ENVISIONING REGIONAL FUTURES:
an interactive governance perspective for regional spatial planning

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Research questions

- ✓ In a context of governance rescaling across Europe, how **soft governance practices** (strategic planning, regional design …) interact with **statutory planning systems**?

- ✓ Given nowadays regional awakening and revival, how this interaction affects **regional planning** (institutional/urban regions)?

- ✓ Making a focus on **images** as a mean for **interactive governance**, how can **visioning enhance** this **interaction**?
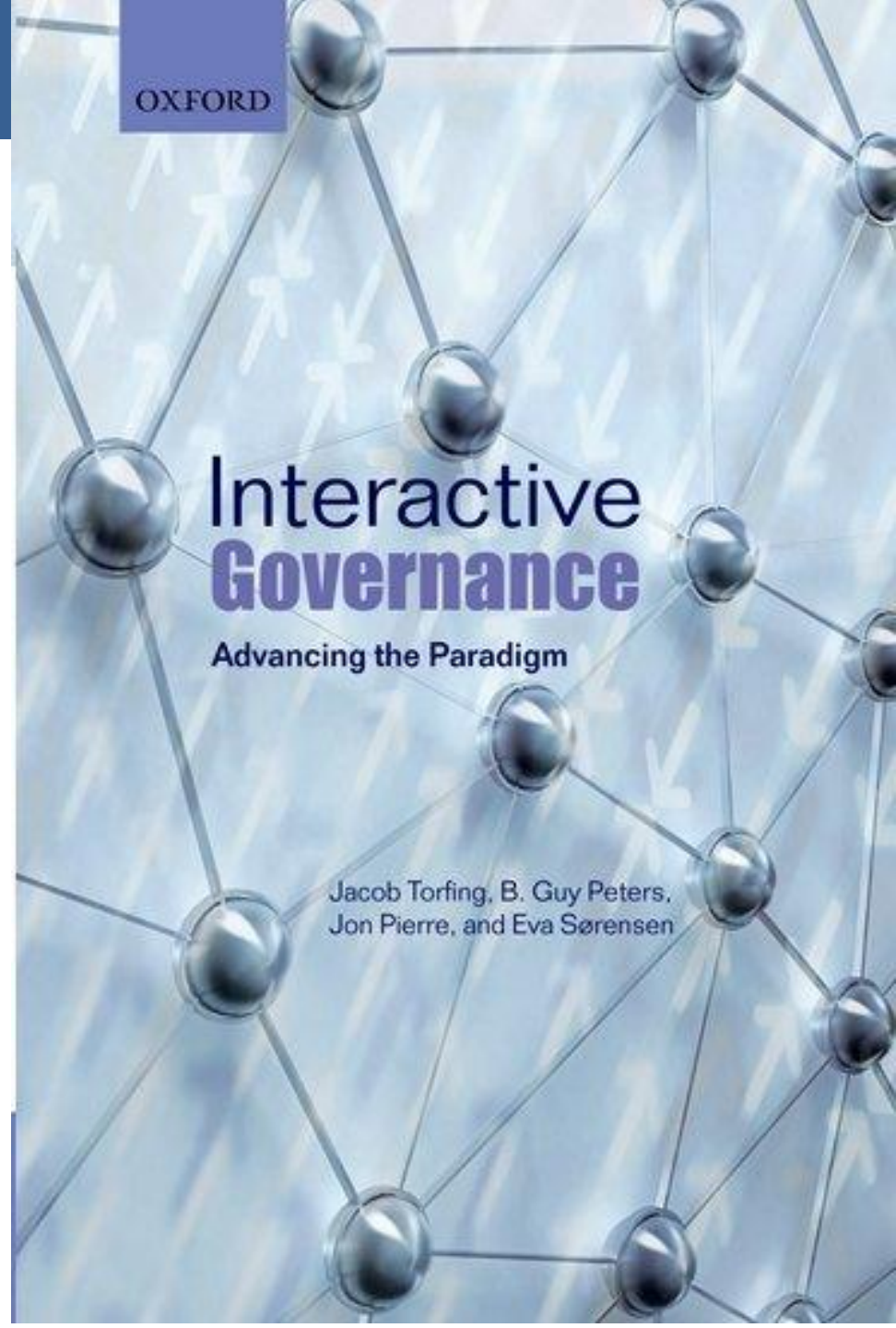
Interactive Governance:

«The whole of **interactions instigated to solve societal problems** and to create societal opportunities; including the **formulation and application of principles** guiding those interactions and **care for institutions** that enable or control them»
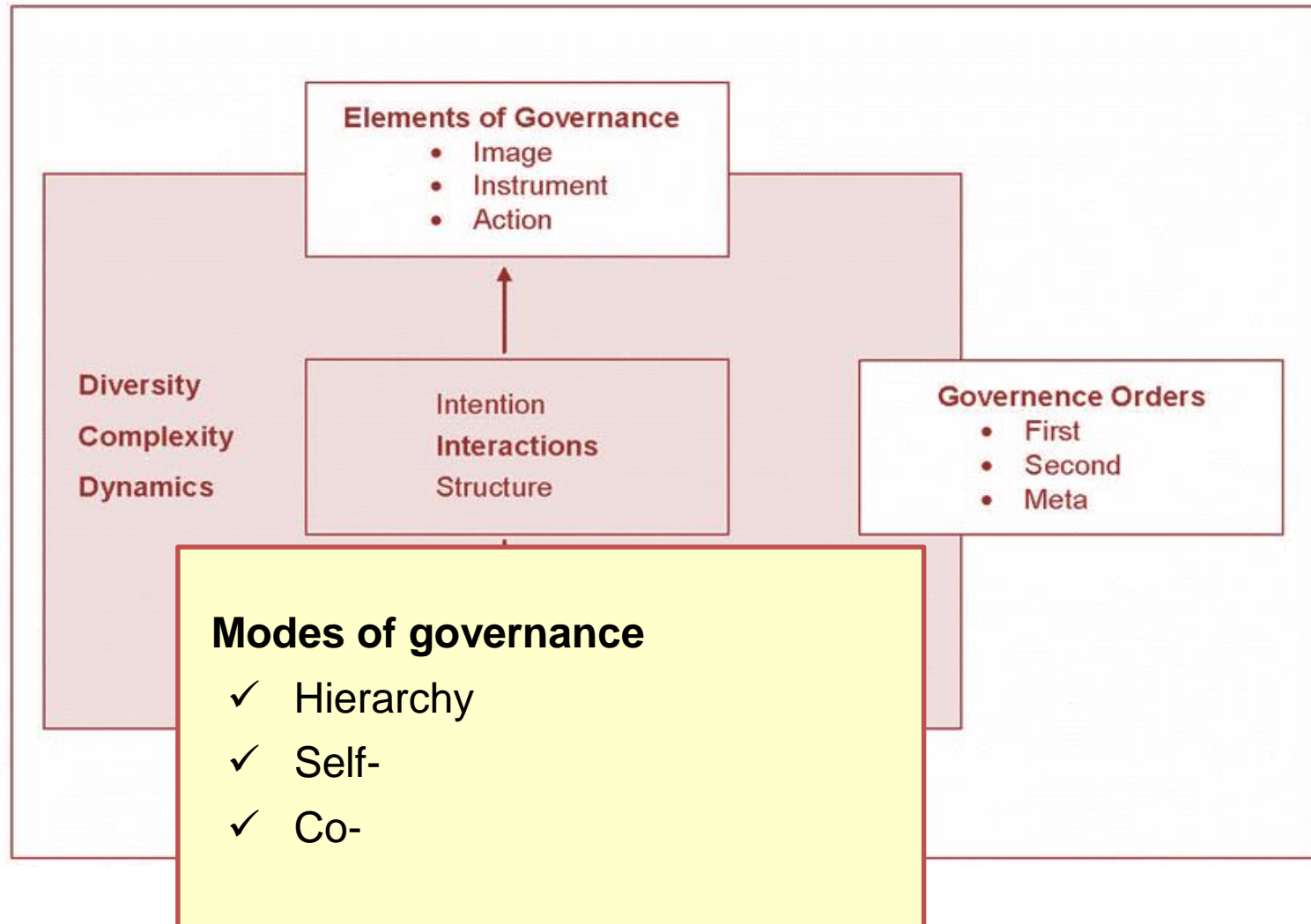Koimann & Jentoft (2009:820)

«The complex process through which **a plurality** of social and political actors **with diverging interests** interact in order to formulate, promote, and achieve **common objectives by** means of mobilizing, exchanging, and deploying a range of **ideas, rules, and resources**». Torfing et al., (2012:2)

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Interactive
Governance

Advancing the Paradigm

Jacob Torfing, B. Guy Peters,
Jon Pierre, and Eva Sørensen

Modes of governance

Elements of Governance
- Image
- Instrument
- Action

Diversity
Complexity
Dynamics

Intention
Interactions
Structure

Governence Orders
- First
- Second
- Meta

Modes of governance
- ✓ Hierarchy
- ✓ Self-
- ✓ Co-

(Kooiman et al., 2009)

The theoretical framework: Interactive Governance

Governance order
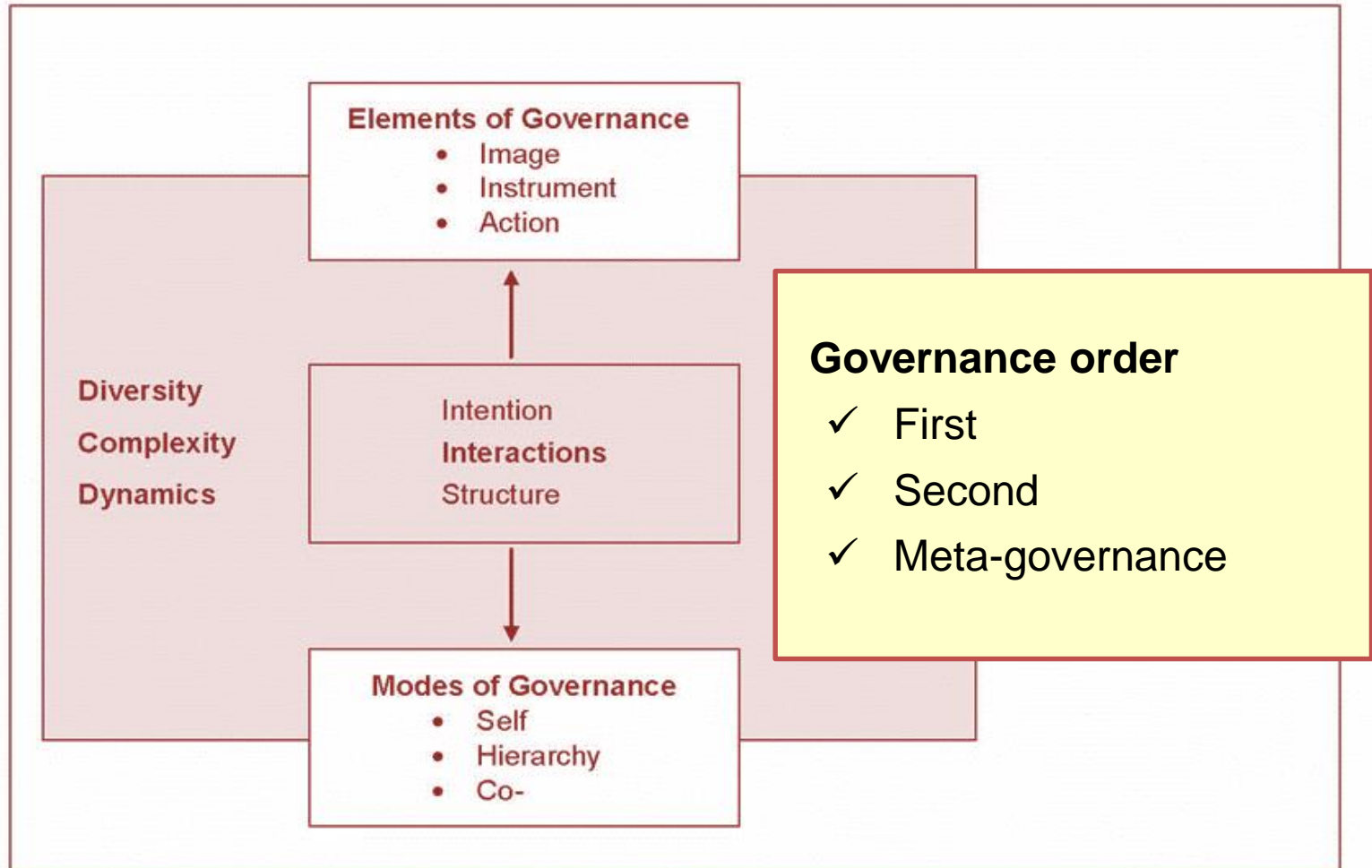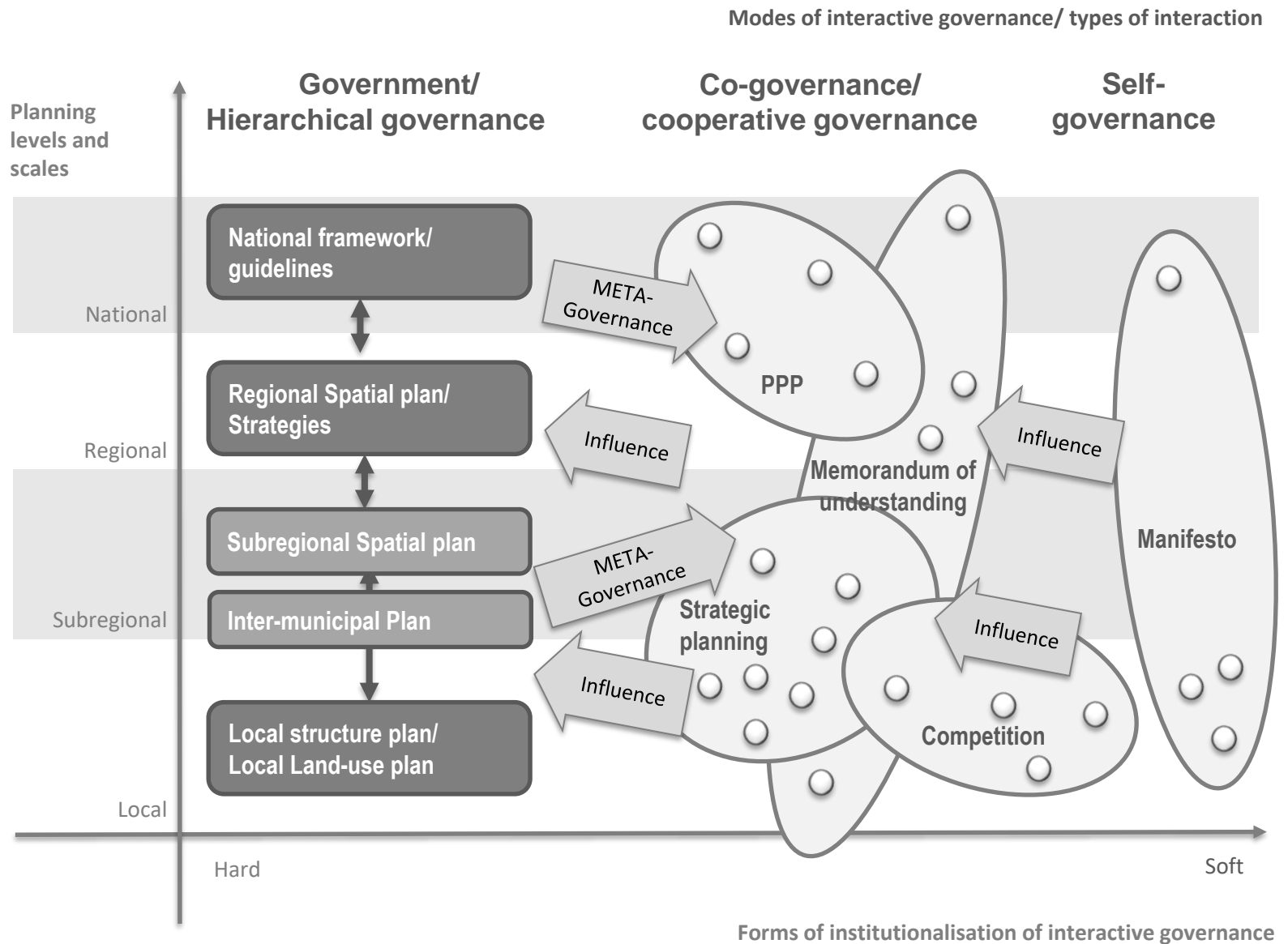
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- ✓ Meta-governance

(Kooiman et al., 2009)

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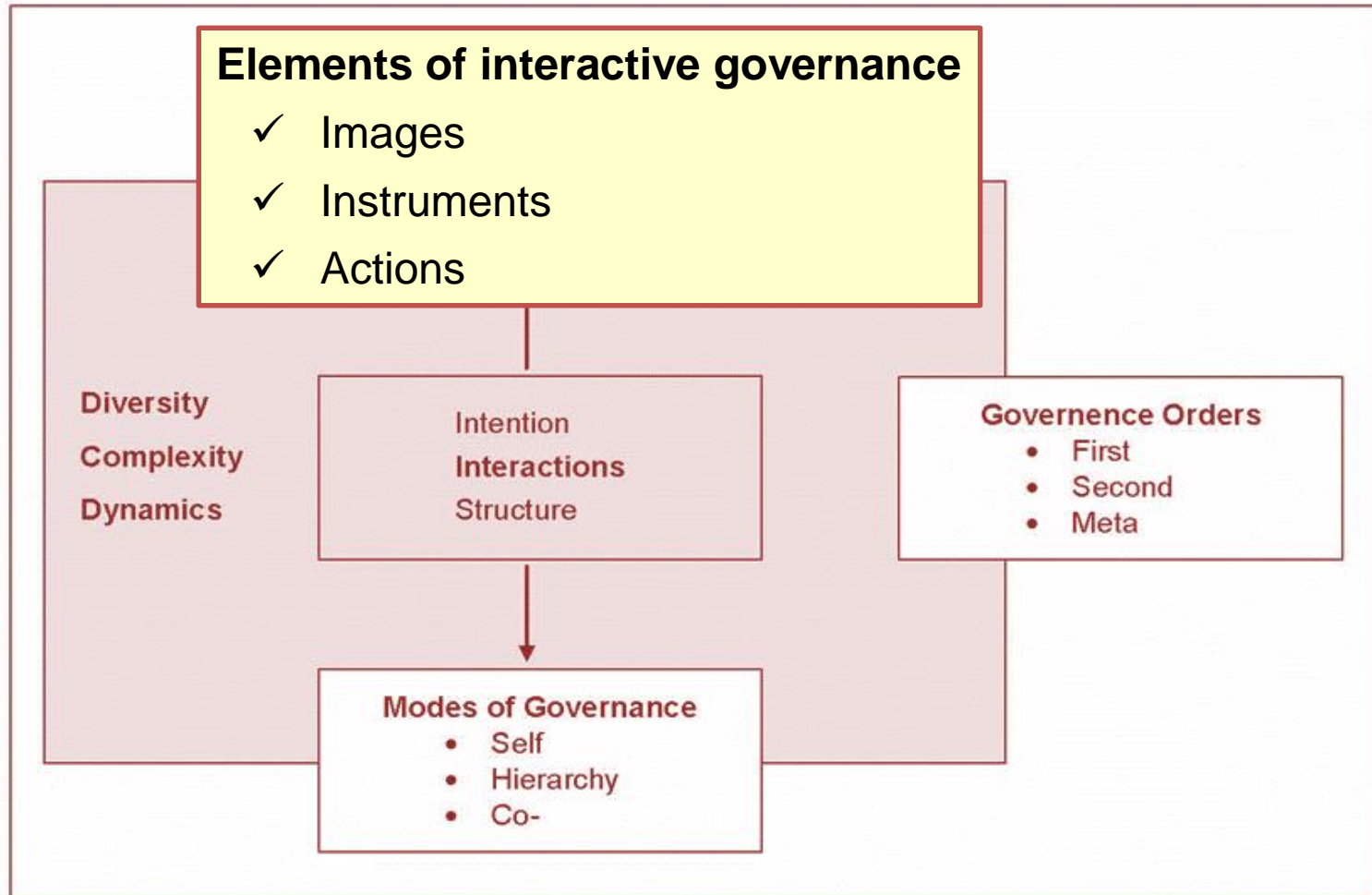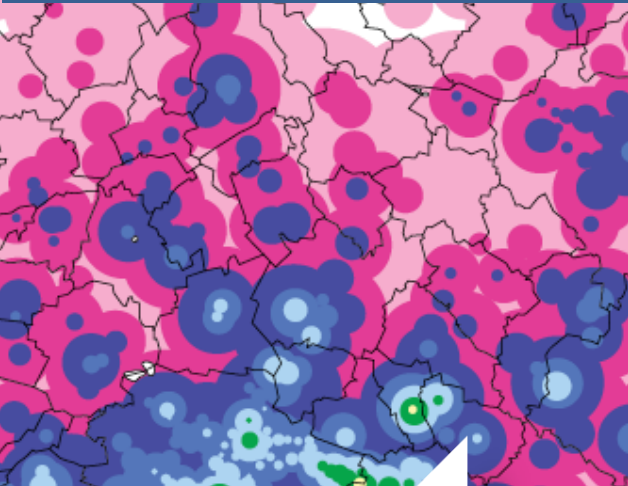
A focus on images, scenarios and visioning

For shaping the region...

Four analytical steps in the process of institutionalisation of a region (Paasi, 2009):

✓ **Territorial shaping:** emergence of boundaries

✓ **Symbolic shaping:** process of naming, regional symbols

✓ **Institutional shaping**: development of informal and formal institutions that are needed to produce and reproduce territorial and symbolic shapes

✓ **Establishement:** legitimacy through institutional functioning:

region is accepted as part of the regional system and broader **social consciuosness** (**reproduced** e.g. **through maps**), and "ready" to be used in struggles over power and resources

A focus on images, scenarios and visioning

… through REGIONAL DESIGN practices
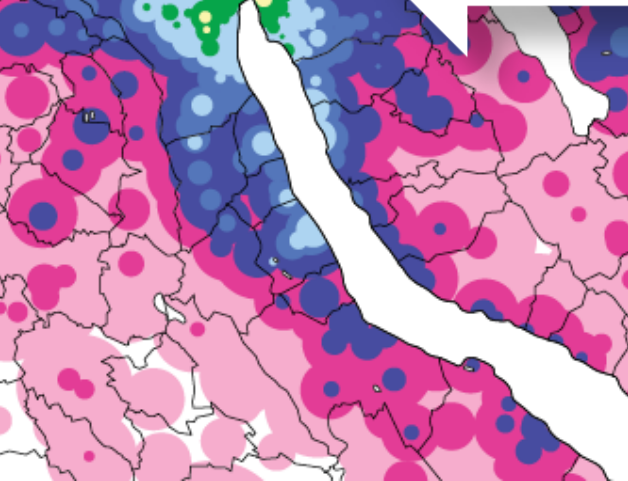
… for Providing
new analytical perspectives
on the region

Exploring
ways of spatial, functional,
temporal organisation

Promising
a better region

(Balz & Förster, 2015)

A focus on images, scenarios and visioning

Interactive perspective

on regional design

setting

impact

| Regional development |
| Regional actors & stakeholders |
| Regional organisational framework |
| Previous experience within the region |

| Allocating regional resources |
| Shaping regional frames of reference |
| Promoting regional fields of action |

analytical reasoning
administrative pragmatism
political advocacy

learning

(Balz & Förster, 2015)

The focus on images, scenarios and visioning

Modes of interactive governance/ types of interaction

Planning levels and scales

Government/ Hierarchical governance

Co-governance/ cooperative governance

Self-governance

National

Regional

Subregional

Local

National framework/ guidelines

Regional Spatial plan/ Strategies

Subregional Spatial plan

Inter-municipal Plan

Local structure plan/ Local Land-use plan

META-Governance

Influence

META-Governance

Influence

PPP

Memorandum of understanding

Strategic planning

Competition

Influence

Influence

Manifesto

Hard

Soft

Forms of institutionalisation of interactive governance

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Hard

Soft

Strategic/ visionary/ reference framework

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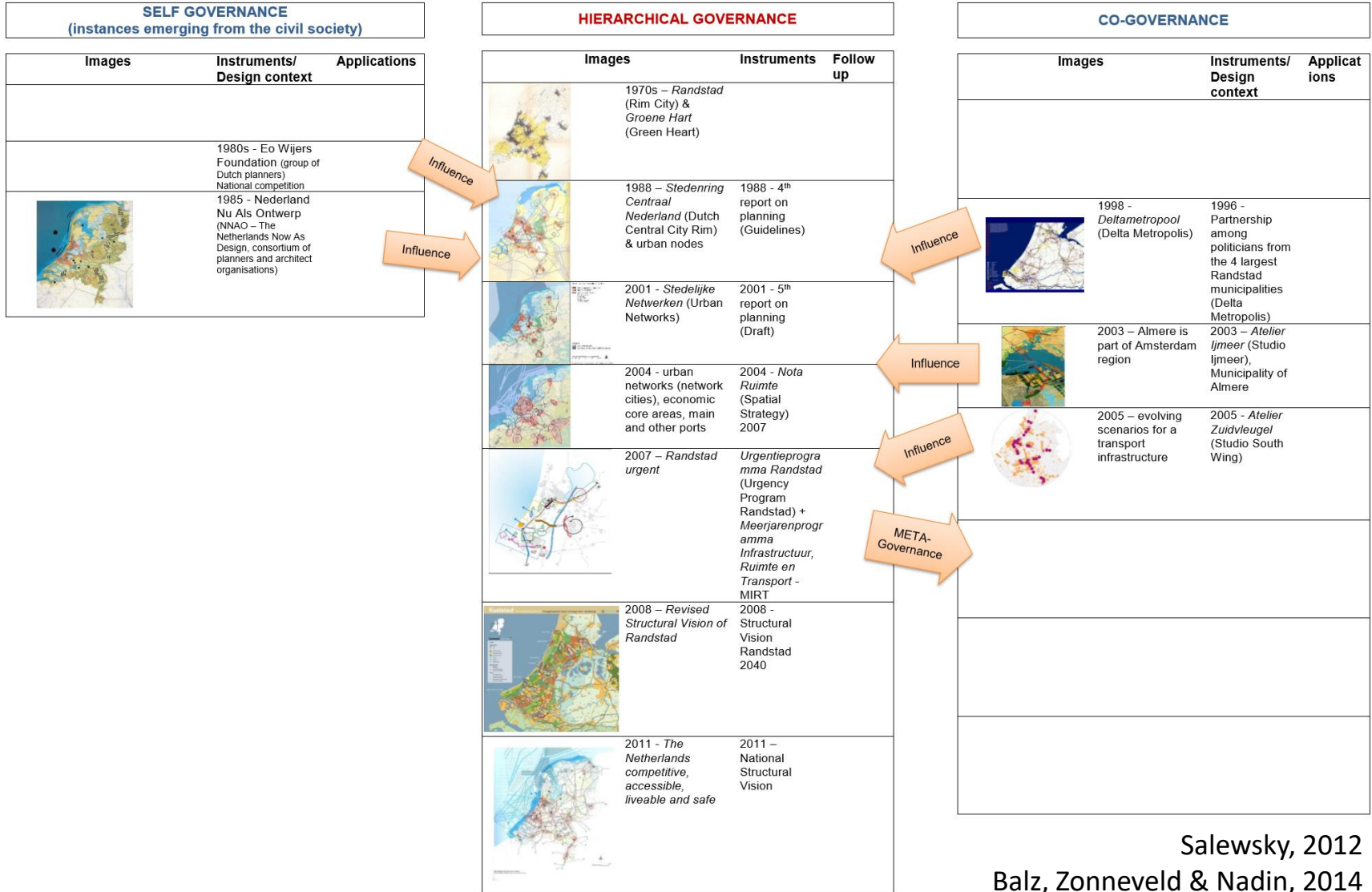Forms of institutionalisation of interactive governance

Applications of the theoretical framework

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Planning system typologies (Nadin & Stead, 2008:39)

National & Regional level – THE NETHERLAND

SELF GOVERNANCE (instances emerging from the civil society)		
Images	**Instruments/ Design context**	**Applications**
	1980s - Eo Wijers Foundation (group of Dutch planners) National competition	
	1985 - Nederland Nu Als Ontwerp (NNAO – The Netherlands Now As Design, consortium of planners and architect organisations)	

HIERARCHICAL GOVERNANCE		
Images	**Instruments**	**Follow up**
1970s – Randstad (Rim City) & Groene Hart (Green Heart)		
1988 – Stedenring Centraal Nederland (Dutch Central City Rim) & urban nodes	1988 - 4th report on planning (Guidelines)	
2001 - Stedelijke Netwerken (Urban Networks)	2001 - 5th report on planning (Draft)	
2004 - urban networks (network cities), economic core areas, main and other ports	2004 - Nota Ruimte (Spatial Strategy) 2007	
2007 – Randstad urgent	Urgentieprogramma Randstad (Urgency Program Randstad) + Meerjarenprogramma Infrastructuur, Ruimte en Transport - MIRT	
2008 – Revised Structural Vision of Randstad	2008 - Structural Vision Randstad 2040	
2011 - The Netherlands competitive, accessible, liveable and safe	2011 – National Structural Vision	

CO-GOVERNANCE		
Images	**Instruments/ Design context**	**Applications**
1998 - Deltametropool (Delta Metropolis)	1996 - Partnership among politicians from the 4 largest Randstad municipalities (Delta Metropolis)	
2003 – Almere is part of Amsterdam region	2003 – Atelier IJmeer (Studio IJmeer), Municipality of Almere	
2005 – evolving scenarios for a transport infrastructure	2005 - Atelier Zuidvleugel (Studio South Wing)	

Influence

META-Governance

Salewsky, 2012
Balz, Zonneveld & Nadin, 2014
Balz, Zonneveld, 2015

Applications of the theoretical framework: England

Governance rescaling and strategic planning in Europe

ENGLAND: Previous and Coalition scales of planning

May 2010

Presumption in favour of development plan

National Policy Statements
12 statements covering national infrastructure policy on energy, transport, water and waste.

National Planning Policy
20 Planning Policy Statements (PPS) and Planning Policy Guidance Notes (PPG)
2 Mineral Planning Statements and
11 Mineral Planning Guidance Notes
1 Marine Mineral Guidance Note.

Sustainable Communities Plan
Overview identifying four growth areas
9 Regional Plans

Regional Spatial strategies

Strategic vacuum (after 2004)

National

Regional

County

Local

Local Development Frameworks
Detailed land use plans

15 November 2011 **Localism Act** Section 110: "Duty to co-operate": **Councils and public bodies** should **'engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis'** to develop strategic policies by considering joint approaches to plan making.

From 2011

Presumption in favour of sustainable development

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Sectoral and spatial guidance on major infrastructure investment

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National Planning Policy Framework
Covers all sectors

Strategic planning
(Duty to cooperate for strategic issues)

Local Plans

(Haughton et al., 2013:227)

Greater Birmingham And Solihull LEP Spatial Framework Plan

DRAFT

Co-governance/
cooperative governance

National

Regional

META-Governance

Sub-region

LEP Spatial framework plan

City Deal

Influence

Local

Influence

City Region

Municipal Reform in DENMARK (2007):

- Municipal amalgamation (271 to 98) and County abolition (14)
- Creation of **5 administrative regions** in charge for defining **Regional Growth and Development Strategies** (REVUS) and **revocation** of **Regional Spatial Planning**
- **Upward rescaling** (metropolitan to national) of spatial planning **for Greater Copenhagen**

Source: Galland 2012, 2019 (forthcoming)

From regional comprehensive statutory plans

To (spaceless) growth strategies

The Parts of North Denmark and their Characteristics

Maritime industries; Gate to Scandinavia; Nature and coasts

Knowledge services, Science and ICT; University and innovation; Coasts and fjords

Production and Food sector: Fishing; Shellfish; Nature and leisure

Trade and production; Connections to the South; Forests And Fjords
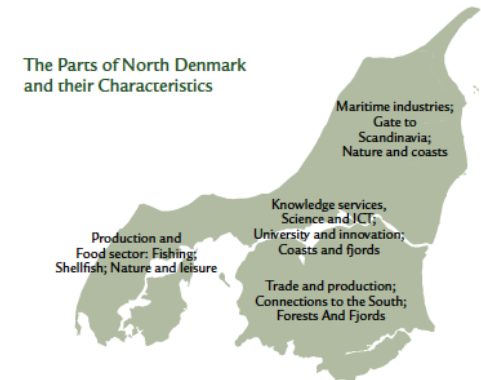
From regional comprehensive planning (Greater Copenhagen Council)

To national planning (land-use) directive (Ministry of Business)

Regionplan 2005
for Hovedstadsregionen

Visioner og hovedstruktur
Retningslinjer og redegørelse

HUR Plan
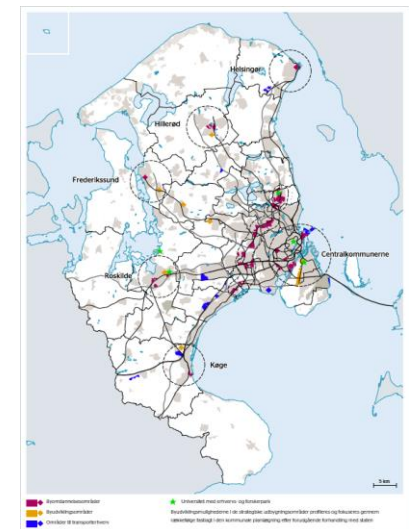
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Planning system typologies (Nadin & Stead, 2008:39)

France:

2014: Loi MAPTAM – modernisation de l'action publique territoriale et d'affirmation des métropoles
- 13 metropoles
- Creation of the Metropole *du Grand Paris* (130 municipalities)

2015: Loi NOTRe (Nouvelle organisation territoriale de la République)
- From 22 to 13 regions in charge for BINDING spatial planning schemes
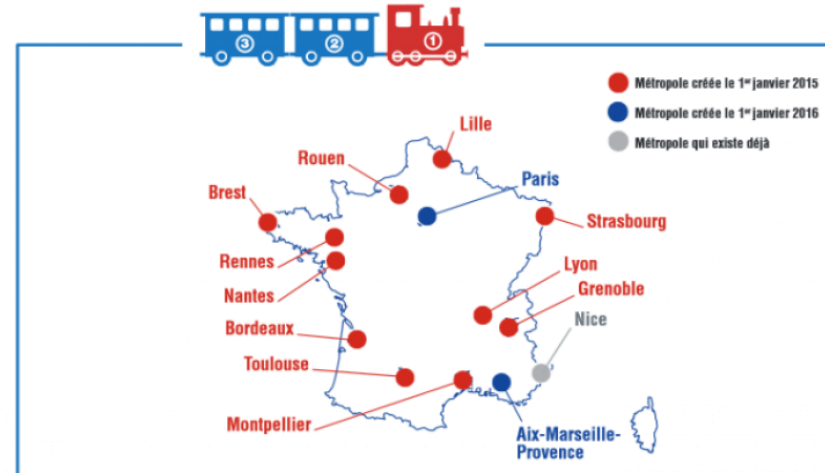
Regional and subregional level – FRANCE

HIERARCHICAL GOVERNANCE	CO-GOVERNANCE	SELF GOVERNANCE (instances emerging from the civil society)

Contrat de plan État-Région, (1982)
Schéma régional d'aménagement et de développement du territoire (SRADT - 1999)

MEGA REGIONS

(Loi Notre 2015)
SRADDET : Schémas régionaux d'aménagement, de développement durable et d'égalité des territoires
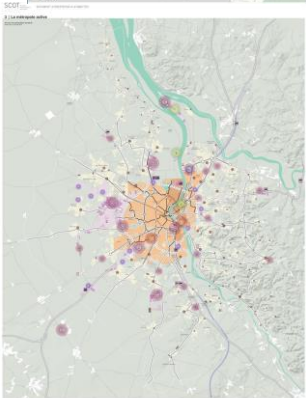
Schéma de cohérence territoriale (SCoT) of Bordeaux Metropolitan Area

META-Governance

Politique de la ville

Mega-regional planning in France (2015 onward): a top-down process

SRADDET : Regional planning framework for sustainable development and equal territorial development

- New approaches to regional spatial planning in France → **from regions to mega-regions**

- Relationship with subregional levels (Scot)

- Expected effects of a **binding regional planning document** on agglomerations and municipal plans (ScoTs and PLUs)

- Developing the plan: **top-down** or bottom-up processes?

LE GRAND DESS@IN Hauts-de-France

Comment fabrique-t-on une vision régionale ?
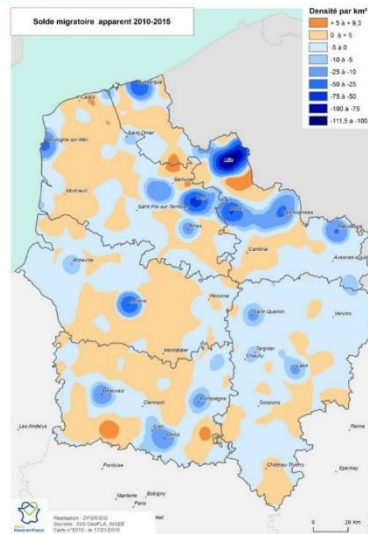
➤ *Les territoires adoptent des stratégies communes (pour renforcer l'attractivité) : convergence*
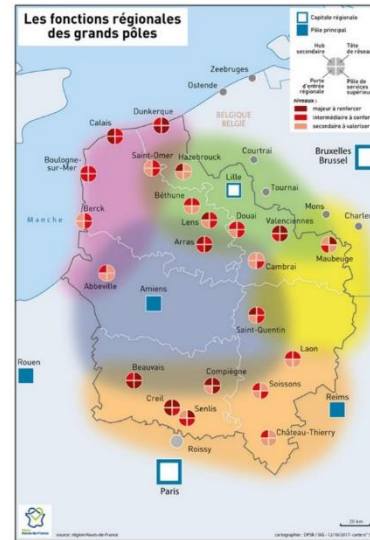
➤ *Les territoires se mettent en réseau (pour mutualiser des équipements, développer les connexions…) : complémentarité*

➤ *Les territoires fabriquent une offre globale au bénéfice de tous (hub logistique) : intégration*

Main Issues:
- ✓ Ensure the overall coherence of the scheme
- ✓ Solve the contradictions among agglomerations
- ✓ Define the notion of "general rule"
- ✓ Respect the calendar (to be delivered in 2019)

15 Metropolis:

✓Size and perimeters : Threshold? Being ''in'' or ''out''?
Initial threshold : 500,000 inhabitants
Actual size : from 200,000 (Brest) to 7 million (Paris)

✓Decisional and financial integration : metropolitan power versus municipal powers ?

✓Assymetrical devolutions : metropolitan power versus other levels ?
Département
Région
National Government
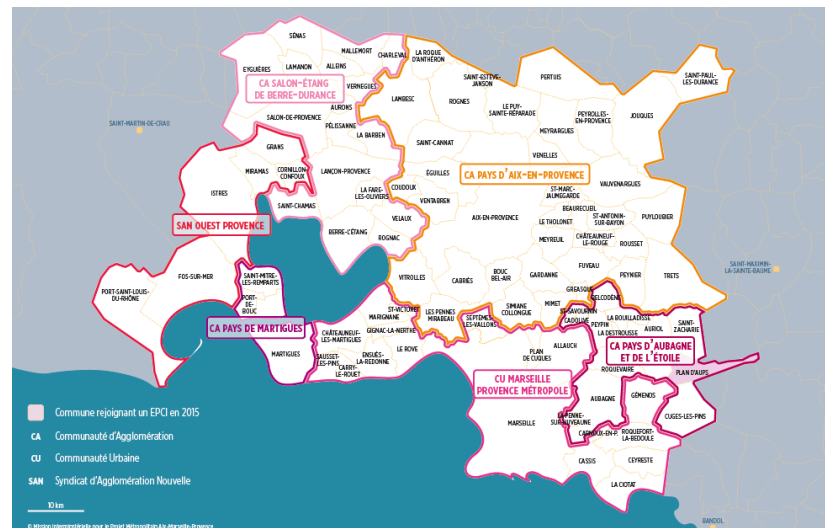
Applications of the theoretical framework: Italy

The re-scaling of the statutory planning system

	Previous planning system (1942, 1977, 1993, 2001)	**Law 56/2014 & referendum results: weakening the Provincial level**
Regional level	**Piano Territoriale/ di indirizzo Regionale** (Regional Spatial/Structural Plan, diverse regional denominations)	**Piano Territoriale/ di indirizzo Regionale** (Regional Spatial/Structural Plan, diverse regional denominations)
Provincial level	**Piano Territoriale di coordinamento provinciale – P.T.C.P** (Provincial Spatial co-ordination Plan)	Piano Territoriale di coordinamento provinciale – P.T.C.P (Provincial Spatial co-ordination Plan)
Local level	**Piano regolatore comunale** (PRG /diverse regional denominations) **Piano strutturale** (Structural plan) **Piano operativo** (Land use plan)	**Strategic Metropolitan plans** **Inter-municipal plans** **Piano comunale** (diverse regional denominations) **Piano strutturale** (Structural plan) **Piano operativo** (Land use plan)
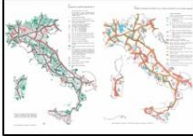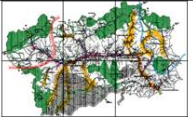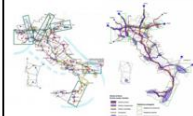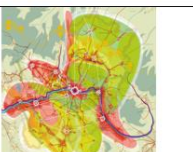
Regional and metropolitan level – ITALY

HIERARCHICAL GOVERNANCE

Images	Instruments	Follow up
1960s – *Progetto 80* (80s Project)	Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning. Preliminary report to the national economic program 1971-75	None, abandoned
1980s – First Regional Spatial Plans	First Regional spatial plans in Northern Italy	Base for regional founding programs
2000s - *Strategic territorial platforms and pivot areas*	National Operative Program 2007-2013 (UE Structural funds)	Base for national and regional founding programs
2000s – Patchwork of Regional Spatial Plans	20 Regional spatial plans (diverse names, forms and nature)	
	Law 56/2014	Strategic Metropolitan Plans

Influence

META-Governance

CO-GOVERNANCE

Images	Instruments/ Design context	Applications
Inter-regional spatial vision for Northern Italy	2005-2012 – PO Valley inter-regional table	
Strategic planning	Strategic planning practices in many cities	
	2005 national funds for southern cities	

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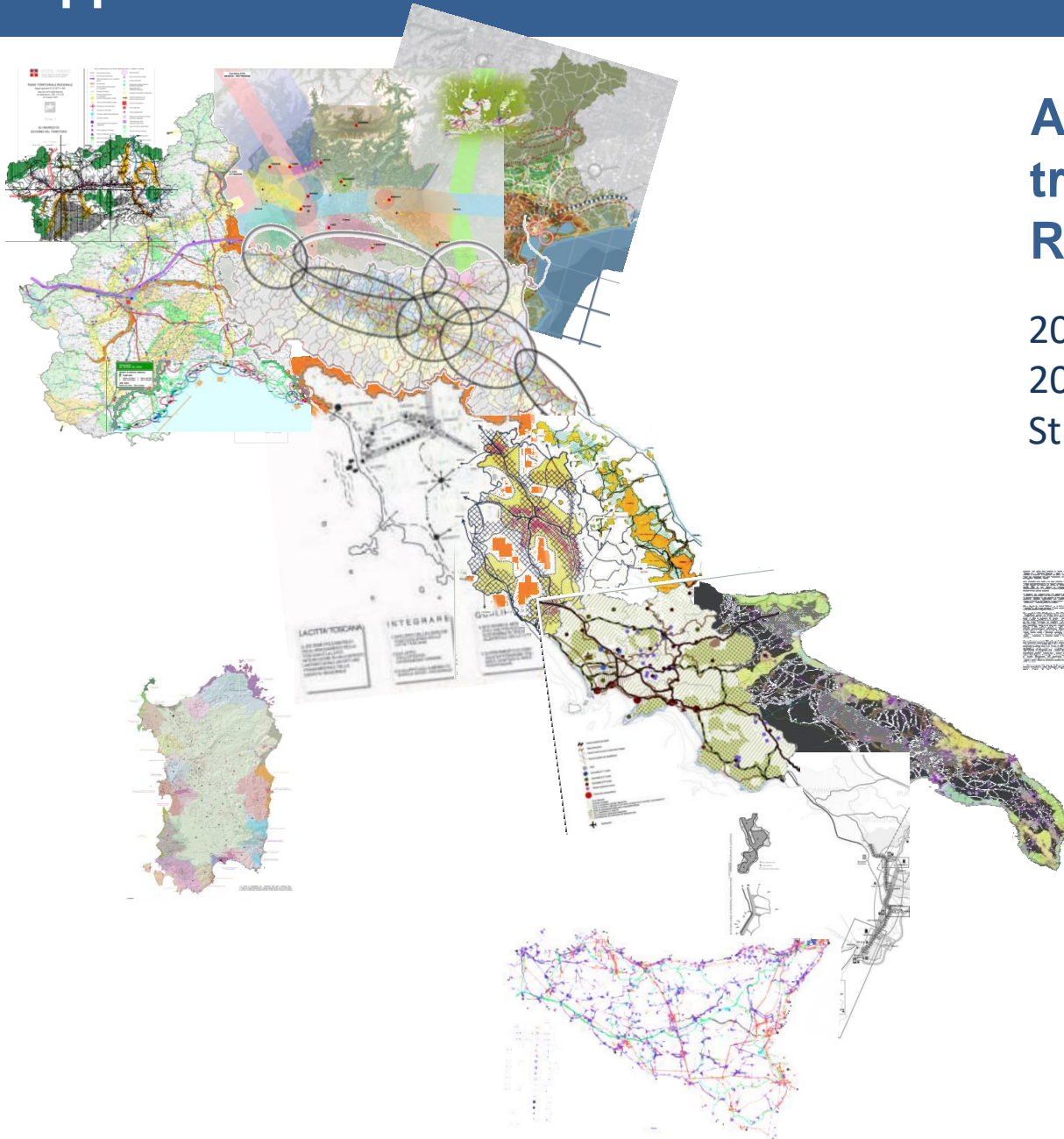
An important tradition of Regional Planning

20 Regions:
20 Regional Spatial/
Structural Plans

Objectives

1. Cooperative territorial planning

✓ Definition of 3 common visions as a reference for regional plans

✓ Identification as a unitary system

2. Cooperative programming

✓ Elaboration of a common position on the implementation of the Leipzig Chart and the Territorial Agenda of EU

✓ Participation to ESPON Calls

The failure of the process!

✓ No political engagement

✓ Difficulties in defining the common identity "From "Adria-Po Valley" to "Padan-Alpin-Adriatic Table"

✓ Appropriation of the visions by the Lega (right wing anti-European) party to sponsor a northern identity detached from the rest of Italy!
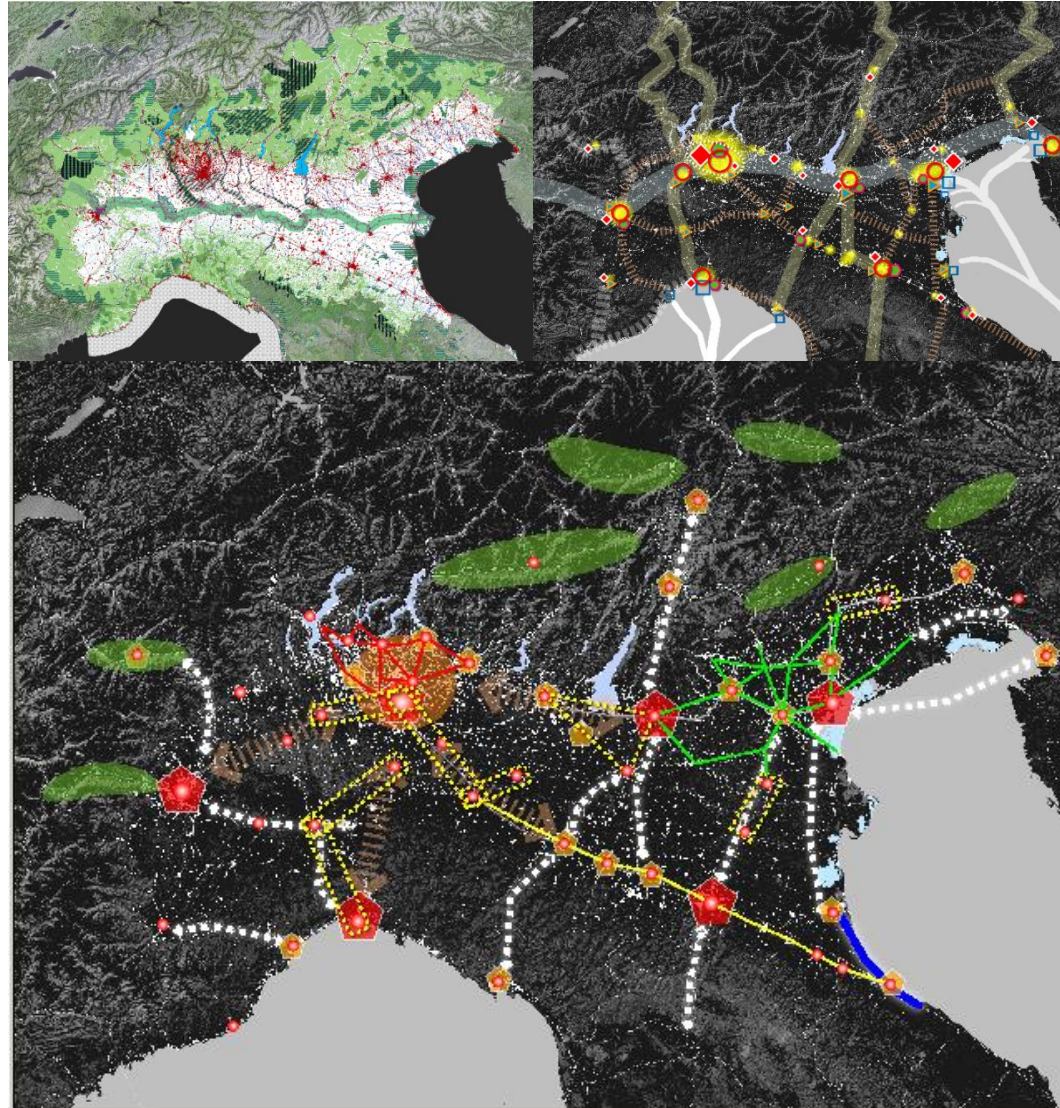
Metropolitan Planning in Italy

Before the reform:

✓ **Practices of strategic planning**
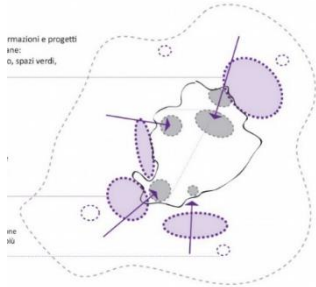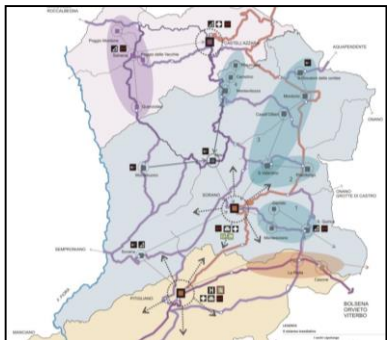

Turin strategic plan

1° strategic plan: 2000 (10 munic.)

2° strategic plan: 2006 (38 munic.)

3° Strategic Metropolitan Plan under law 56/2014 (**318** munic.!)

Milan strategic plan "City of cities"
2005-2009

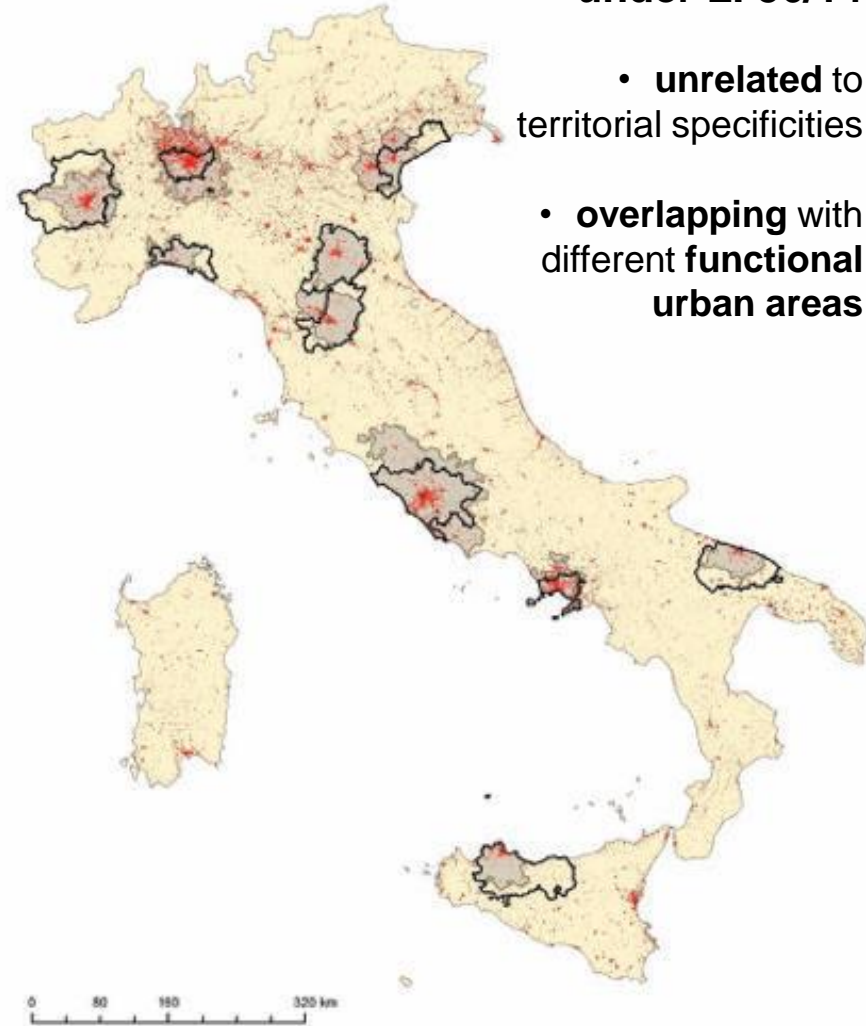✓ **Practices of inter-municipal planning**

Joint planning or Aligned cross-boundary strategies
Aligned Structural Plans (Grosseto, Southern Tuscany 3 municipalities)

After the reform:

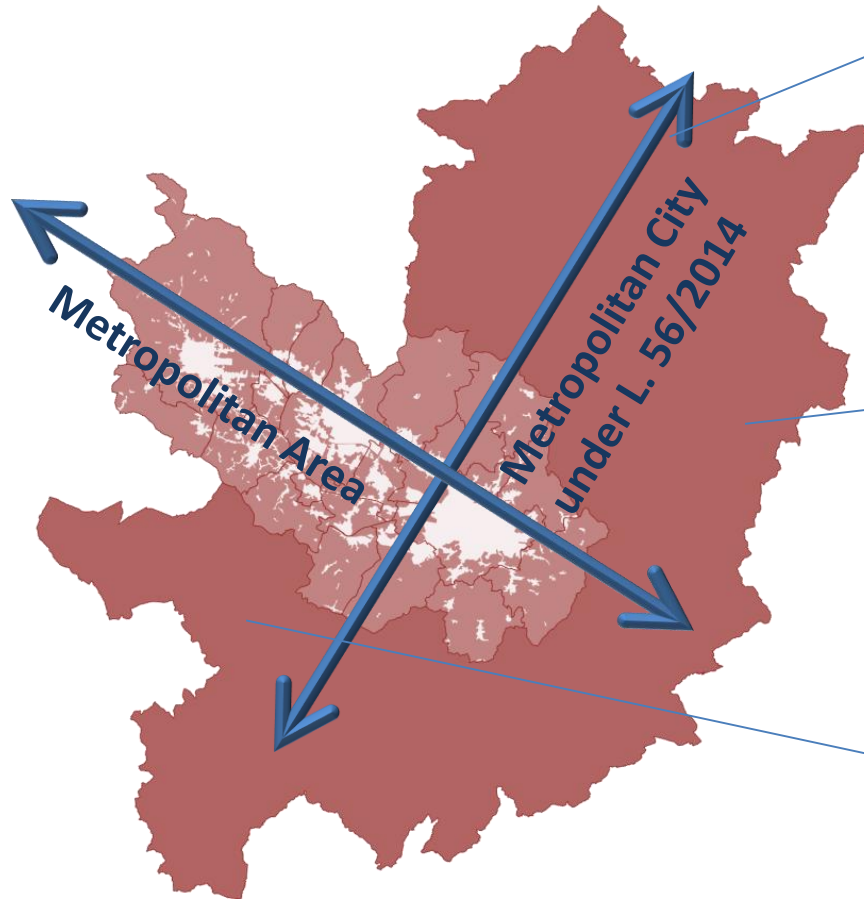**Metropolitan cities under L. 56/14**

- **unrelated** to territorial specificities

- **overlapping** with different **functional urban areas**

Metropolitan Planning in Italy

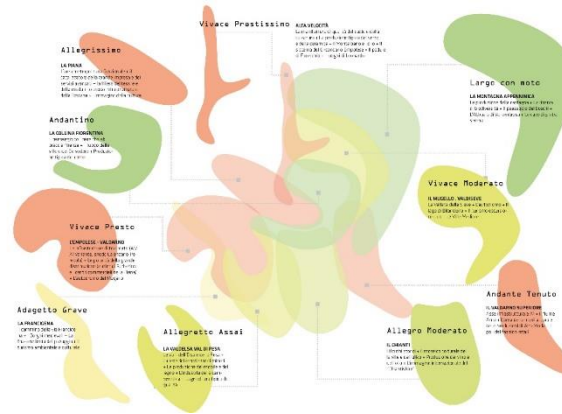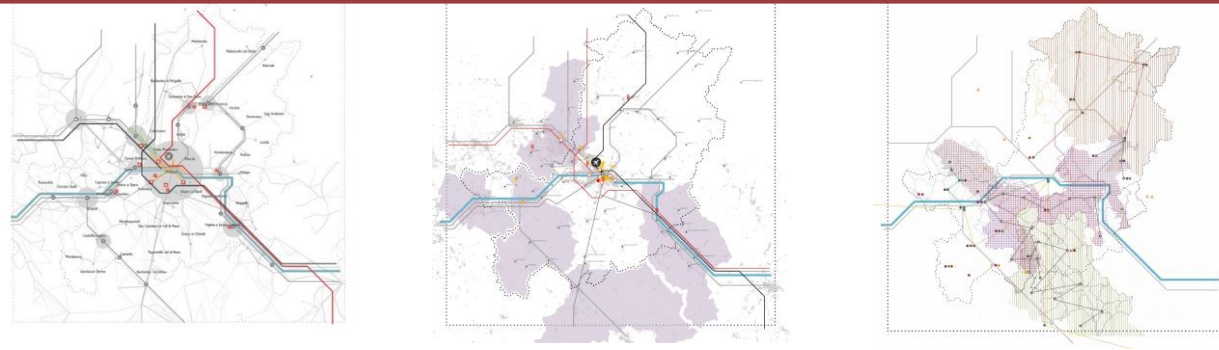## After the (non) reform:

The definition of **shared** supra-local spatial strategies **calls for visioning**

Metropolitan Area

Metropolitan City under L. 56/2014
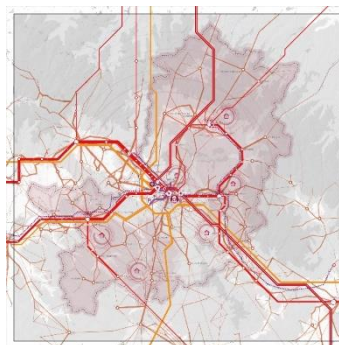
Visualisation of micro and macro stories

Synthesis: metropolitan rhythms

From metropolitan rhythms to the visions of future scenarios

UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY
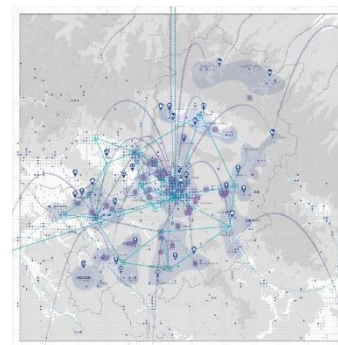
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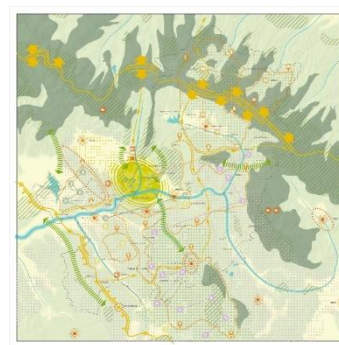
LANDS OF WELLNESS

METROPOLITAN RENAISSANCE

UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY

WIDESPREAD OPPORTUNITIES

LANDS OF WELLNESS

Governance Cooperativa:
Unioni dei comuni

Mobilità Multimodale:
Assi ferroviari
Stazioni ferrovia
Alta Velocità
Autostrada
Tramvia realizzata
Tramvia di progetto
Superciclopista
TPL su gomma
Centri urbani
Peretola
Parcheggi scambiatori
HUB multimodali - infomobi
HUB di livello 3
HUB di livello 2
HUB di livello 1
HUB alta velocità

Riuso 100%
Abbandono Toscana
Progetto periferie

Manifattura innovativa:
Acceleratori
Co-working, incubatori
Sistema della conoscenza
(Università, centri ricerca)

Attrattività Integrata:
Biblioteche, Musei, Archivi
Outlet
Restipica
Cluster di attrattività

Poli di attrazione:
Siti UNESCO
Borghi Res Tipica
Musei
Città dell'olio
Città del vino
Luoghi di interesse naturalis
Mall

Paesaggio fruibile:
Rete Natura 2000
Direttrici strategiche di riconness

Parchi agricoli metropolitani
(Parco della Piana e Parco di Riva Sinistra d')
Grande dorsale appenninica

via Francigena
Rete escursionistica minore

Filiere in rete:
Mercati a filiera corta e bio
Biodistretto
Strade del tipico:
Chianti
Olio del Montalbano
Castagna di Marradi
Latte del Mugello

Ambiente sicuro:
Corridoio fluviale e zone umide

METROPOLITAN RENAISSANCE

Laboratorio Regional Design — dida labs

VISION · **STRATEGIE** · **AZIONI** (ORIZZONTE TEMPORALE: BREVE / MEDIO / LUNGO) · **PROGETTI PILOTA**

ACCESSIBILITÀ UNIVERSALE

MOBILITÀ MULTIMODALE
- USO METROPOLITANO SERVIZI FERROVIARI
- BIGLIETTO INTEGRATO METROPOLITANO
- SUPERPISTE CICLABILI
- NODI INTERMODALI

CITTÀ SENZIENTE
- COPERTURA ESTESA DELLA BANDA LARGA
- INFOMOBILITA'
- SENTIENT CITY CONTROL ROOM

GOVERNANCE
- EASY METRO CITY
- SPORTELLO UNICO METROPOLITANO SUM
- GIUSTIZIA SEMPLICE E PROSSIMA

COMUNITA' INCLUSIVA
- TAVOLO DI COORDINAMENTO SUI TEMI SOCIALI
- SPORTELLO PER L'ABITARE
- RI-ABITARE LE AREE INTERENE
- ATTIVATORE DI COMUNITÀ

Progetti pilota:
- POR sistema piste ciclabili nella Piana: Tratta Prato-Firenze
- Progetto Alt- mobility
- Progetto StormBus
- Estensioni progetti Dashboard e API da Comune di Firenze a CMF
- Cruscotto dati
- Tavolo cooperativo (Per i comuni interni)
- Strumenti di governo e pianificazione cooperativa nell'area metropolitana (Atlante delle cooperazioni)
- Protocollo per la cooperazione con i comuni esterni
- Progetto pilota Osservatorio Migranti
- Progetto pilota Nuove Povertà e Domanda abitativa
- Tavolo/partnership CMF-gestore delle reti per l'uso metropolitano dei servizi ferroviari
- Sii- Mobility
- Replicate
- Resolute
- SUAP Metropolitano
- Giustizia semplice
- Giustizia prossima
- Sviluppo di modello di predizione per la mediazione
- Privacy metropolitana
- PIT (Progetto Integrato Territoriale – PSR) "AGRI.RE.MO" del Mugello
- Progetto life+ 2018 Quasar
- Vision integrata dell'abitare nell'appennino

OPPORTUNITÀ DIFFUSE

MANIFATTURA INNOVATIVA
- ECOSISTEMA DELL'INNOVAZIONE
- BRAND METROPOLITANO
- QUALITÀ DEL LAVORO
- INDUSTRIA "0" EMISSIONI

FORMAZIONE INTRAPRENDENTE
- NETWORK METROPOLITANO ALTA FORMAZIONE
- FORMAZIONE DA E PER IL TERRITORIO

RIUSO 100%
- ATLANTE SPAZI/OPPORTUNITÀ
- CITTÀ VIVIBILE
- RIUTILIZZO SPAZI APERTI ABBANDONATI
- RIGENERAZIONE DELLE POLARITÀ URBANE

ATTRATTIVITÀ INTEGRATA
- CARD TURISTICA METROPOLITANA
- GESTIONE INTEGRATA DEGLI ATTRATTORI TURISTICI METROPOLITANI
- PROMOZIONE DI PRODOTTI TURISTICI METROPOLITANI
- OSSERVATORIO METROPOLITANO DEL TURISMO

Progetti pilota:
- Attività di sostegno rivolte alle startup innovative del territorio Fiorentino.
- Progetto Hubble
- Progetto Faber
- Il granaio dell'abbondanza
- Iniziativa MIP (Murate Idea Park)
- Sistema Universitario della Toscana
- Criteri per la rigenerazione di aree urbane interessate dalla presenza di Brownfields
- Censimento spazi/opportunità
- Progetto periferie
- Estensione Firenze Card
- Analisi dei Flussi Turistici Metropolitani
- Progetto HERIT DATA
- Progetto VECTOR
- Progetto RAMSAT
- Industria turistica e ospitalità condivisa
- Progetto QI4Growth
- Protocollo d'intesa CMF-organizzazioni sindacali territoriali
- Tavolo permanente con le imprese
- Posizionamento Firenze nel contesto internazionale
- FIRSTLab
- Spazi Attivi (CMF-Fondazione ECR)
- Rigenerazione spazi di comunità (religiosi e sociali)
- CATChCO2-live olive grove Contrast and Adaptation To Climate Change
- Paesaggi comuni (Fondazione CRF)
- Comunicazione congiunta CF/CMF
- Portale DESTINATION FLORENCE
- Progetto CD ETA
- Progetto Roman Legacy
- Progetto Cult Tour

TERRE DEL BENESSERE

PAESAGGIO FRUIBILE
- ISTITUZIONE E MESSA IN RETE PARCHI AGRICOLI METROPOLITANI
- PROMOZIONE DELLE INFRASTRUTTURE VERDI E BLU

FILIERE IN RETE
- PIANO METROPOLITANO DEL CIBO
- RETE DELLE FILIERE DI PRODUZIONE LOCALE
- VALORIZZAZIONE DEI PAESAGGI RURALI

AMBIENTE SICURO
- ISTITUZIONE BOSCO METROPOLITANO
- TAVOLO DI COORDINAMENTO PER LA SALUTE DELL'ECOSISTEMA E TRANSIZIONE ENERGETICA
- PROMOZIONE DELL'ECONOMIA CIRCOLARE E DELLO SCAMBIO ECOSISTEMICO
- RIQUALIFICAZIONE INTEGRATA E PARTECIPATA DEI CONTESTI FLUVIALI

Progetti pilota:
- PIT Coltivare con l'Arno
- Parco agricolo multifunzionale di Riva sinistra d'Arno
- Atlante del cibo della Città Metropolitana
- Piano operativo del cibo della Città Metropolitana (piano operativo)
- PIT della Plana (valorizzazione e tutela paesaggi rurali)
- Piano d'azione per l'energia sostenibile della Città Metropolitana (PAES)
- Contratti di fiume dei principali corridoi fluviali: (Arno, Sieve, Greve, Pesa, ecc.)
- Progetto di rete ecologica polivalente
- PIT acque e biodiversità (Padule del Fucecchio Cerbale)
- Atlante del patrimonio territoriale, sociale e paesaggistico della CM
- Atlante delle regole del paesaggio – orientamenti per i progetti di paesaggio
- Atlante dei servizi ecosistemici fra le diverse articolazioni bioregionali della CMF
- Modello di gestione pubblica dei servizi ecosistemici

Interim conclusion

Role of visioning and regional designing processes in governance rescaling

At supra-local level (regional, national, international):
- ✓ Need for **rebuilding governance structures** to face the gap between institutional and functional boundaries
- ✓ Diverse **degrees of formalisation of soft spaces** arise: role of hand- off metagovernance through development policies and incentives
- ✓ Need for **institutionalization** into statutory planning instruments

At local level:
- ✓ **Shaping the boundaries** of metropolitan cities (functional vs administrative vs perceived)
- ✓ **Enhancing spatial imaginaries** and narratives for building up the metropolitan community (Institutional capacity and Identification with the metropolitan dimension and brand)
- ✓ **Avoiding rhetoric** (smart, sustainable, resilient, eco -city)
- ✓ **Branding** metropolitan competitiveness **taking into account local identities**

PLANNING REGIONAL FUTURES

Questions and challenges:

1. What is **regional planning** today?

   ✓ *Institutional* regions and megaregions
      vs *functional* and *metropolitan* regions

   ✓ Multilevel articulation of spatial planning instruments
      vs a-*spatial* development strategies

2. How to deal with **regional futures**?

   ✓ *shaping the boundaries* of the region
      (regional dynamics vs spatial imaginaries)

   ✓ *conceiving a shared vision* of regional development

1. Envisioning the region within the process of scalar (re)structuration

- ✓ How does visioning as a process of "**strategic framing**" works and when?
- ✓ How do **spatial imaginaries affect** the process of **shaping the region**?
- ✓ When does the "**bifurcation point**" occur?
- ✓ How do images of the region (in terms both of spatial imaginaries and cartographic/metaphoric representations and narratives) **change while changing scales and geographies** of reference?
- ✓ **How and when** these processes of visualisation and shaping the region **are formalized into statutory planning**?
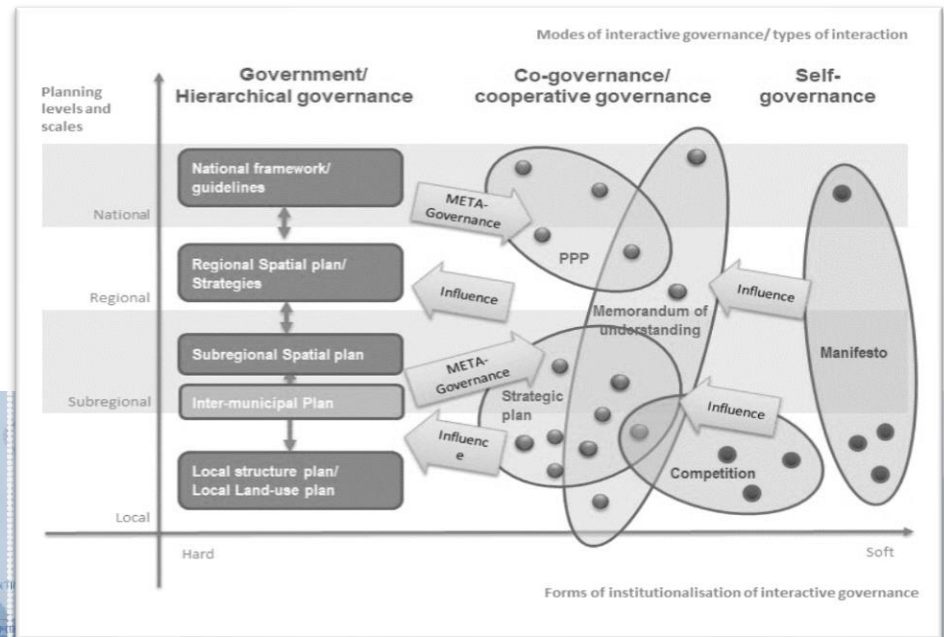
2. Linking hard and soft governance and planning modes

Governance design
- ✓ In a context of **metagovernance**, how **ordinary planning instruments** at all levels **take into account informal practices** and the visions they provide?
- ✓ How **soft forms of institutionalisation**, such as PPP, memorandum of understandings, or the strategic plan itself, **can inform the statutory plan**?
- ✓ **Do they really need be formalised** into a formal binding instrument/plan?
- ✓ Is the **formalisation of design imagery** an indicator of the efficacy of regional design practices?

Regional design
- ✓ When and in which way do **regional design and regional planning merge**?
- ✓ What kind of **interaction between images** coming from co-governance with the ones provided by hierarchical governance instruments (visions vs maps)?
- ✓ which **role** does images play **in setting planning questions**, **changing** actor's **spatial imaginaries** and (even) actor's **minds**?
- ✓ Are these **changes indicators of the efficacy** of design imagery?

3. Efficacy of visioning practices

- ✓ How does **metagovernance** affect efficacy (policies, investments, incentives)
- ✓ How to **make effective the output of design imagery**, in particular the one coming through co-governance or soft governance planning processes?
- ✓ **Persistence of spatial imaginaries**
- ✓ **Persuasive power** of images

- ✓ **"Travelling" capacity** of framing ideas between scales, planning spaces and planning instruments
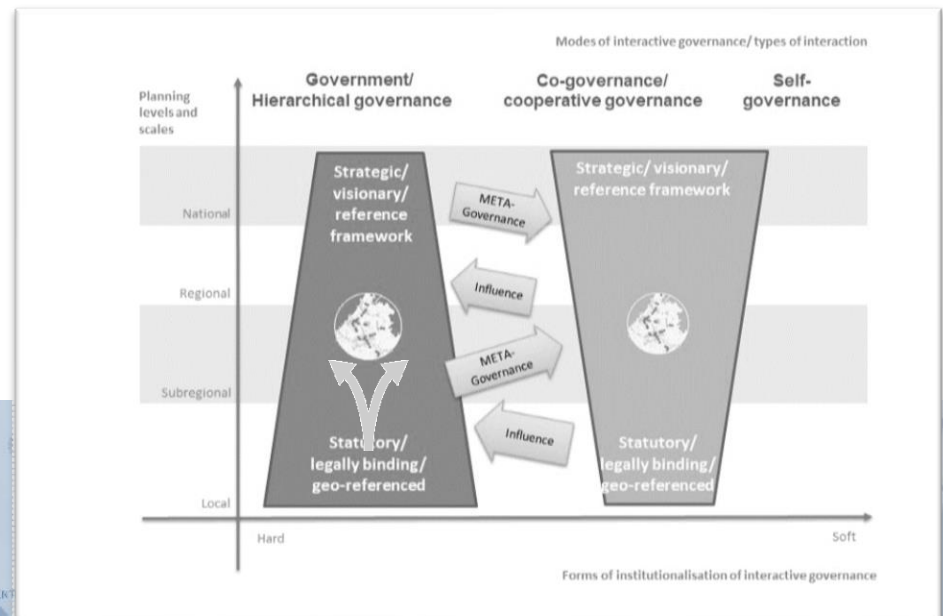
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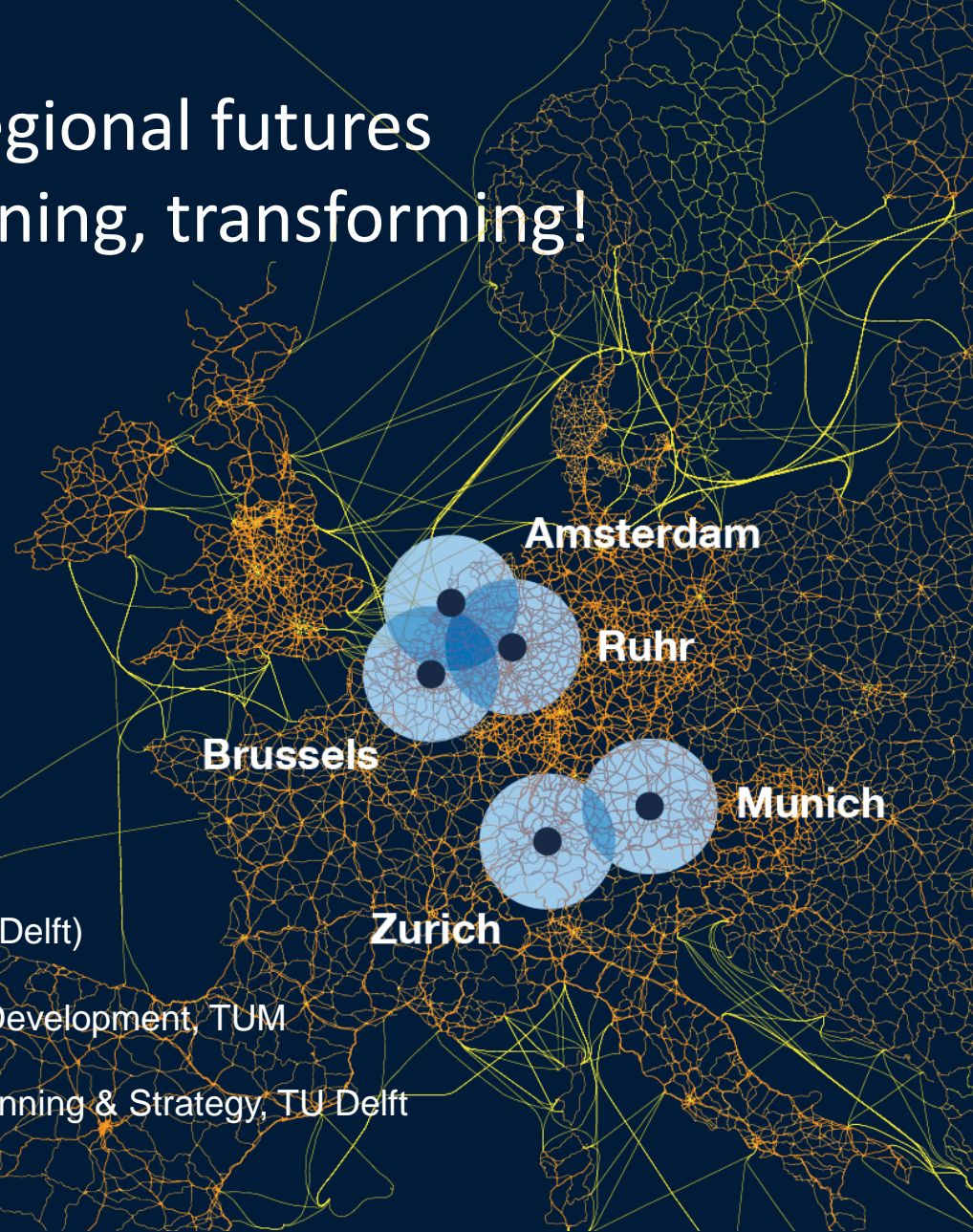
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