

Sharing solutions for better regional policy!

What's love got to do with it?

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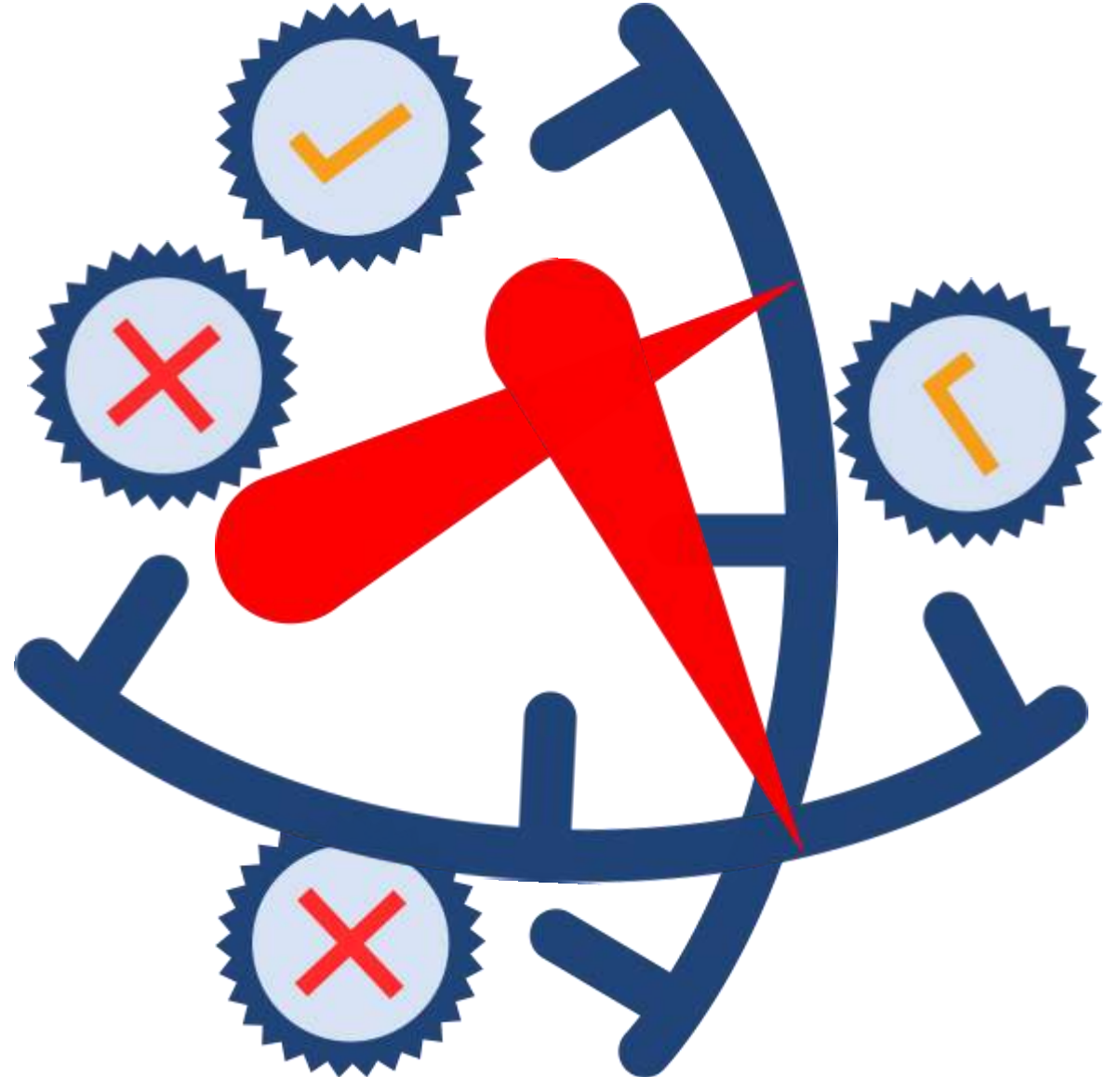
Love is

- o work,
- o a lot of work, a lot of hard work,
- o continuously

and so are

- o learning &
- o cooperation

and you only know what you miss  
when it is too late

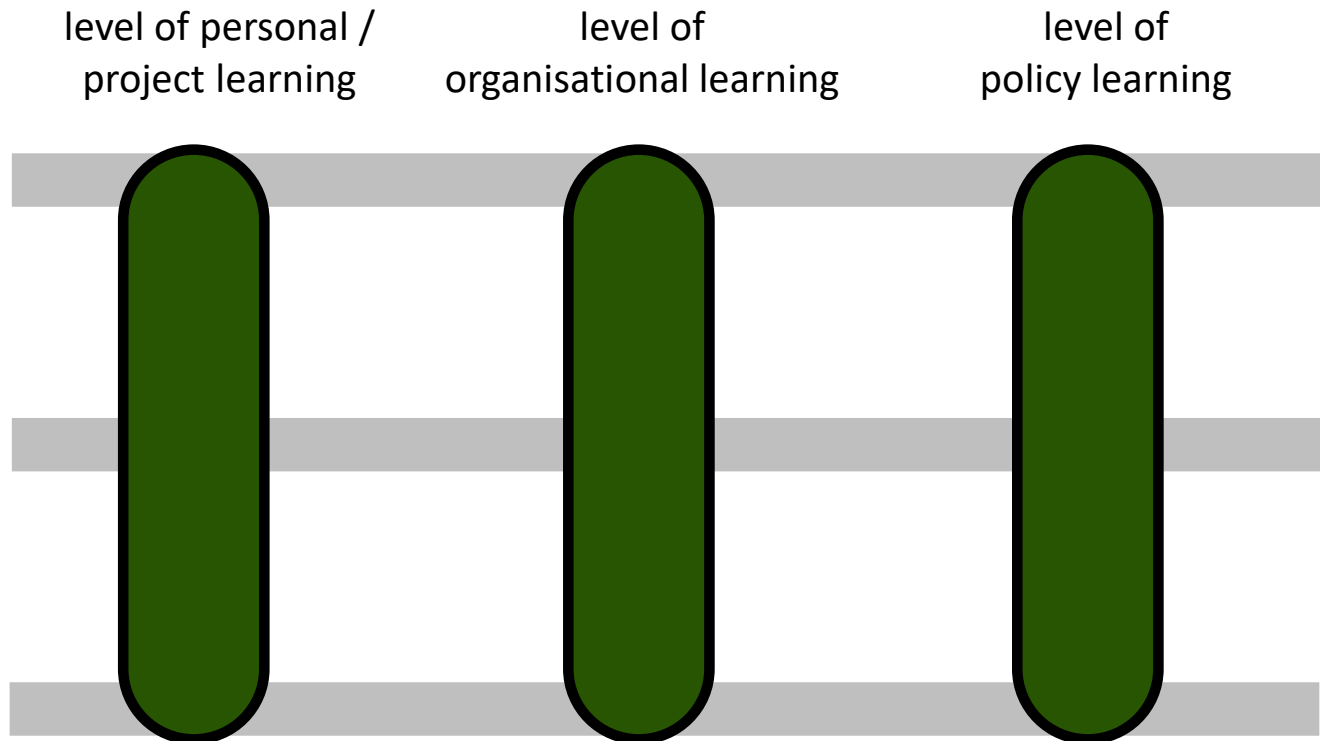


# Learning leads to better solutions

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- o Finding better solutions means learning

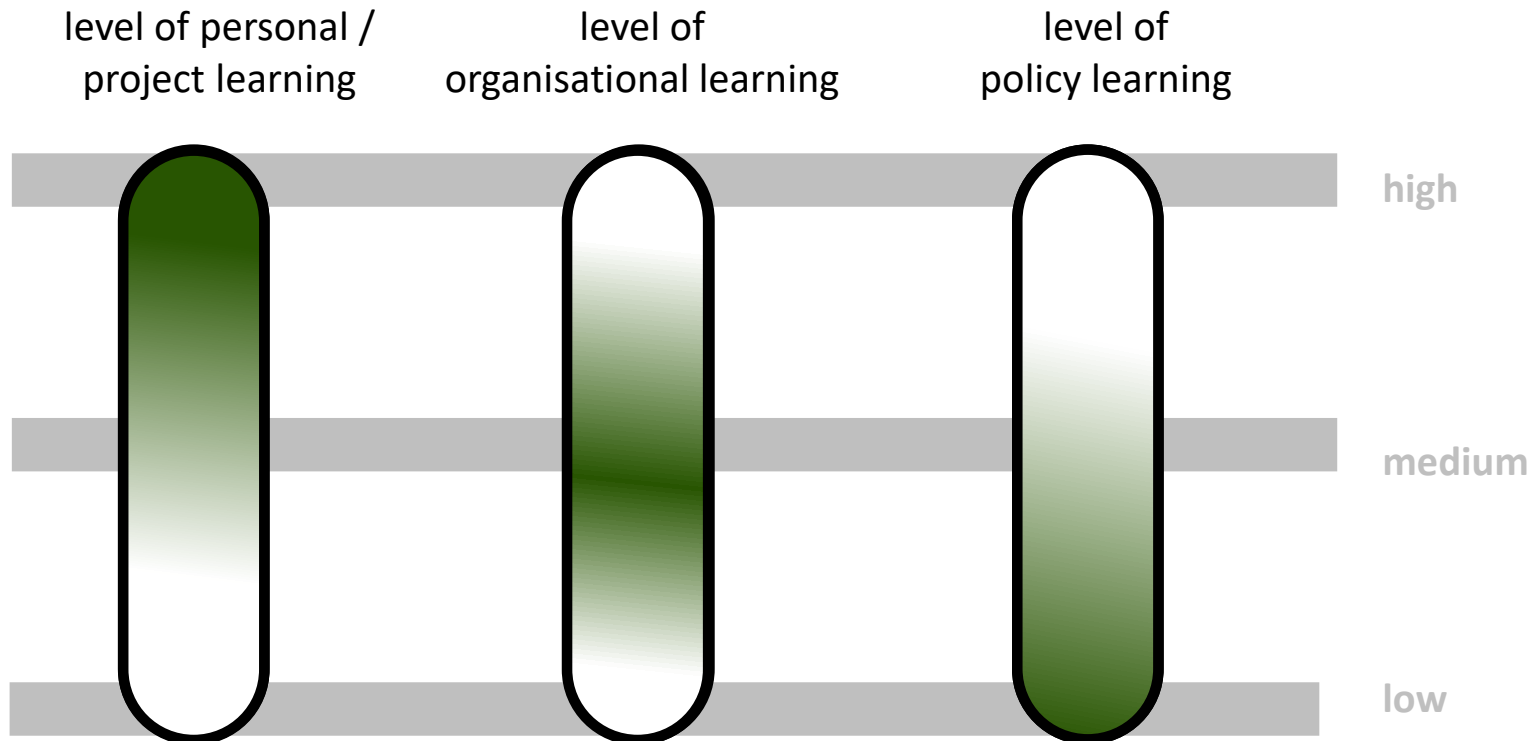


- o Learning about different contents and processes
- o Learning to improve our various capacities (personal skills, organisational, functional / policy capacities)

# Finding better solution means learning



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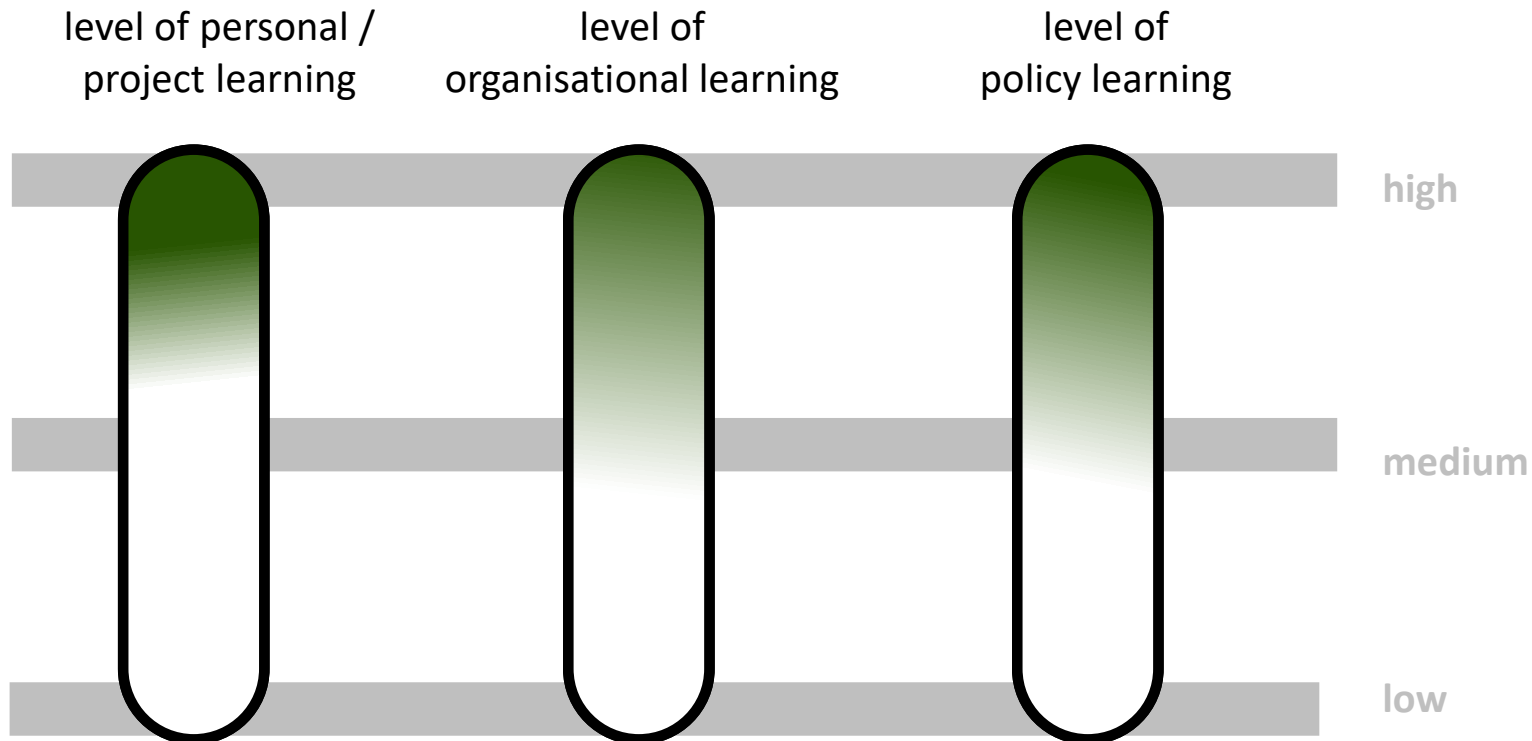


**Situation  
mid-term during  
an Interreg project**

# Finding better solution means learning

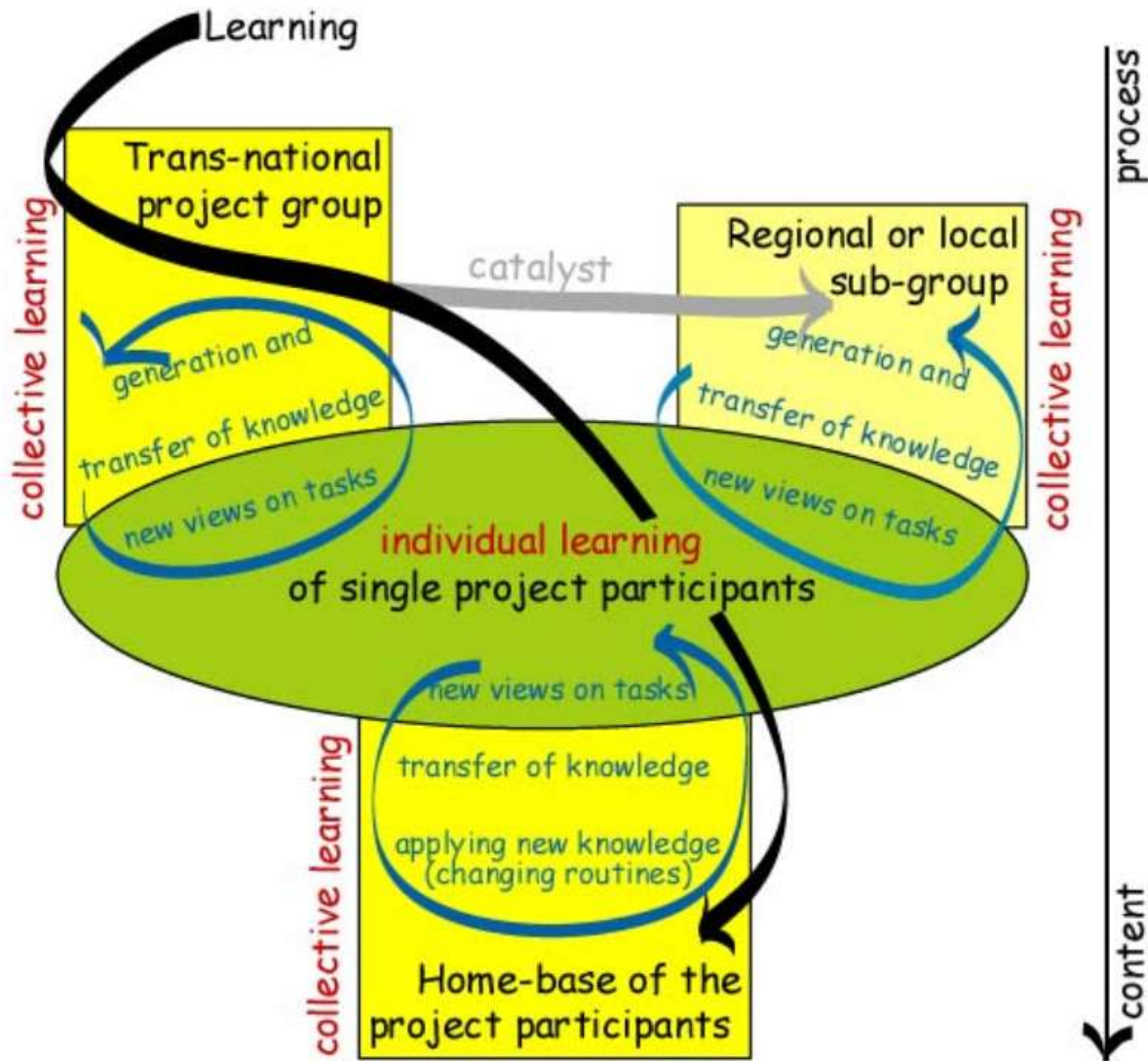


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**Expected situation  
by the end  
of the project**

# Dimensions of learning



- Territorial cooperation is about finding better solutions
- Finding better solutions means learning
- We learn as individuals
- We learn in groups
- We transfer learning between groups
- The aim of learning is to change the way we do things
  - As individuals
  - As organisations

# 'Golden rules' of learning

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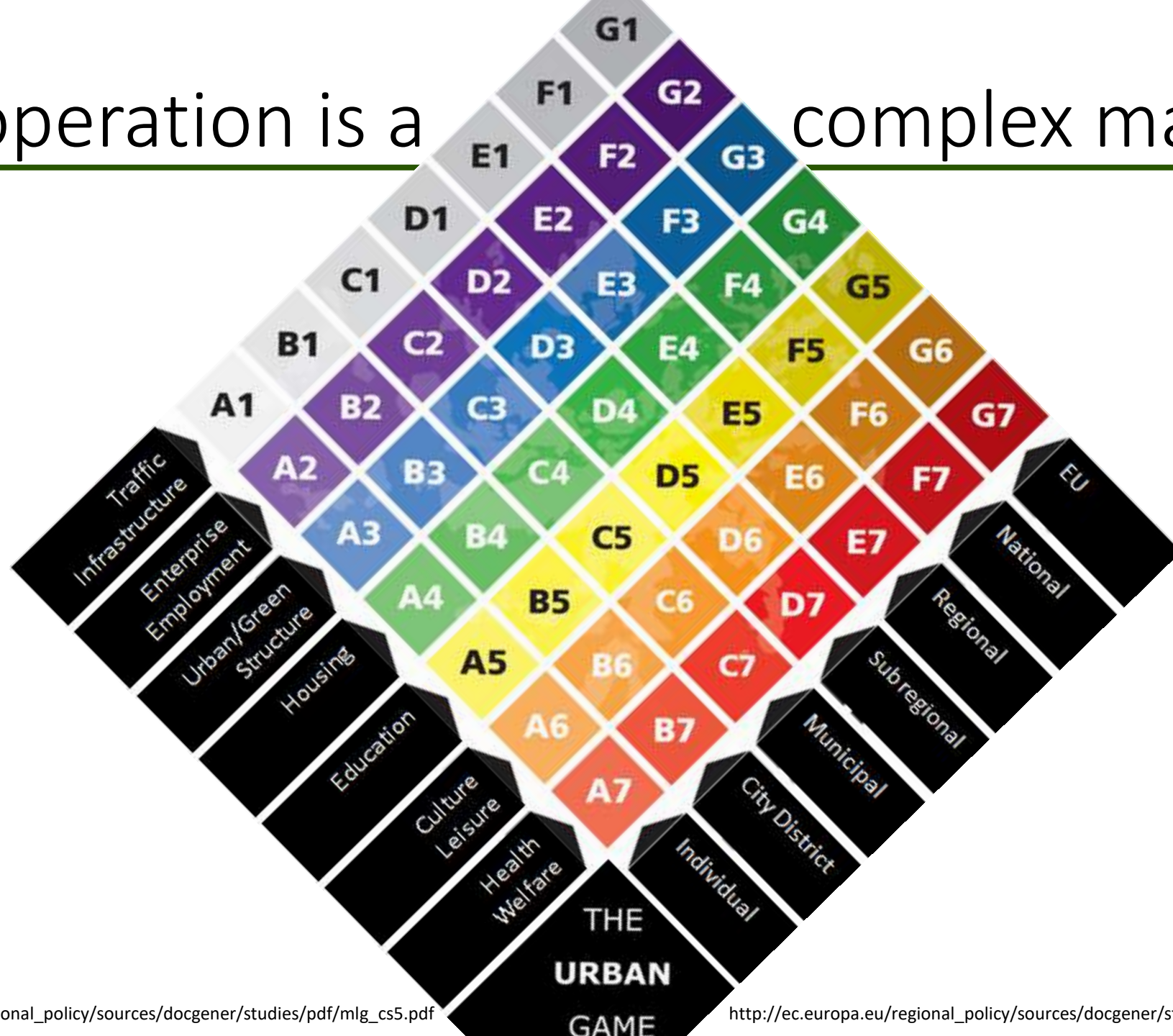


**Translate do not copy!** Learning must be ...

- ... **mutual** - resulting from a dialogue
- ... **concrete** - focusing on practices that can be changed
- ... **incremental** - as new practices need to be embedded
- ... **context-specific** - there should be a degree of similarity
- ... **critically undertaken** - to see what can be transposed
- ... **realistic** - see what can be applied outside the home context
- ... **durable** - no magic solution or quick fixes

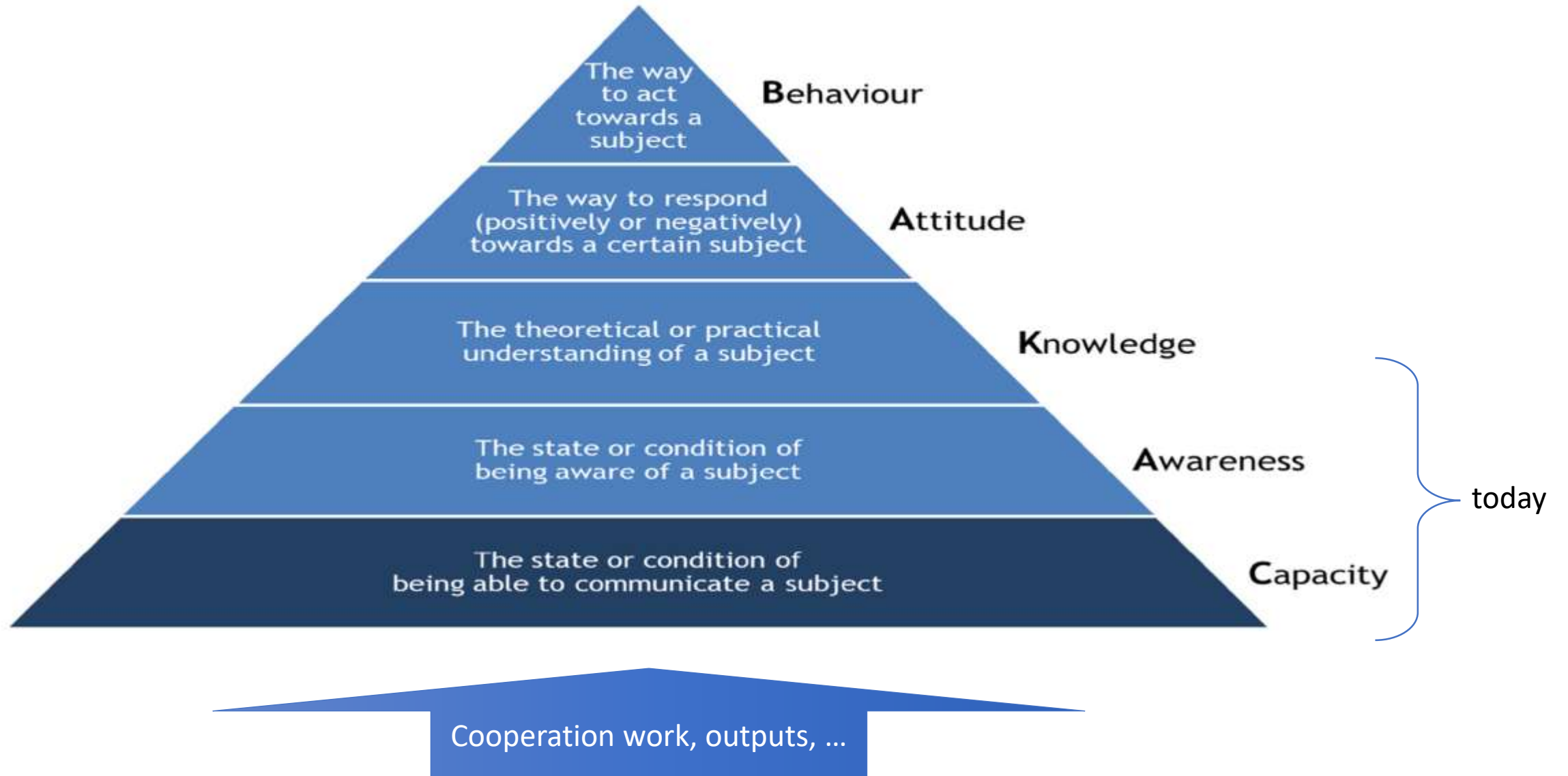


# Cooperation is a complex matter





# Cooperation is ambitious



# Cooperation is not straight forward

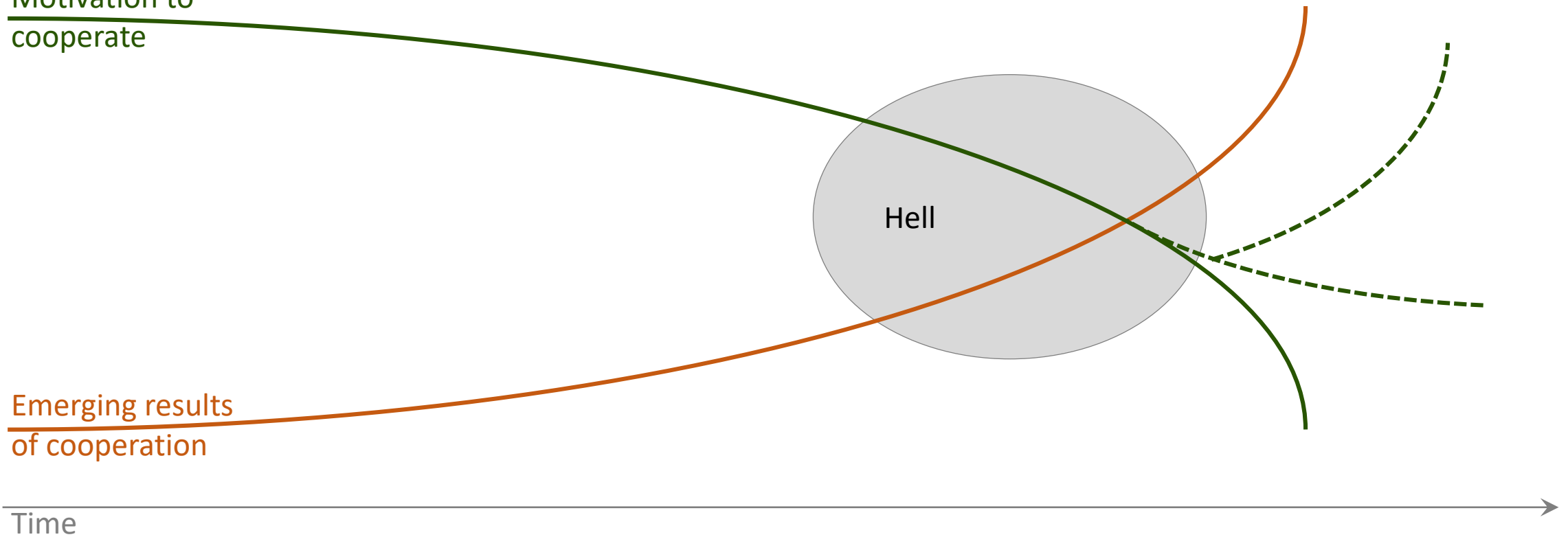


Motivation to  
cooperate

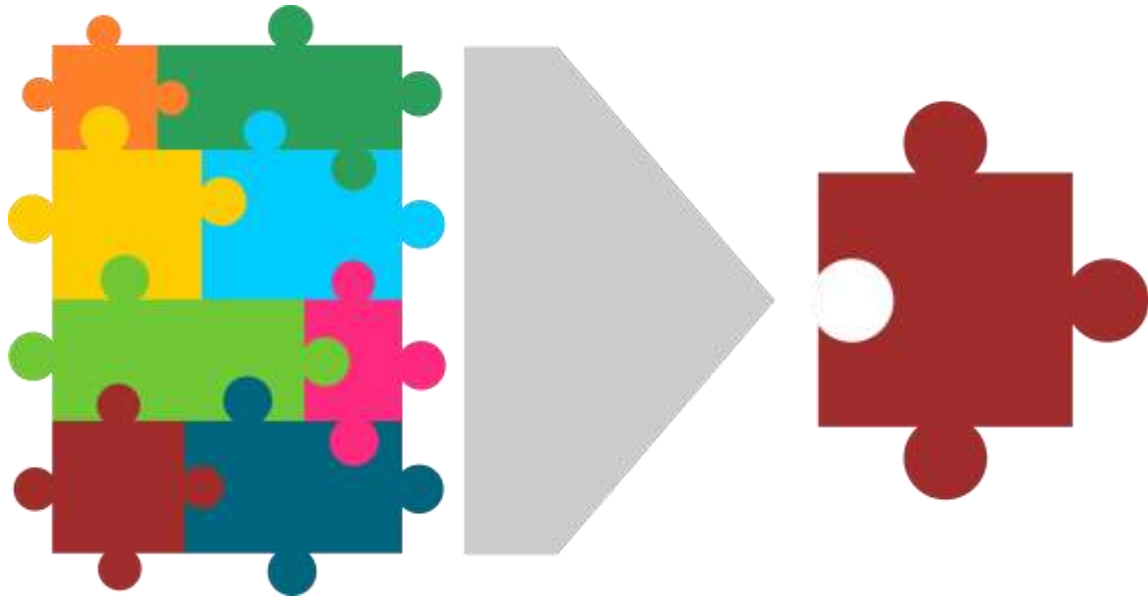
Emerging results  
of cooperation

Time

Hell



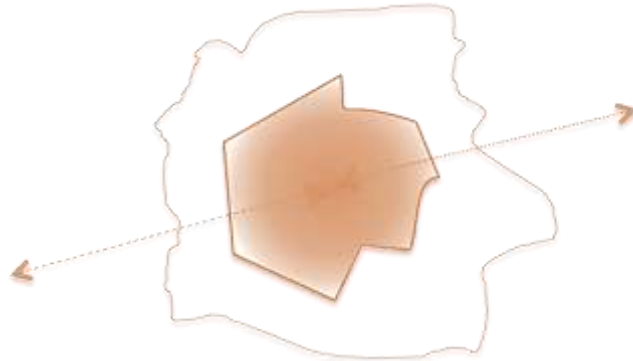
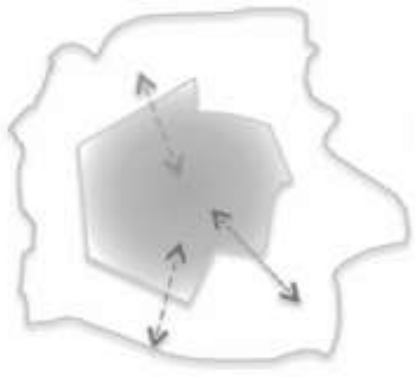
# Cooperation as continuous learning process



# Interdependencies of places, cities, regions



- Cooperation is a must, not a luxury for all development themes
- Interdependencies of places shapes Europe's development
- European disintegration has no winners in Europe
- Today's challenges cannot be solved by territories individually
- One single place may have multiple functional areas



# Others copy Interreg success

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## Interreg is the avantgarde of cooperation

- ◉◉ Cooperation on smart specialisation strategies (even beyond Europe)
- ◉◉ INNOVACT platform
- ◉◉ JPI – Joint Programming Initiative
- ◉◉ EIP – European Innovation Partnership
- ◉◉ fi-compass
- ◉◉ ...

Interreg can inspire and prepare

# Mainstream territorial cooperation

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- Cooperation is a must, not a luxury
- All programmes need elements of territorial cooperation
- All operations need an element of territorial cooperation
- Think beyond Interreg, ITI, CLLD ...

Cooperation obliges us to learn continuously





# Thank you !



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**Cooperation only grows by  
sharing**

**You can only have more  
for yourself by giving it  
away to others**