

Central Finland

***The Region of Knowledge, Skills,
Entrepreneurship and
Quality of life***



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Central Finland in figures

- Population 267 200
- Total area 19 400 km²
- Water area 3 100 km²
- Mean temperature 2,6 °C
- Rainy days 12/year
- 6 sub-regions
- 30 municipalities



Regional Profile

Share of figures in Finland

- **Population 5,1 %**
- **Enterprises 4,4 %**
- **GDP 4,2 %**
- **Unemployed 6,1%**
- **Employment**
 - Agriculture 5,8 %
 - Manufacturing 5,2 %
 - Construction 4,7 %
 - Private Services 3,9 %
 - Public Sector 5,0 %



**EU OBJECTIVE
AREAS IN
CENTRAL
FINLAND
2000-2006**

OBJECTIVE 1

**SUBREGIONS AND
POPULATION**

SAARIJÄRVI-VIITASAARI	35176
ÄÄNEKOSKI	23577
KEURUU	13290
JYVÄSKYLÄ	163369
JÄMSÄ	25658
JOUTSA	6094

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OBJECTIVE 2
AND 3

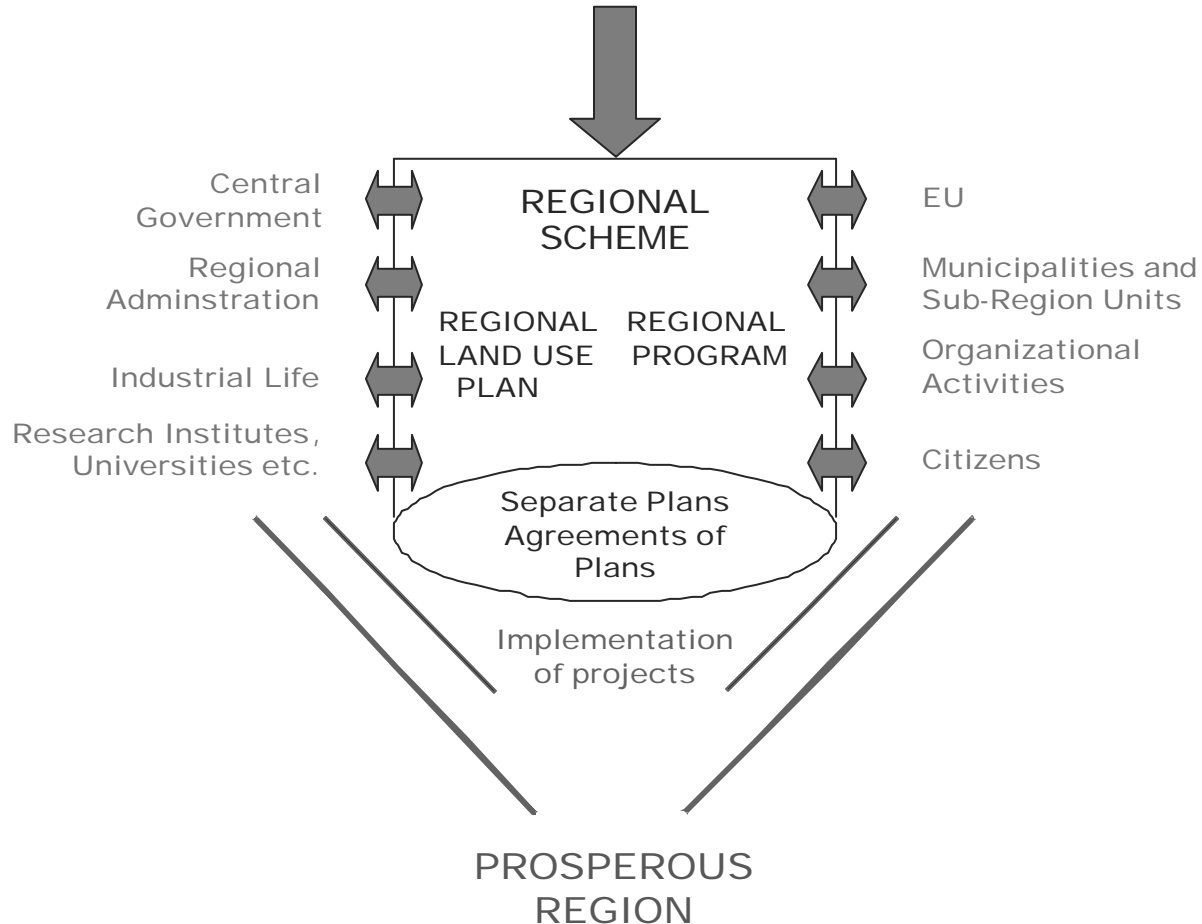


Employment and Enterprises 2005

	Employment	Enterpris Premises
• Agriculture and Forestry	6000	434
• Mining of Minerals	250	102
• Industry	22500	1342
• Electricity and Water Maintenance	750	86
• Construction	6600	1526
• Trade, hotel and catering	13500	3155
• Transport, storage,telecommunication	5700	1285
• Financing and Insurance	1100	174
• Services for Enterprises	10500	2054
• Public Service	35900	1643
• Others	210	
	104900	11801
		(10769)

Strategic co-operation

THE POLITICAL WILL OF THE REGION





Central Finland

knowledge based strengths

- Environment
- Energy
- Engineering and technologies
- E-learning
- Education
- Entrepreneurship

Taking Charge of Regional Development

Creation of the Development Strategy

- Government budget and regional funding
- Objective 1 Programme
- Objective 2 Programme
- Objective 3 Programme
- Regional Rural Programme
- Centre of Expertise Programme
- Community Initiatives
- Development Themes

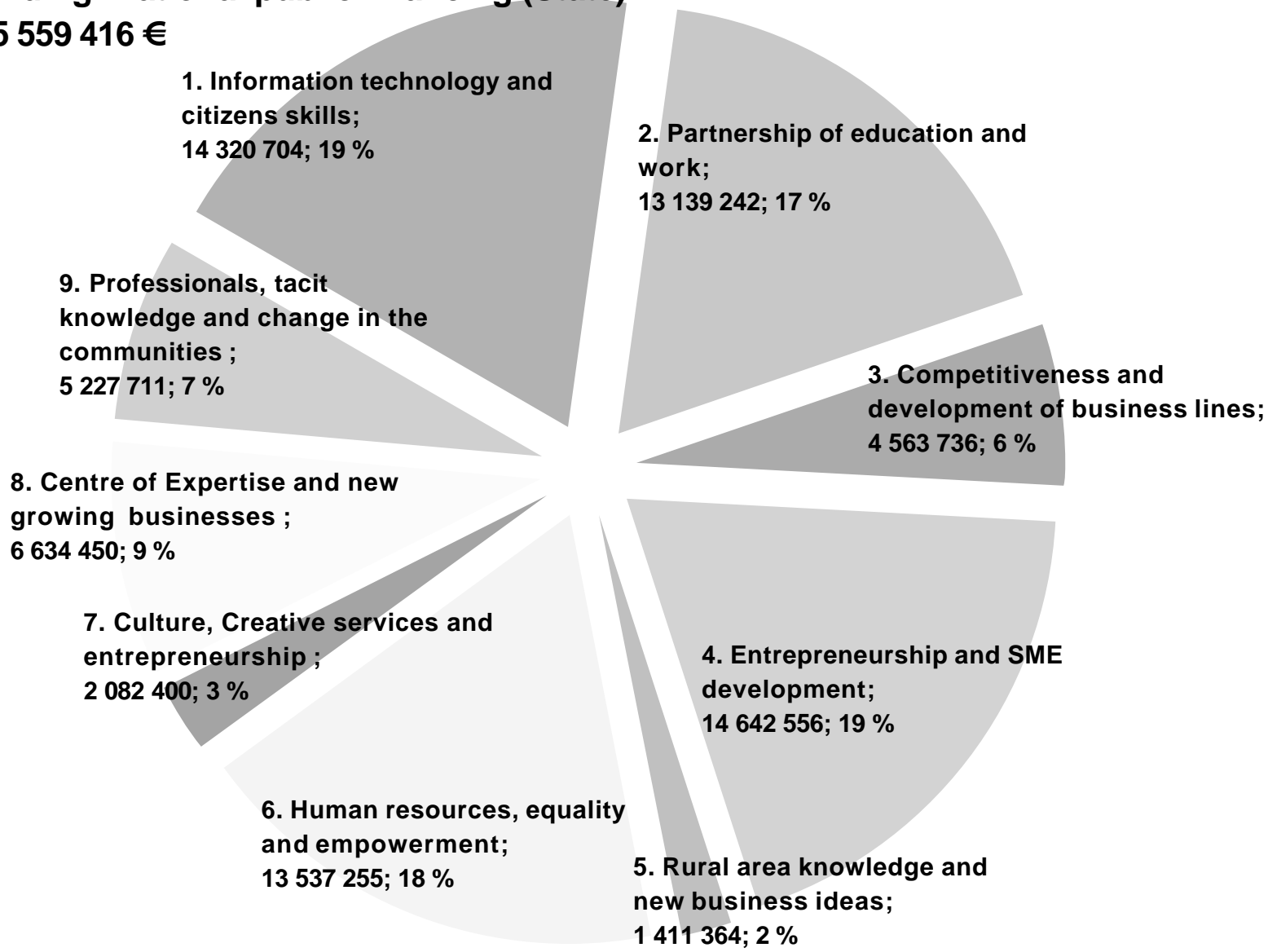




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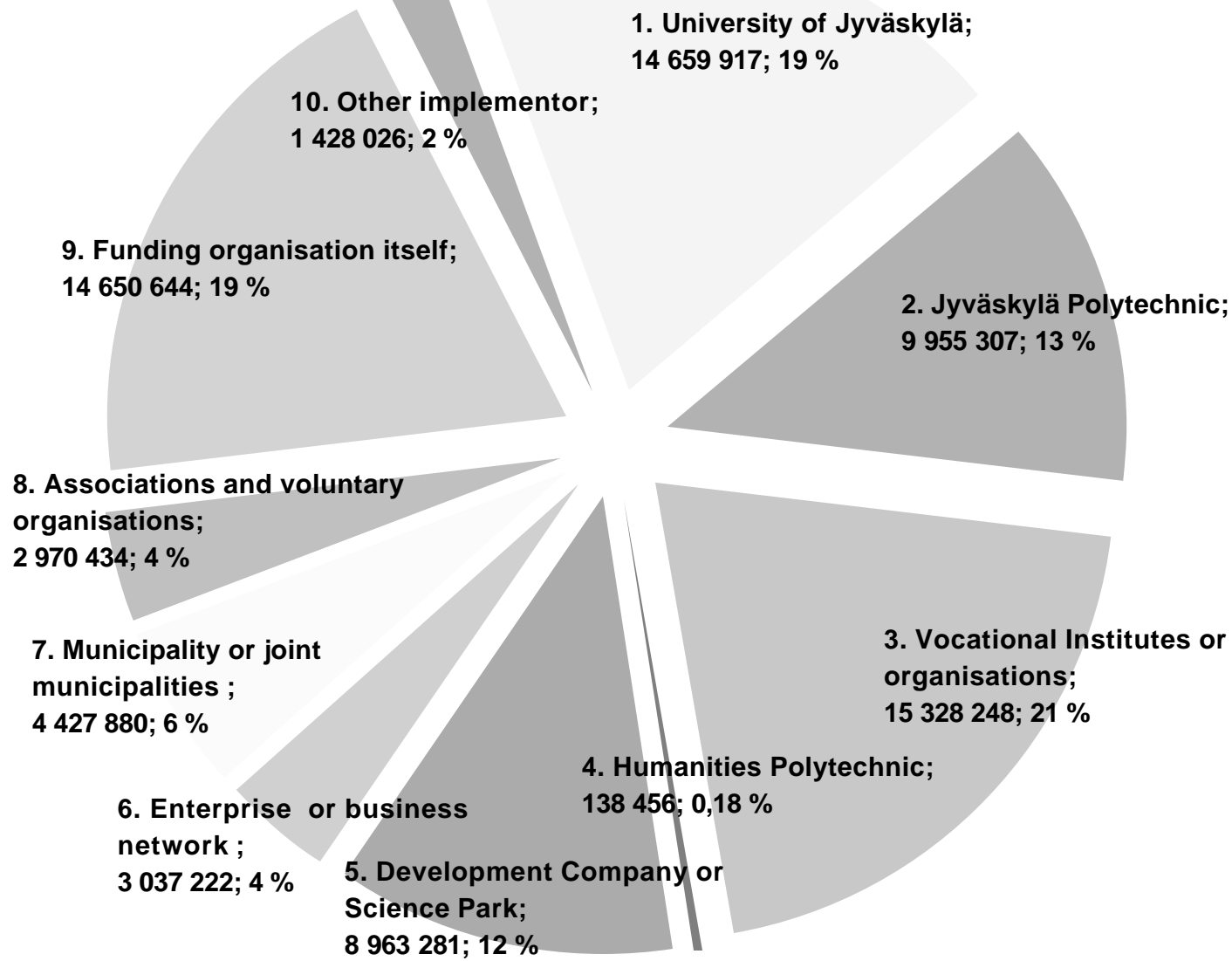
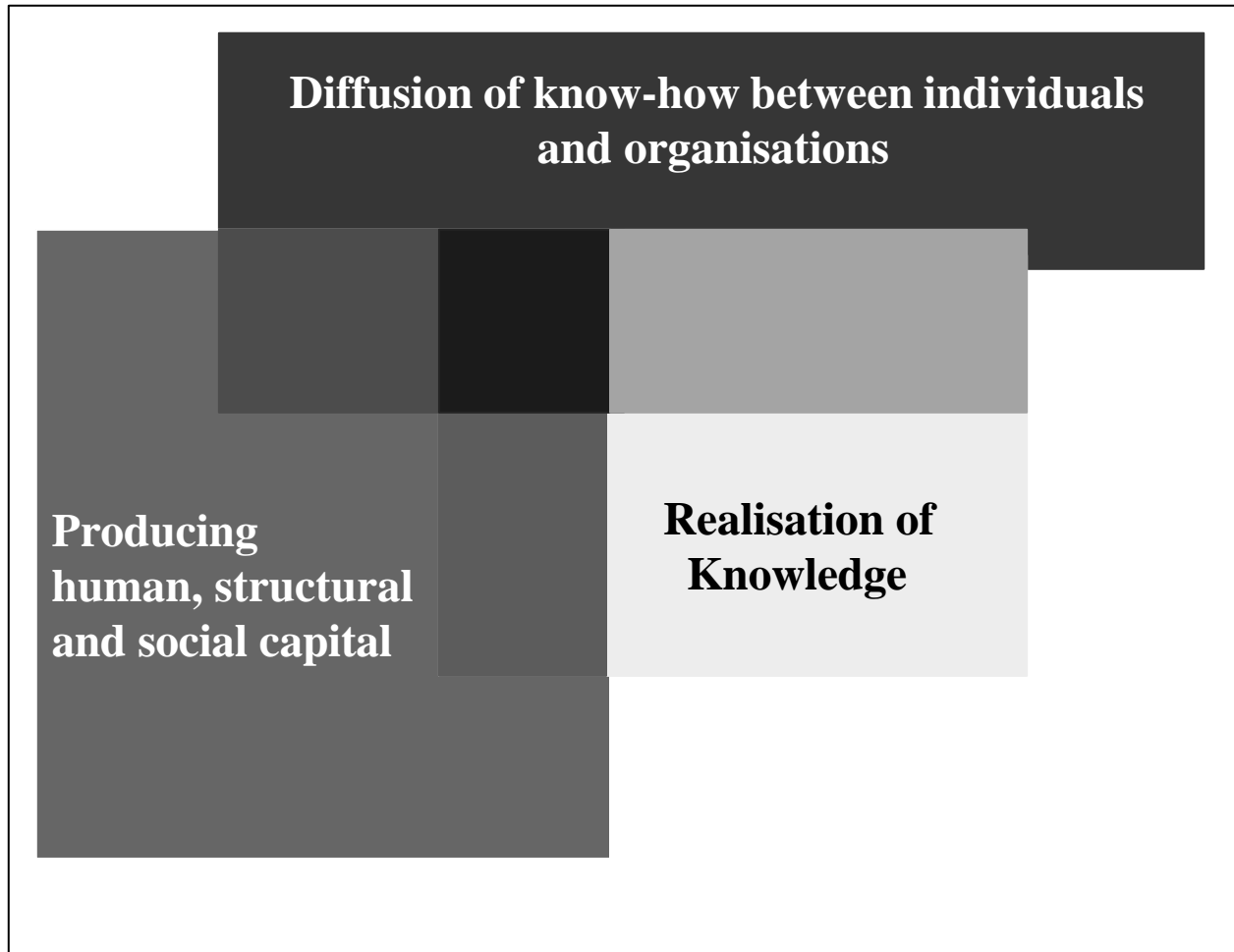


Figure 1 The key processes of learning region

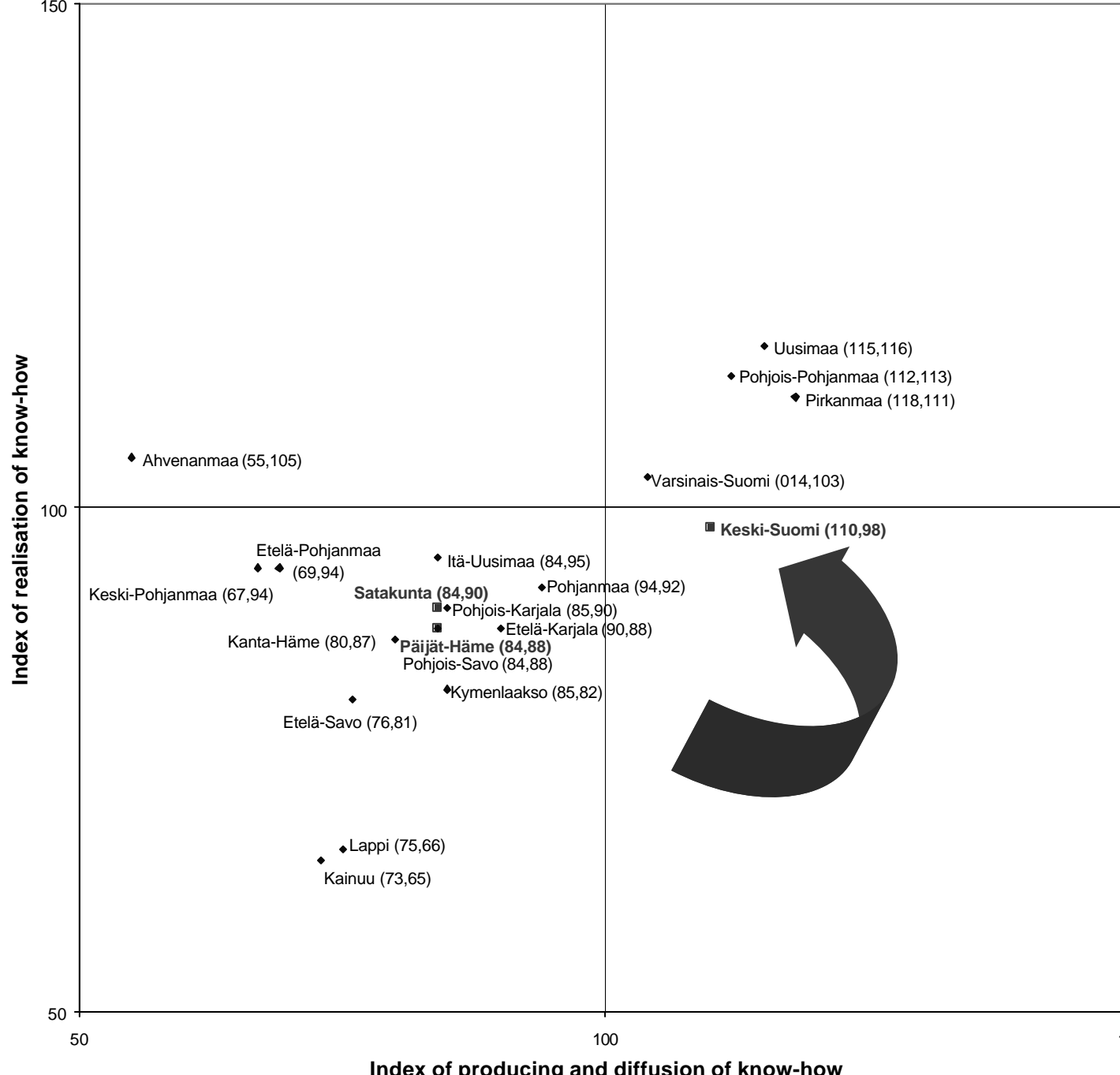


The determinants of index of producing, diffusion and realisation of know-how (Figure 2)

- Passed degrees in different levels of education (Statistics Finland)
- R&D investments per value added (Statistics Finland)
- Patents per stock of firms in regions (Statistics Finland)
- Employment in clusters related to labour work in regions (ETLA)
- Population density (Statistics Finland)
- Stock of firms (Statistics Finland)
- Value added per stock of firms (Statistics Finland)
- Value added per capita (Statistics Finland)
- Employment rate (Statistics Finland)
- Unemployment rate (Statistics Finland)
- Educational level (Statistics Finland)
- Efficiency of regional economies and production factors (Susiluoto & Loikkanen, 2001)



Figure 2
The producing,
diffusion and
realisation of
know-how in
different regions
(whole country =
100)



Learning region

- *Vision for the Future*
- *Strategic co-operation*
- *Regional economy and educational structure*
- *Forecasting the future*
- *Action plans in the sub-regions*
- *Managing changes – focusing resources*
- *Networking for learning and innovations*
- *Life long learning – personal paths*
- *Evaluation of projects and development*

Important for us



THE DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION FOCUS IN EU-PROGRAMMES

BASED ON PARTNERSHIP

- curriculum supporting knowledge and growth in enterprises
- joint learning and training programmes for different organisations
- using and developing e-learning
- the development of educational organizations
- strengthening the co-operation (communication) between working life and training organizations
- including the elements of entrepreneurship to all training in different levels of education
- forecasting the needs of labour, skills and education
- understanding entrepreneurship and contributing the positive attitude and motivation

Educational organisations

Organisation	Number of organisations	Students, pupils
Basic education Schools	212	30530
Upper secondary Schools	27	5865
Vocational institutes and Vocational Schools	3 5	Studying for degrees Young 6667 Adults 6285
Jyväskylä Polytecnic	1	7924
Humanites Polytecnic	1	130
University of Jyväskylä	1	15000
Adult training	All organisations	37000

*Budget for education 500 M€, EU funding 15 M€/year,
Employees 10000 in the work of education and training*

Regional learning and innovation networks in Central Finland

DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS OF SUB-REGIONS

Sub-regions

Region

Round Table

Regional Development
companies

Municipalities

SMEs

Education and
Training /Schools

Services for Enterprises
and employees

Development

Changes

Learning

University of
Jyväskylä

Jyväskylä Science Park
and Technical Research
Centre of Finland

Jyväskylä
Polytechnic

Vocational Education
and Training

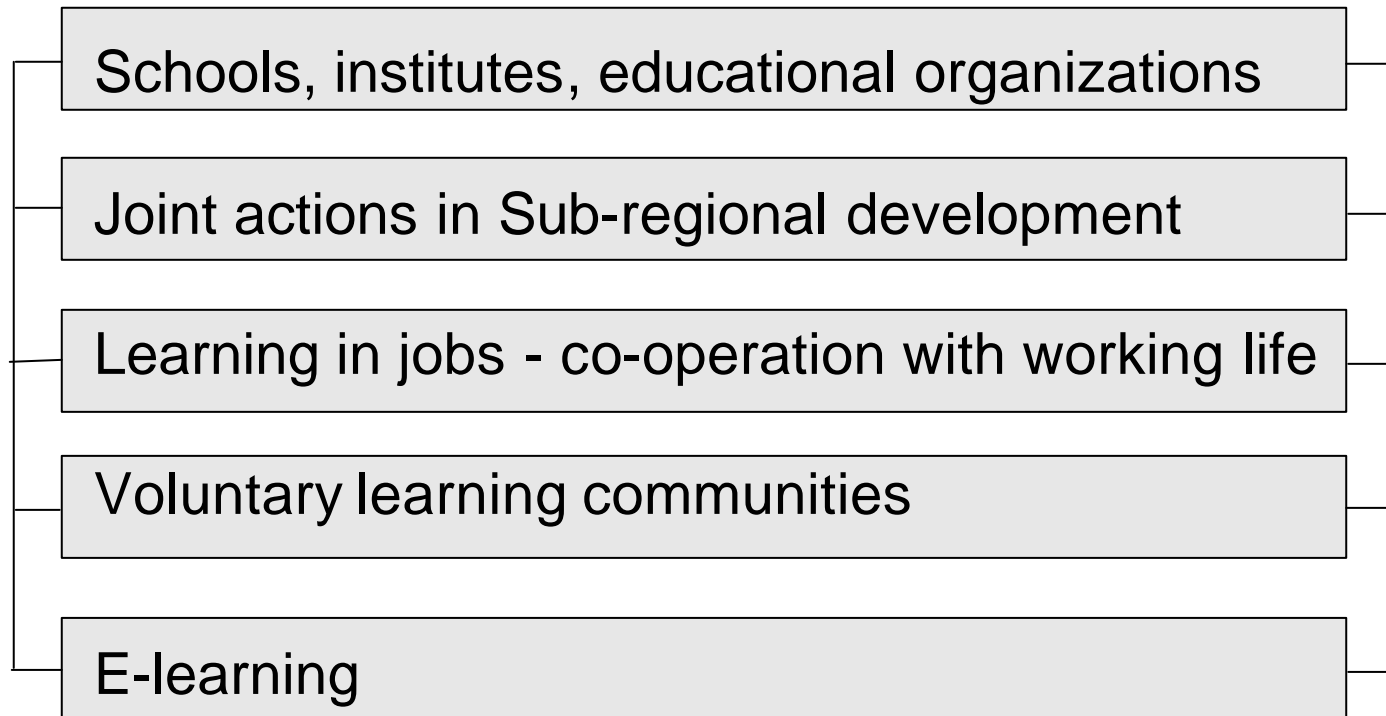


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Team of Experts

SUPPORT FOR KNOWLEDGE SHARING
AND PROMOTING INNOVATIONS

THE ELEMENTS OF LEARNING ENVIRONMENT IN THE NETWORKS - Education and Training



Discussing about the competence

- **Working professionally through results**
- **Seeing facts and using methods/processes**
- **Learning by experiences**
- **Mastering information**
- **Evaluating and seeing the “ whole picture”**
- **Communicating, networking and co-operating**
- **Having self-confidence and commitment**
- **Seeing to the future and having visions**

Idea of the Centre of Expertise Programme

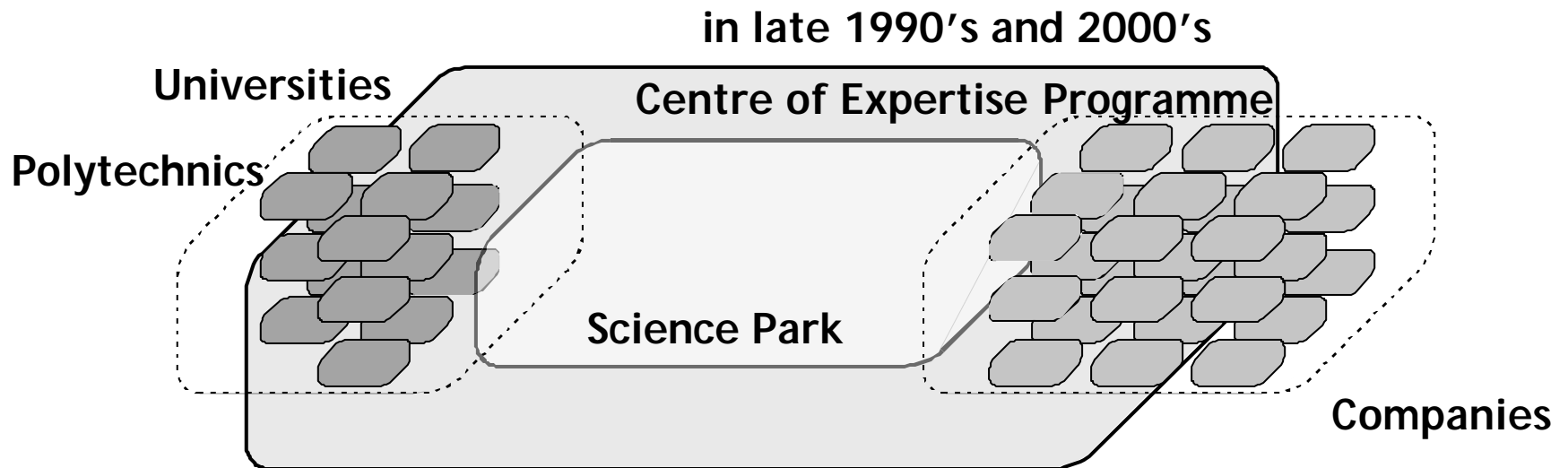
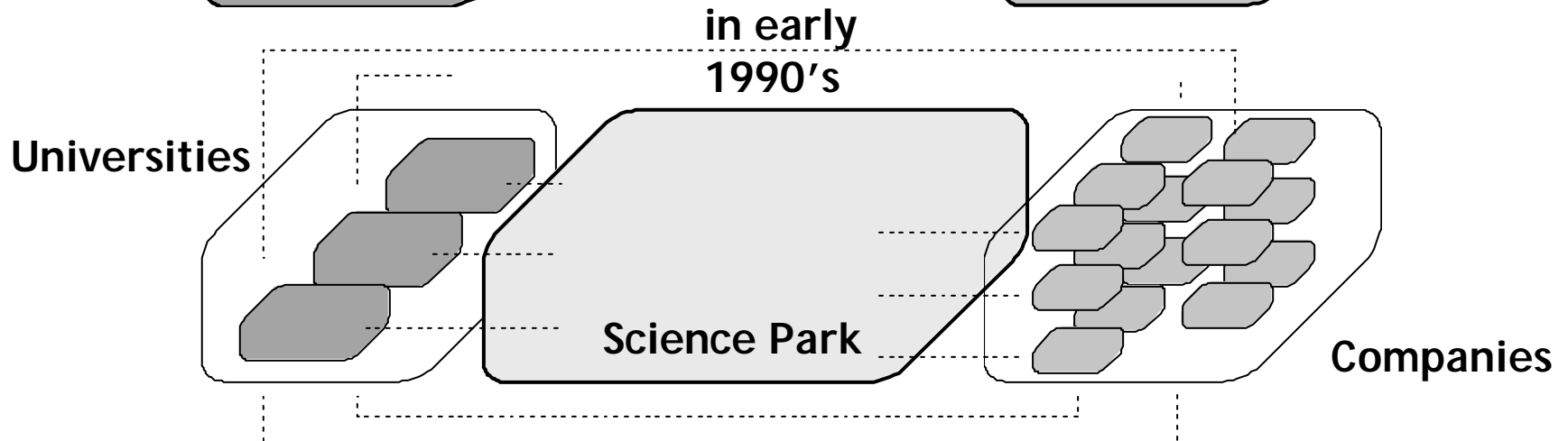
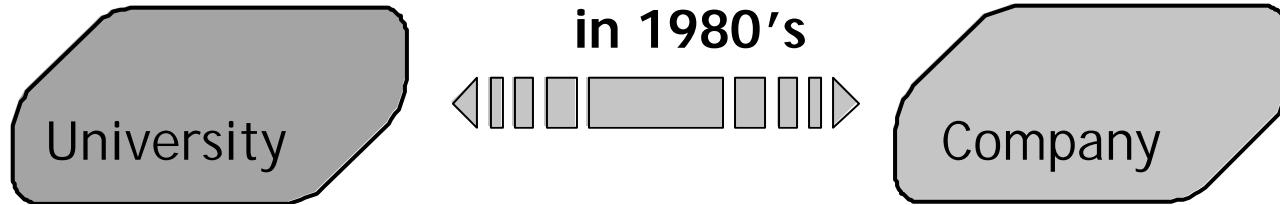
**To utilise top level knowledge and expertise
as a resource for business operations,
job creation and regional development**



Key actors of the Finnish innovation system



Science Parks in 1980 - 2000 and CoE concept



Period Centres of Expertise 1994-2006

2003
-2006

**Lapland CoE
for the Experience Industry**
•Experience Industry

Oulu Region CoE
•IT, Medical-, Bio- and Environmental Technology

Raahe –Nivala –Tornio CoE
•Metal and Maintenance Services

Kokkola Region CoE
•Chemistry

CoE for Western Finland
•Energytechnology

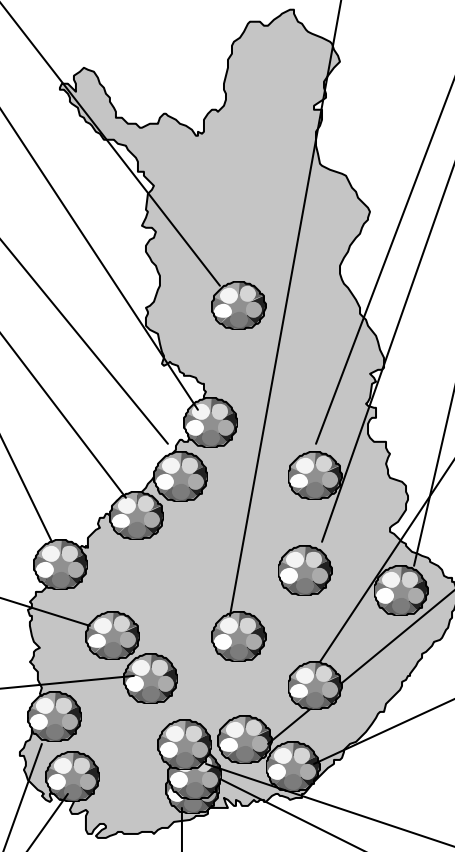
Seinäjoki Region CoE
•Foodindustry and Embedded Syst.

Tampere Region CoE
•Engineering and automation, ICT, Media Services and Health Care Tech

Satakunta CoE
•Materials and Distance Technology

South-West Finland CoE
•Biomaterilas, Diagnostics, Pharmaceutical Development, Surface Tech. of Materials, ICT and Cultural Content Production

Jyväskylä Region CoE
•IT, Control of Papermaking, Energy and Environmental Technology



Helsinki Region CoE
•Active Materials and Microsystems, Gene Technology, Software Product Business, Digital Media, e-Learning and Cultural Industry, Health Care Technology and Logistics

Kainuu CoE
•Measuring Technique and Chamber Music

Kuopio Region CoE
•Pharmaceutical Development, Health Care- and Agrobiotechnology

North Carelia CoE
•Wood Technology and Forestry, Polymer Technology and Tooling

Mikkeli Region CoE
•Composite and coatings

Lahti Region CoE
•Design, Quality and Ecology

South-East Finland CoE
•High Tech Metal Structures, Prosess and Systems for Forest Industry, Logistics and Expertise on Russia

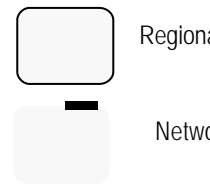
Häme CoE
•Vocational Expertise and e-Learning

Hyvinkää Region CoE
•Lifting and Transfer Machines

**Network CoE
for Food Development**

**Network CoE
for Tourism**

**Network CoE
for Wood Products**



1999
-2002

1994
-1998

Concept for the Centre of Expertise Programme

Competitive tendering

- basic funding (catalytic) and status Goals
- critical mass through specialisation and clustering
- focusing on world class excellence
- co-operation
- pooling of resources

National Co-ordination

Tools

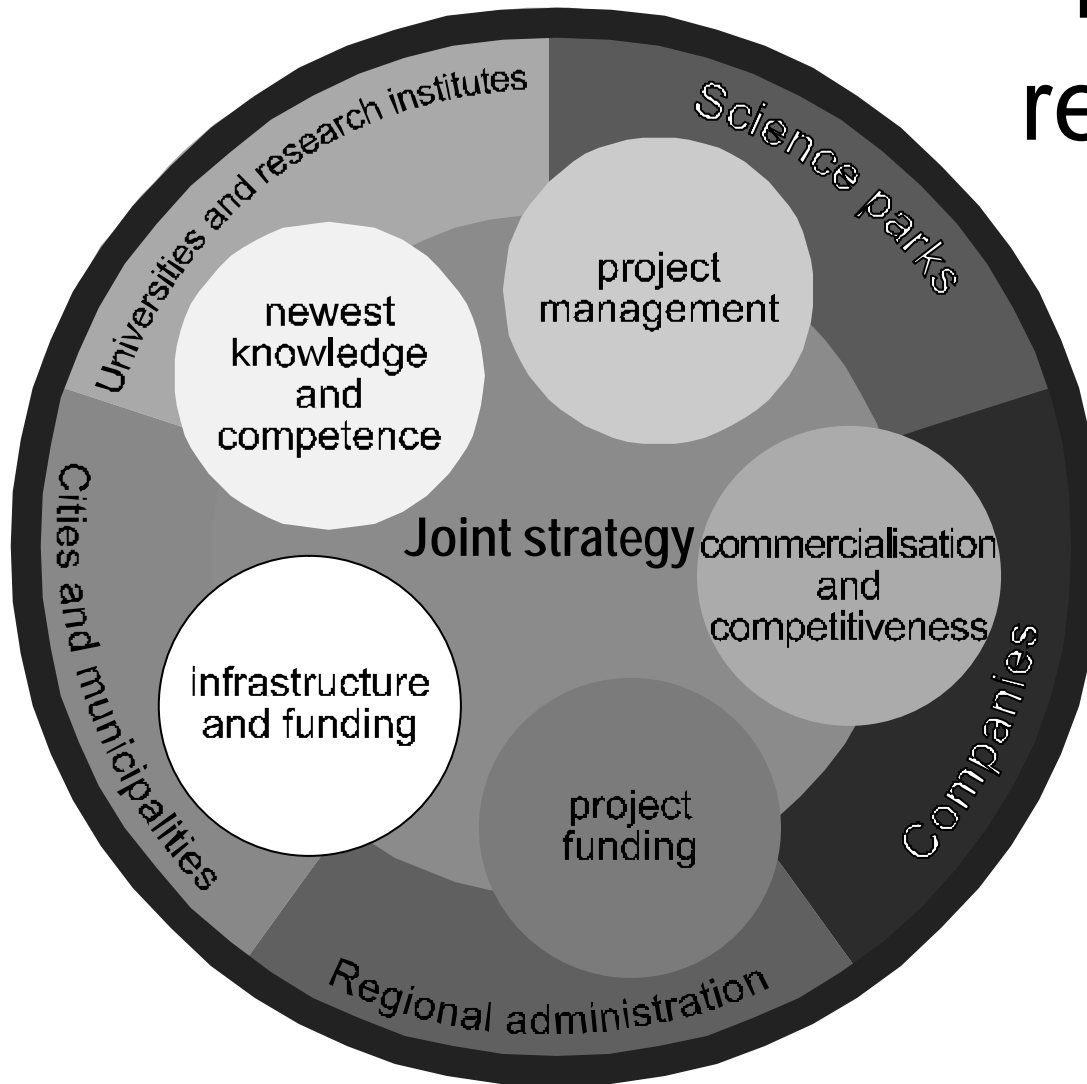
- Committee
- National Development Project (FISPA)



22 Regional Programmes

- Joint strategy for business development
- Needs of companies and local innovation system
- High quality business services
- Regional co-operation and project implementation
- Science parks as an operational environment

Partners at regional level



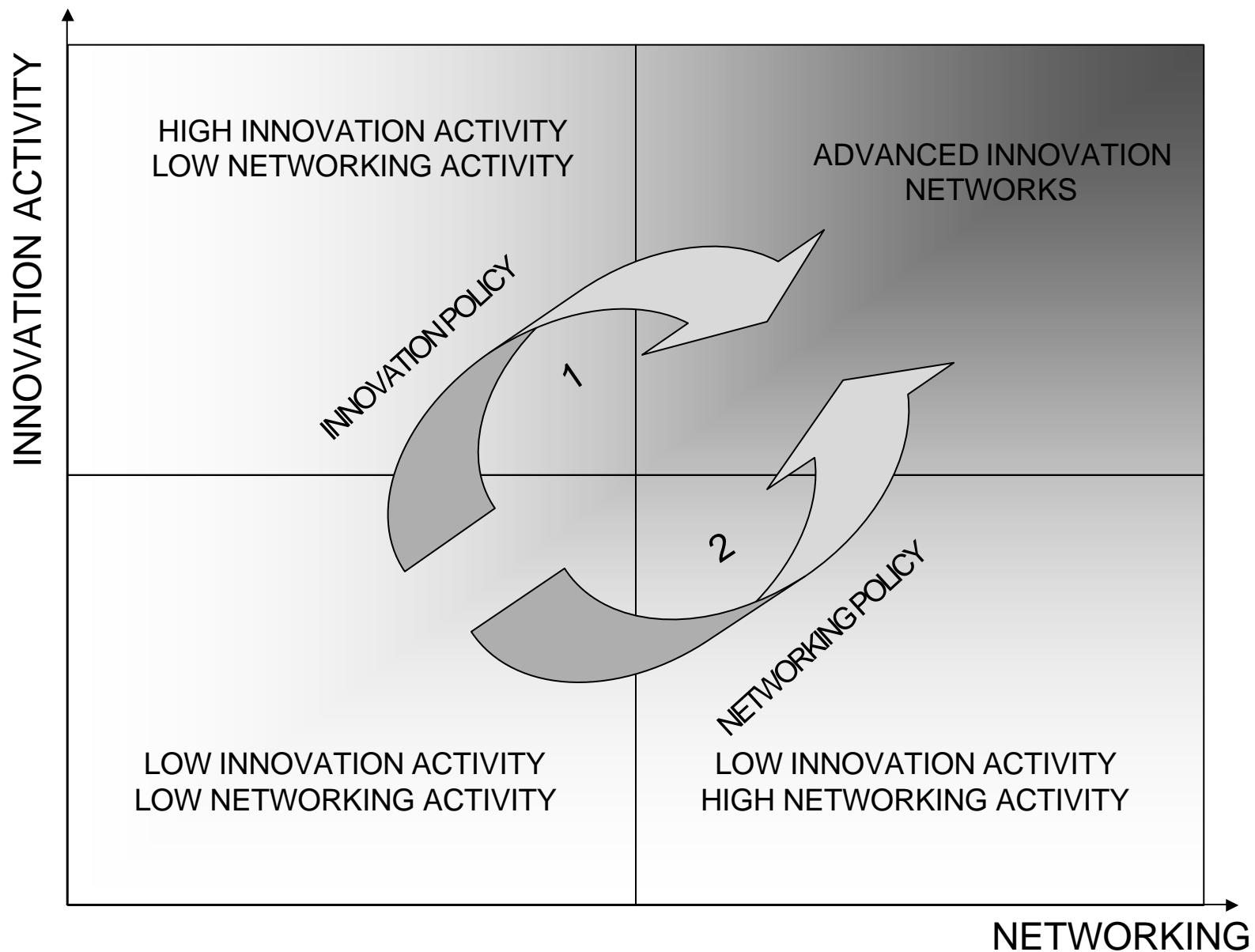
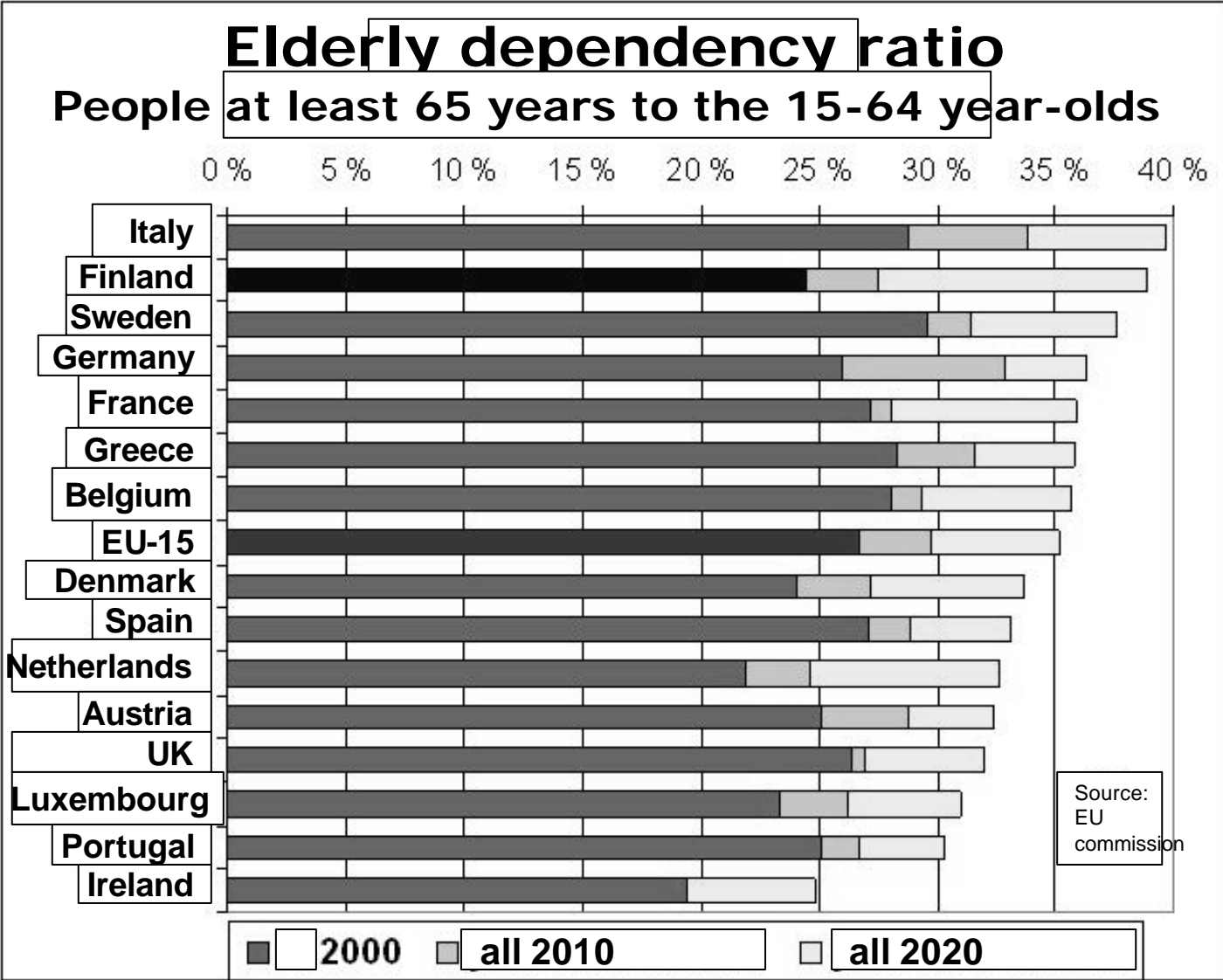


Figure 3 Policy interventions supporting innovation networks

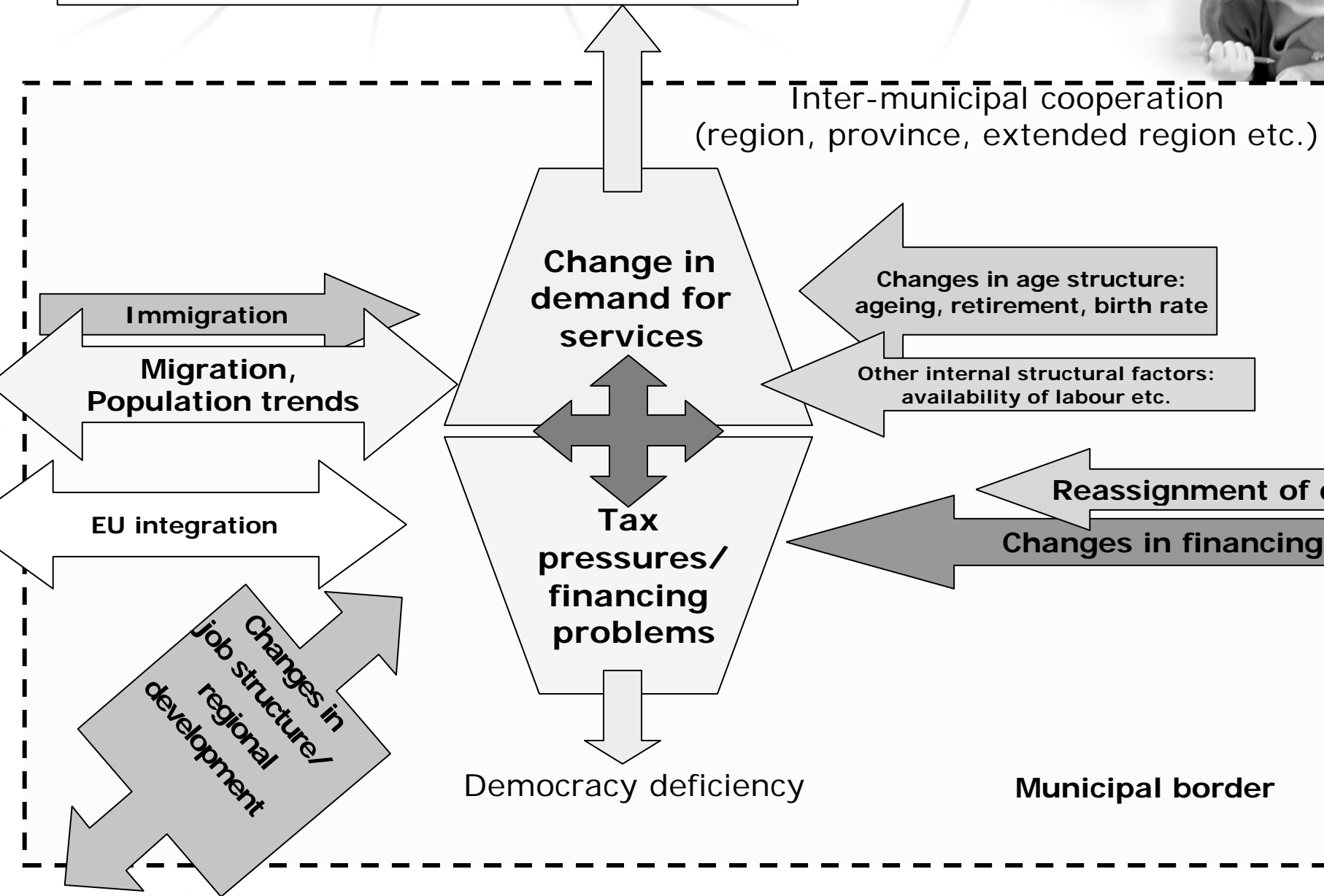


Effect of population factors on the demand of basic services (Index 2005=100)

	Changes % in year					
	Expenditure, million €					
Expenditure	2003	2005	2010	2020	2006- 2010	2011- 2020
EDUCATION SERVICES	5368	100	97	95	-0,5	-0,5
Preschool education	65	100	99	102	-0,1	0,2
Comprehensive school	3134	100	93	92	-1,4	-0,5
Upper secondary school	528	100	104	92	0,8	-1,1
Vocational education	1136	100	102	92	0,3	-0,5
Polytechnic	505	100	102	92	0,3	-0,5
HEALTH SERVICES	5914	100	104	117	1	1,1
Specialised hospital care	3853	100	104	109	0,6	0,5
Health centres	2061	100	105	130	1,7	1,6
SOCIAL SERVICES	4051	100	111	135	2,1	1,9
Daycare for children	1928	100	99	101	-0,2	0,2
Institutional elderly care	723	100	116	149	2,9	2,8
Home care	541	100	113	139	2,5	2,4
Service accommodation	859	100	109	128	1,7	1,6

Source: Ministry of Social Affairs

Challenges facing the municipalities by the year 2015



Portfolio of projects:

Development of businesses

- Product development**

- New companies**

- Commercialisation, business expertise**

- Other business orientated training**

Strengthening know-how

- Special expertise of research- and education units**

- Structure of education (professors etc.)**

Development of innovation systems

- Cooperation and cluster based actions**

- Research and feasibility studies**

- Common training and seminars**

- R&D -services**

- Databases and other information services**

- Development of CoE -functions**

Selection criteria

Knowledge and know-how

- **connections to available top knowledge (research, education, production)**
- **usability of top knowledge from a business point of view**
- **international scope**
- **regional infrastructure supporting the programme**

Effectiveness

- **effects on existing business operations and the transformation of knowledge into an actual product**
- **effects on new business operations**
- **effects on employment and regional development**
- **effects on human resources**
- **effects on innovation structures**
- **effects on networking and clusters**
- **effects on the attractiveness of the region**

Organisation and commitment

- **operative organisation and administration**
- **financial plan and its volume**
- **operative resources**
- **regional commitment**

Innovation ability

- **new operative models and projects**