

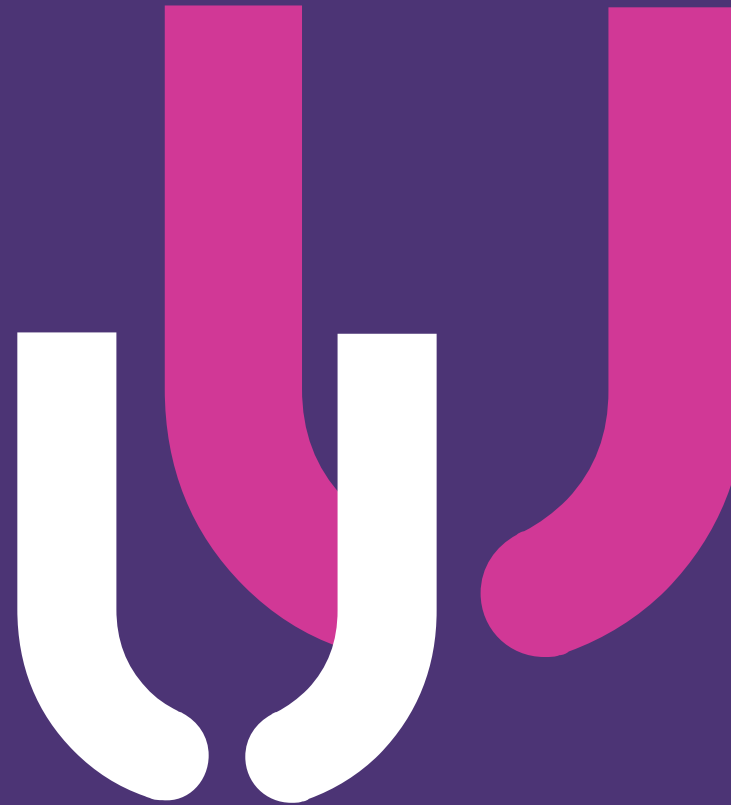
RE-CITY

Reviving Shrinking Cities

Innovative paths and perspective towards livability
for shrinking cities

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Agenda

1. RE-CITY Project Introduction
2. Project Outputs
3. Individual Research

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RE-CITY Project Introduction

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RE-CITY research objectives

RE-CITY set out to...

- › to combine international comparative research across disciplines (spatial planning, architecture, geography, economics, social sciences) to outline the concept, methods and strategic approaches towards revitalization of shrinking cities.
- › to analyze case studies and paths of dealing with shrinking cities in search of solutions which are innovative, integrated and sustainably sound,
- › to develop novel methods, training skills and applications for RE-CITY: a tangible frame of tools and methods.

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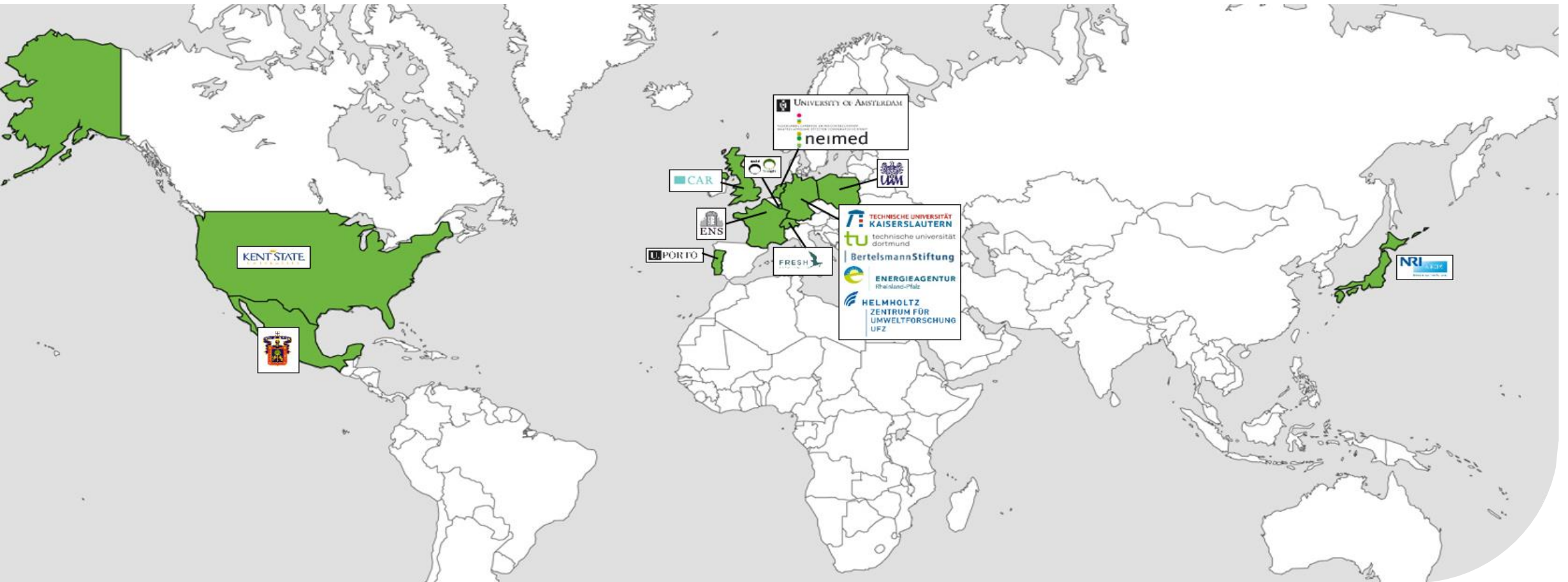
RE-CITY training objectives

RE-CITY set out to...

- › Provide training to create a new generation of planners capable of utilizing the synergies between different disciplines to advance the development of RE-CITY.
- › Equip RE-CITY experts with multi- and interdisciplinary key scientific and research skills targeted to the requirements of shrinking cities.
- › Qualify multidisciplinary RE-CITY experts by means of transferable skills.

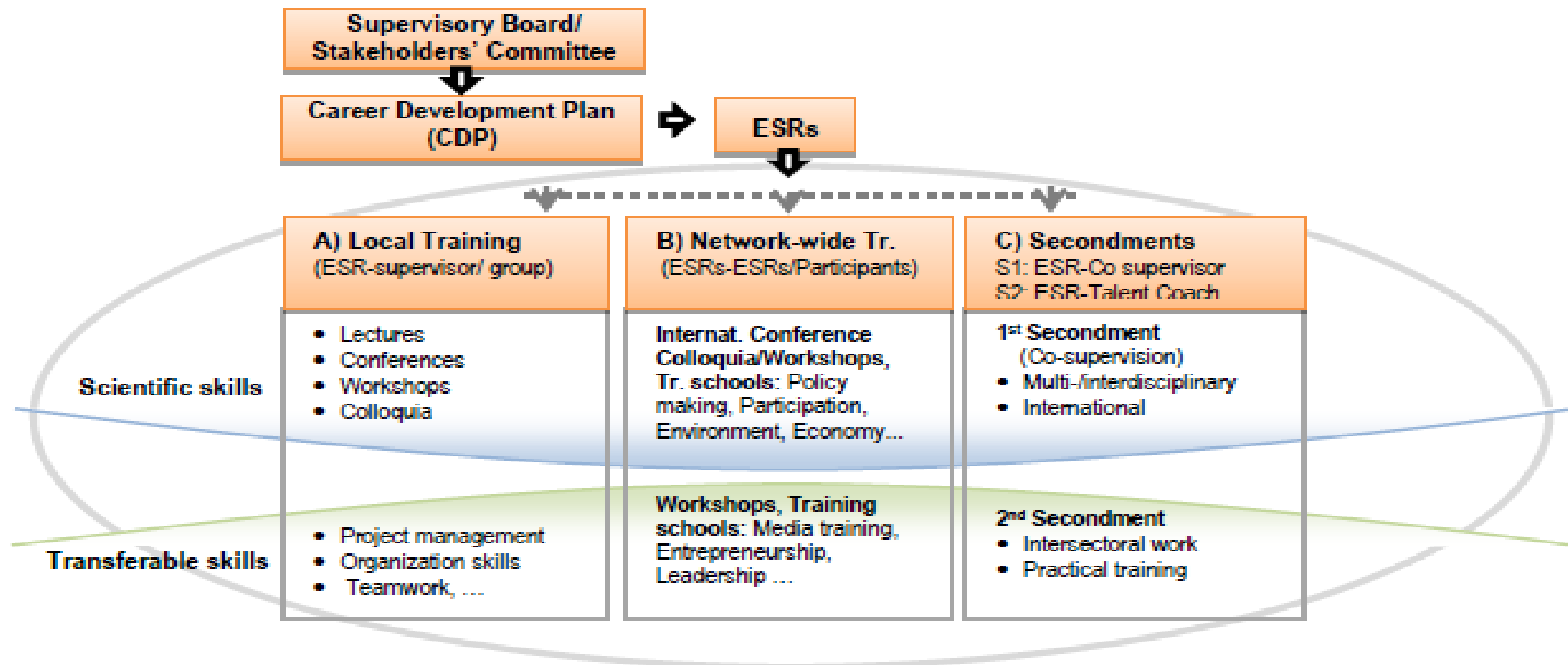
RE-CITY Project Introduction

Participants in the RE-CITY ITN



RE-CITY Project Introduction

Training programme for ESRs



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Project Outputs

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Handbook on Shrinking Cities

Published 2022 with Edward Elgar Publishing

- › Edited volume with 30 contributions by 47 authors
- › Edited by Karina Pallagst, Marco Bontje, Emmanuèle Cunningham Sabot and René Fleschurz



HANDBOOK ON Shrinking Cities

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RESEARCH HANDBOOKS IN URBAN STUDIES

Project Outputs

KLOOC on Shrinking Cities

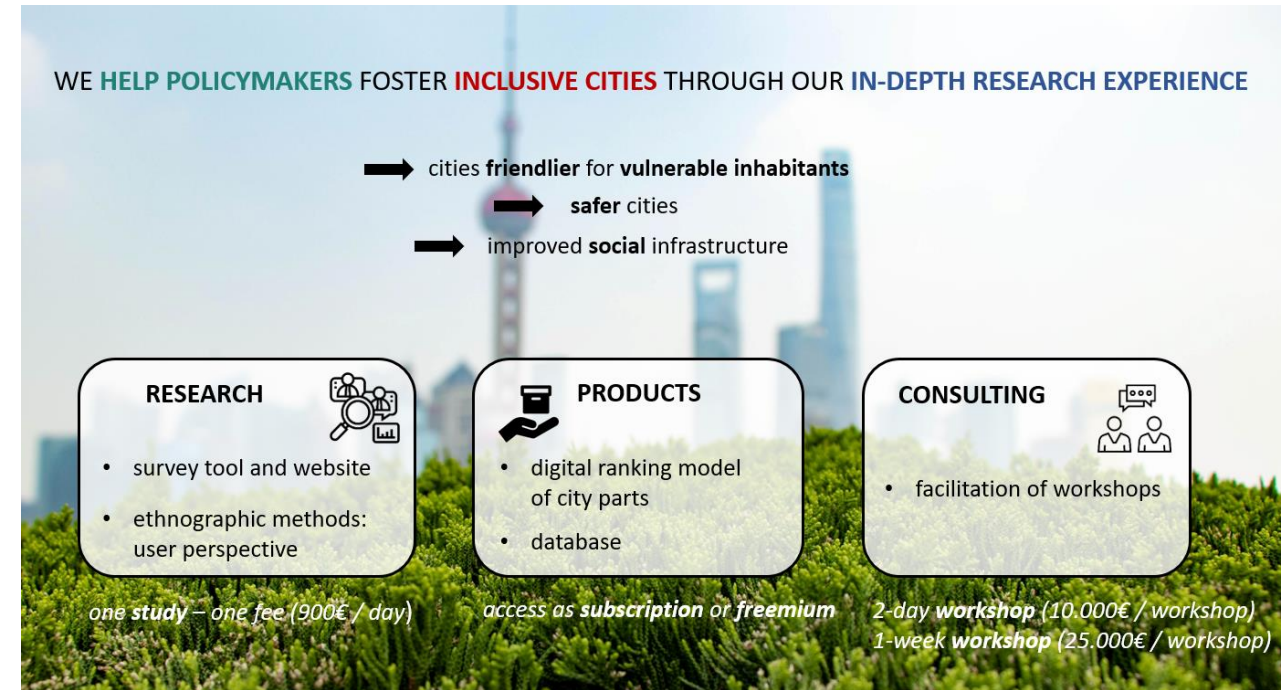
Online since April 2023

- › Developed in collaboration with RPTU's Center for Innovation and Digitalisation in Teaching and Learning
- › Presented by the RE-CITY project ESRs with an introduction by Karina Pallagst and Emmanuèle Cunnungham Sabot
- › Free enrolment at any time via https://www.oncampus.de/klooc_on_shrinking_cities



Project Outputs

Business plans



- › Collaboration with the project Ideenwald (forest of ideas) and the Gründungsbüro at RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau
- › ESRs were guided to develop their own entrepreneurial ideas

Project Outputs

Policy options for shrinking cities

Drafting of policy recommendations for Shrinking Cities on...

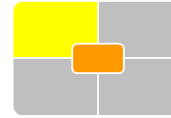
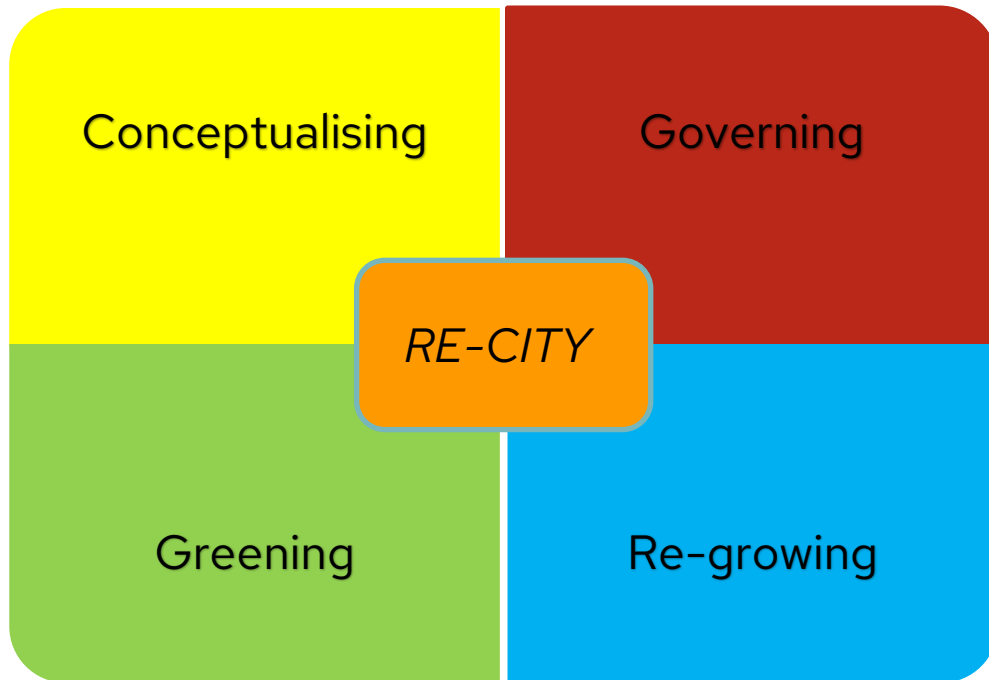
- › Social infrastructure
- › Public space regeneration
- › Shrinkage in the European Policy debate
- › Green Economy in shrinking cities
- › Refugee-centered revitalization
- › Socio-spatial inequalities
- › Building flood resilience
- › Critical role of interactive digital platforms

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Individual Research

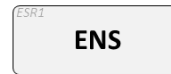
Individual Research

Thematic pillars



Conceptualising

WP1



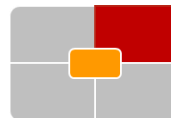
ESR1
Strategies for shrinking cities from historical perspective-path dependencies and learning from failures of the past



ESR2
Shrinking Smart as new planning concept - comparative research methods and cumulative effects



ESR3
Monitoring social and geographic conditions of growth and decline in cities



Governing

WP2



ESR4
The role of spatial planning and regeneration governance in accommodating shrinkage



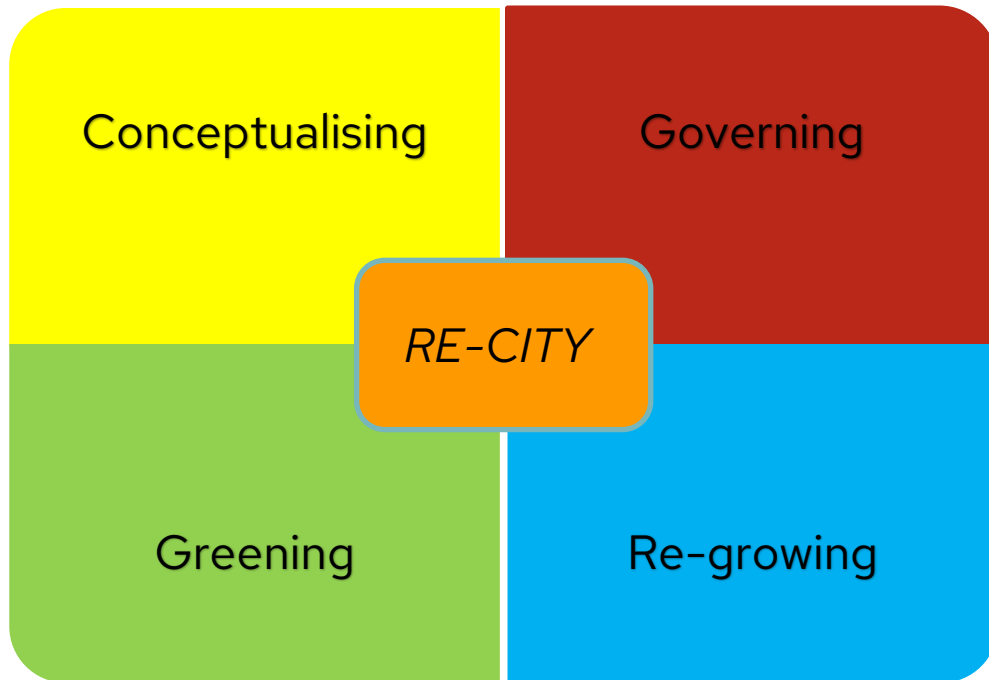
ESR5
Strategic planning and policy-making for shrinking cities



ESR6
Actor constellations and institutional framework in shrinking cities

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Greening

WP3



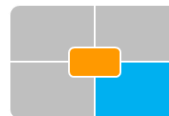
Green infrastructure: productive urban landscapes and citizen participation in developing new perspectives for vacant spaces



Shrinking Cities in the longer term: changing patterns of urbanization and resilience following catastrophic events



Managing technical and social infrastructure in planning for shrinking



Re-growing

WP4



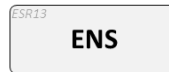
Building on knowledge and innovation: the role of bio economy in revitalizing shrinking cities



The role of culture-led regeneration in shrinking cities



Evaluating European policy responses for shrinking cities in light of EU Cohesion Policy and competitiveness



The role of migrants in revitalising shrinking cities

Thank you!

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