



# Added value of Territorial Scenarios for the policy-making process

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## Experience in AUSTRIA

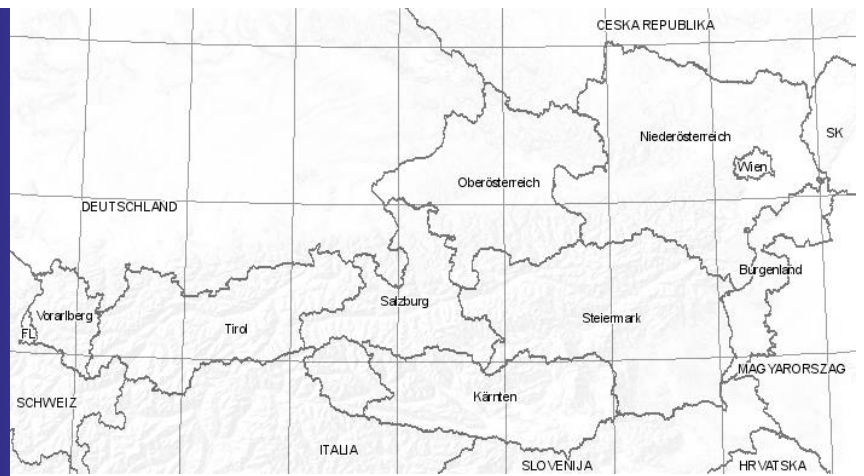
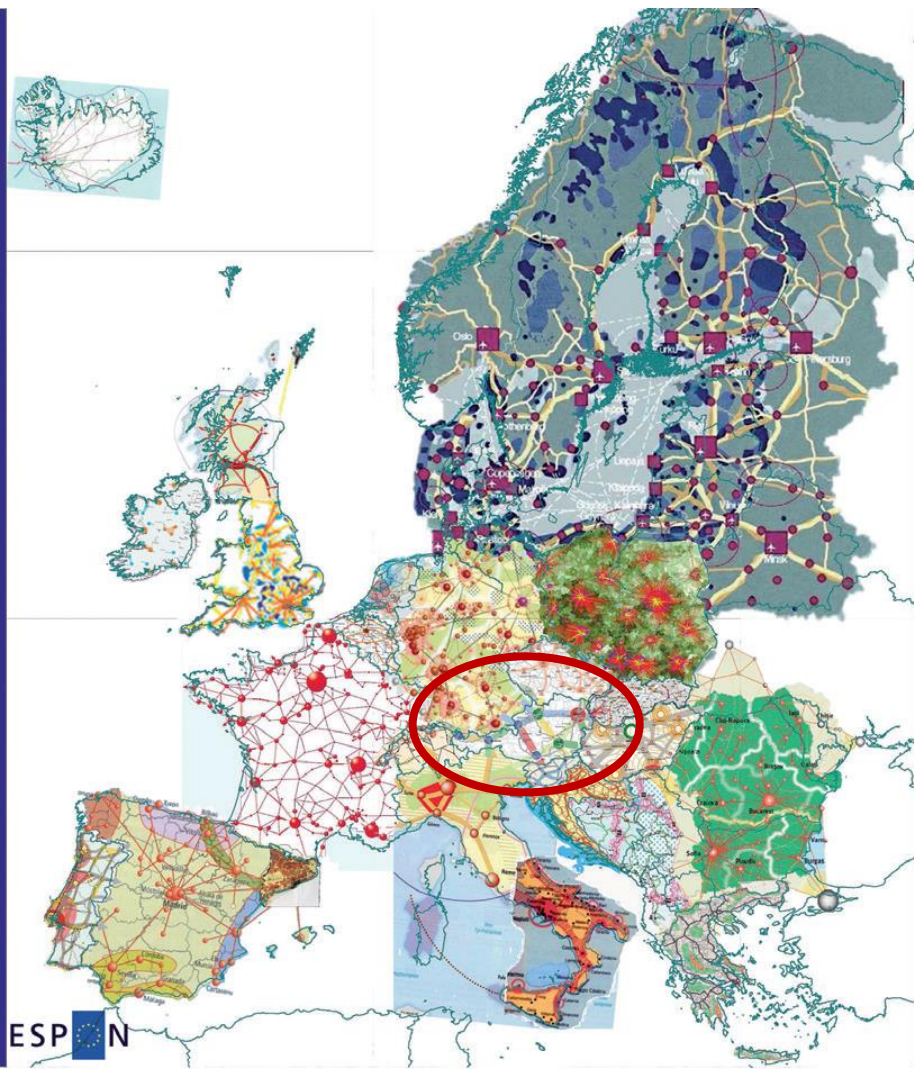
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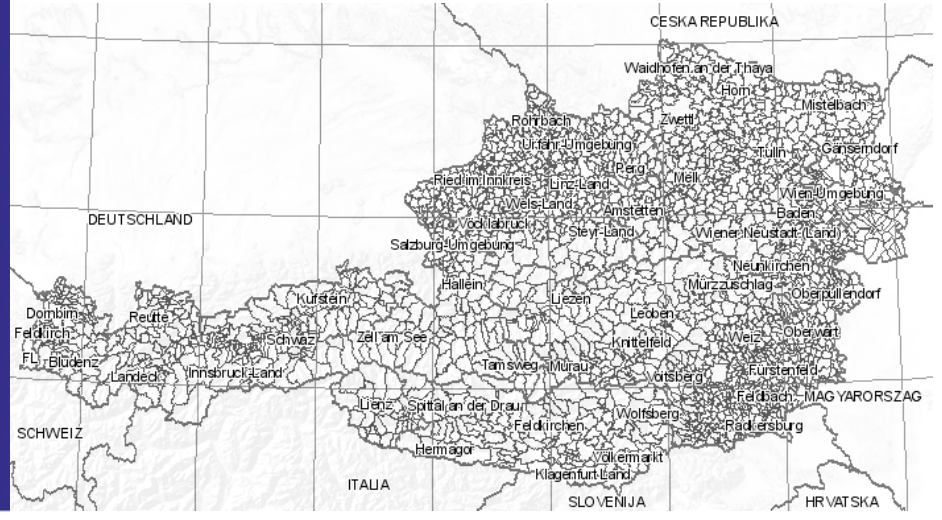
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# Context matters ...(not only) in AUSTRIA



**Federal level – 9 regions – 2.100 municipalities**



# WHY spatial scenarios on national level?



all ministries  
all 9 regions/Länder  
social partner organisations

Political level:

→ Conference

Administrative level

→ Committee of Deputies

→ Subcommittees

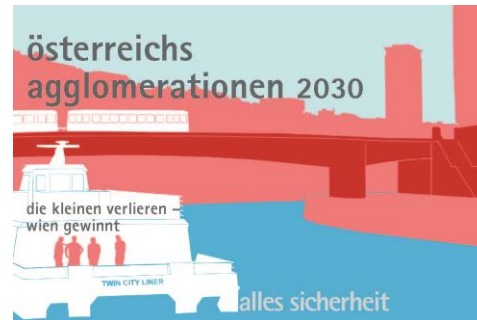
→ Working Groups

- Focus (more) on the **future** to (better) identify **options of today**
- Using scenarios to cope (better) with the **complexity** of integrated territorial development
- (Highly) **interactive** approach for ensuring (as much as possible) **co-ownership & co-authorship**
- *...inspired by ESPON!*





## ÖROK-Projekt: Spatial Scenarios Austria 2030



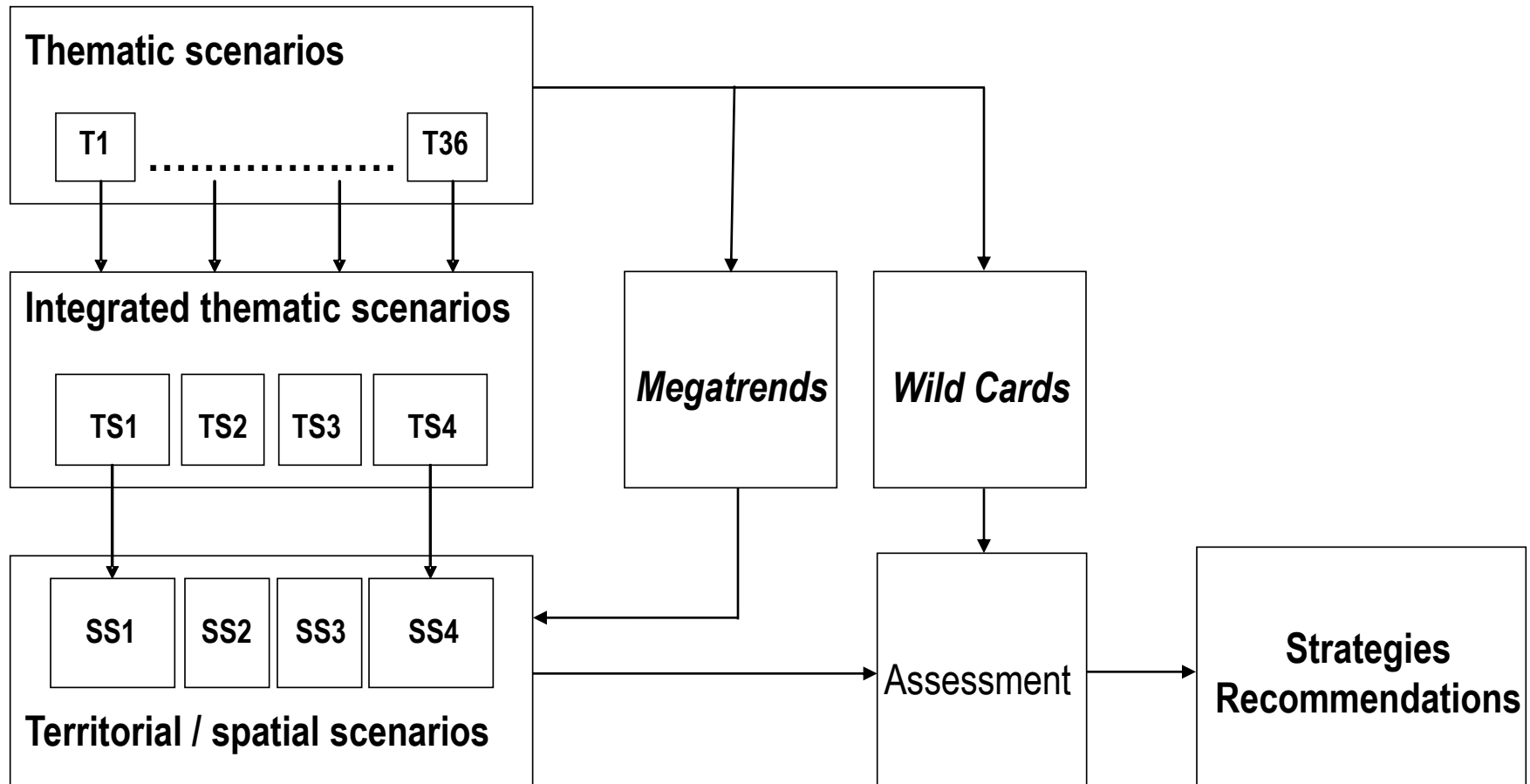
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More Information:

[www.oerok.gv.at](http://www.oerok.gv.at)

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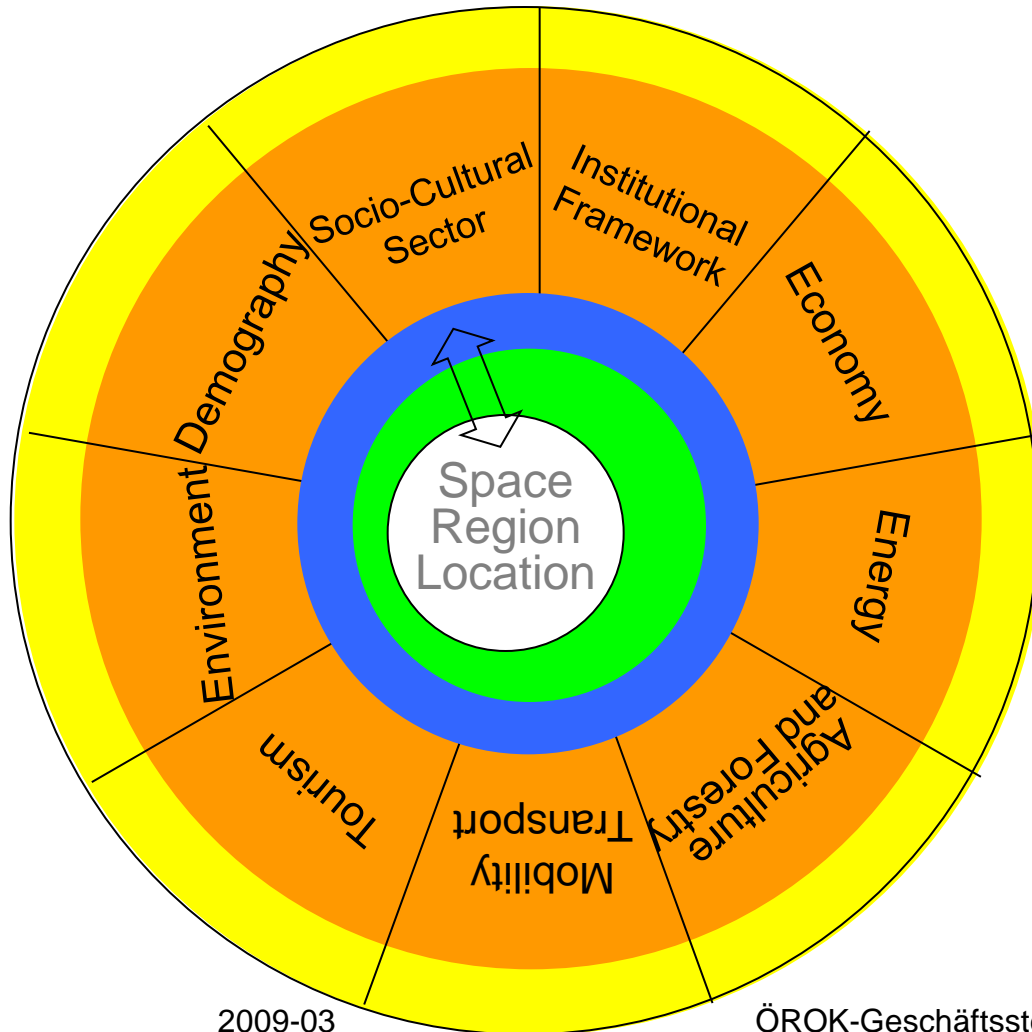


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**= starting-point for  
National Spatial  
Development  
Concept 2011**



## Approach



- firstly, 9 fields have been analysed and 4 scenarios per each field designed
- in a merging-process of those 36 thematic scenarios ...
- 4 integrated, spatial scenarios have been developed

- Sectoral Policy
- Technology
- Europe
- Global Development



# 4 Integrated Spatial Scenarios Austria 2030

## Overall Growth



## Overall Competition



## Overall Security



## Overall Risk



**scale:**

Austria

**agglomerations:**

- city centers
- dense city areas
- suburbia
- alpine agglomerations

**rural areas:**

- small and medium sized towns
- tourism zones
- alpine and none-alpine peripheral zones

# Results & lessons-learnt

## In Austria (national level):

- Intense process with broad participation (-> mindset effects!)
- Balance between *expert-driven* approach and co-authorship
- Thematic scenarios could mobilise sector policies
- No real plead for „ideal scenario“
- No consensus on maps!
- (Some) „followers/multipliers“ (e.g. on regional level)
- (Sufficient) leadership to build on results remains critical

## .....for EU-level ???

- *Institutional setting and process design matters!*
- *Balance co-ownership/-authorship (> expert-driven)*
- *Incentives for sector policies (DGs!) to become co-owners*
- *Territorial EU-maps are a chance -> But: why/for whom?*
- *Stimulation of multiplying effects in countries, regions and relevant institutions*
- *Leadership +/-EC ?!*

