

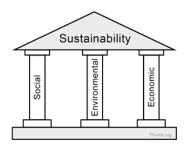
# Regional collaboration & sharing: pathway to sustainable, just & inclusive cities in Europe

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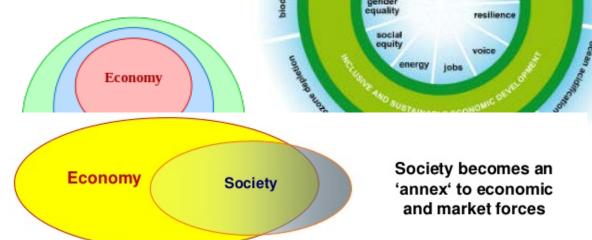


### A. Sustainability: New interpretations....

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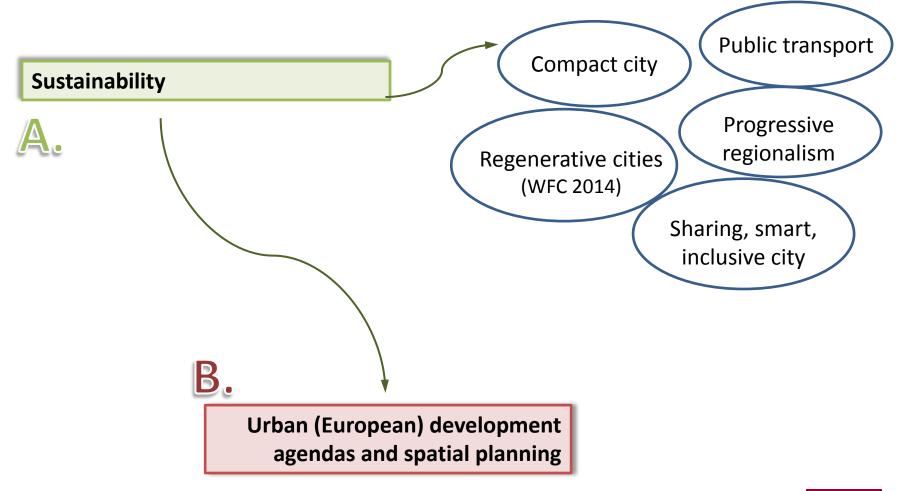
"Balancing" various aspects of sustainability often turns into competition rather than a holistic approach where economic processes are separated from society and then rule social relations/commodification of land and ecosystems services....



'Just sustainability' - social welfare and economic opportunity are integrally related to environmental limits " (e.g. Agyeman et al 2015)



#### b. Urban development for sustainability





## b. Spatial development implication/policy

#### Reduce, Re-use, Recycle

 Reduce sprawl, compact city, brownfield development, Mixed-use, sustainable transport, +energy buildings; smart cities (big data, optimized management...), regenerative cities, industrial ecology/circular economy

#### Regionalism > Progressive regionalism;

 Regional coordination not only for economic/environmental goals but also social redistribution; see; Pezzoli et al 2009)

Investment	Progressive Distributed		
Economic development	'just' development, environment	Community development	
Economic growth	Sustainability and Q of Life	Equity	
Export-based, competitiveness	Regional infrastructure, Labor market	Distribution: Access/Opportunity	
Firms, Industries, Sectors	Workers, universities, education/training	Communities/ Neighborhoods/ poor	
Firm subsidies, industry clusters, real estate development	State, and regional institutions	Metro governance and community-based organizations	



## B. Spatial & urban development principles

## Leipzig Charter on sustainable European Cities (2007)

- Integrated urban development
- Creating and ensuring high-quality public spaces (incl. man-made landscapes)
- Modernize infrastructure/improve energy efficiency
- Proactive innovation and educational policies
- Special attention to deprived neighborhoods

#### Regenerative cities (WFC/Girardet, 2014)

- Efficient use of resources including circular material flows of waste, energy and food flow (metabolism)+ shared use of things...
- Increase local & regional supply use
- Agro-ecological approaches and local food production
- Regionally distributed energy production from renewables, community ownership of utilities
- Create new urban rural relationships
- Reflexive, participatory, multi-level governance to steer/guide above
- Humans are part of the ecosystem;
- continuous process; monitoring

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## **C. Promising Examples**



## 1. Stockholm, Hammersby Sjostad

#### What?

- Brownfield land regeneration (11 000 homes)
- Public transit & car sharing/green corridors
- Industrial ecologies, renewable energy production
- Lower than city avg water /energy consumption (25%)

#### How?

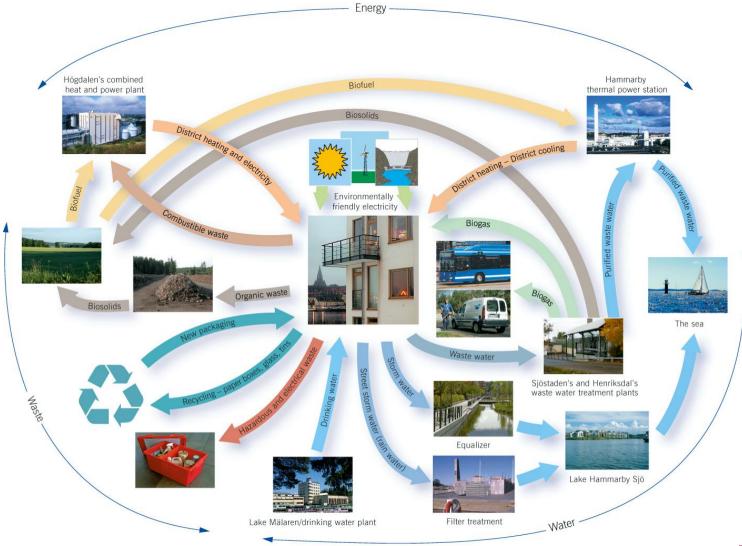
- City purchased land, developed masterplan, competition to drive up standards, high levels of standards set in tendering
- Environmental education to residents

#### Weaknesses?

 Environmental goals not all met... e.g. on public transit or water use.... Lack of social mix, little public participation, but more families than anticipated....



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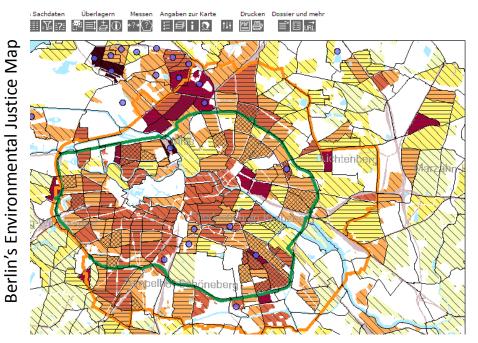
## 2. Berlin, Germany

#### What?

- Creating an awareness /evidence of injustice
- Affordable housing & transport
- Inclusive public space, Creating opportunities for marginal groups

#### How?

- Mapping environmental justice, open green space, biodiversity
- rent control, subsidies for transport; sharing, flexible policies to support meanwhile land uses and social experiments
- Non-medical interventions for public health
- Public participation!





## 2. Berlin: social green space....

#### What/how?

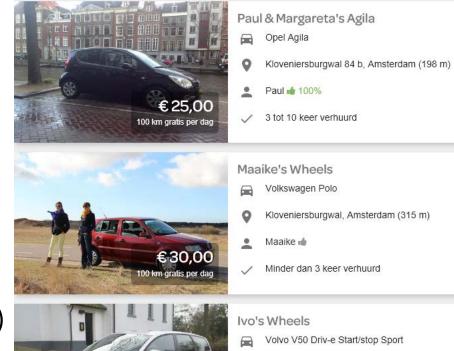
- Prinzessinnengarten,
- NGO > employment
- Food production,
- Biodiversity
- Learning, recycling shop
- Space to meet for all
- City changed zoning, low rent of lot to NGO
- Renewed lease based on public pressure





## 3. Amsterdam – sharing city ....

- AirBnB but mitigate its potential negative impact by limiting time, requiring income tax payment
- Circular economy cooperative > a 'business' that facilitates sharing solutions
- Mywheels (share car with others)
- Shared bicycles....
- Co-housing (over 100 communities)



Free Wifi in Amsterdam....



## 4. Stuttgart – regional coordination

#### What?

- Reduced land consumption (compared to other regions in Germany), less infrastructure (saves money)
- Integrated transport and reduce car commuting
- Science to inform planning > environmental protection
- Distributed & renewable power production > resilience

#### How?

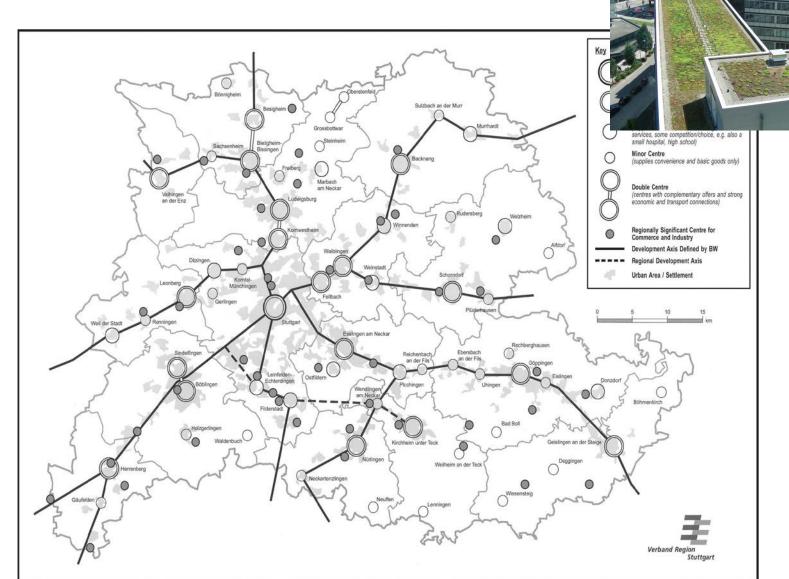
- Regional planning
- With regional governance and regional transport planning
- Database for brownfield land and development opportunities
- Climate/environmental atlas
- Municipal utilities
- Local policy incentives > green roofs (no regrets), free parking for car sharing (e-cars)
- Landscape park as a means to enhance local recreational opportunities and protect biodiversity > social and economic benefits

#### Weaknesses

rural areas disadvantaged



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## D. What can we learn? Transferability?

- Planning and government leadership is important to facilitate coordination/collaboration; at different scales
- Cities/localities can create favorable conditions
- Policies and regulation need to emphasis justice (e.g. free city wifi; control Bnb in AMS)
- Policy to facilitate bottom up experiments and creative Sharing of resources/things
- Monitoring (in space) to inform policies
- Public participation/access
- Cities improve provisions/sustainability in order to attract people/business and offering high quality of life



#### Inequality a Growing Concern in Europe and U.S.; Religious & Ethnic Hatred Worries Increase in Middle East

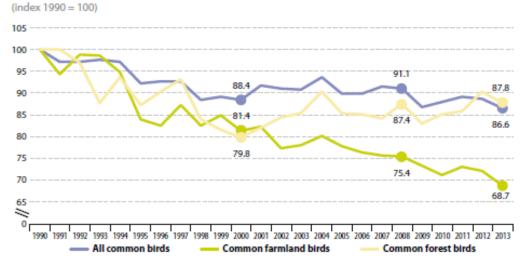
Poses the greatest threat to the world

	2007	2014	Change
Inequality	%	%	
Spain	27	54	+27
Italy	16	32	+16
UK	14	25	+11
France	24	32	+8
Germany	27	34	+7
Poland	35	32	-3
Greece	-	43	-
U.S.	17	27	+10

Source: Spring 2014 Global Attitudes survey. Q6.

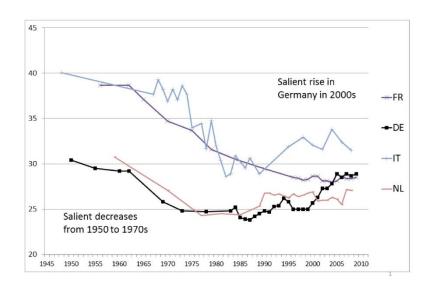
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Figure 8.1: Common bird index, EU, 1990–2013 (¹)



(\*) The EU aggregate changes depending on countries joining the Pan-European Common Birds Monitoring Scheme.

Source: Eurostat (online data code: tsdnr100)



Overall inequality (Gini coefficient) in Continental Europe.

Source: Atkinson (2013a).

