

Inducing the Metropolitan Region of Central Germany

Multiple Spatial Dimension of Politico-Economic
Discourses



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The Big Picture

The Phantom Region Central Germany





The Big Picture

- Research Project at Goethe University Frankfurt/Main
Investigating the unfolding processes of political exploitation of spatial concepts to legitimise and sustain political action
- Case Study: Central German Metropolitan Region
- Context: Political discourses of regional economy, culture, mobility, and family



Aims and Objectives



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- This presentation aims to
- illustrate the interplay of multiple, coexistent, and becoming spatialities of regions
- exemplify the everyday utilisation of this multi-dimensional spatial organisation by political stakeholders in an economic context



Central German Metropolitan Region



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Economic Discourses

Central Germany or...

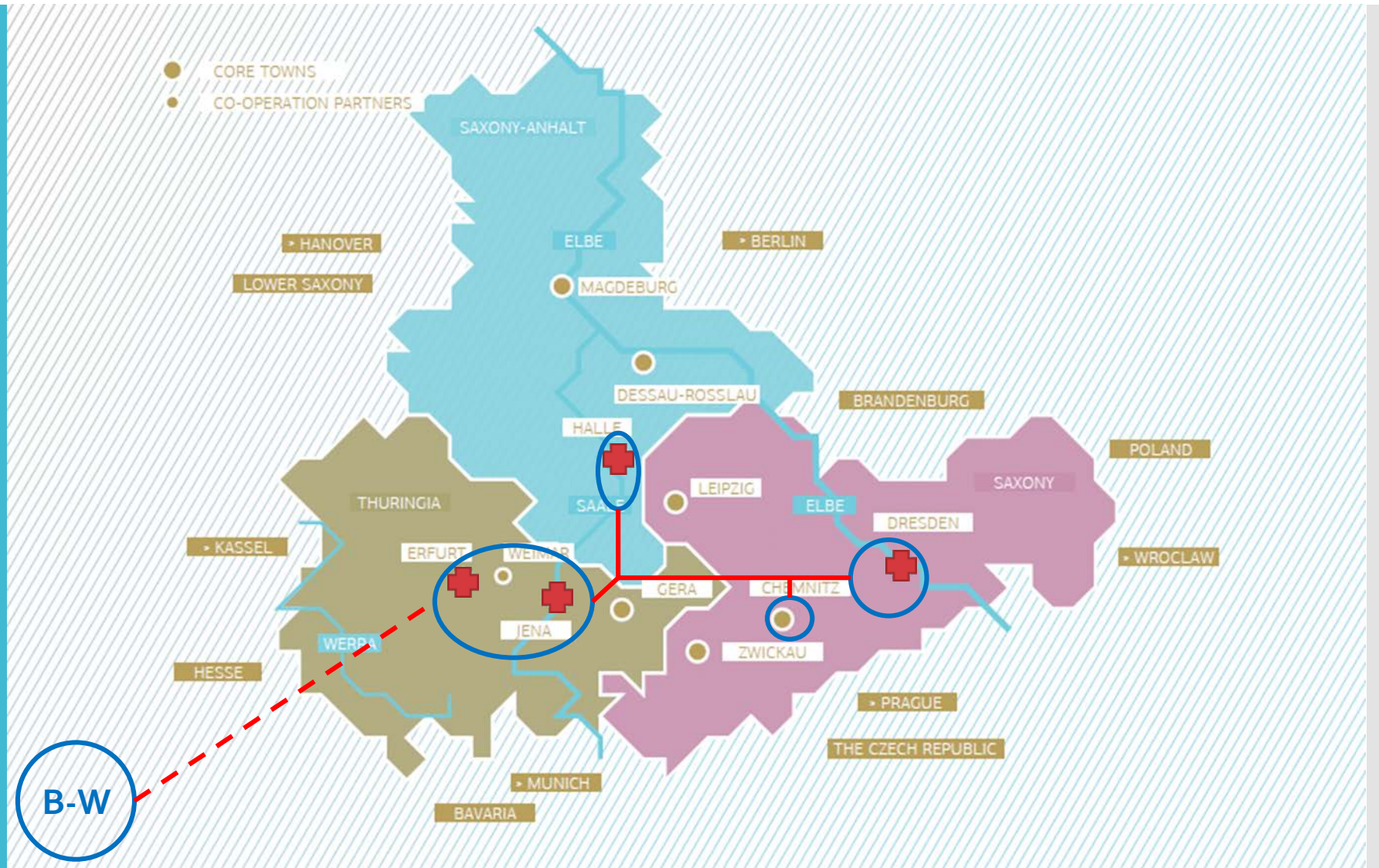


Central German Solar Cluster

- **Solar Valley Central Germany**
- Industry Cluster supported by:
 - Ministry of Economics, Labour and Transport (S)
 - Ministry of Science and Economics (S-A)
 - Ministry of Economics, Labour and Technology (T)
- Institutionalised through Solarvalley Ltd
 - Offices in Erfurt, Halle, and Dresden
- Registered Associations on Sub-regional Level



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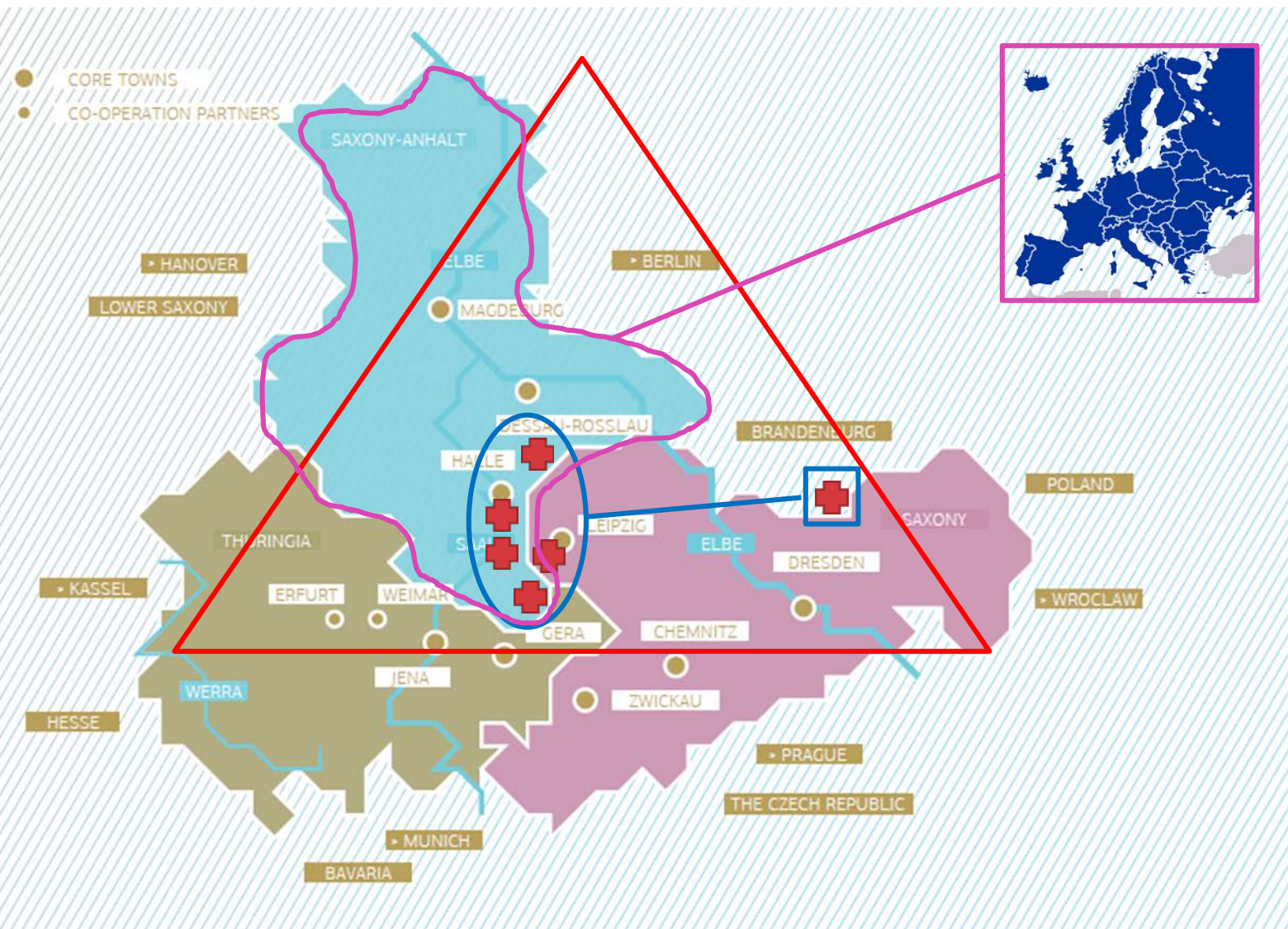


Central German Chemical Cluster

- **Cluster Chemistry / Plastics Central Germany**
- Industry Cluster supported by:
 - Ministry of Economics, Labour and Transport (S)
 - Ministry of Science and Economics (S-A)
 - Ministry of Economics, Labour and Technology (T)
- Ministry of Economics and European Affairs (BB)
- European Chemical Regions Network (ECRN)



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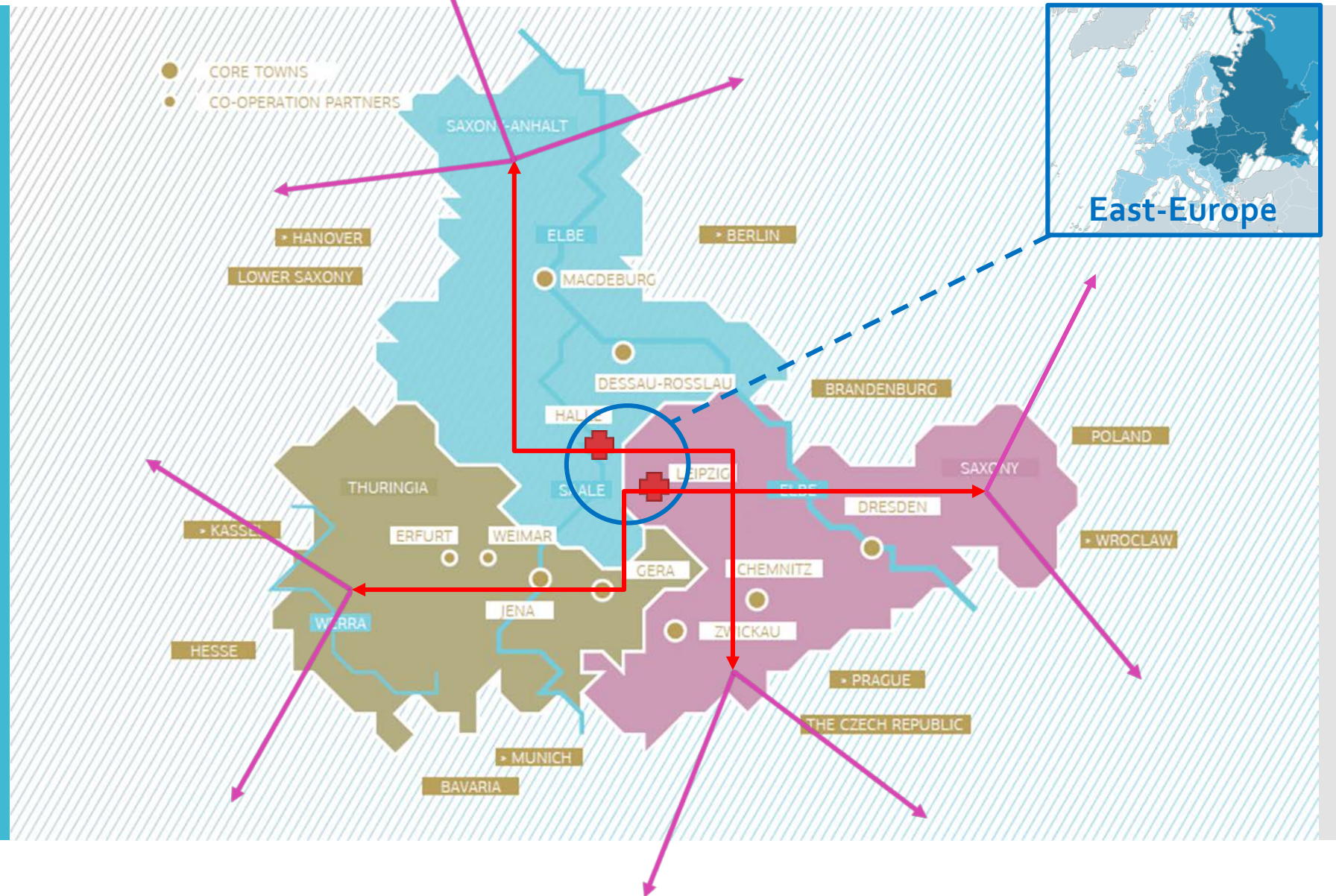


Central German Logistics Region

- **Cluster Transportation and Logistics**
- Industry Cluster supported by:
 - City of Leipzig (Saxony)
 - City of Halle (Saxony-Anhalt)
- Institutionalised as registered association:
Network Logistics Leipzig-Halle
- Cross-Sector Network in the Central German Region
- Access to Eastern European Markets



Central German Logistics Region





Preliminary Findings

Central German Metropolitan Region

- Regions are always in 'becoming'
 - They are temporal and never fixed (even though they appear to be)
- Regions are multi-dimensional
 - They are constituted by multiple spatialities (places, networks, territories and more)
- Regions are territorial phantoms
 - They have contextually different contours and shapes (however, they draw on territorial container)

Thank You
Questions?

