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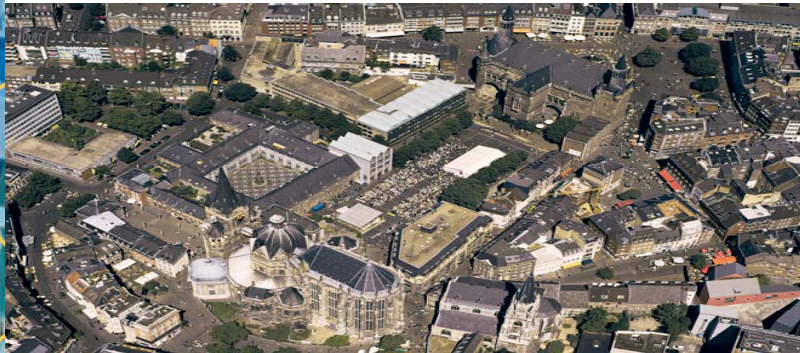
Aachen and the TTR-ELAt network

Luise Clemens
Municipality of Aachen

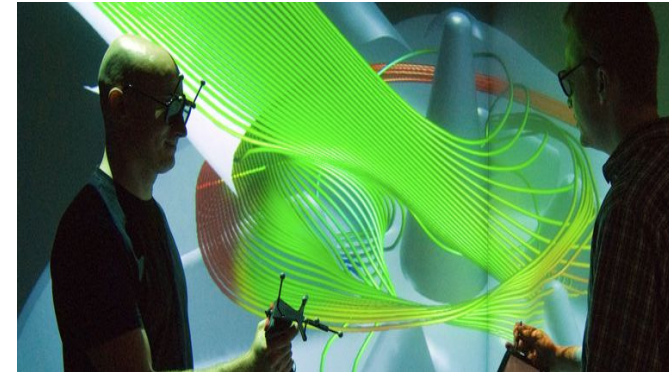
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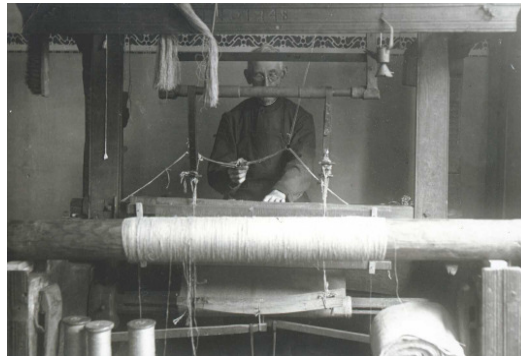
- situated on the border to the Netherlands and Belgium
- city region: 16.083 ha
- inhabitants: 244.215
- students: 38.549



Aachen



- **Industrial restructuring:** moving away from being the strongest industry region in Germany to becoming a strong technology and knowledge region in Europe



Aachen

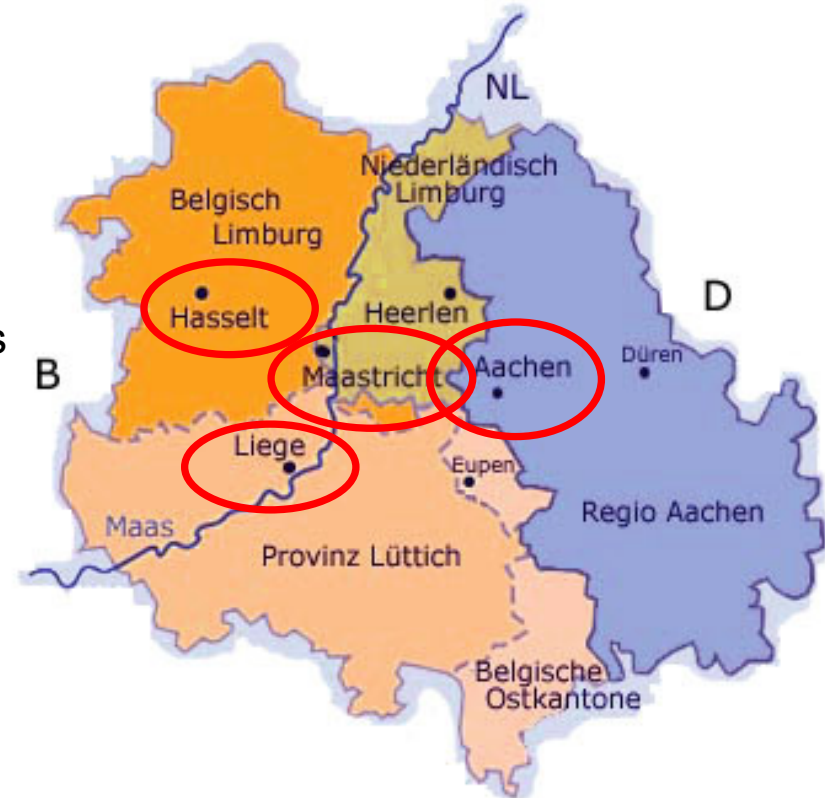


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Aachen as part of tri-national region Euregio Meuse-Rhine

- approx 3,9 Mio. inhabitants
48 % in B, 33 % in DE,
19% in NL
- Area: 10.737 km²/4.145 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

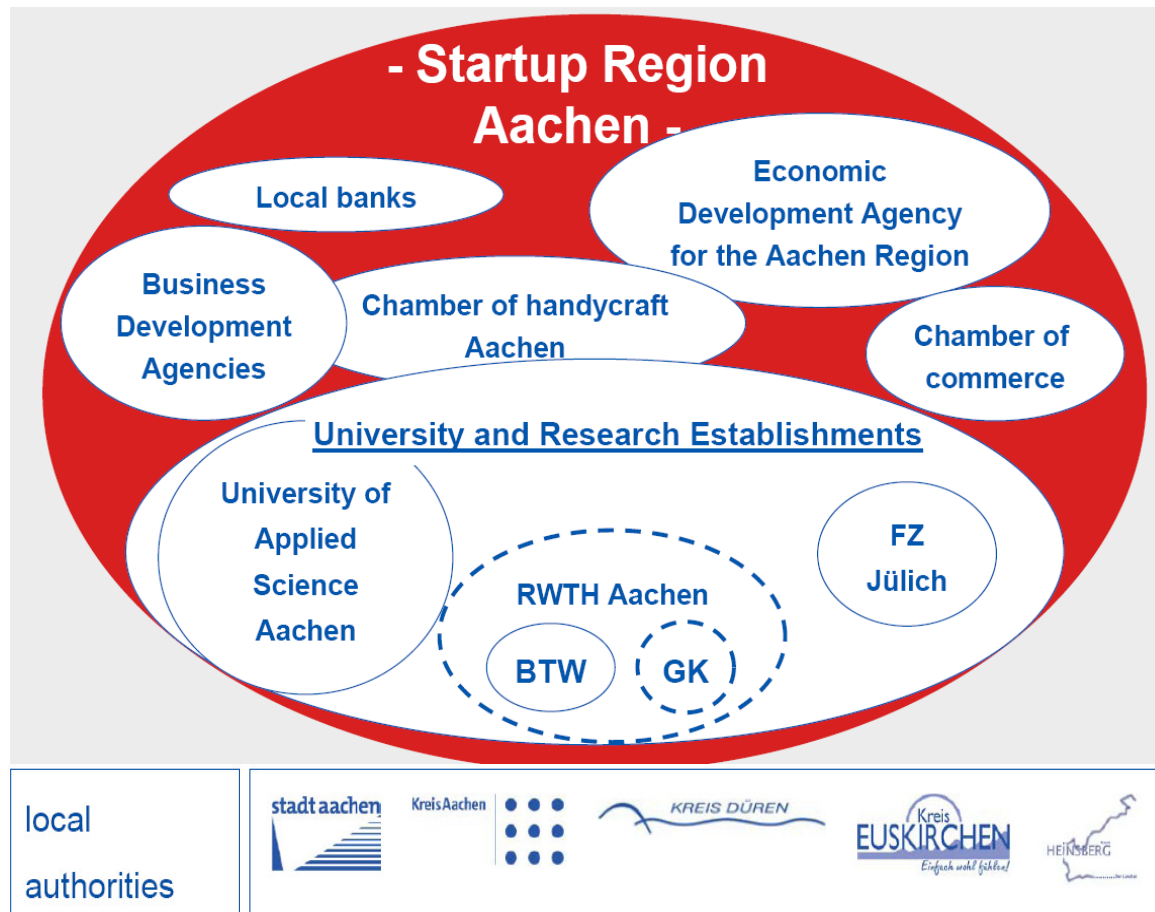


Start up Region Aachen



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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)



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Location & area of TTR



provincie limburg



Connecting cities
Building successes



TTR Benchmarking Report



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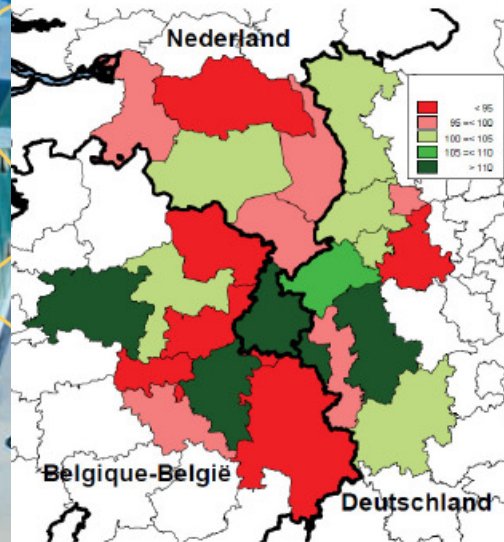
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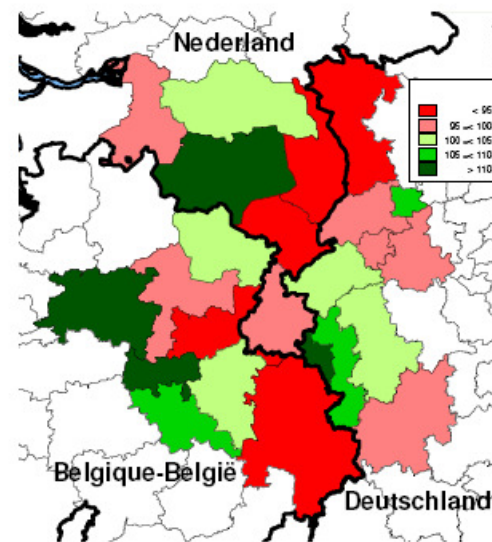
Identify strengths & weaknesses compared to other technological top-regions in the EU & the US (14 Benchmarking regions)

Work-out cross-border development potential

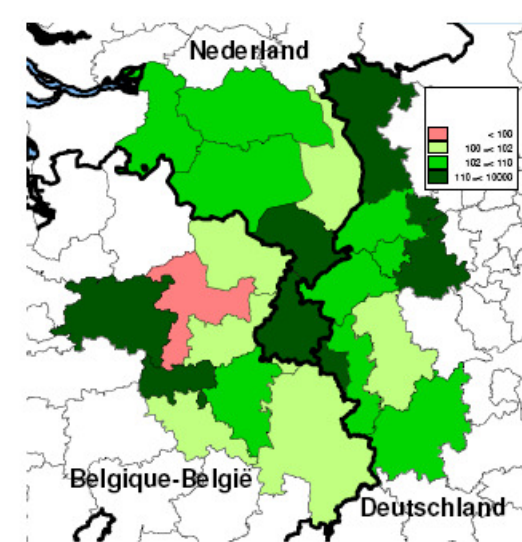
Source: BAK Basel Economics (CH)



Health/Life-Sciences



High-tech-systems

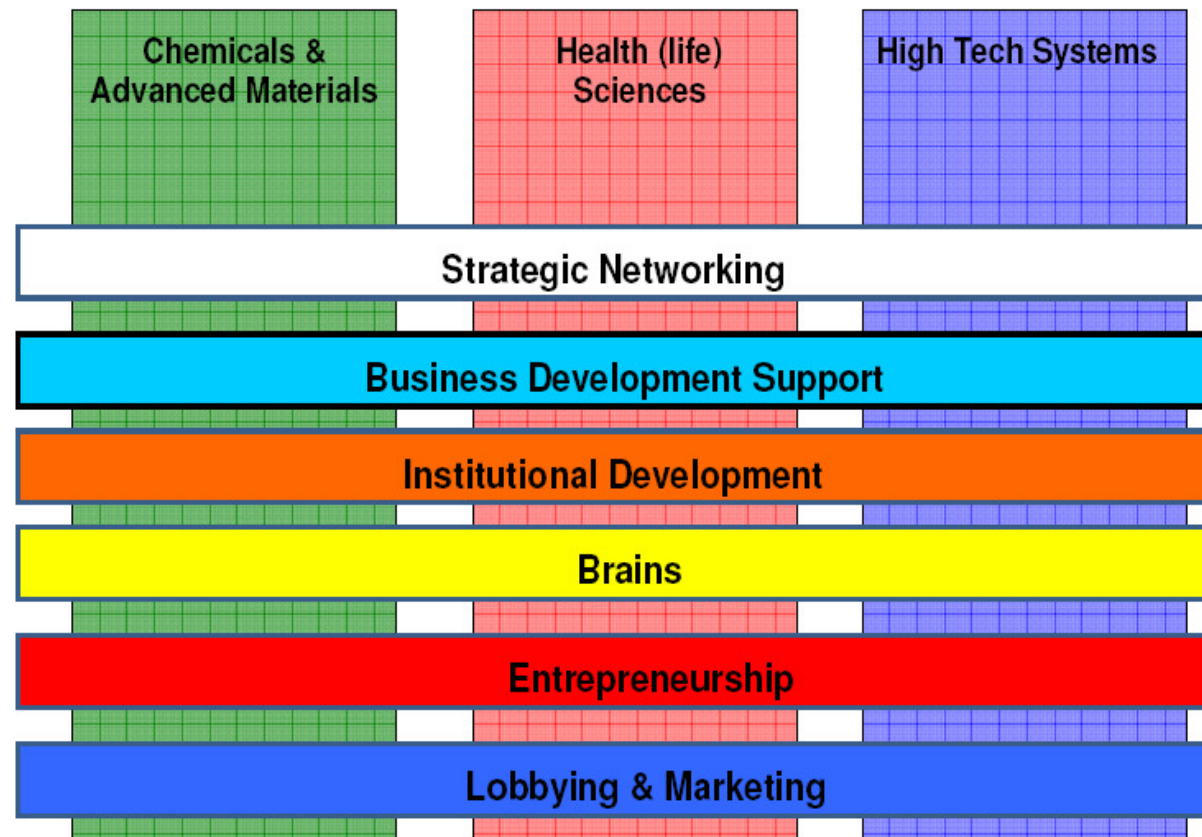


**Advanced materials/
chemicals**

TTR-ELAt – Joint cooperation



TTR ELAt – joint action program 2010 – 2013

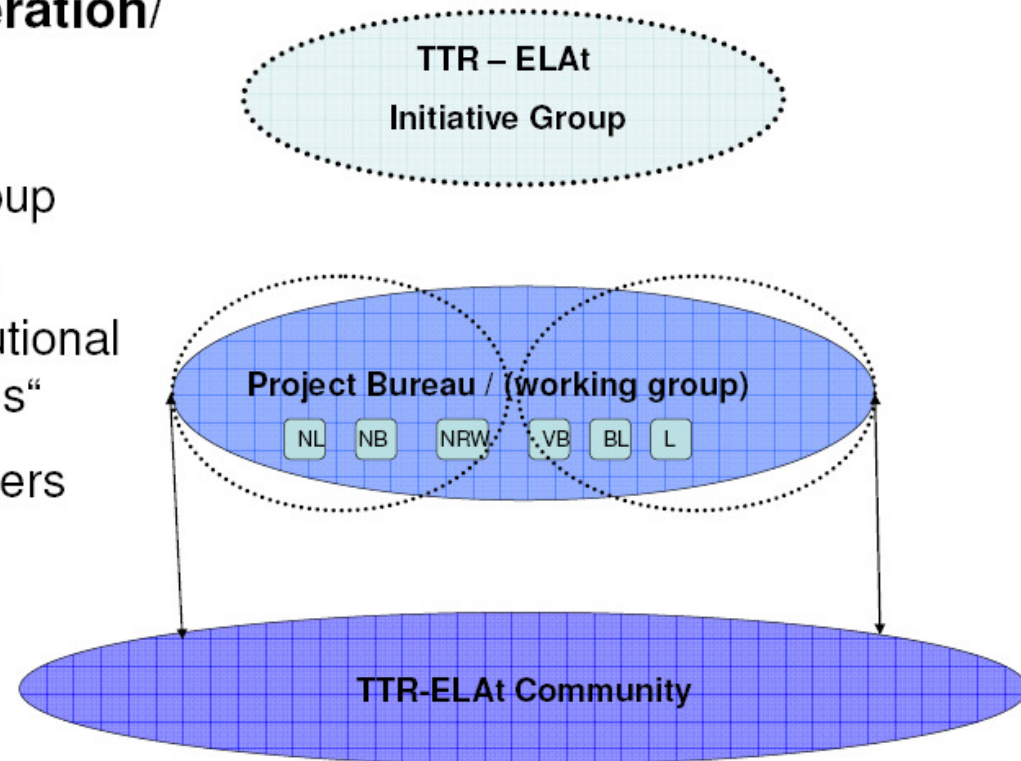


TTR-ELAt – working structure



Develop a sustainable cross-border cooperation/organisation

- Political initiative group
- Two working groups „Economy“ & „Institutional framework conditions“
- Community of partners („triple-helix“)



TTR-ELAt – First Projects



Interreg IVA-Projects

- **towards Top Technology Cluster TTC**

*cross border business development
south netherlands - eastern belgium - west-nrw*

- **Euregional Brain Gain**

SME support in the competition for high qualified Personal





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