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 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.
RE-CITY Project Introduction
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

Supervisory Board/ Stakeholders’ Committee
Career Development Plan (CDP)

ESRs

A) Local Training
(ESR-supervisor/ group)
- Lectures
- Conferences
- Workshops
- Colloquia

B) Network-wide Tr.
(ESRs-ESRs/Participants)
- Internat. Conference
- Colloquia/Workshops,
  Tr. schools: Policy
  making, Participation,
  Environment, Economy...

C) Secondments
S1: ESR-Co supervisor
S2: ESR-Talent Coach
- 1st Secondment
  (Co-supervision)
  - Multi-interdisciplinary
  - International
- 2nd Secondment
  - Intersectoral work
  - Practical training

Scientific skills
Transferable skills

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2 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
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
Individual Research
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Thematic pillars

Conceptualising
- Strategies for shrinking cities from historical perspective-path dependencies and learning from failures of the past
- Shrinking Smart as new planning concept - comparative research methods and cumulative effects
- Monitoring social and geographic conditions of growth and decline in cities

Governing
- The role of spatial planning and regeneration governance in accommodating shrinkage
- Strategic planning and policy-making for shrinking cities
- Actor constellations and institutional framework in shrinking cities

Re-growthing

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Greening
Individual Research
Thematic pillars

- Conceptualising
- Governing
- Greening
- Re-growing

**Greening**
- **UPORTO**: Green infrastructure: productive urban landscapes and citizen participation in developing new perspectives for vacant spaces
- **CAR**: Shrinking Cities in the longer term: changing patterns of urbanization and resilience following catastrophic events
- **UPORTO**: Managing technical and social infrastructure in planning for shrinking

**Re-growing**
- **TUK**: Building on knowledge and innovation: the role of bio economy in revitalizing shrinking cities
- **TUDO**: The role of culture-led regeneration in shrinking cities
- **SPF**: Evaluating European policy responses for shrinking cities in light of EU Cohesion Policy and competitiveness
- **ENS**: The role of migrants in revitalising shrinking cities
Thank you!

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