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Who we are, were we come from and what we aim to be?

Do we use the appropriated theories and related strategies, which tool kit should we use in future?
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Rostock was a model city in national fashist times, afterwards it has become a model for soviet/GDR urbanism and society, managed it’s German reuni-fication- and globalization crises, it was not influenced from finance crises 2008 and prepares now self confident and self determed it’s quantum jump with 2040+ horizon

Rostock is still profiting from the node-band city structure, planned in 1950ies ff.
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guiding spatial planning and development commitments for Rostock

app. 2006  
app. 2008  
app. 2010
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A Regiopolis” is a medium sized city, with usually more than 100,000 inhabitants, a number of metropolitan functions, but significant outside a metropolitan area. Key characteristics are:

• a high quality physical infrastructure and good accessibility
• important economic core within its rural suburban zone (location of global players or/and hidden champions)
• the cultural, educational and innovative heart of its surrounding

The “regiopol region” emphasizes the importance of cooperation between the “regiopolis” as the dynamic core and its surrounding municipalities for joint regional development. Its also a brand, implying high complexe urban qualities and appropriate behaviour.

(Regiopolen: Die kleinen Großstädte in Zeiten der Globalisierung, Ahrig, Reuter 2008)
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2016 central state spatial development guideline: competetiveness

INTA Rostock 2018: announcement: spatial decentralisation and better linkage between *(true)* metropolitan cities areas and Regiopoles shell be developed

improve the linkage between metropolitan areas and Regiopoles by streets, railway and WWW - reduce the distance

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problems: growing cities, shrinking cities; trend of depopulation of rural areas, overheated metropolise cities; cheating, being regarded and treated as a metropolis

solution: (under investigation): Should be created a new interface between rural areas (rural depopulation) and constantly growing, but overheated metropolises? Shall „regiopolis“ become a new category for spatial planning and development? Should be a national development program: pro regiopolis be set up? Should consequences already be drawn for the Baltic Sea Strategy?
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The Regiopolis-initiative of Rostock and Trier is now definitely nationally established. 8 Regiopolis cities got regiopolis status through their own city council resolution, 3 of them are formally acknowledged by regional planning law. A strong parliamentary task force of the Bundestag supports the initiative, various federal ministries cooperate all together, the regional planning ministers also do.

In October 2019, the 8 Regiopolis-cities have applied to federal ministry for research and development grants: Regiopolis-cities and Regiopol-regions for Germany: A new instrument for the sustainable way to equal living conditions in urban and rural areas of Germany
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potential German Regiopolis
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Lets continue our discussion

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