

# SPATIAL STRATEGIES ON THE ISLAND OF IRELAND: FRAMEWORK FOR COLLABORATION

## THE PRACTICAL OPPORTUNITIES

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# PREMISE

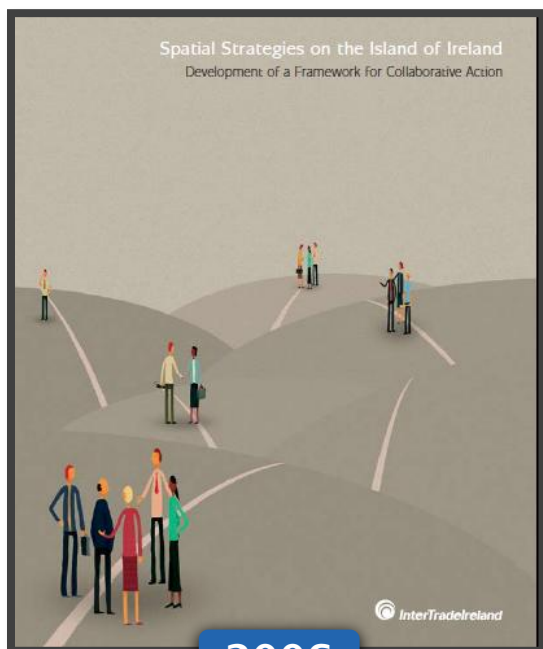
- **Challenges:**
  - Despite progress, still a legacy of back-to-back planning.
  - Public uncertainty about the relationship between central and local authorities.
  - Local authorities on both sides facing funding cuts.
- **Opportunities:**
  - Policies, strategies and plans can be strengthened through n/s dialogue & actions.
  - Emerging information for identifying areas for cooperation.
  - Local and Regional authorities are working on collaborative initiatives in the border region

**Functional Integration**



**Institutional Integration**

# THE COLLABORATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR SPATIAL STRATEGIES



2006



2011

*The experience of recent years showed that the region is an essential building block where functional relationships, physical proximity, shared challenges and opportunities begin to build relationships.*

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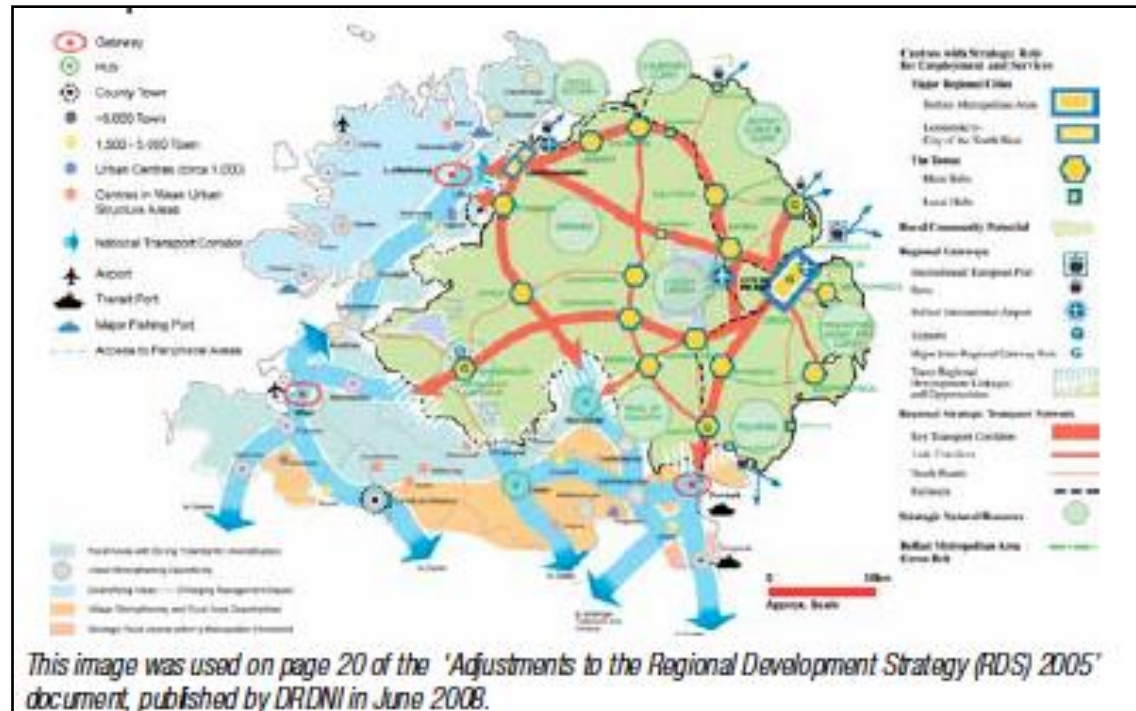
## STRATEGIC AND REGIONAL COOPERATION

Equipping the Island

Competitive Places

Environmental Quality

Spatial Analysis





EU COHESION POLICY

## An Opportunity: Territorial Cohesion, EU Cohesion policy 2014+

### 4 pillars for fostering Territorial Cohesion, with the support of Cohesion policy 2014+, for cross border regions

1. Integrated strategies, also across borders
2. Territorial programming: place based approach
  1. Horizontal and vertical coordination of policies
  1. Evidence-based policy making

Source: Jean Peyrony, Director of the Transfrontier Operational Mission in France

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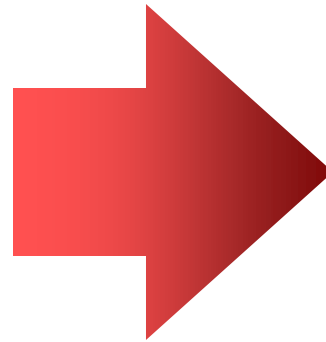
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# OLD REGIONALISM VERSUS NEW REGIONALISM

**Old Regionalism**  
Hierarchy-Based System

**New Regionalism**  
Network-Based System

Government  
Structure  
Closed  
Coordination  
Accountability  
Power



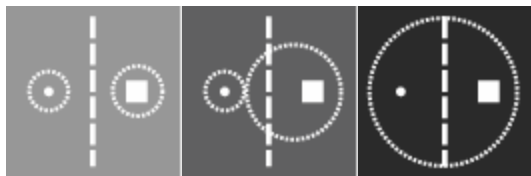
Governance  
Process  
Open  
Collaboration  
Trust  
Empowerment

Source: Allan Wallis, "The New Regionalism Inventing Governance Structures for the Early Twenty-First Century"

## Functional Integration:

Form and intensity of socioeconomic interactions observed across the border

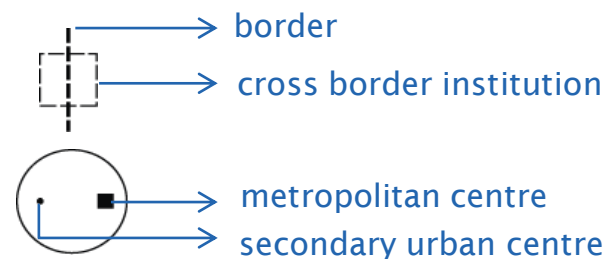
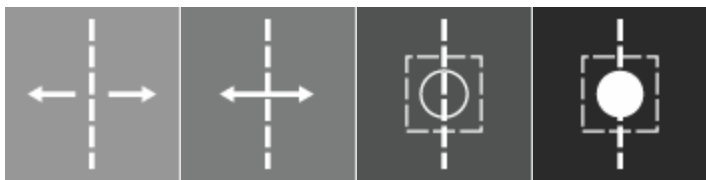
### Separation → Interaction



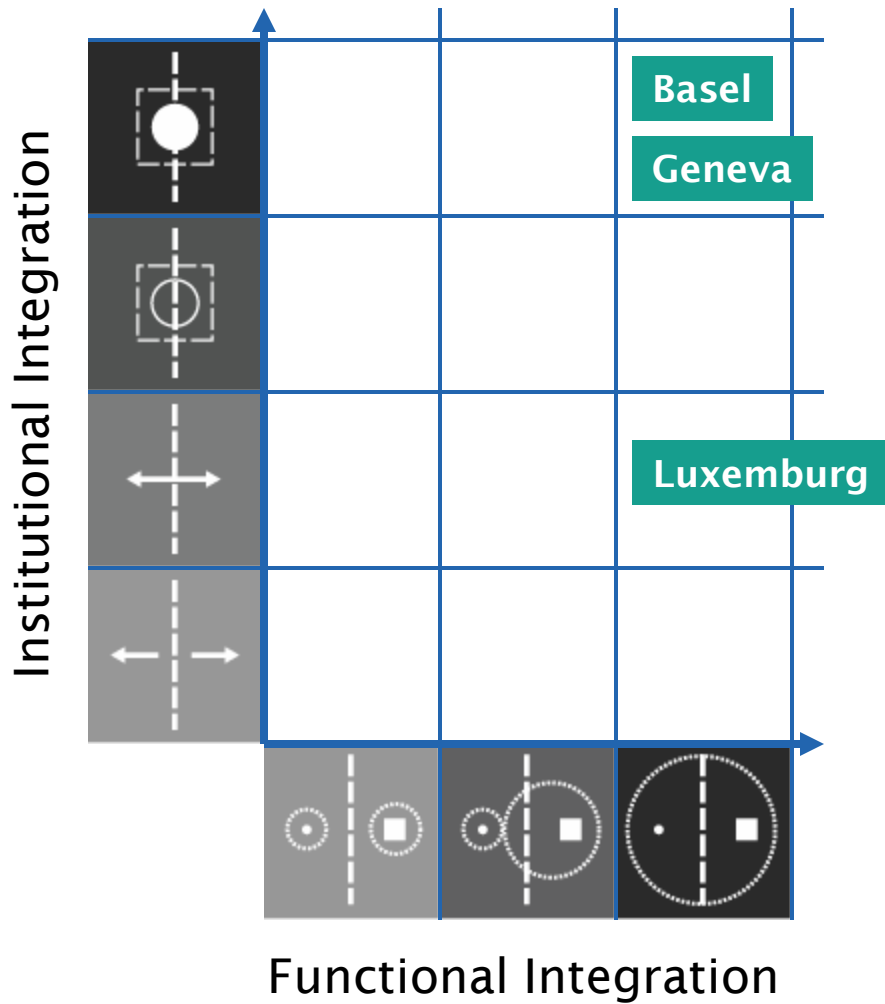
## Institutional Integration:

Form and intensity of interactions between actors who are potentially willing to cooperate, whether they have political responsibility, are technical operators, or are representatives of civil society.

### Ignorance → Cooperation



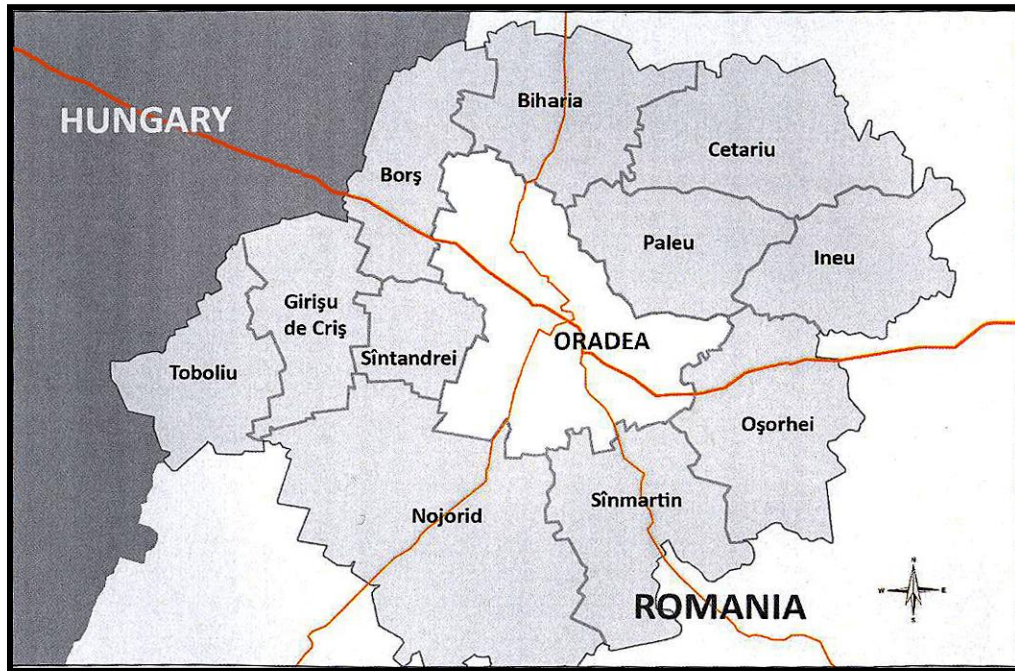
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# ORADEA ROMANIA METROPOLITAN AREA



Inter-community development association “Zona Metropolitană Oradea” (OMA) is the co-operation structure set up in 2005 by Oradea Municipality and the 11 neighboring administrative units with the aim of promoting the sustainable development in the common space made up of the 12 local communities.

Oradea Metropolitan Area Population  
Oradea Municipality 204,000  
Communes 46,500

Source: OMA brochure

# ORADEA METROPOLITAN AREA

## 5 OBJECTIVES

### 1. **Economic Development**

*The increase of number of jobs and of revenue in the metropolitan area, and the creation of a business environment which supports the existing companies and attracts new ones.*

### 2. **Administration and public services**

*The development of an efficient, competitive and transparent administration, which would cooperate with public partners, business environment and local communities, and the development of stable and equilibrated budgets.*

### 3. **Transport and accessibility**

*The increase of working force's and product's mobility -inside and outside the metropolitan area.*

### 4. **Quality of life**

*The increase of quality of life and environment for present and future inhabitants.*

### 5. **Community, culture and identity**

*The recovery and preservation of local cultural and spiritual identity, and the generation of equal opportunities for participation in the metropolitan area's community life.*

Source: Andrei Luncan

# ORADEA METROPOLITAN AREA PROCESS

2001

- The memorandum for inter-communal co-operation

2002

- Seminars and training
- Decisions of all local councils
- Metro plans
- Influence on national legislature

- **Projects:**

- Partnership framework between Oradea Municipality and neighbouring communes for an eco-landfill
- Oradea Gas Distribution Company
- GIS
- The start of Master Plans revision process and the preparation for Zonal Urban Plans elaboration
- Application for EU funding for infrastructure
- Mayor's council and secretariat established
- Metro transport coordination

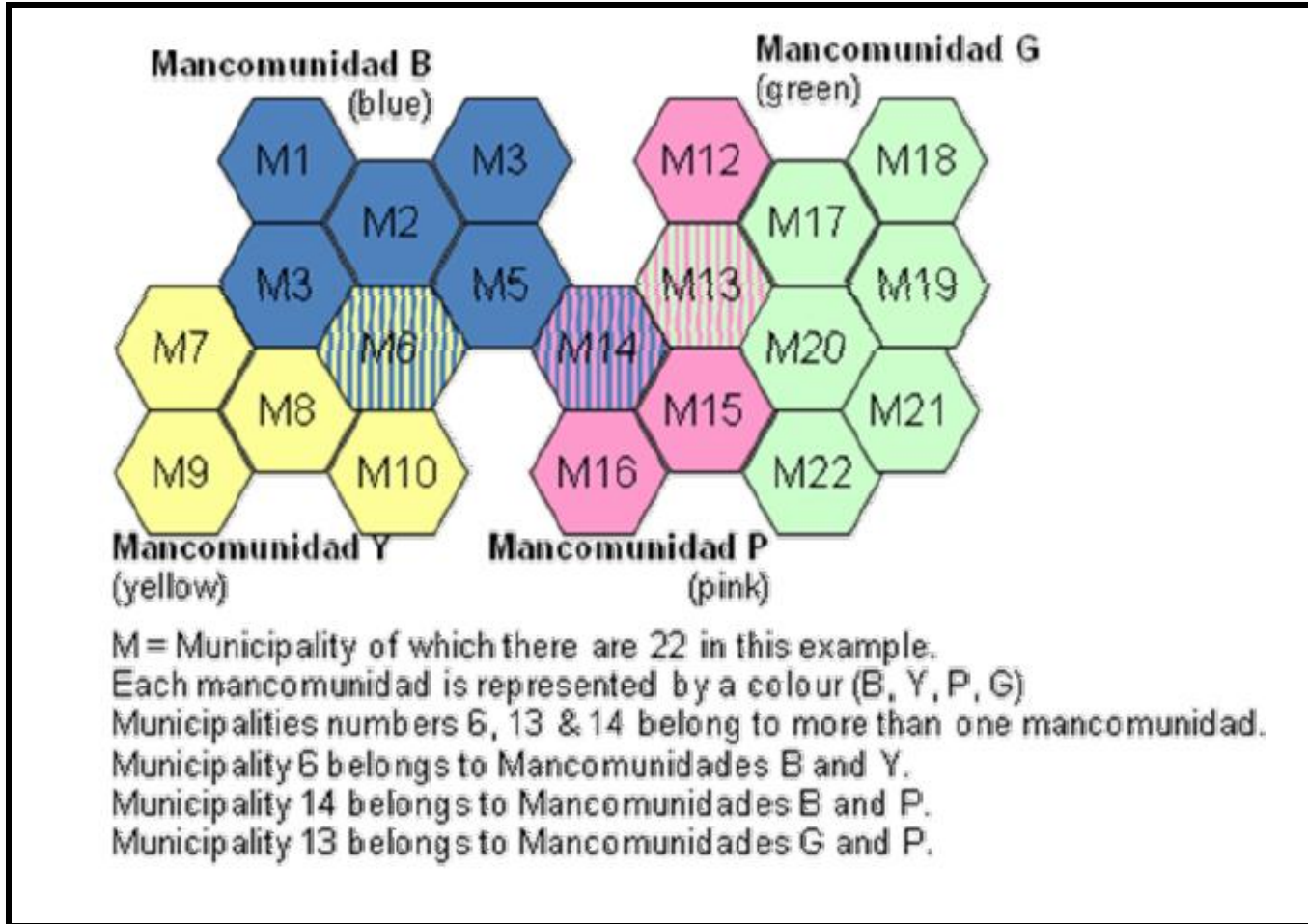
2005

- Oradea Metro Area formed



Source: Andrei Lunčan

# MANCOMUNIDAD: HOW MUNICIPALITIES WORK TOGETHER

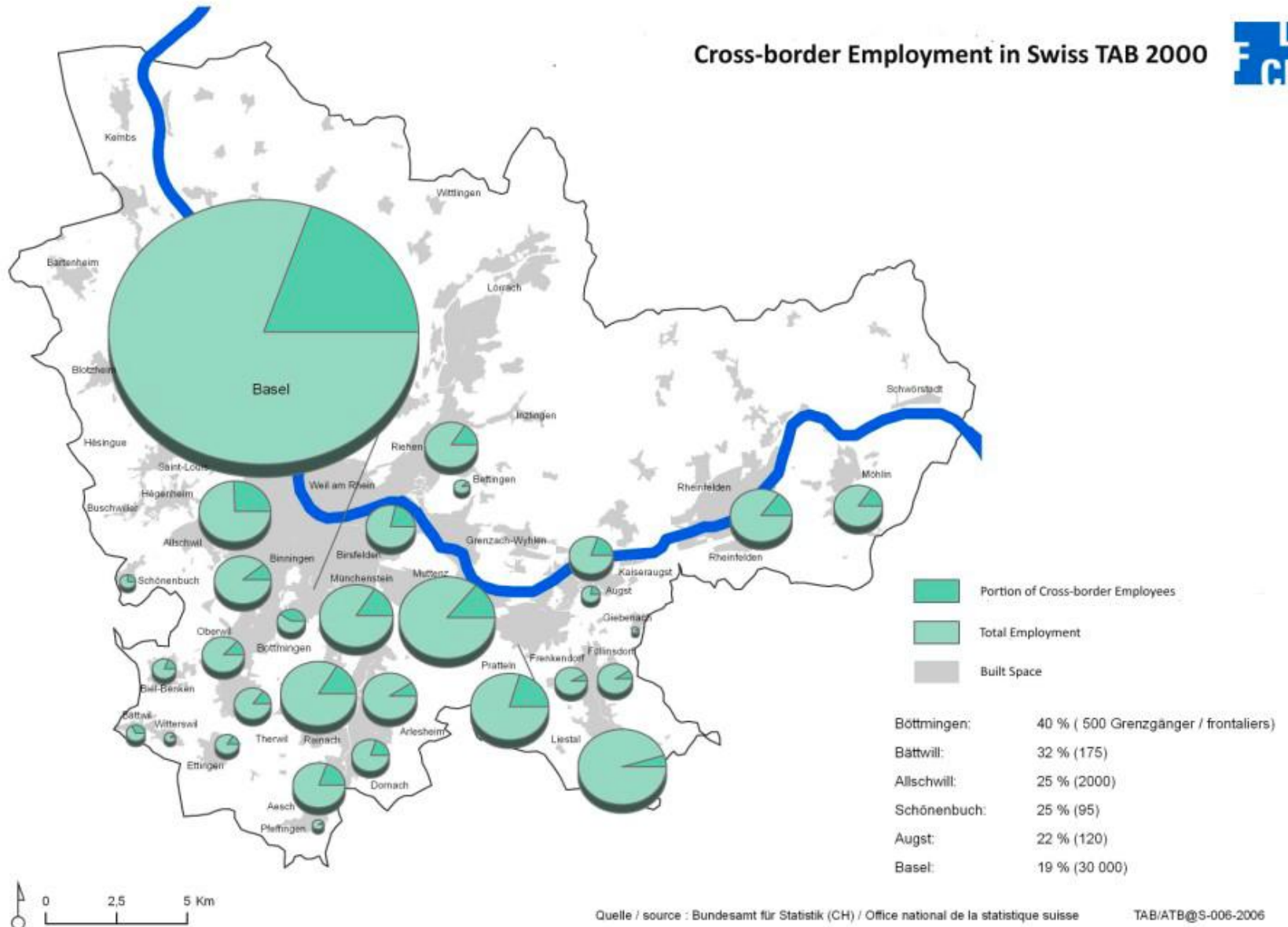


Source: O'Keefe, 2010, p.8, ICLRD.



# METRO BASEL-THREE BORDERS ONE REGION

Cross-border Employment in Swiss TAB 2000



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## TAB 2001 Development Concept

- A joint vision for the Basel Metro area; report summarises cooperation from 1997-2001; proposals for 32 key projects.
- Published by the TAB-ATB association. Interreg II Funding for studies.



## TEB 2007 Projects and Development Strategy

- Updated version of 2001 report with new projects.
- Published by the 'upgraded' association---the Trinational Eurodistrict Basel (TEB-ETB).

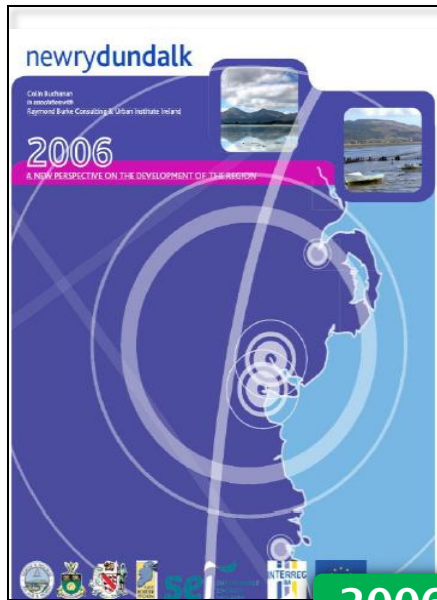


## TEB Basel 2020

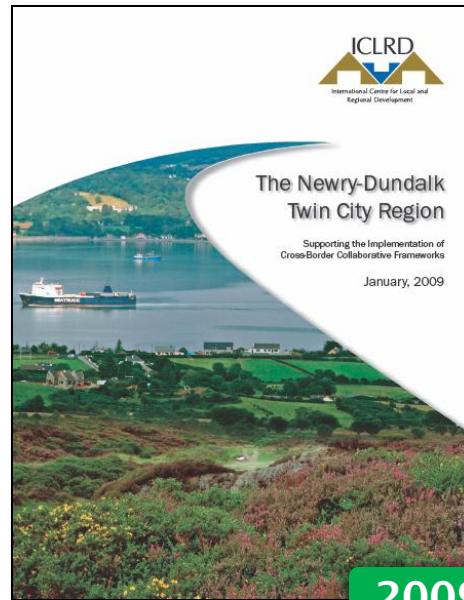
- Vision for Metro Basel in 2020 with an international exhibit to promote cross-border cooperation.
- Published by the TEB-ETB as a vision of Basel Metro in 2020.

Source: TEB/TAB documents and presentation

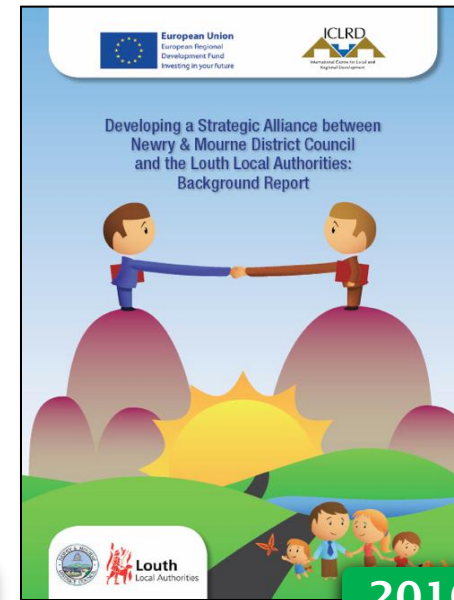
# STRATEGIC ALLIANCE BETWEEN NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL AND THE LOUTH LOCAL AUTHORITIES



2006



2009



2010

*The sustained engagement through joint-studies, workshops, training and engaging policy and technical expertise led to a MOU for Cooperation between in March 2011.*



2011







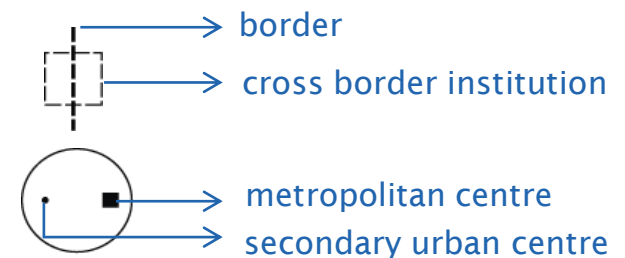
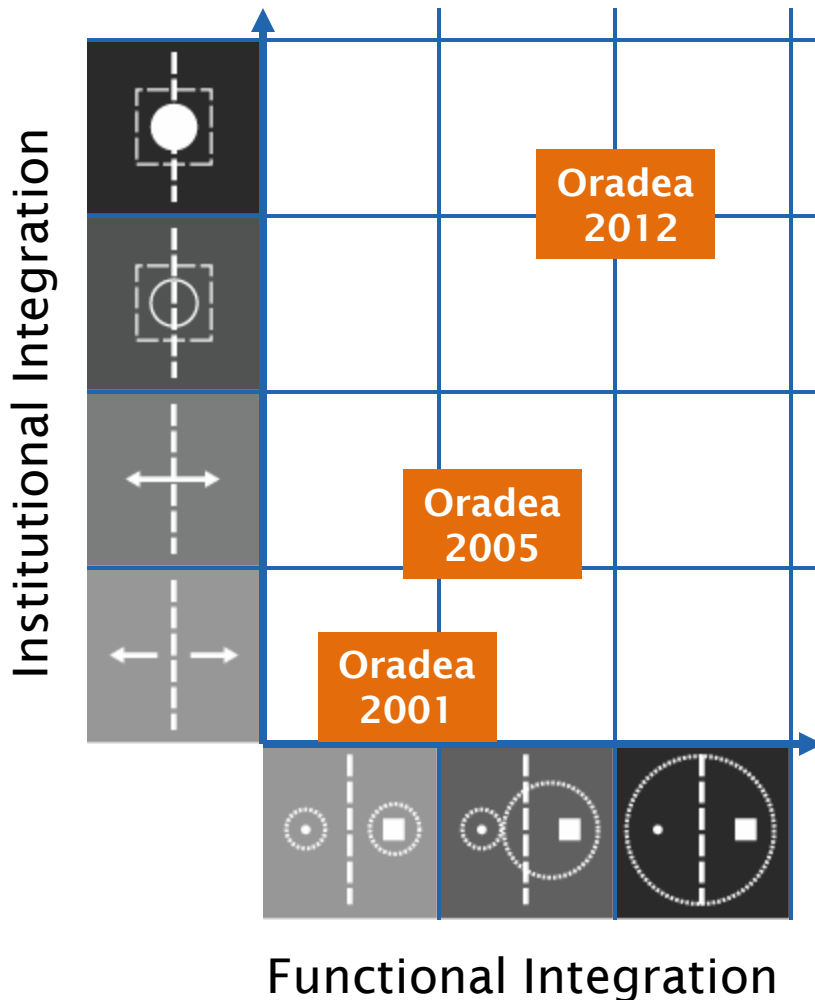
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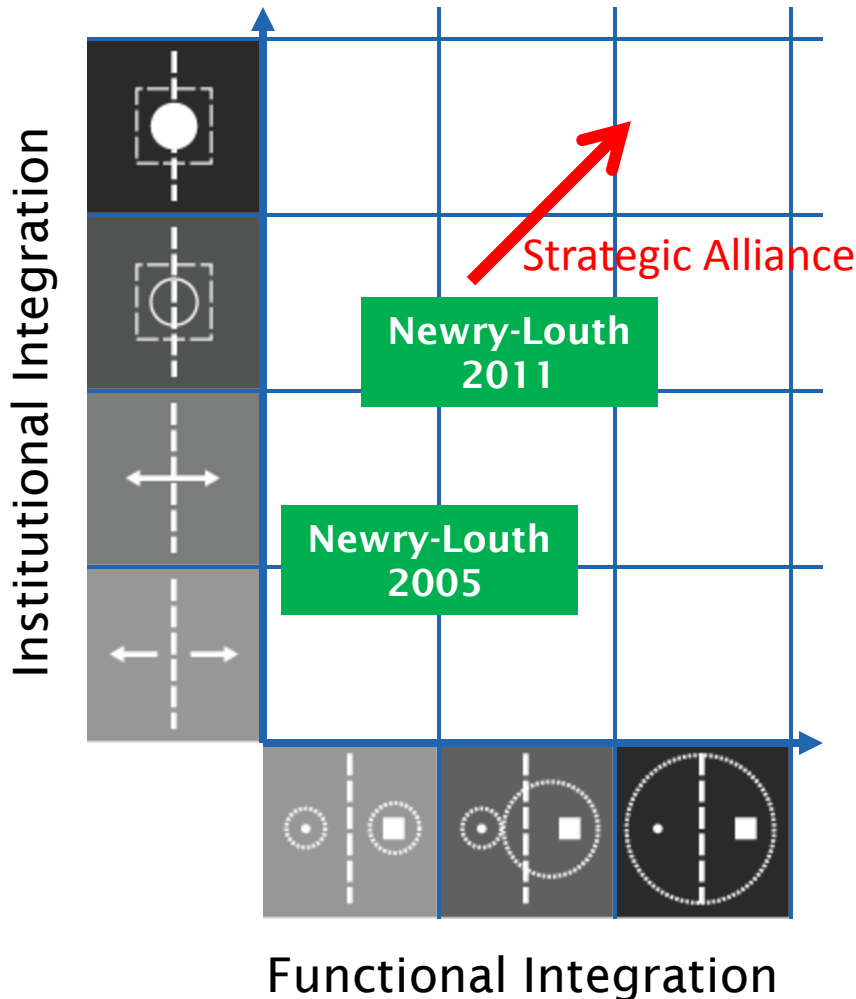
# PLACING ORADEA

Continuously building its level of cooperation and the type and complexity of its programme.

It is now recognised as a region by central government and speaks on behalf of the region to access EU and central government funding and attract new businesses.

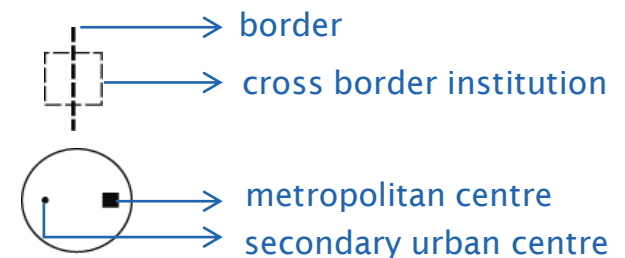


# PLACING NEWRY AND LOUTH



The MOU is now creating stronger institutional linkages, and the initial structures and processes for political and official cooperation.

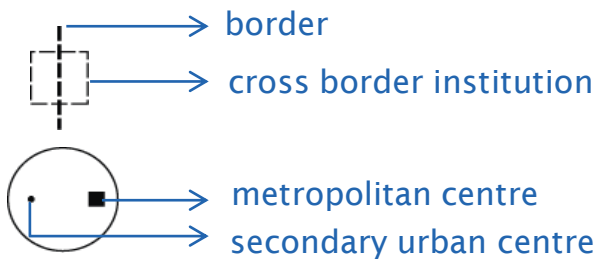
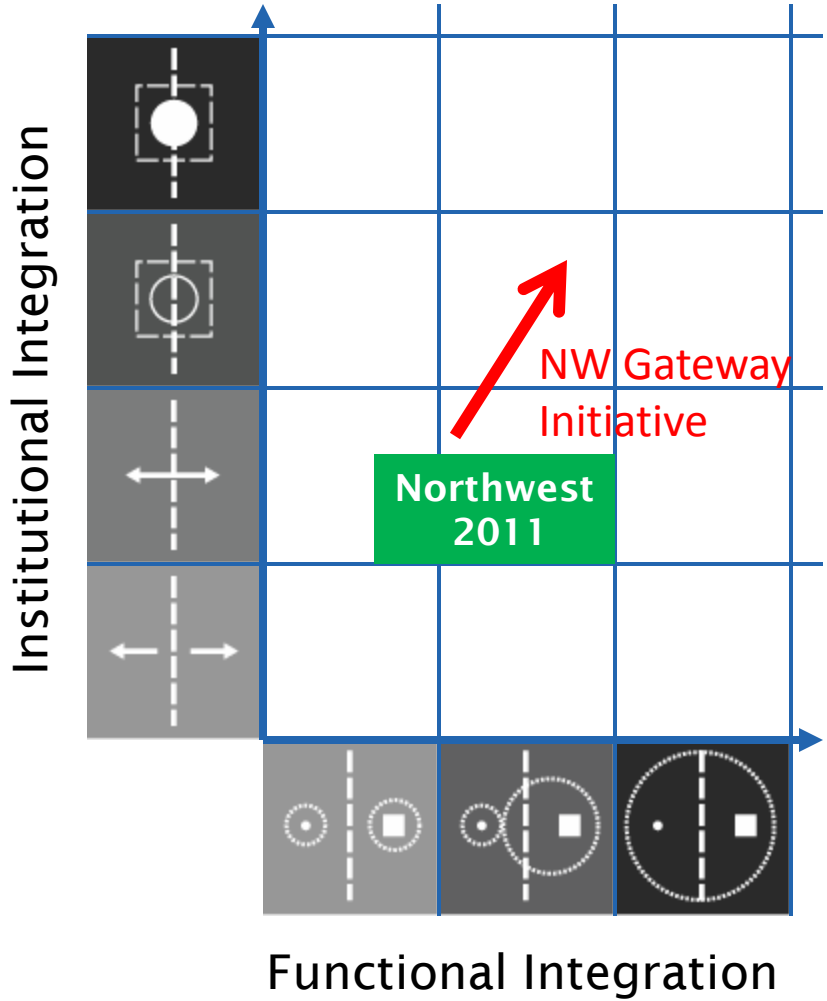
The two local authorities are now sharing personnel, linking their tourism, economic development and energy and renewables work and have joined-up their efforts in cooperation with the East Border Region to seek important Interreg funding.



# PLACING THE NORTHWEST

The recent initiatives show the potential pathway towards stronger functional and integration:

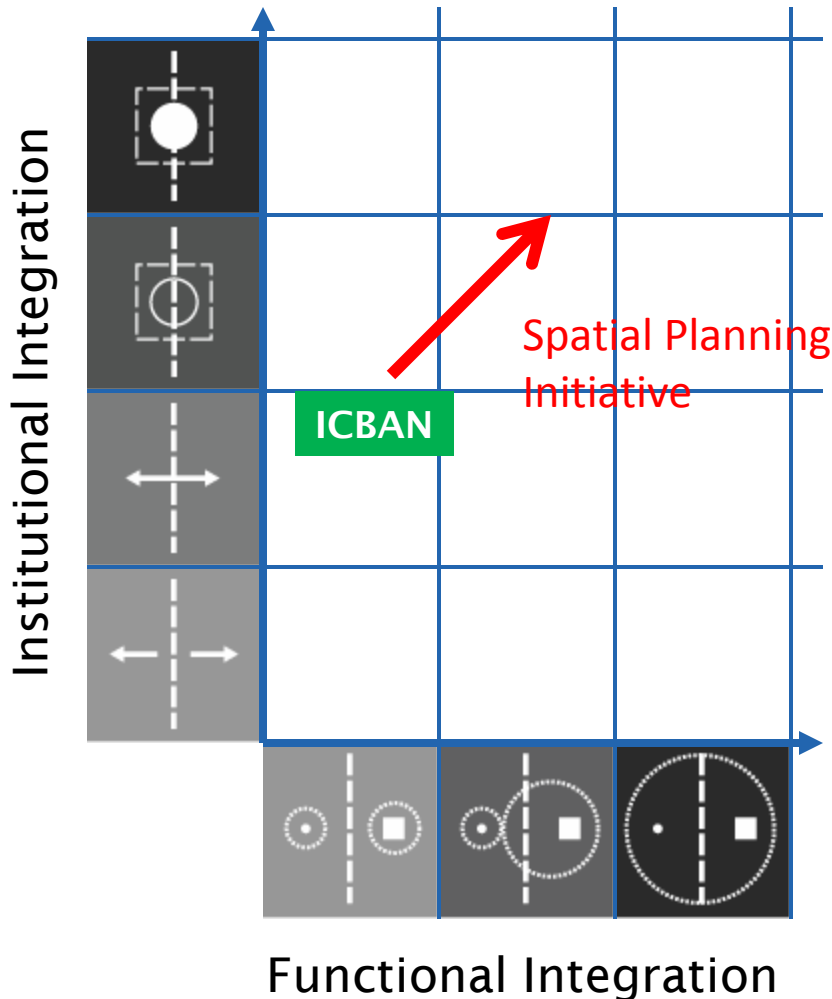
- NW Partnership Board,
- Cross-border cooperation objectives in the One Plan for Derry-Londonderry
- Donegal County Development plan
- Building on joint opportunities presented by the City of Culture 2013



# PLACING ICBAN

The Central Border Region is starting to progress its regional vision through its Spatial Planning Initiative that can identify the functional and economic linkages.

The Region can move to the point where it can convincingly explain its potential and confidently argue and represent its case.



# REQUIRED ELEMENTS

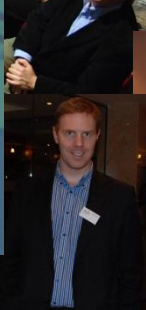
- Cross-Border cooperation in Europe and inter-jurisdictional cooperation in the US requires cooperation at the Political Level, the Technical Level and within Civil Society.
- These are essential to the collaborative framework between central government and among the regions.

# THE ROLE OF THE REGIONS AND THE COLLABORATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR SPATIAL STRATEGIES

- The regions can fill the space between central and local government;
- Within the Irish Border Region it is even more essential to build on the practical opportunities that are present. If you are a functioning region .....
- You know who you are and your starting point (shared relationships and assets);
- Understand where you want to go and agree on essential areas of cooperation (Vision, Priority Themes and Projects);
- Your capacity to undertake work (organisation, management and accessing internal and external resources); and
- Represent yourself (as other successful regions have!)

*The Collaborative Framework for Spatial Strategies on the Island can support these emerging regional initiatives , help to operationalise strategic cooperation and provide a pathway to work more constructively with government*





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