

LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: REGIONAL TRANSFORMATION PROCESSES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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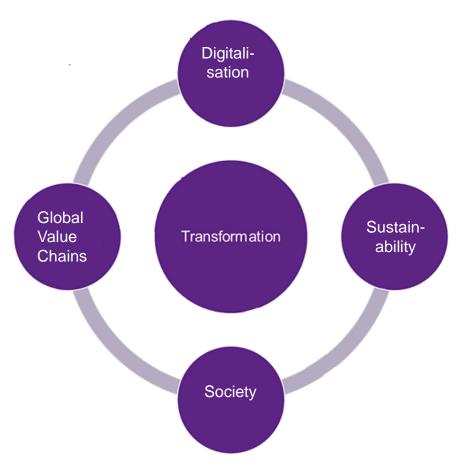
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TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGES ON MUNICIPALITY LEVEL

Key issues

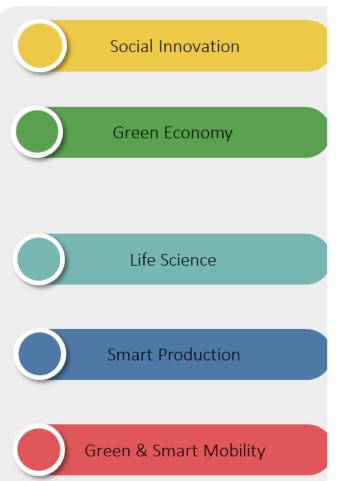
What transformation processes are taking place in my municipality? In which transformation fields is my municipality / region well positioned and where is it less so?

Where is there a critical mass of players and where is there not?



RELEVANT TRANSFORMATION FIELDS





Transformation Fields





EXAMPLES OF TRANSFORMATION

I ocation: Mannheim

SÜDZL

MA: 18.300 in total Year founded: 1926 Annual turnover. € 9.5 billion *Industry*: Food and beverage production

-> one of the largest sugar manufacturers worldwide

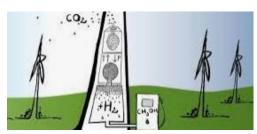
New business area 1: Green Economy, **Bioeconomy**

Bioeconomy innovation space: Sustainable and resilient cultivation of insects for innovative use in feed and food production

New business area 2: Green & Smart Mobility

Power-to-methanol, fuel ethanol, liquid CO2

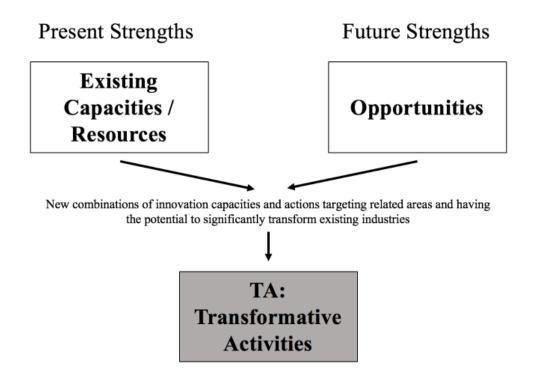








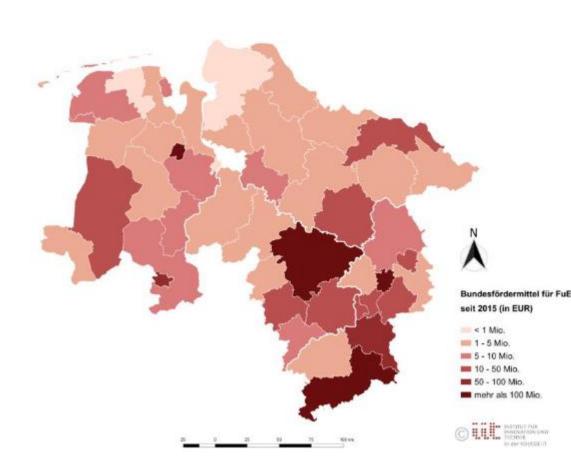
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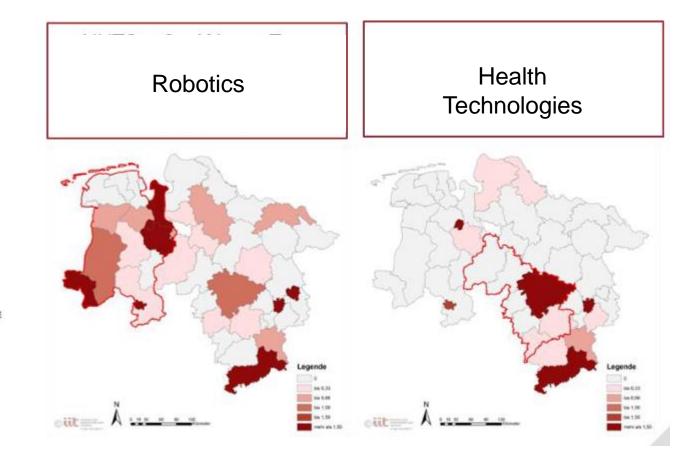


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DISTRIBUTION OF COMPETENCES WITHIN A REGION USING THE EXAMPLE OF LOWER SAXONY

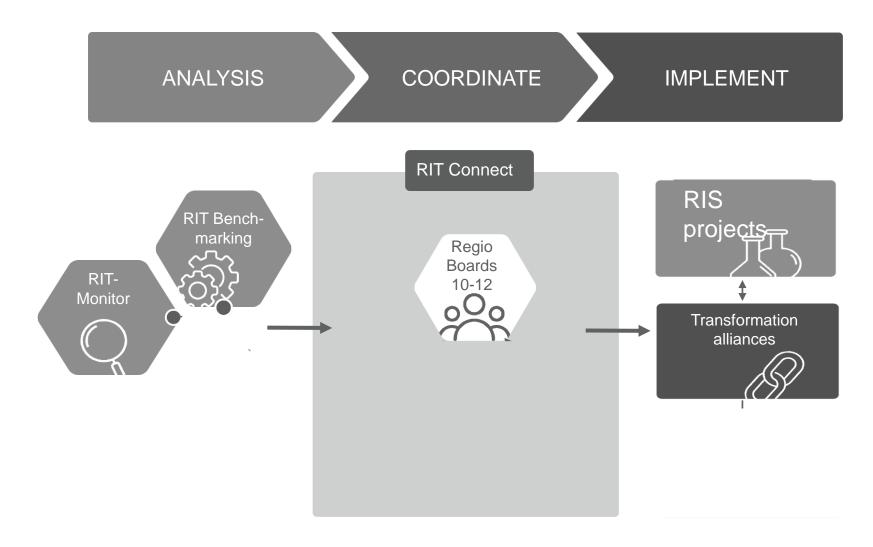
Intensity of R&D activities





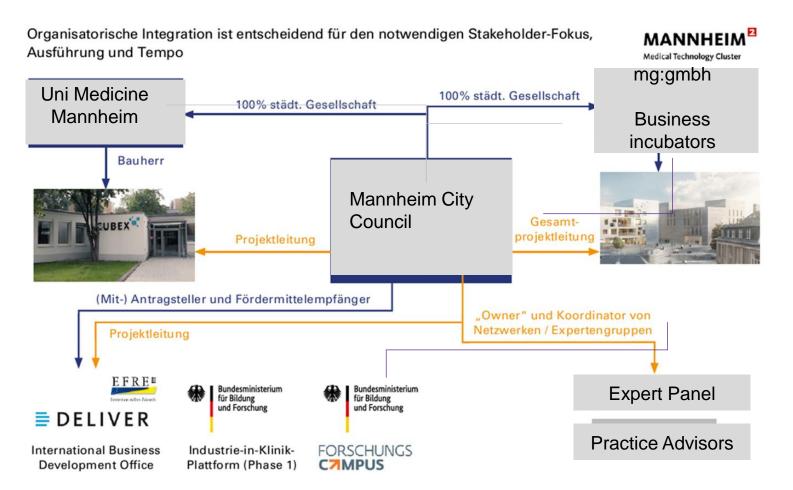


UNDERSTANDING REGIONAL TRANS-FORMATION PROCESSES IN ORDER TO SHAPE THEM



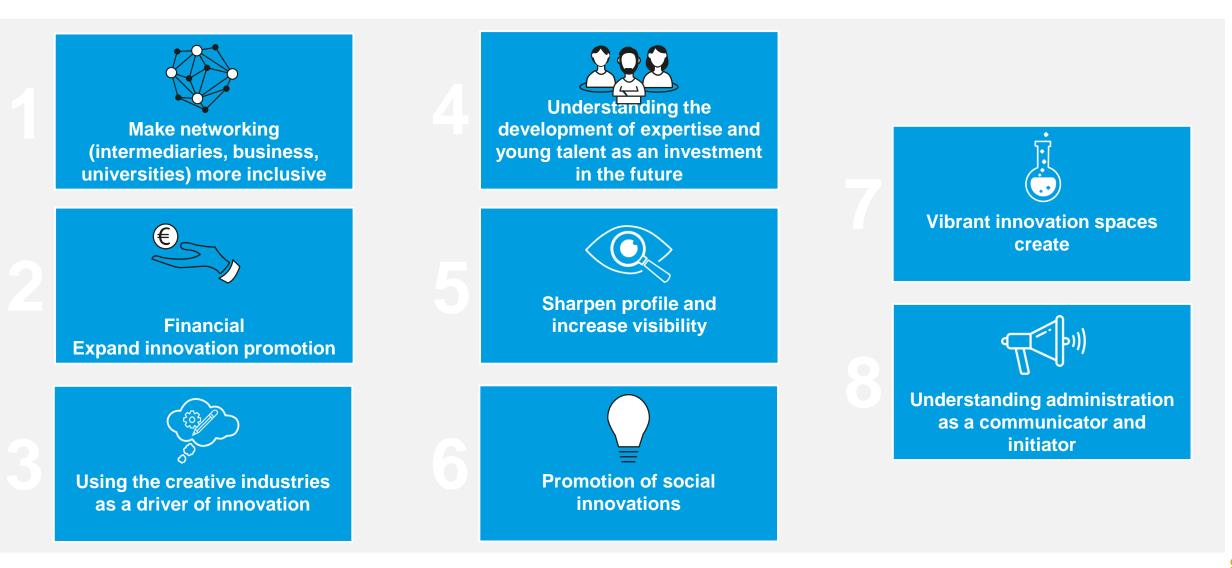
THE CITY OF MANNHEIM AS DRIVER FOR REGIONAL TRANSFORMATION

Medical Technology City of Mannheim

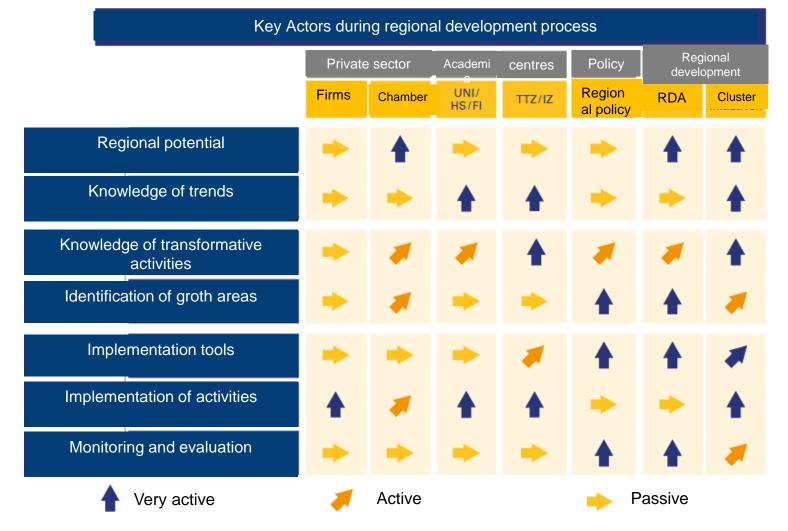




FIELDS OF ACTION OF CITY OF KIEL



MUNICIPALITIES AS TOOL FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT



EXAMPLE: REGIONAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY VDIVDEIT WIRTSCHAFTSFÖRDERUNG RAUM HEILBRONN

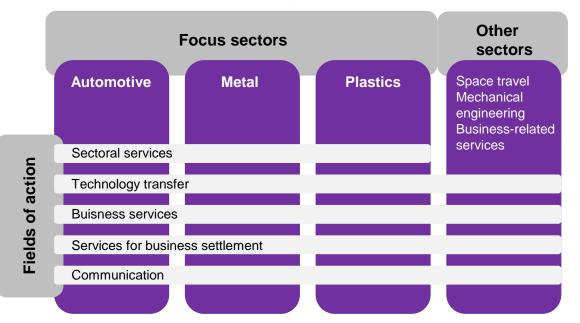
With over 120,000 inhabitants, the city of Heilbronn today has the most employees in **business-related services**. In the regional context, industry, especially thanks to the **automotive sector and the food industry**, still forms the most important economic basis for Heilbronn today.

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The Heilbronn economic region consolidates its position as...

- ... excellent production location
- ... an attractive place to do business, work and live

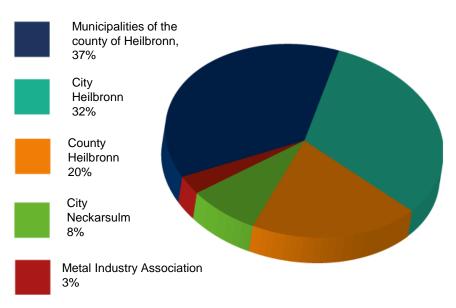
Portfolio of the Wirtschaftsförderung Raum Heilbronn GmbH



Financing

Mixture of institutional financing coming from shareholder Publicly funded project

Shareholder of the Wirtschaftsförderung Raum Heilbronn GmbH

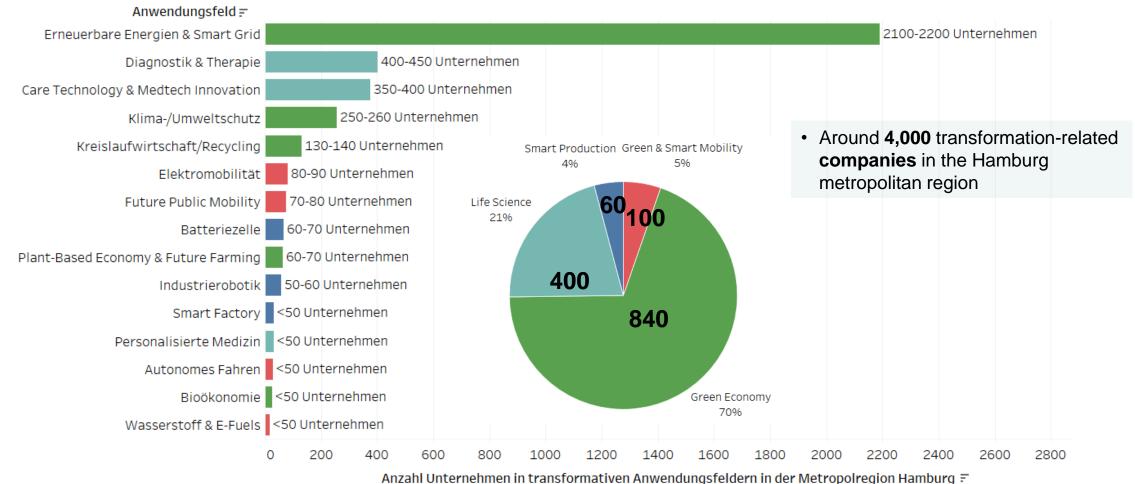


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DEVELOPMENT STATUS OF A REGION IN VARIOUS TRANSFORMATIVE FIELDS OF APPLICATION



SUMMARY

Municipalities / regions are suitable for taking on a new role as drivers of regional transformation processes, **but**

- Strong regional roots and close co-operation with regional intermediaries are an important prerequisite for taking on such a role.
- Regional transformation processes must first be understood in order to be able to coordinate them.
- Sufficient human resources, expertise and sustainable financing of cluster initiatives is a fundamental prerequisite.

Funding could then be provided in future

- be designed project-specifically and
- Tasks in the regional interest include

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