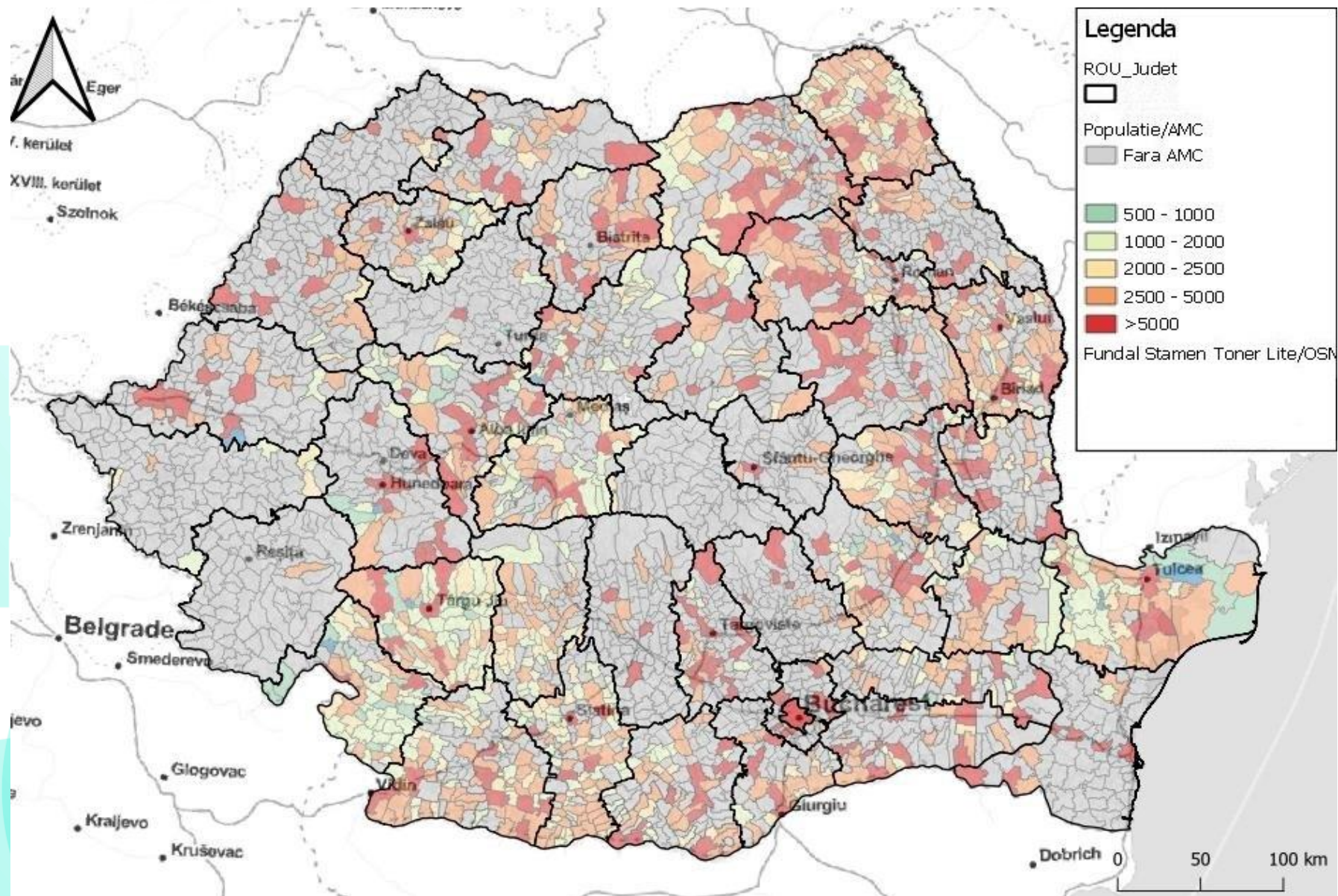
Lengthy waiting
times and long
distances when
accessing health
primary care
services.

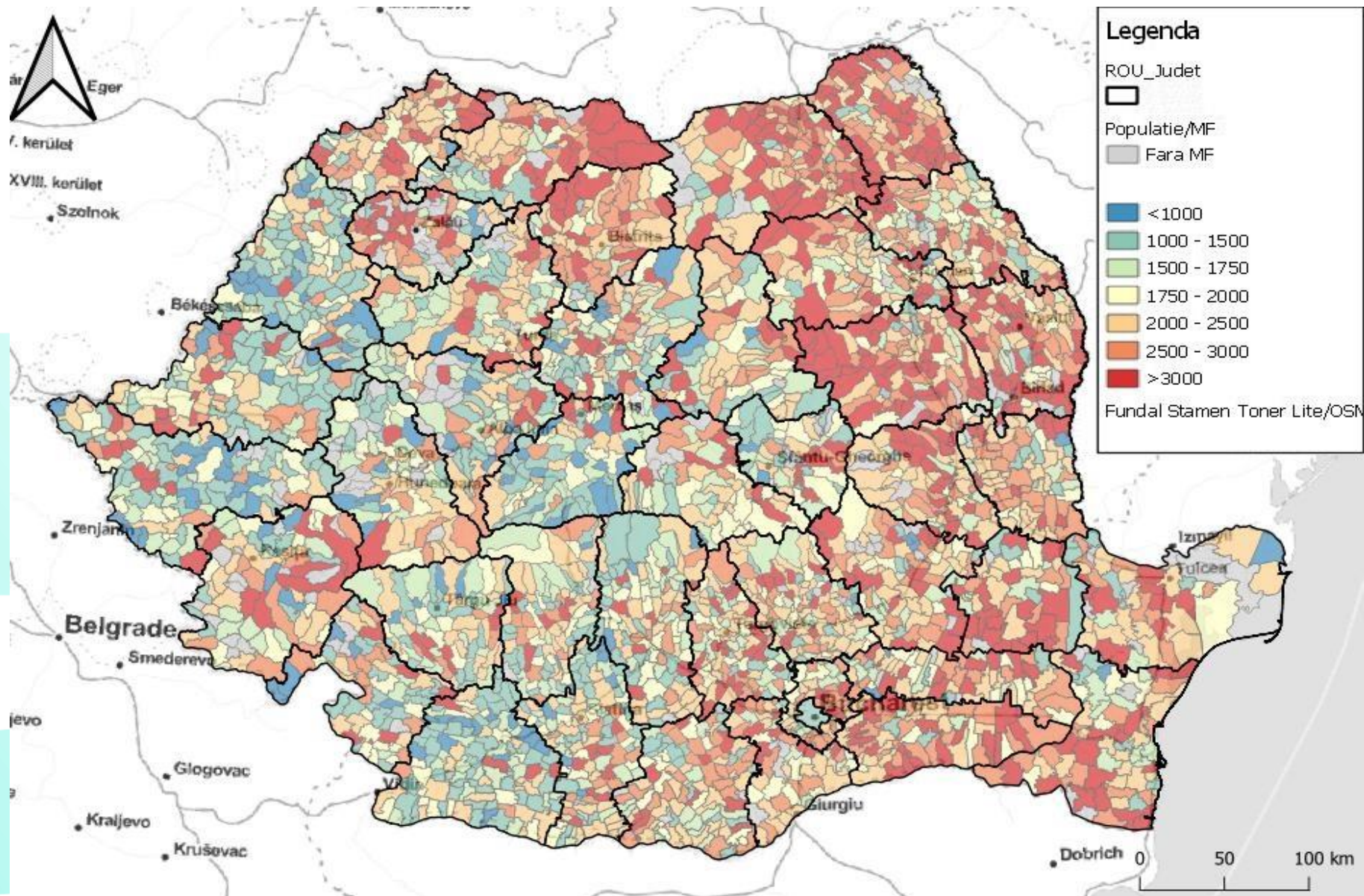
Challenges in
recruiting
young nurses
in a poor city.

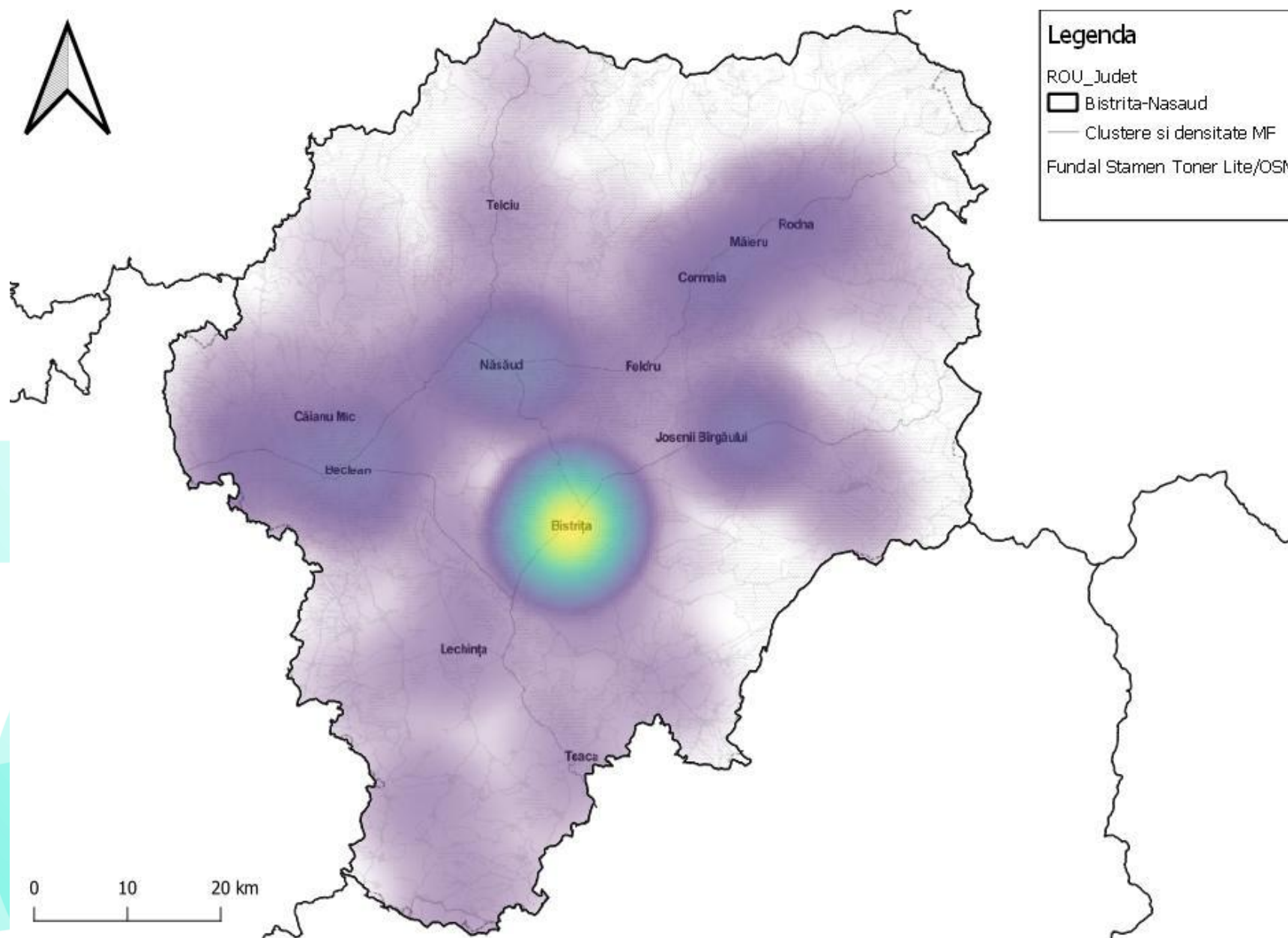
Barriers to
attract
midwives to
a rural
community.

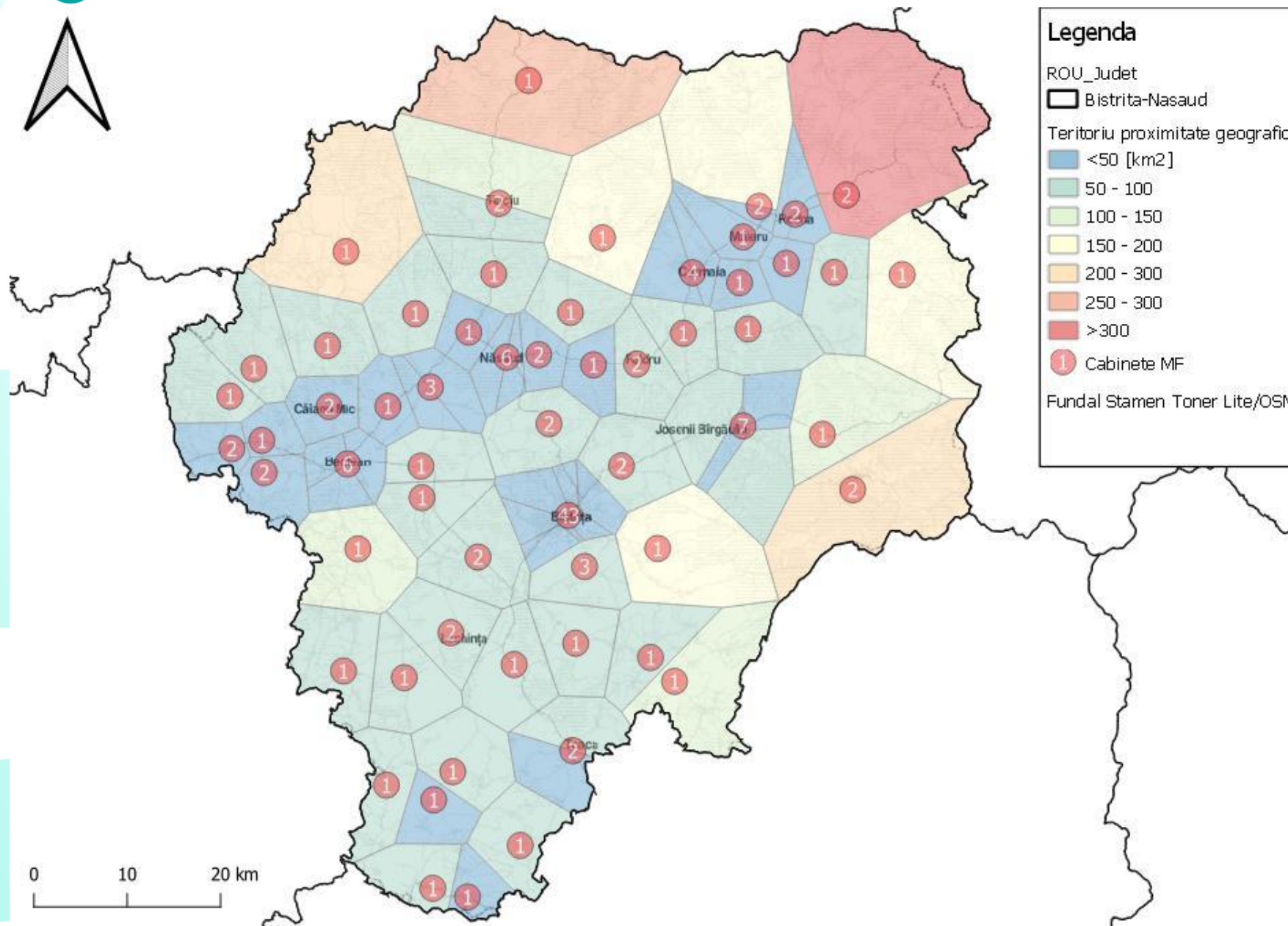
A lack of specialist
doctors in a
municipality.

Difficulties to
retain general
practitioners in a
remote area.



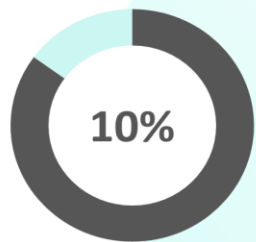






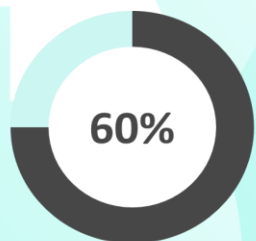


Should Romania be concerned about the coverage with PHC workforce?



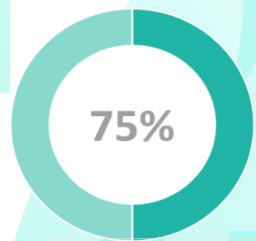
Ageing GP Workforce

The share of GPs 65 years old and older is 10%



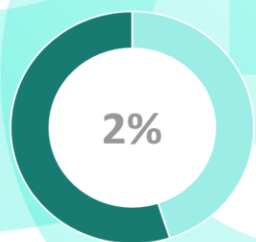
Uneven coverage with CHWs

60% of the counties in Romania (25 out of 42) have less than 60 CHWs



Unbalanced distribution of CHWs

75% of all CHWs are located in rural areas



Insufficient school doctors in rural areas

Although 62% of the schools in Romania are located in rural areas (where 28% of all students study), only 2% of the school doctors are practicing in rural areas

Key messages



Exchange information

Benefit from successful examples and lessons from other parts of EU / the world



Communicate faster

Effective decisions require timely data



Think local

Local challenges require local solutions



Raise awareness

Medical deserts are a reality, but they can be addressed

Thank you!

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