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The social and ecological benefits of the GreenBelt Frankfurt

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Developing healthy and prosperous urban eco-systems

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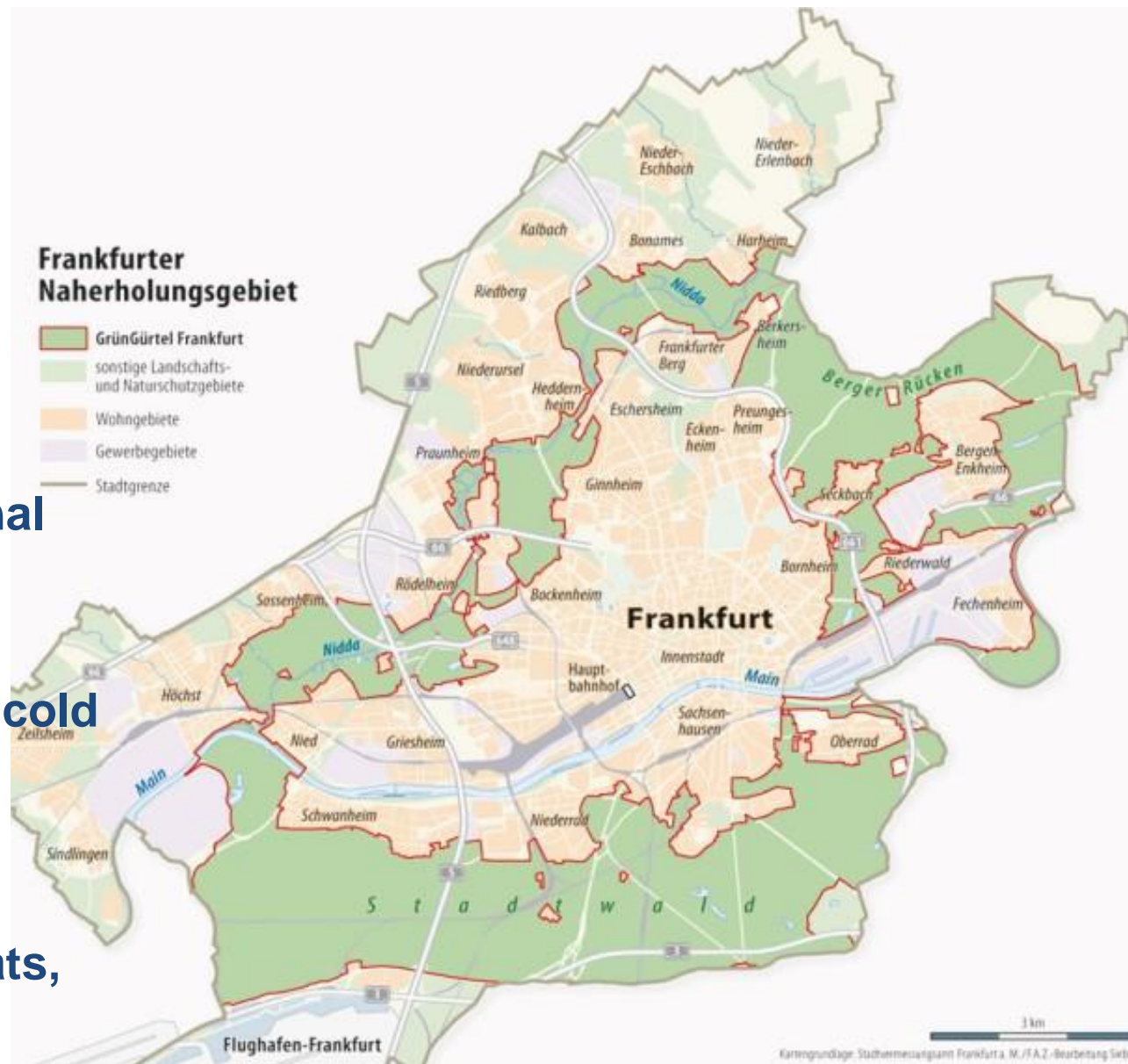
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What is the *GrünGürtel* (GreenBelt) Frankfurt?

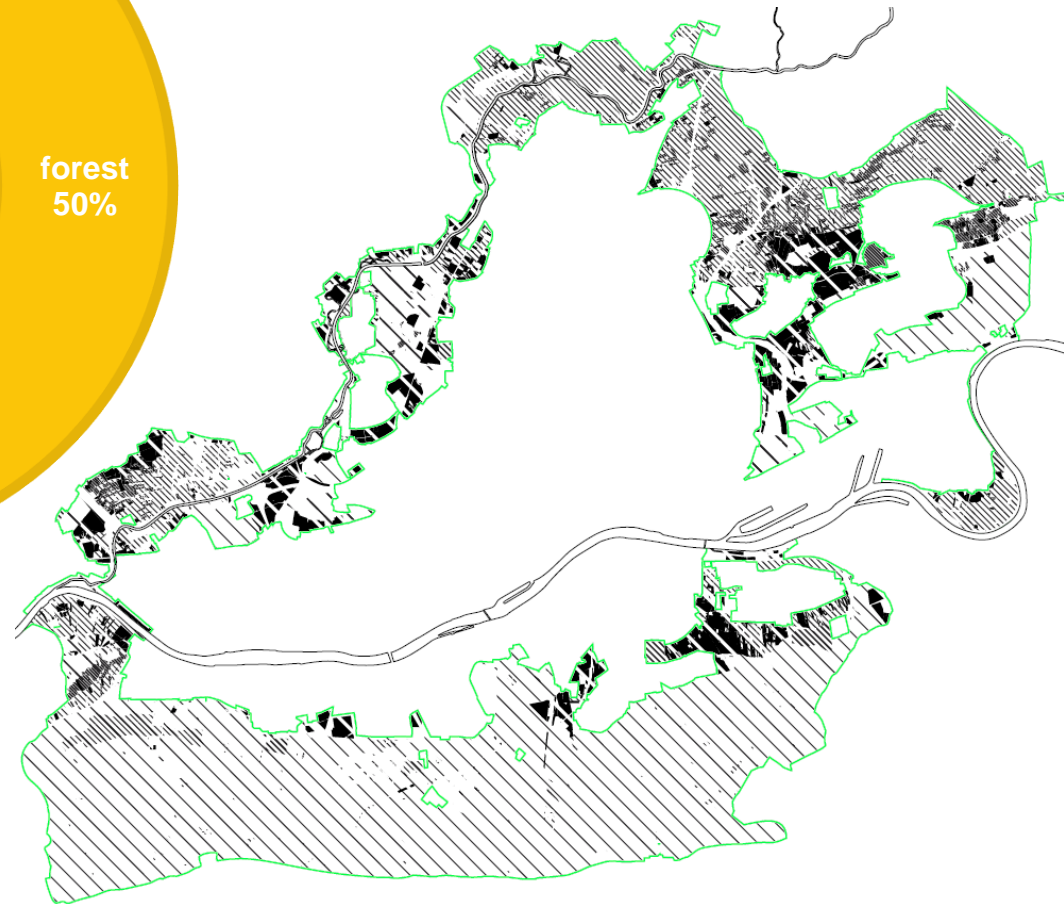
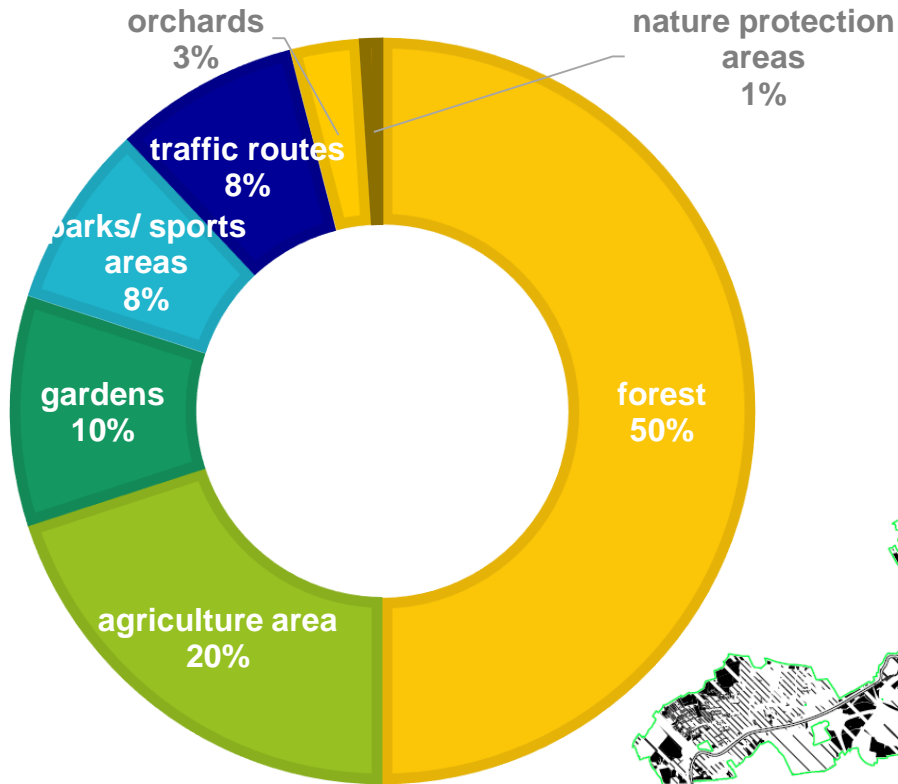


Providing

- Leisure, recreational and educational activities
- Fresh air corridor, cold air formation, infiltration
- Conservation of species and habitats, cultural landscape



Land uses



Tasks of the Green Belt



Conceptual development, spatial planning, area designation



Management and care for green areas, commercial forest, agricultural etc.



Voluntary management of conservation areas

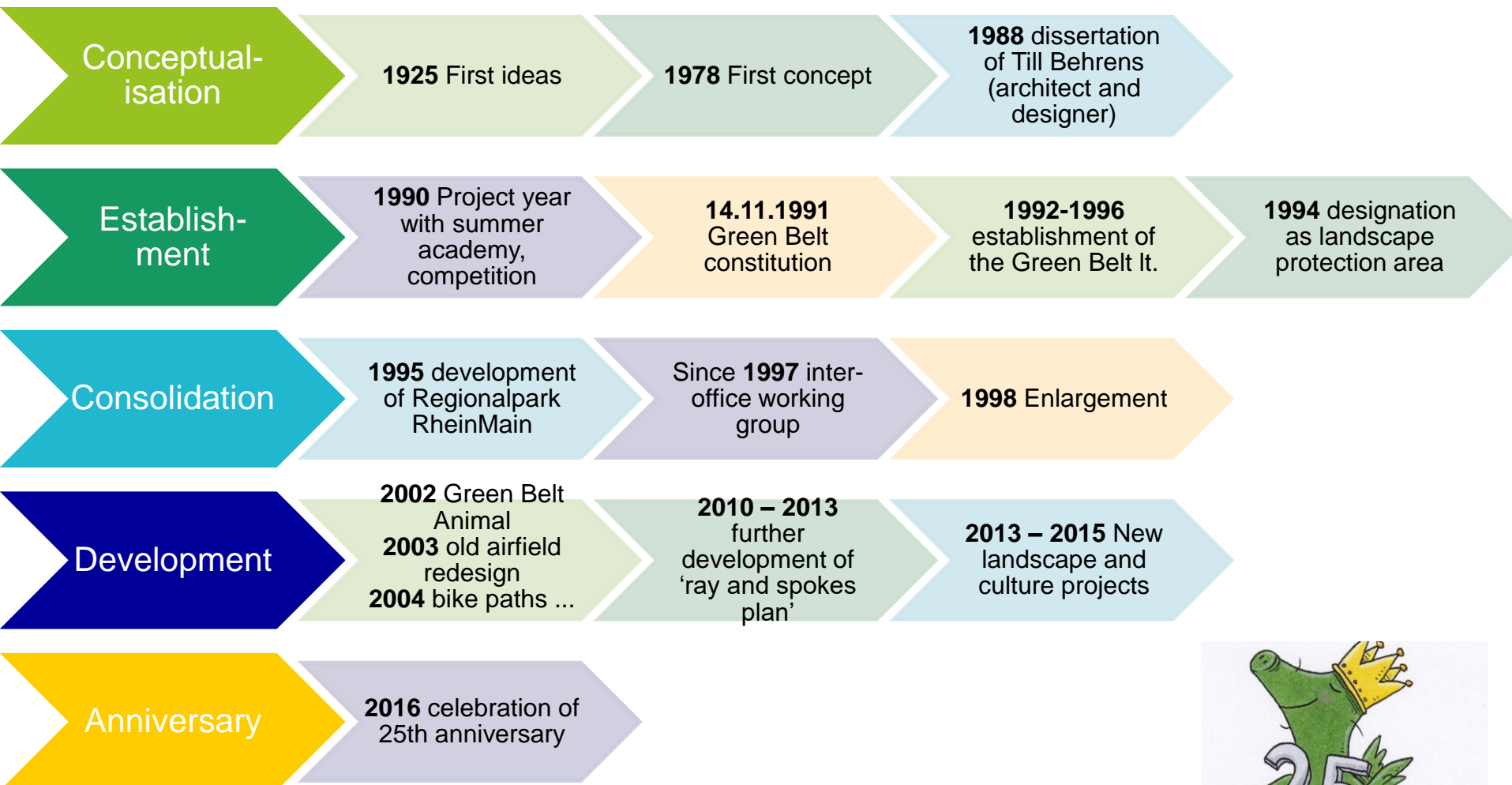


implementation of projects with cultural and nature relevance;

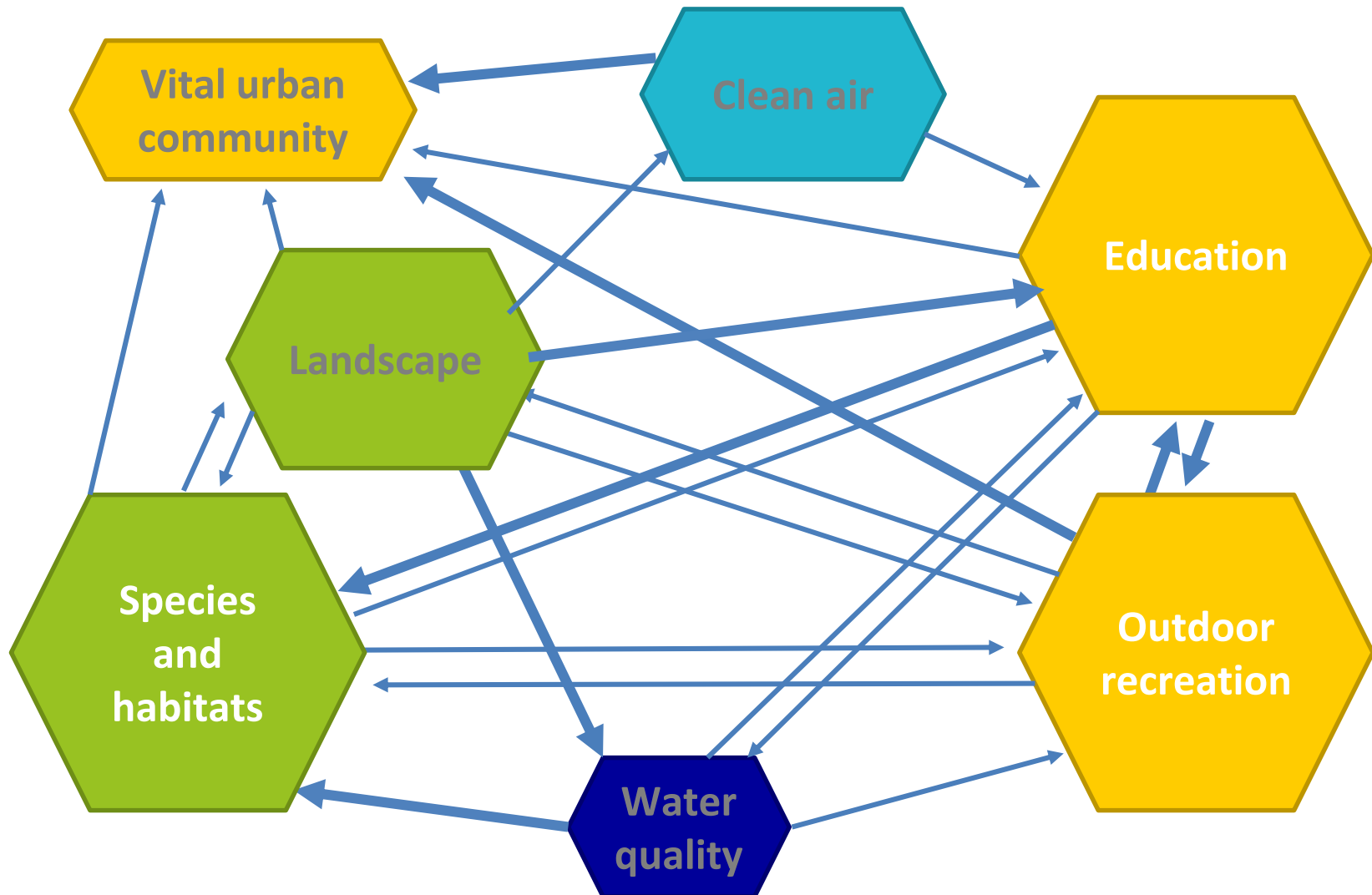


Education and training activities

Development pathway



Key social and environmental benefits



Difficulties and opportunities

Threats

- **constant political pressure on economic valorisation of land**
- **difficult to quantify ecological/social services ("recreational quality", urban climate effects, etc.)**
- **Pressure from the real estate market**

Opportunities

- **spatial planning approach to provide social and economic benefits**
- **Integration with outside area**
- **political negotiation processes**

Conclusions

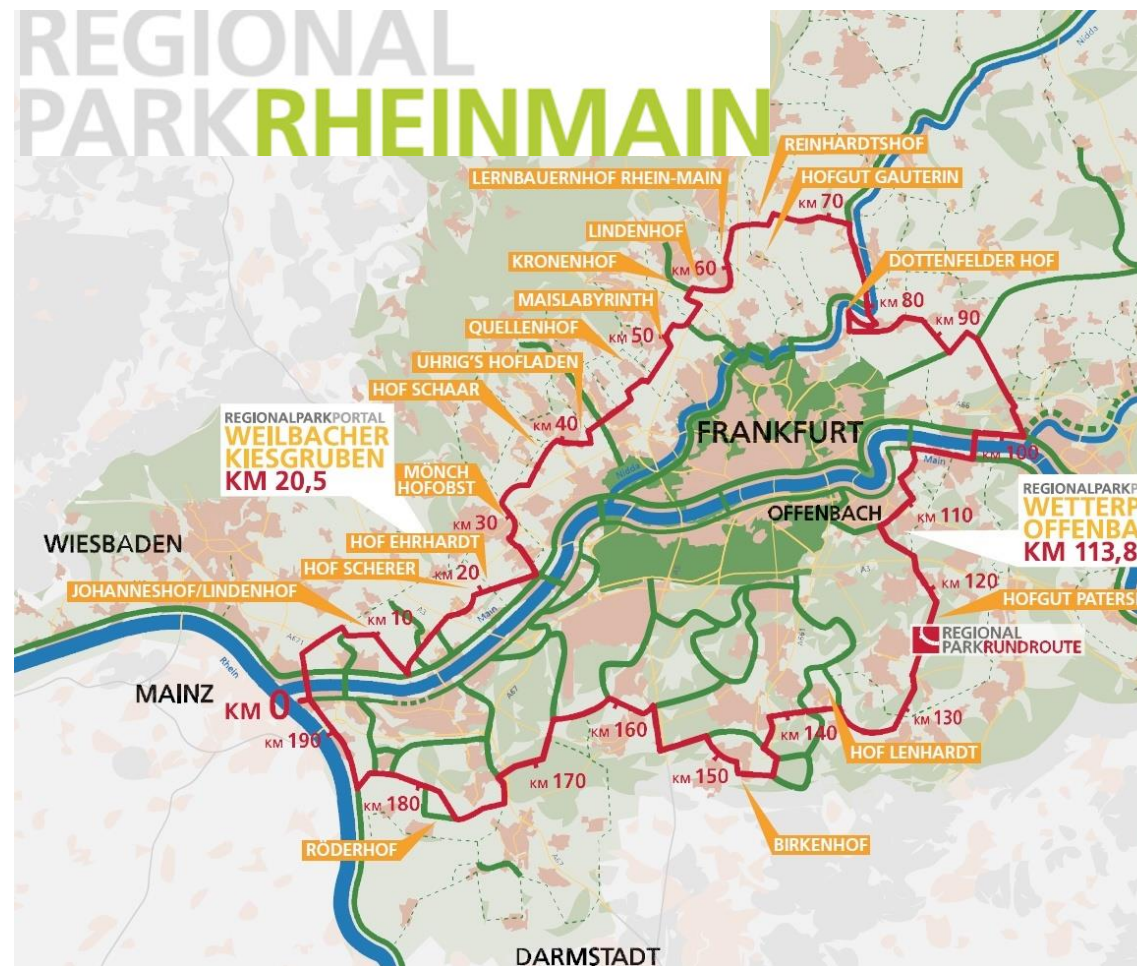
- **Transferable approach**
- **Requirements**
 - legal-planning secured status
 - awareness and appreciation of the social, ecological and economic achievements in politics/administration and in the population
- **interaction between civil society actors and the public sector**
- **Conflicts of use within the GreenBelt can be reduced by**
 - spatial unbundling of uses or
 - regulatory requirements or
 - cooperative-participative management approaches

CityZen policy instrument

Action plan for ‚Urban Agriculture in the RhineMain Regionalpark‘ Supplement to the Framework Concept (2012)

Topics:

- Agriculture, nature and landscape conservation, and recreation
- New initiatives and cooperations
- Traditional orchards
- Maintenance of cultural landscape



Further information

- Case study about the Green Belt in the H2020 PEGASUS project
- GrünGürtel on the website of the city of Frankfurt (German only)
- Related policy Instrument *RegionalPark RhineMain* of the Interreg Europe CityZen project



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Thank you for your attention!

Questions welcome