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## Differences or similarities? – Regional disparities on the labour market by the region of Western Greece and Northern Hungary

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## Regional disparities I.

- There are regional disparities in terms of labour market, besides economic performance.
- One important aspect of the European integration process is reducing the developmental differences among particular countries and regions; and help underdeveloped countries and regions closing the gap.

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## Regional disparities II.

The literature mentions the following factors determining regional disparities:

- development of infrastructure,
- geographical position,
- human resources of the region,
- quality of education,
- level of research and development,
- size of working capital and many other factors. (Lengyel – Rechnitzer 2004)

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## Social indicators in Greece and Hungary

Source: Own compilation on the basis of Eurostat data

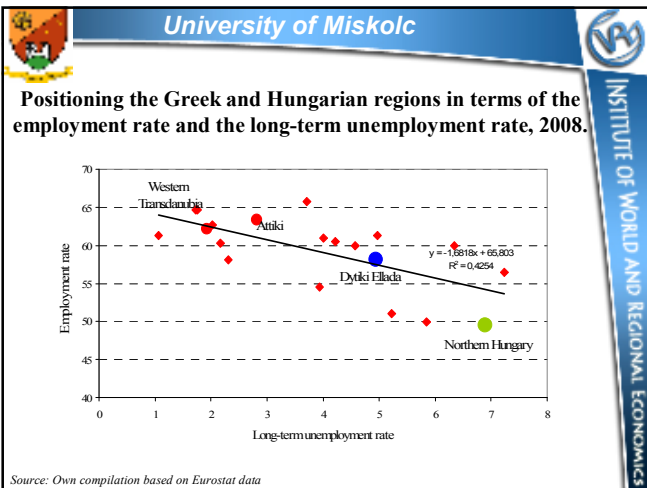
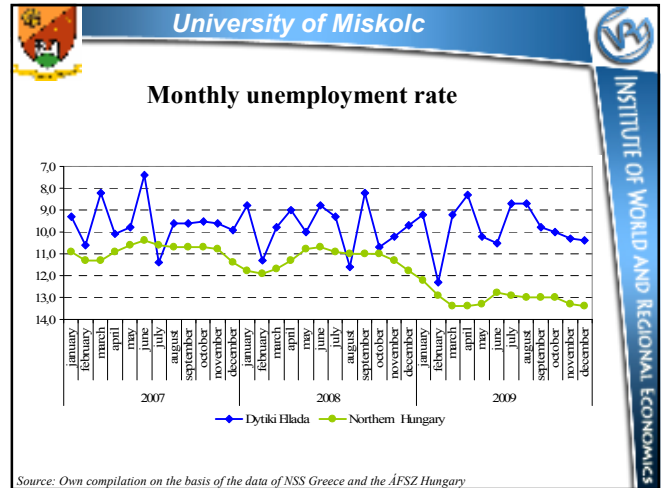
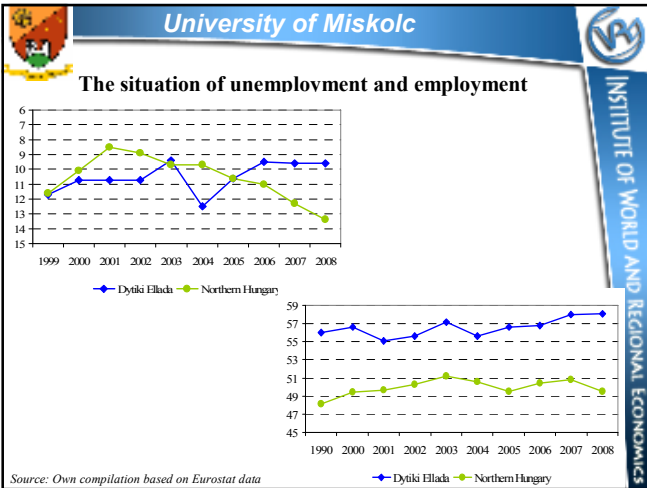
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## GDP per capita of the regions of Greece and Hungary relative to the average of EU27 in 2006

Source: Own compilation

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### Conclusion

- Many similarities can be discovered between the two regions: relatively high unemployment rate is present in both, although the rates of employment significantly differ.
- Overall, concluded that the test period, the region of Western Greece labour market was in a better position than in the Northern Hungary one.
- The title that appears the answer: the similarities and differences co-exist with this two analysed regions.
- Further lines of research can be – which is not discussed here - the situation in the handling of the two regions.



**Thank you for your attention!**

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