
The Golden Rules of Regional Governance: Lessons from Germany

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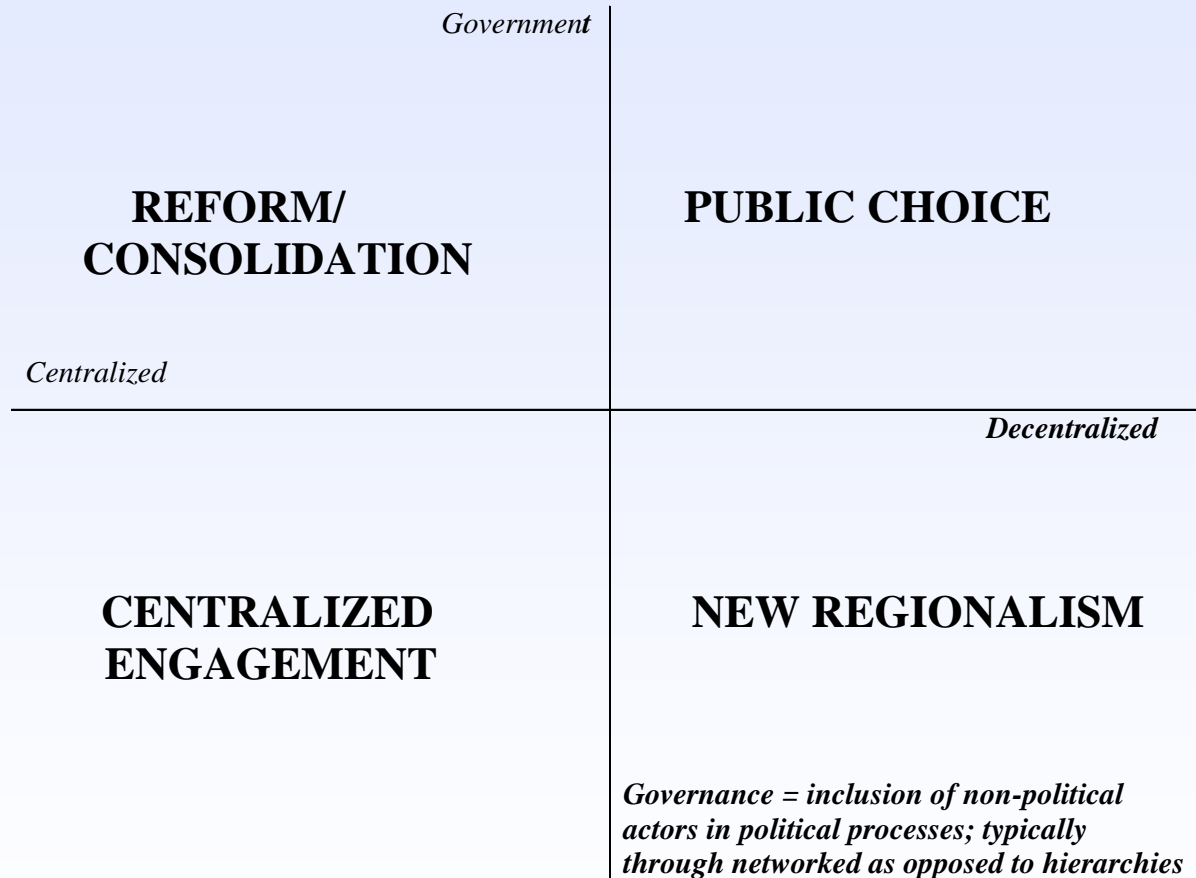
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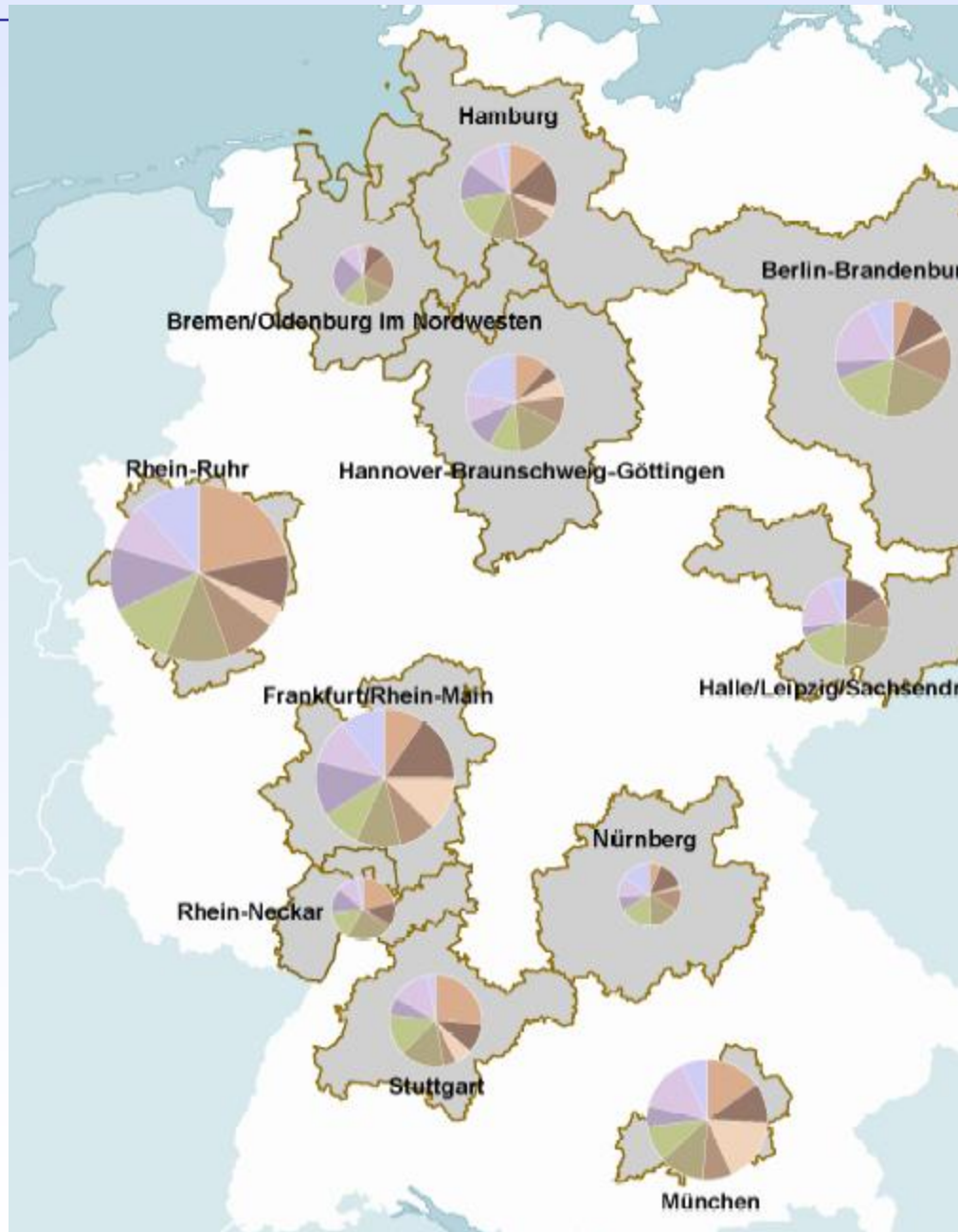


Outline

- Introduction: What is the most effective way to govern a city-region?
- How we can learn from Germany
- Regional Governance in Frankfurt Rhein Main
- Regional Governance in Rhein-Neckar
- Golden Rules of Regional Governance

Alternative Regional Models





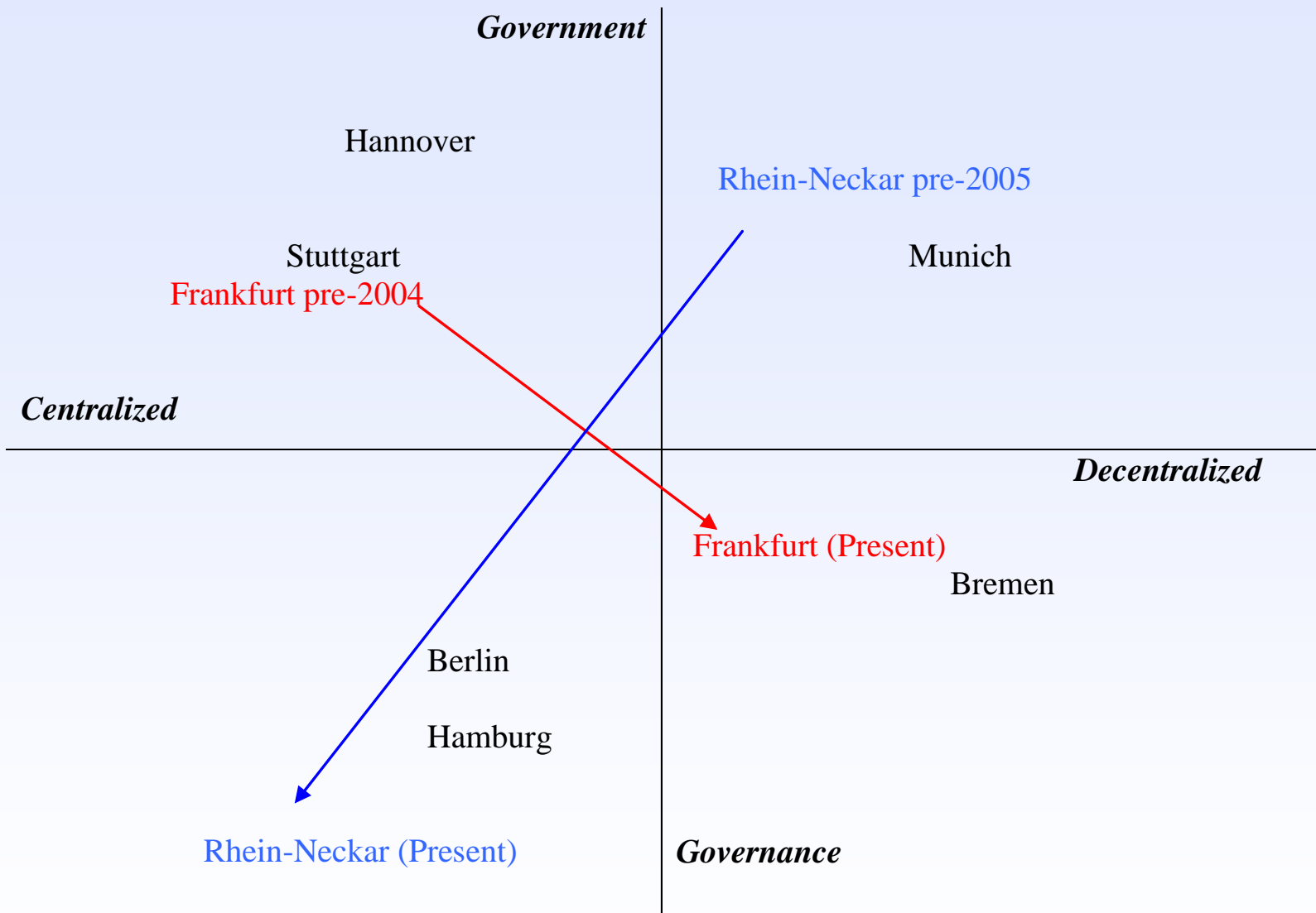
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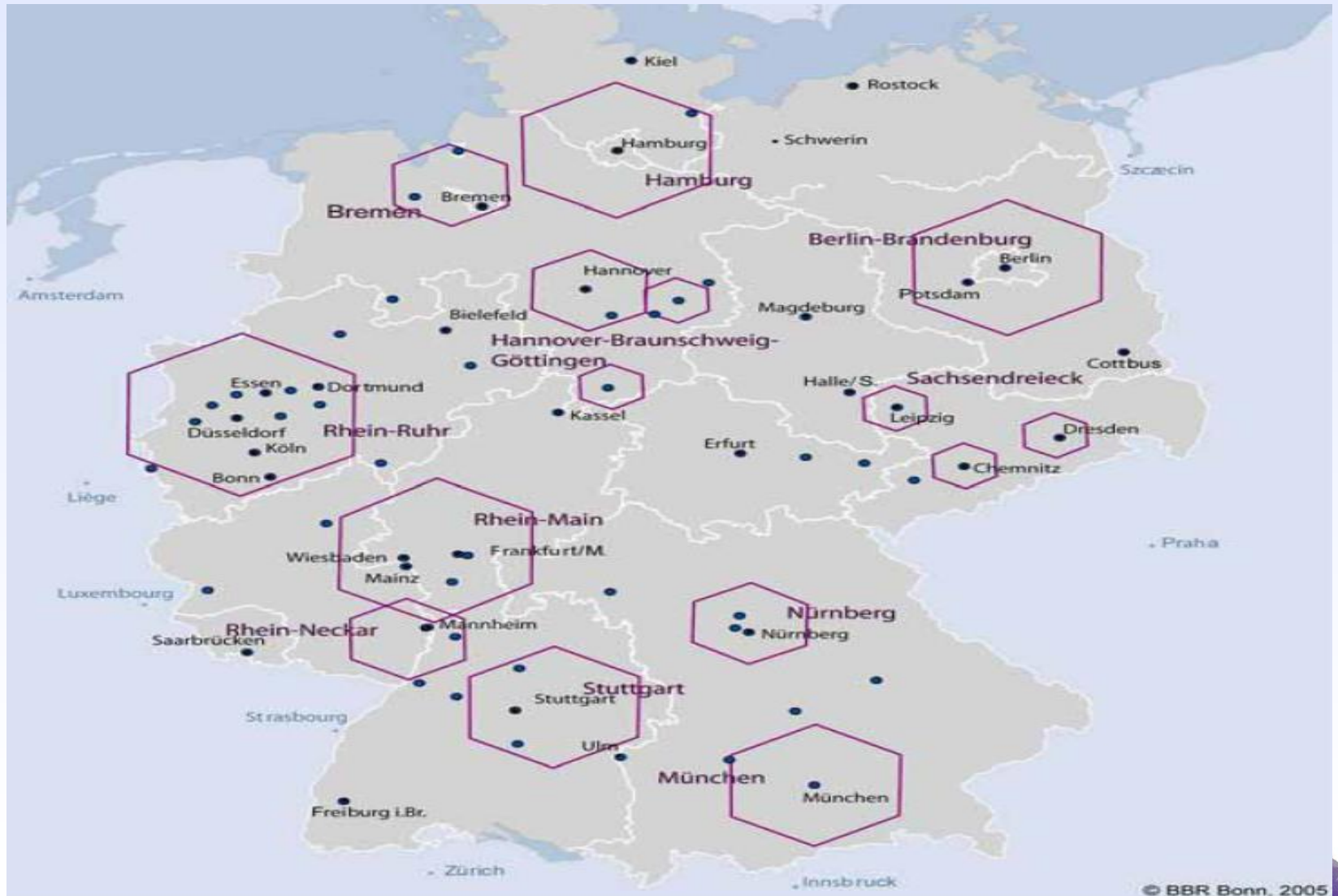


Why Study Germany?

- Federal State
- Regional Experimentation has led to:
- Variation in forms of regional governance across City-Regions
- Variation in forms of regional governance over time



German City-Regions

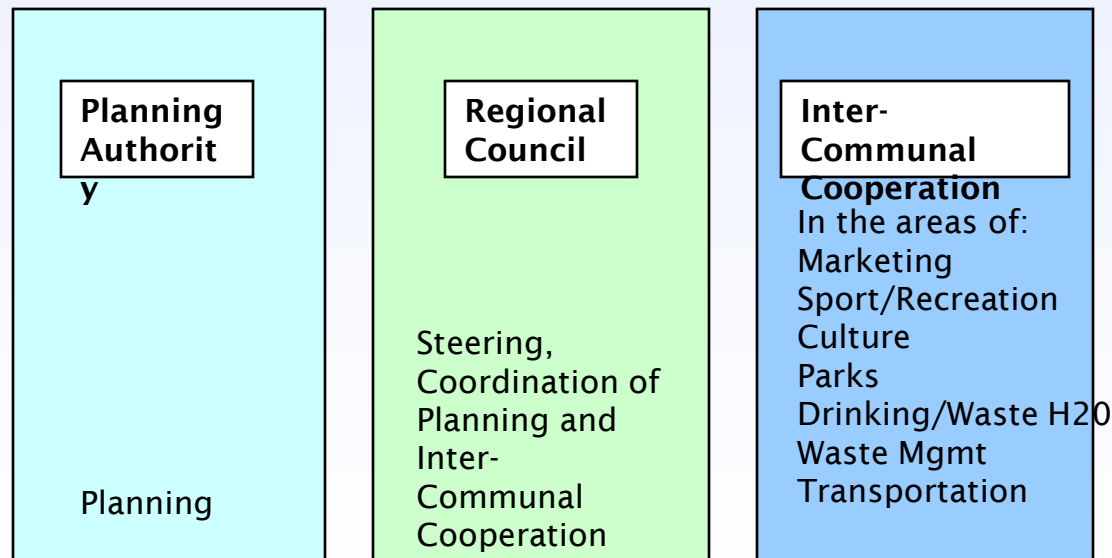


Frankfurt Rhein Main



Regional Governance Institutions in Frankfurt Rhein-Main

The three pillars of the Regional Legislation (2001)



Comparing the Regions

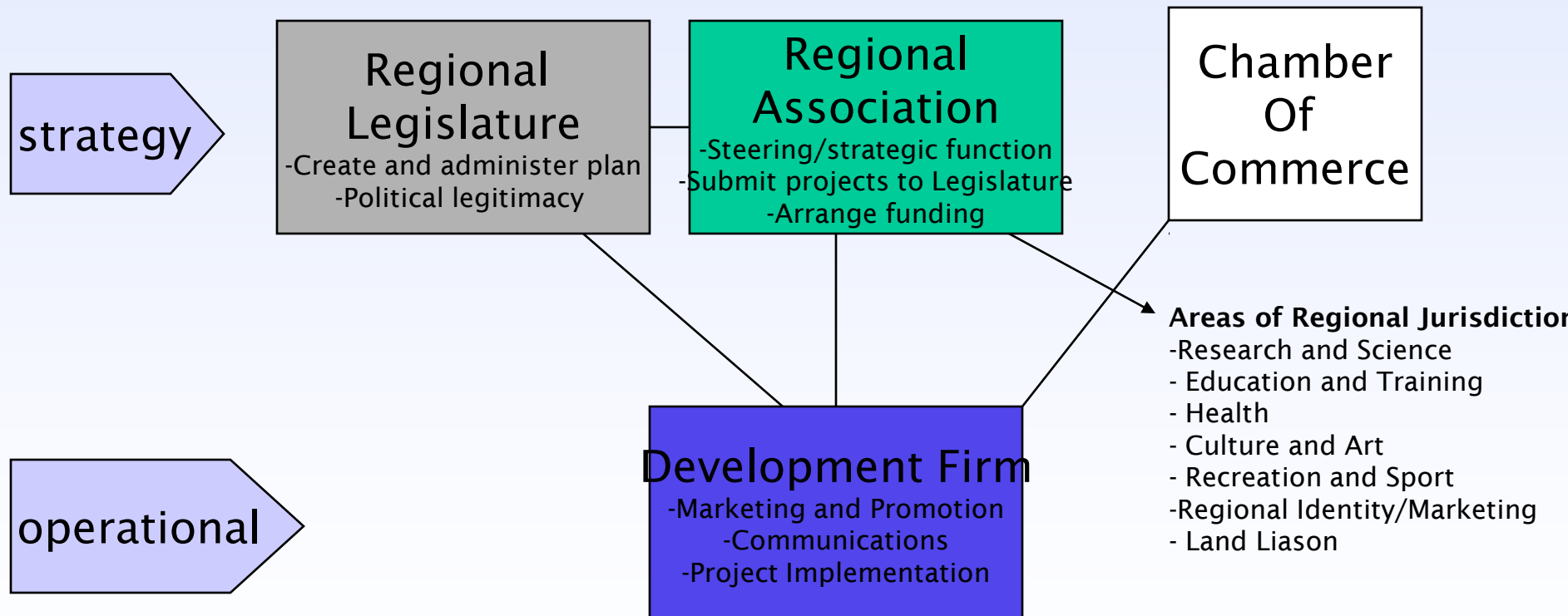
	Frankfurt	Rhein-Neckar
Model	New Regionalism	Centralized Engagement
Structure	Three Pillars	Three (+) Nodes
Scale	Central Region	Whole Region
Engagement	Moderate	Extensive

Metropolregion Rhein-Neckar

Ehemaliger Raumordnungsverband Rhein-Neckar



Structure of Regional Governance in Rhein-Neckar



Golden Rules for Regional Governance Institutions

- Resources = Responsibilities
- Create Synergies
- Consider Scale Issues
- Coercion can be an Effective Strategy
- Incorporate Existing Strengths
- Accountability is Critical