

## Workshop C – central and eastern Europe: cross-border regions in relation to polycentric development

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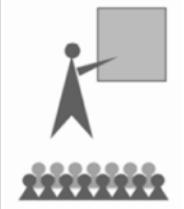
1. Cross-border polycentric metropolitan regions on European scale



2. Case Studies: Greater Region & Upper Rhine

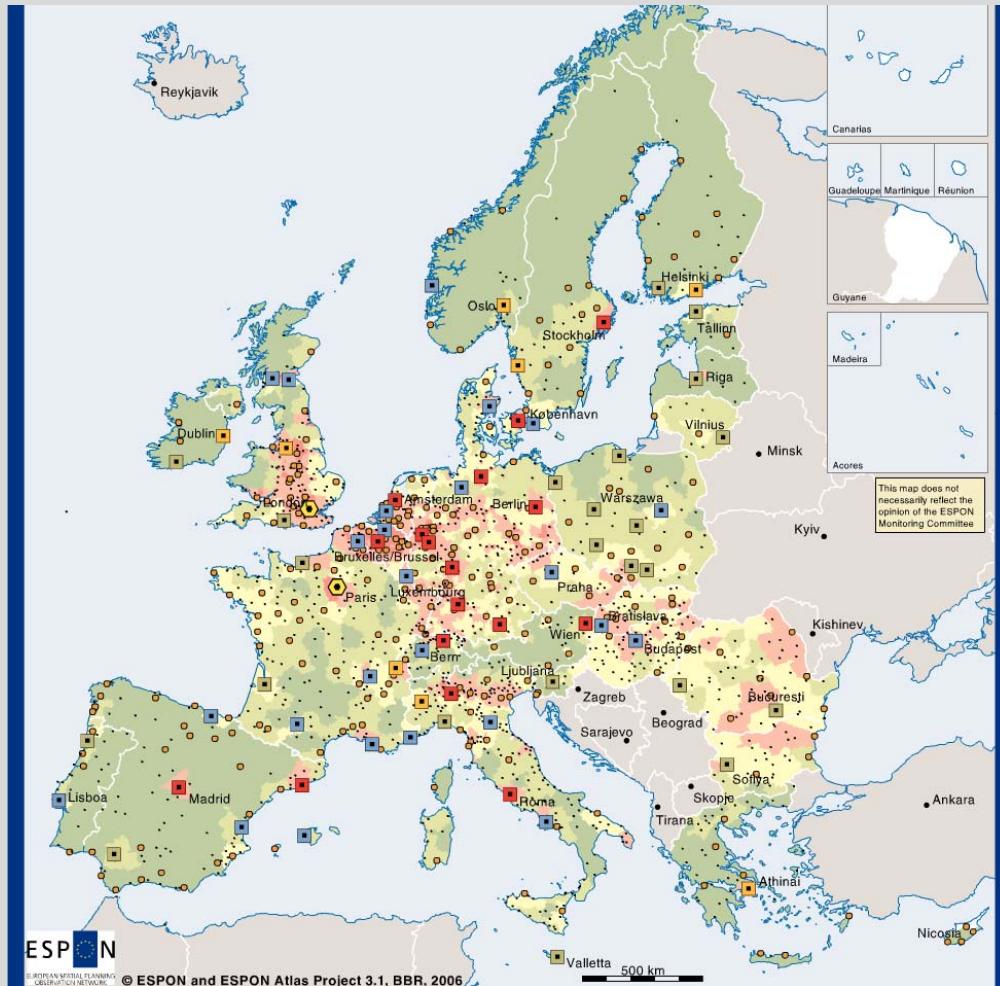


3. Strategy building



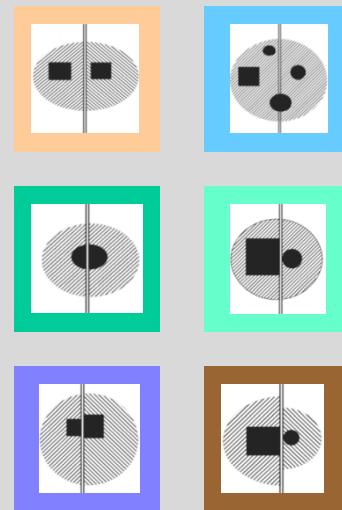
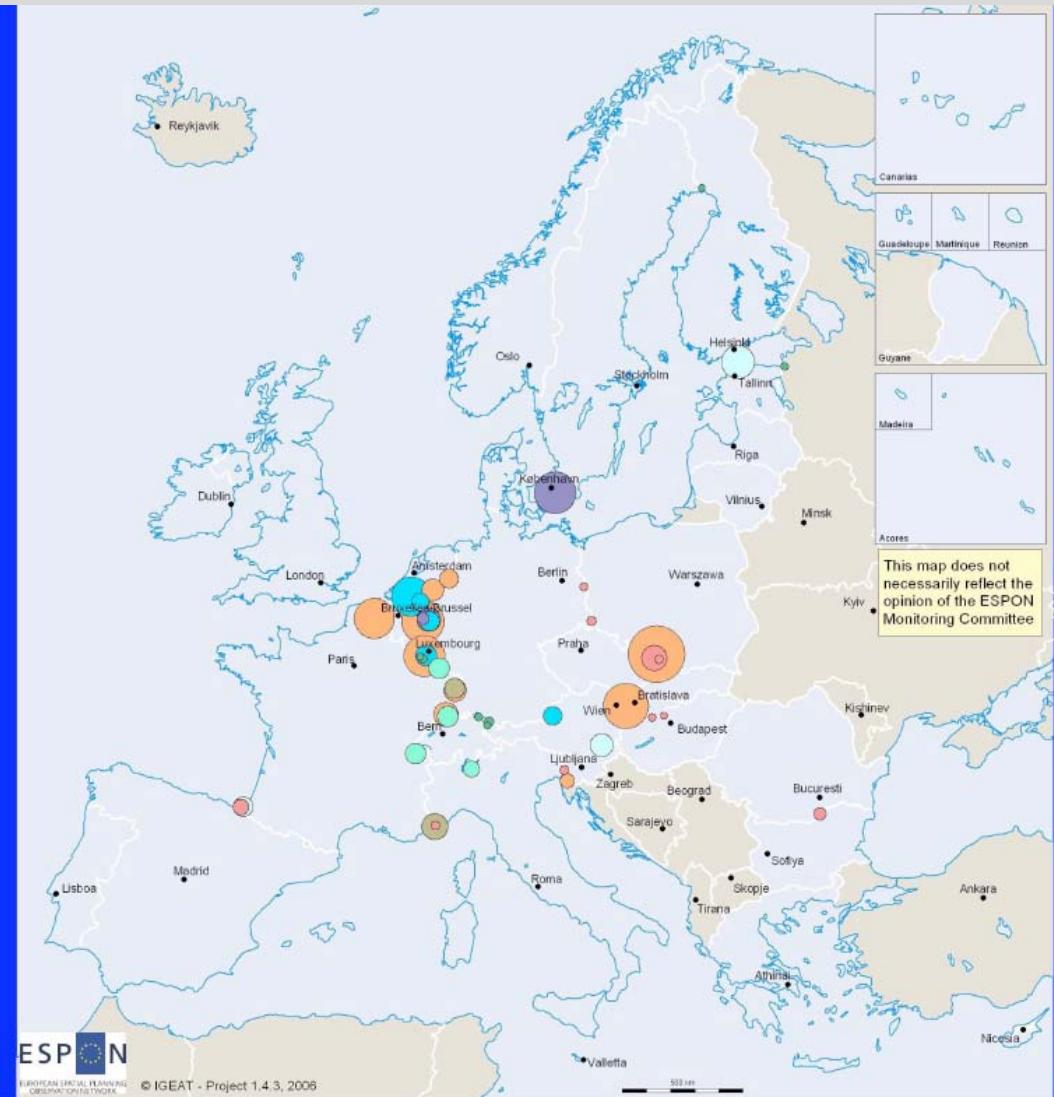
4. Dissemination

# Europe's settlement structure



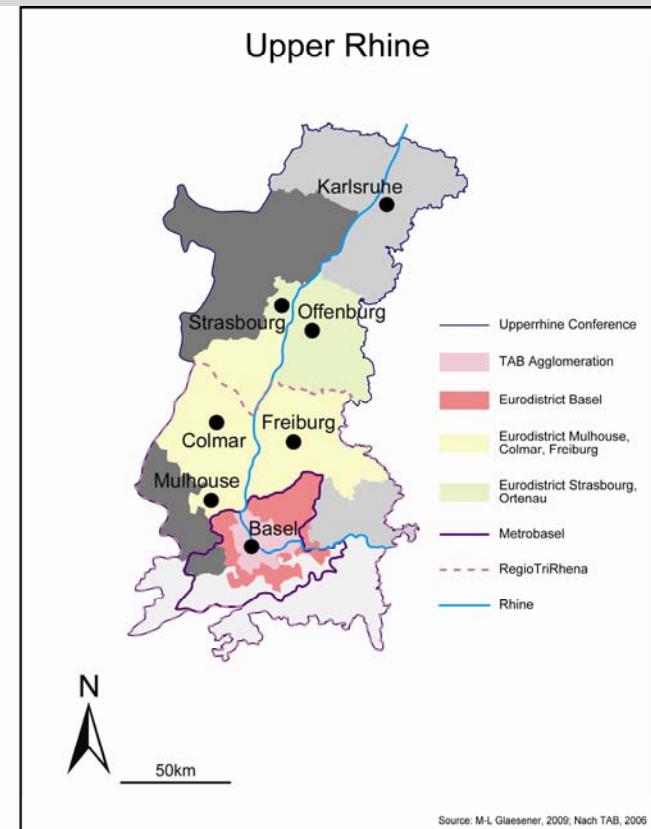
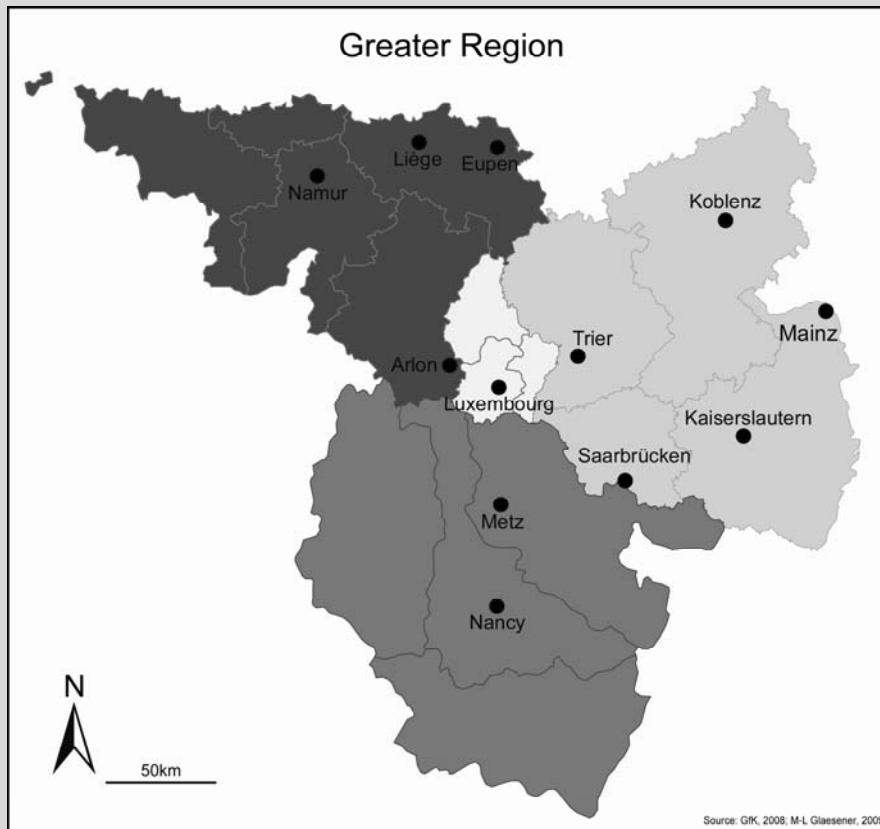
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ESPON 2006/3.1, ESPON  
Atlas

# Cross-border polycentric (metropolitan?) regions

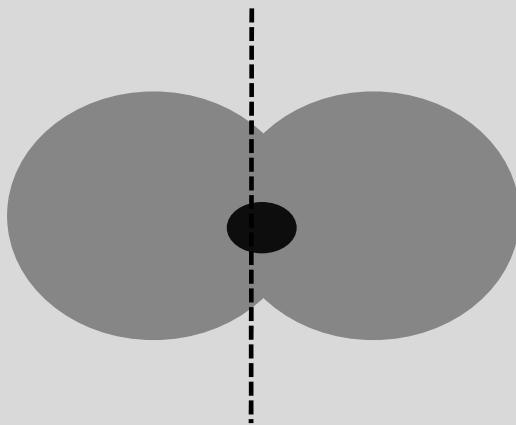


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# Cross-border situations and polycentrism – case study level

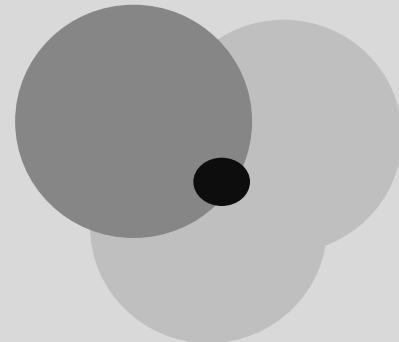


## Territorial consequences of economic crisis in CB regions



**Border:**  
Barrier vs. Interface ?

**Cross-border regions:**  
Core vs. Periphery ?



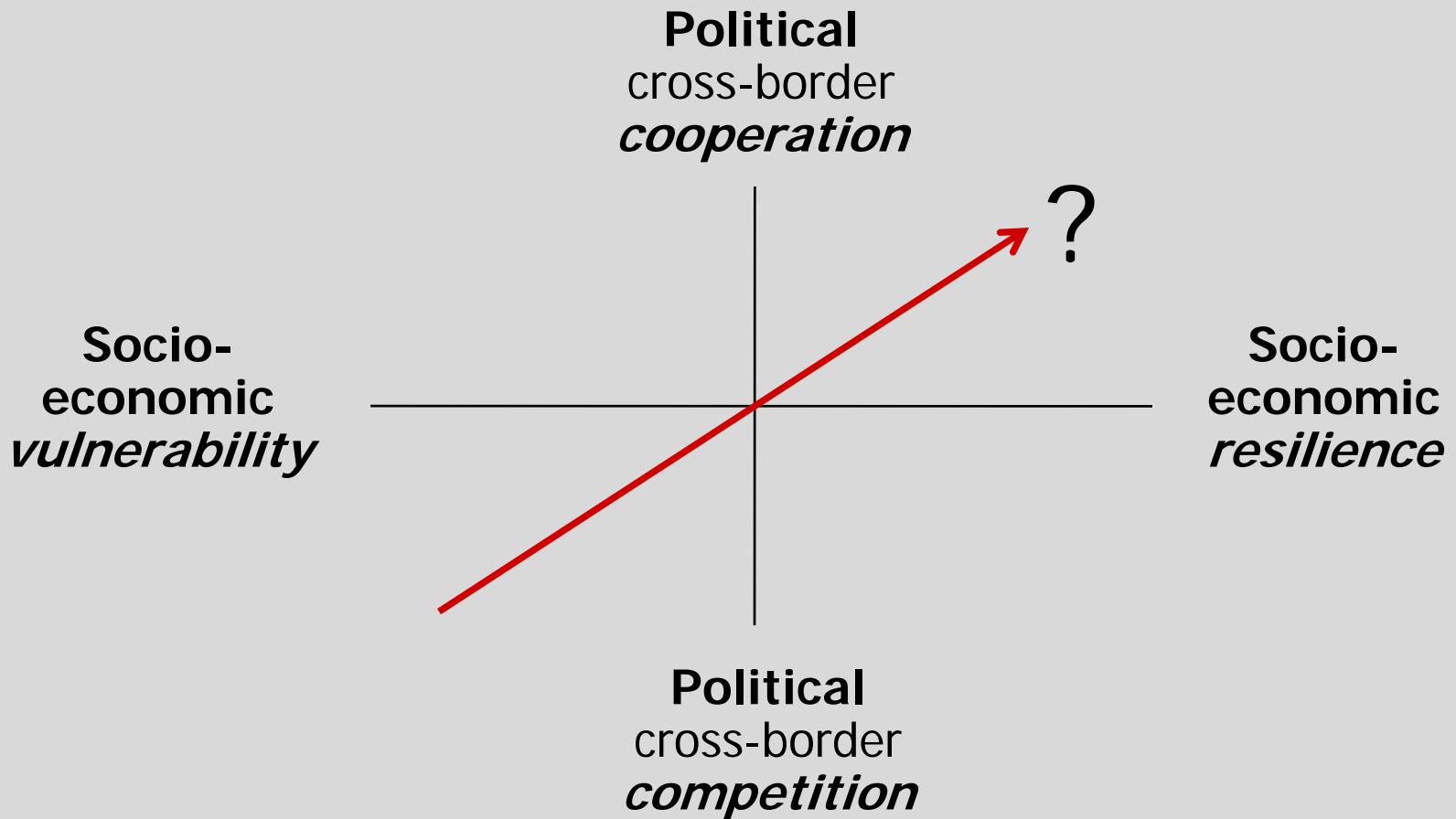
## Political challenges

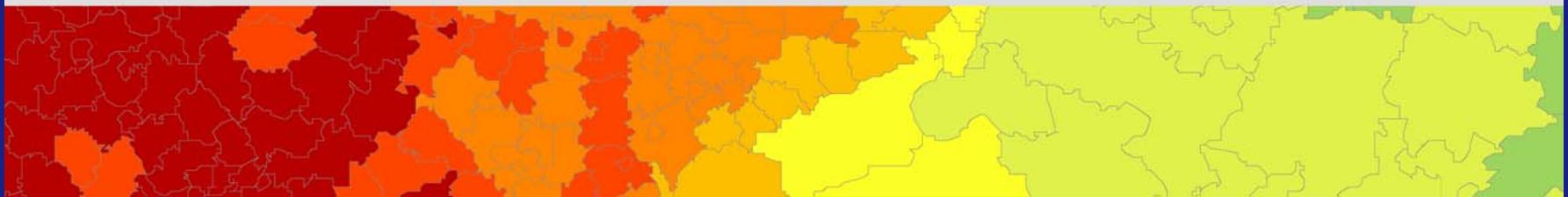
|                          | Domestic<br>metropolitan regions | Cross-border<br>metropolitan regions |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Hierarchical positioning | -                                | --                                   |
| Multi-level positioning  | +                                | ++                                   |
| Language issues          | /                                | - (+)                                |
| Intercultural issues     | /                                | - (+)                                |
| Complexity               | /                                | --                                   |
| ....                     | ....                             | ....                                 |

## Socio-economic challenges

|                                | Domestic<br>metropolitan regions | Cross-border<br>metropolitan regions |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Complementarity                | +                                | ++                                   |
| Cohesion                       | -                                | --                                   |
| Reputation / Image             | ++                               | +                                    |
| Internationality /<br>networks | +                                | ++                                   |
| Accessability                  | ++                               | -                                    |
| ...                            | ...                              | ...                                  |

Coping strategies depend on cross-border integration





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## METROBORDER Stakeholders

|               |                                                                                                                 |           |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>ARE</b>    | <b>Bundesamt für Raumentwicklung<br/>(Lead)</b>                                                                 | <b>CH</b> |
| <b>MAT</b>    | Ministère de l'Intérieur et de l'Aménagement du Territoire                                                      | <b>LU</b> |
| <b>DIACT</b>  | Délégation interministérielle à l'aménagement et à la compétitivité des territoires                             | <b>FR</b> |
| <b>BMVBS</b>  | Bundesministerium für Verkehr, Bau und Stadtentwicklung                                                         | <b>DE</b> |
| <b>DGATLP</b> | Ministère de la Région Wallone, Direction générale de l'Aménagement du territoire, du Logement et du Patrimoine | <b>BE</b> |

## The involved scientific institutions

| UL            | <b>Université du Luxembourg (Lead)</b>                                         | LU |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| <b>CEGUM</b>  | Centre de Recherches en Géographie - Université de Metz                        | FR |
| <b>CEPS</b>   | Centre d'Etudes de Populations, de Pauvreté et de Politiques Socio-Economiques | LU |
| <b>ETHZ</b>   | Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich                                    | CH |
| <b>IGEAT</b>  | Université Libre de Bruxelles                                                  | BE |
| <b>RegBas</b> | Regio Basiliensis                                                              | CH |
| <b>UHA</b>    | Université de Haute Alsace                                                     | FR |
| <b>USB</b>    | Universität des Saarlandes                                                     | DE |