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Integrated Urban Actions for Fostering and Financing Innovative Economies and SMEs

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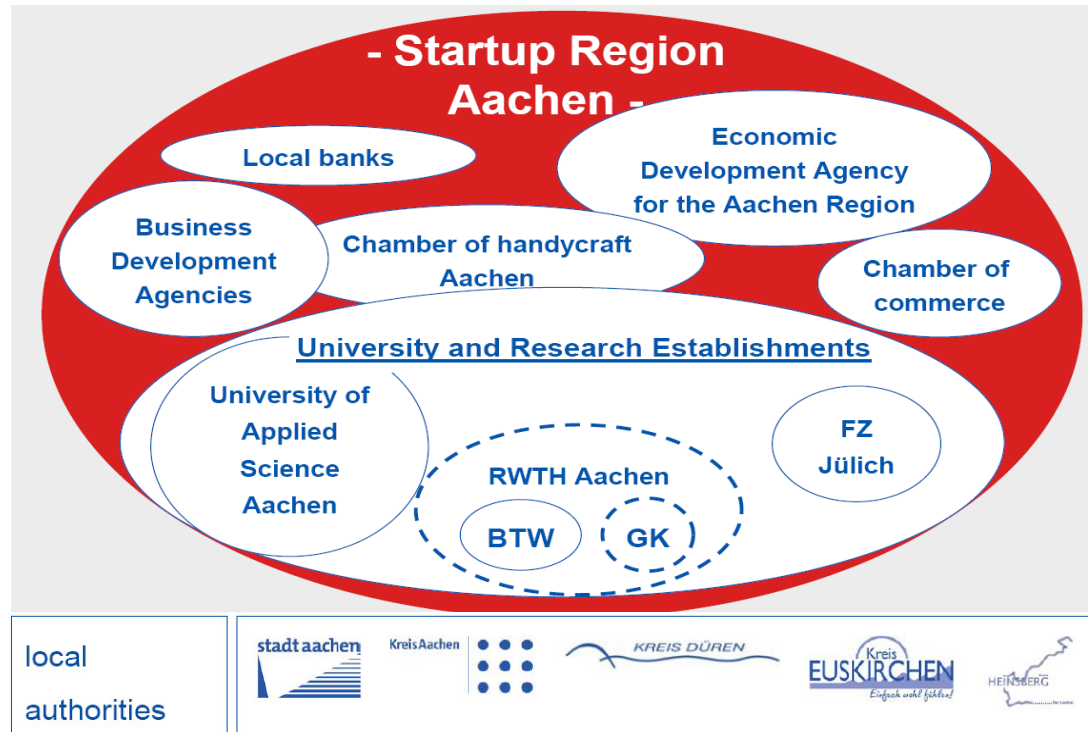
**Aachen's LAP**

**TTR-ELAt network & TTC**

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# Aachens LSG

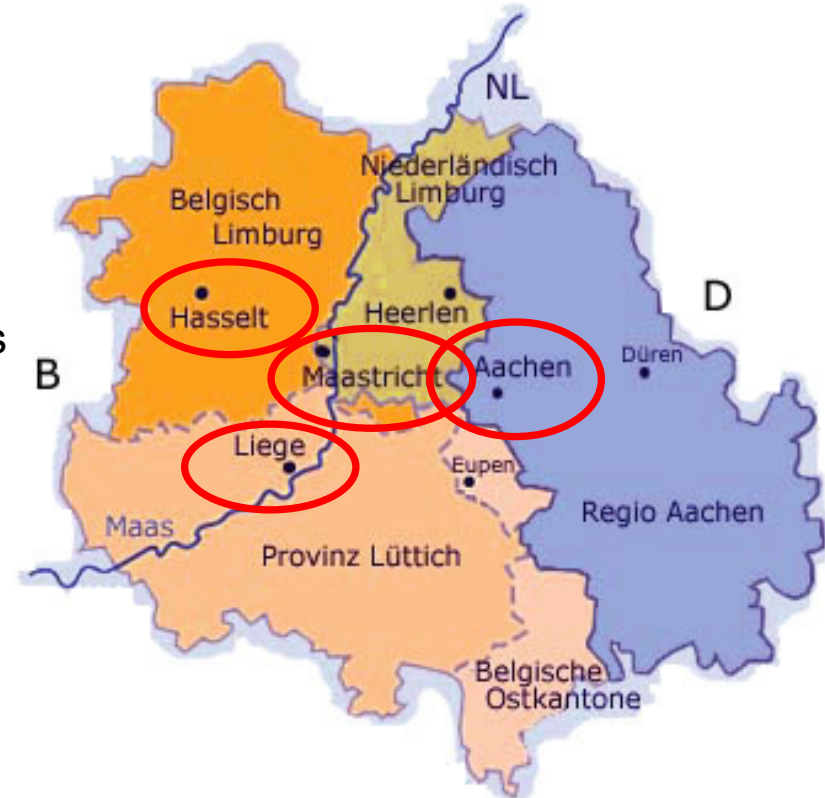


- Complex structure, lack of visibility, immobility
- 2 workshops regarding quality and quantity of start-ups as well as efficiency of the consulting structure
- generation of new ideas such as “Gründerkompass” (Linz!)

# New focus

## Aachen as part of tri-national region Euregio Meuse-Rhine

- approx 3,9 Mio. inhabitants  
48 % in B, 33 % in DE,  
19% in NL
- Area: 10.737 km<sup>2</sup>/4.145 sq. miles
- International region with three  
languages & five cultures
- GDP: 86,5 bill. Euro (2005)
- Five major universities with more  
than 68.000 students, 1.200  
professors & leading  
research institutes



# Network TTR-ELAt



## Establishment of an official working group NL / B / NRW on April 10th, 2008 in Maaseik (B)

Objective: Develop a coherent international Technological Top-Region (TTR) on regional level:

- Noord-Brabant (NL)
- Limburg (NL)
- Vlaams-Brabant (B)
- Limburg (B)
- Lüttich (incl. DG, B)
- Western part of NRW (D)



# TTR Benchmarking Report



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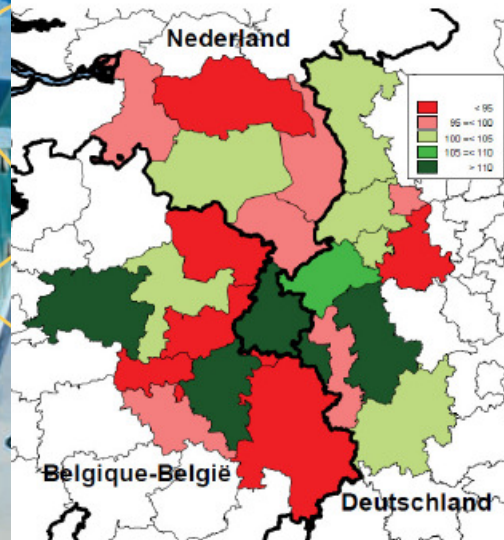
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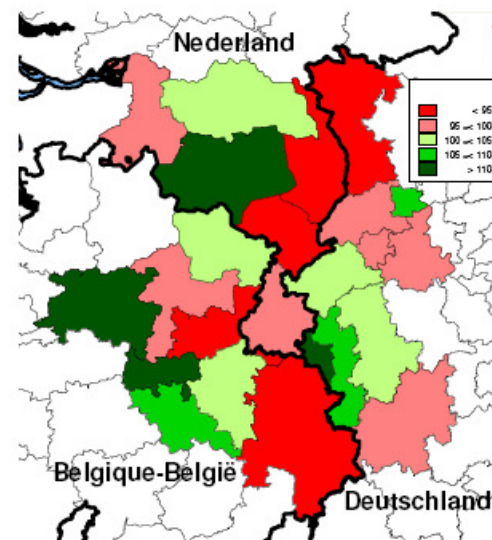
Identify strengths & weaknesses compared to other technological top-regions in the EU & the US (14 Benchmarking regions)

Work-out cross-border development potential

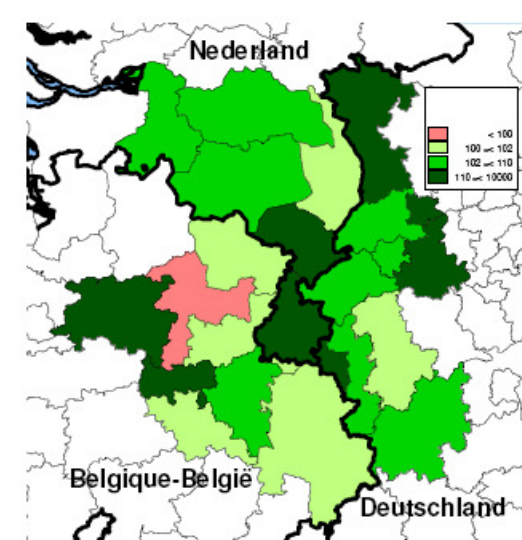
Source: BAK Basel Economics (CH)



**Health/Life-Sciences**



**High-tech-systems**

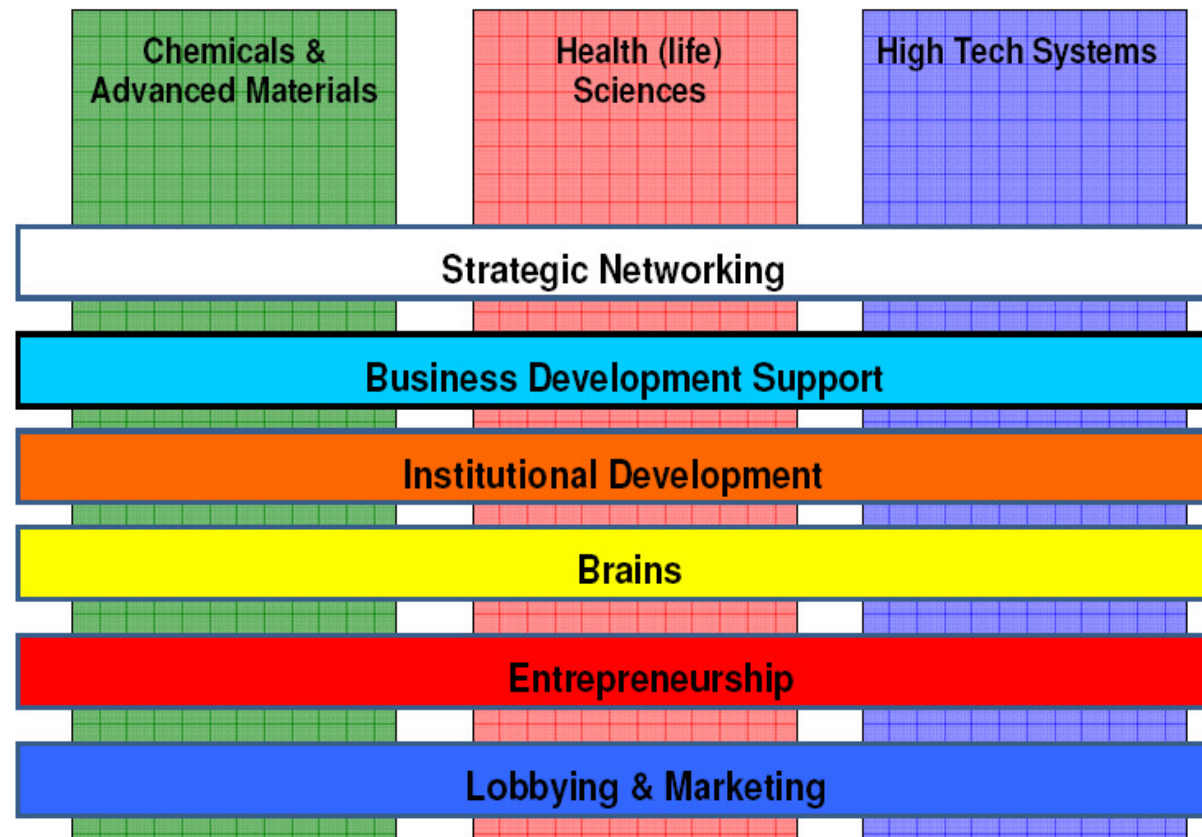


**Advanced materials/  
chemicals**

# TTR-ELAt – Joint cooperation



## TTR ELAt – joint action program 2010 – 2013



# TTR-ELAt – First Project



## **INTERREG IVA-project towards „Top Technology Cluster“ (TTC)**

*Cross-border Business Development  
South-Netherlands – Eastern-Belgium – West-NRW*



# TTC – Work Packages



## Cross-bordering networks

3 Work Packages:

1. Networking and Intercluster Activities
2. Business and Innovation Development
3. Lobbying and Marketing



Cross-bordering product & project ideas