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The first objective of this paper is to obtain a set of variables that proxy for the phenomenon of high-skilled labour mobility at the NUTS3 level for the whole of EU countries. Secondly, we perform a detailed exploratory spatial analysis to detect the focuses of attraction of talent throughout the European geography, looking for the *agglomeration centres for knowledge flows*. We would like to test whether these focuses are randomly distributed across the space or, on the contrary, they follow certain spatial pattern. Through the use of several descriptive statistics, we want to elucidate to what extent geographical movements of inventors is a phenomena bounded in the space or country specific.