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Main Trend and its possible application into practice

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Proposed Main Trend

„Local Centres and Fringes between Competition and Cooperation - Steering towards Sustainability“

Dynamic developing type

Stagnating or losing developing types

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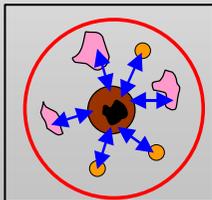




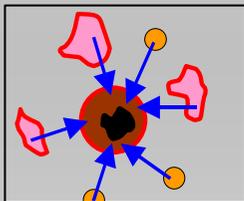
Main Trend Types

Source: Borsdorf/Perlik draft paper

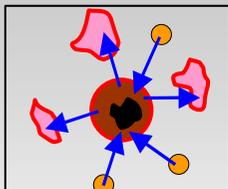
Dynamic developing types



SMESTOs developing supra-regional functions

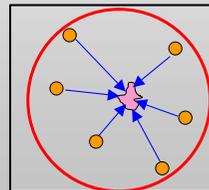


SMESTOs being included in growing urban regions

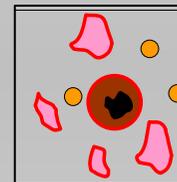


SMESTOs forming part of an urban region, whose central functions are moving towards suburban areas

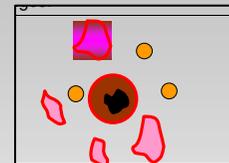
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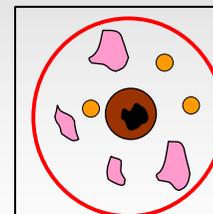
SMESTOs maintaining central functions due to their remote setting



SMESTOs suffering from the decline of the core city



SMESTOs - though influenced from the decline of the core city - still feature starting points for development



SMESTOs suffering from the decline of key economic sectors

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Main Trend Thesis

Alpine SMESTOs undergo 5 types of developments:

1. Development of supra-regional functions
2. Loss of significance for providing traditional central functions
3. Incorporation into bigger agglomerations
4. Loss of significance due to intra-regional competition
5. Safeguarding of central functions for the hinterland due to remote setting

Source: draft paper

Overlap of processes of...

- urbanisation,
- global, inter- and intraregional division of labour and functions,
- changes in the perception of time and space.

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Present uncertainties of main trend I

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- Are local centres and fringes really a „trend“ ?
- What theoretical framework are we based on?
- Are all urban entities covered by our main trend?
 - centers along transit axes
 - edge cities
 - ...
- What would be a systematic approach?





Present uncertainties of main trend II

„Local Centres and Fringes between Competition and Cooperation

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- How – in terms of phenomena, indicator and data - do we distinguish these development types?
- Which are the spatial reference units for this main trend ?

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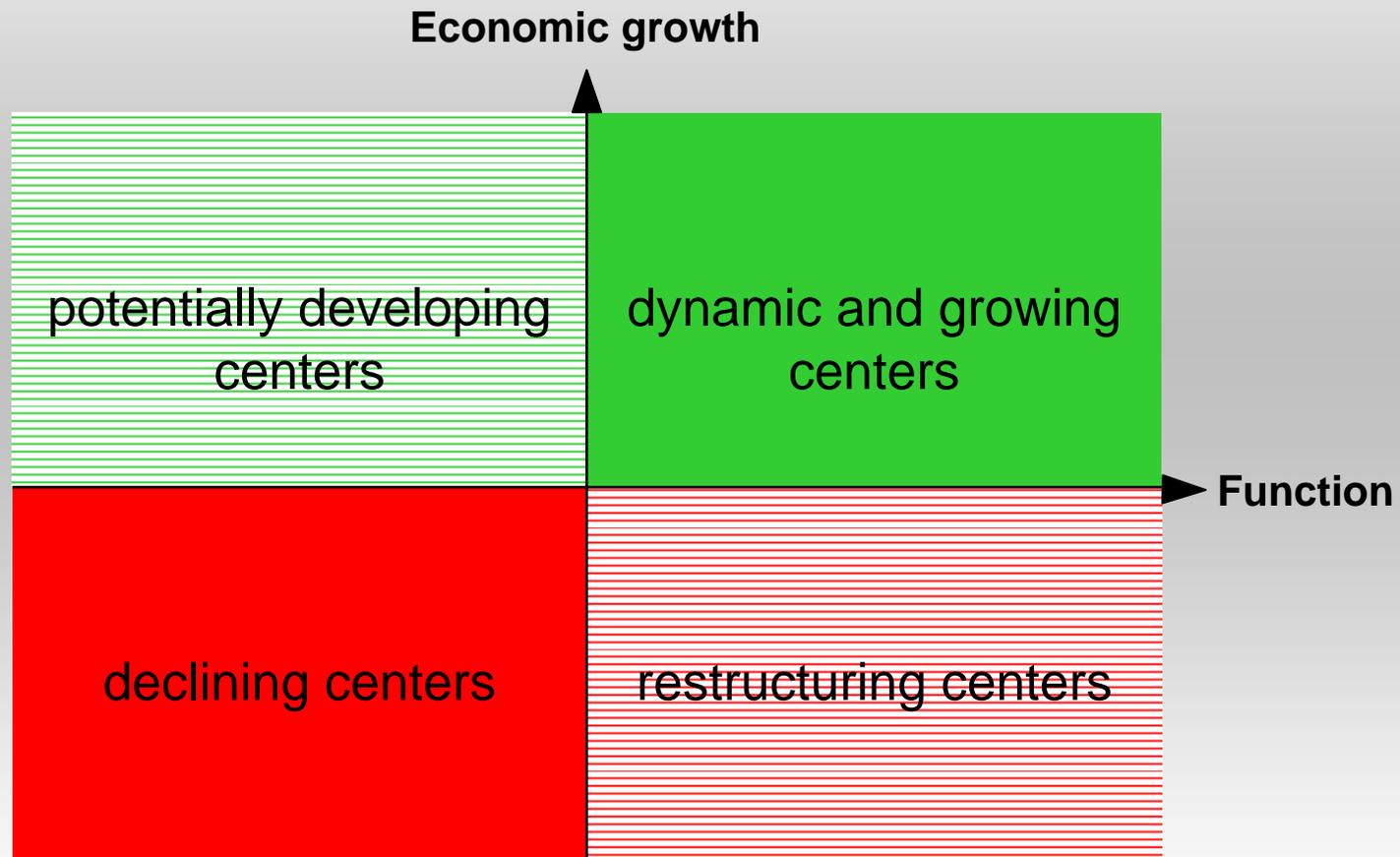
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Proposal: Systematisation of Main Trend



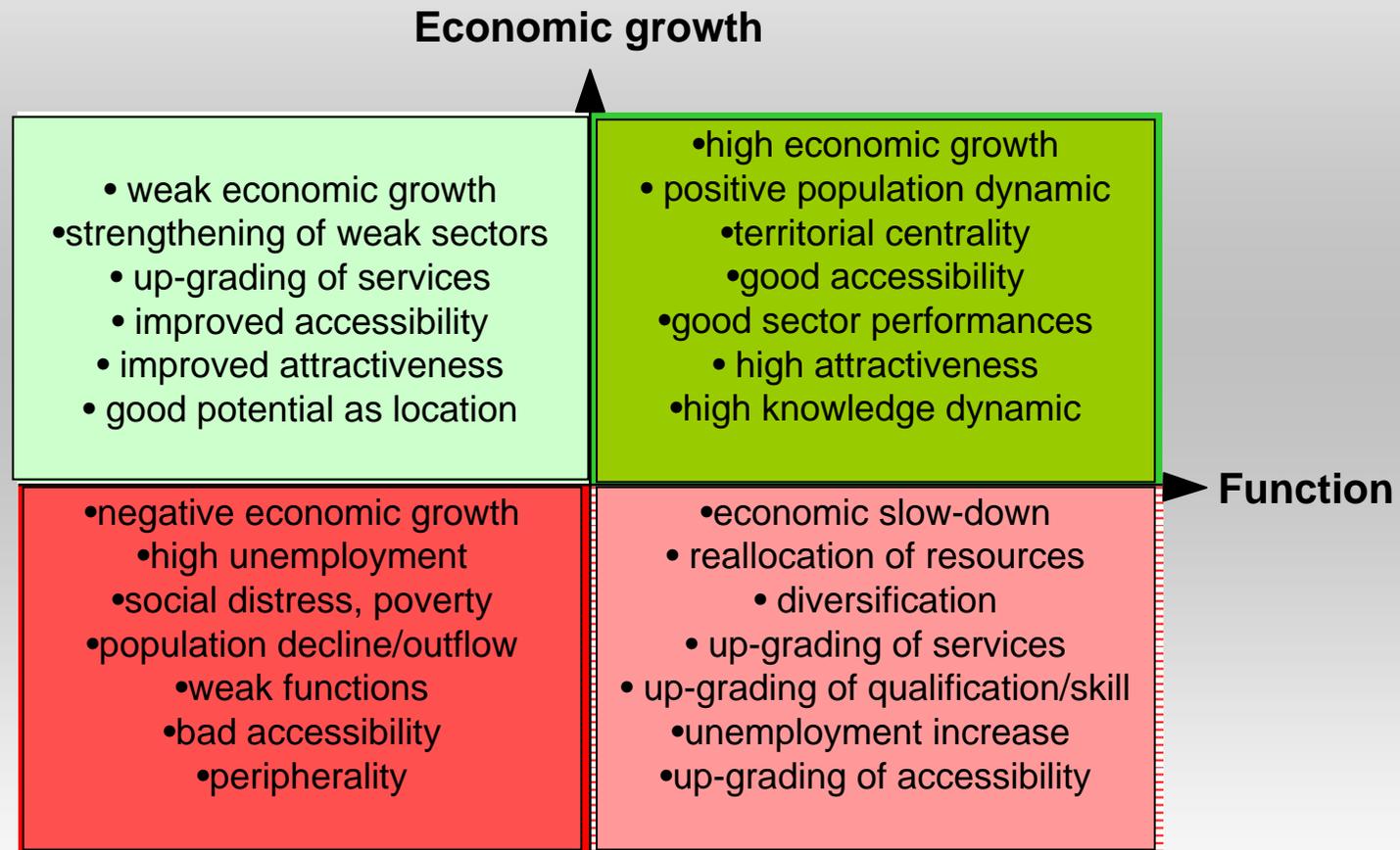
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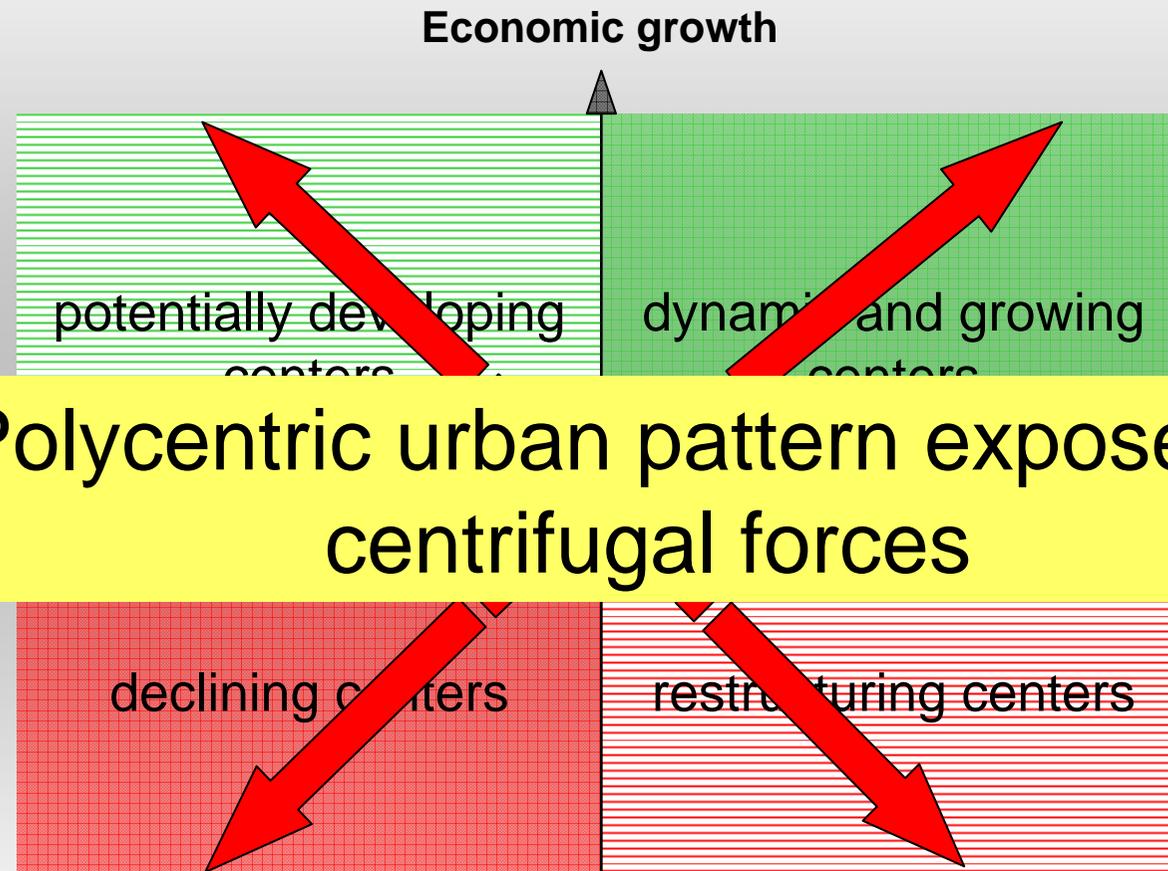
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Polarisation of the Alpine urban structure



Polycentric urban pattern exposed to centrifugal forces

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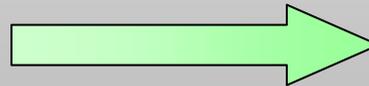
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Concretion of Main Trend ?

Main Trend „Local centers and fringes between competition and cooperation“



Main Trend
„Polarisation of the Alpine urban system“

Sub-types:

- dynamic centers
- stagnating centers
- restructuring centers
- declining centers

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Topics for discussion

- What is the trend in our main trend ?
- What are cornerstones for the concretion of the main trend ?
- Appropriateness of the subtype ?
- In what respect does this trend contradict sustainable development ?
- What are objectives and development goals within this trend ?
- How do we differentiate these development goals on a regional basis ?
- Are upcoming work packages free to choose and use indicators relevant for the main trend (data availability, characteristics) ?

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