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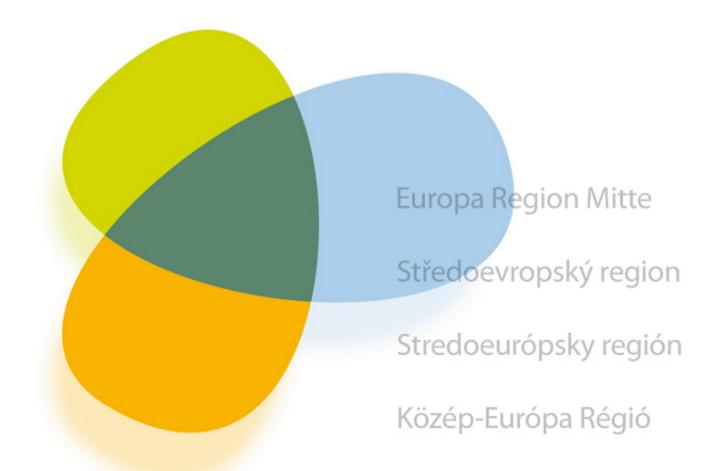
- **JORDES**
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- **■** General Objective
- Operational Objectives



JORDES

- Biosphere-Region and model "Grüne Mitte"
- organisation model settlement and traffic development and their effects
- urban sprawl co-operation Bratislava



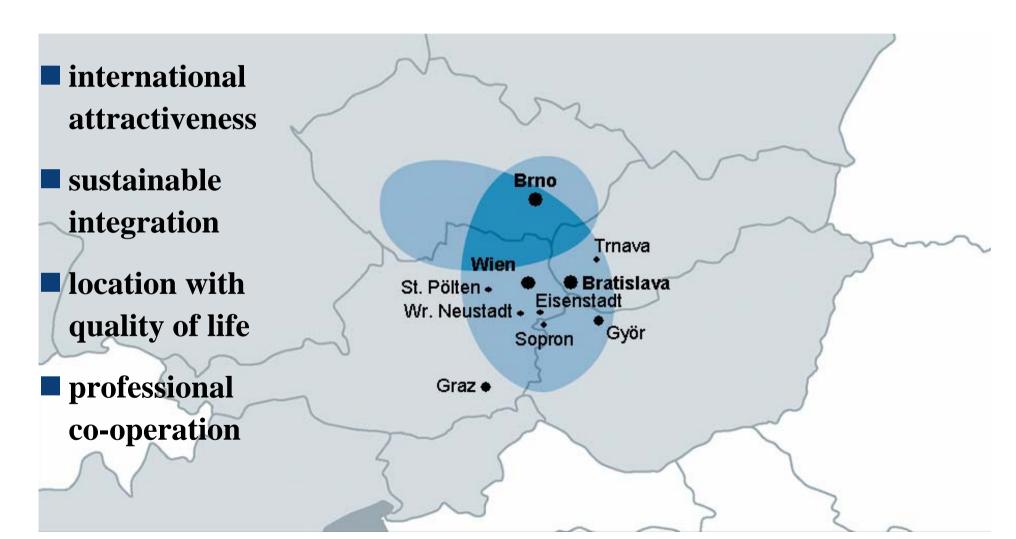


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General Objective

The general CENTROPE objectives also comprise the establishment of a **Biosphere-Growth-Region** and a **Learning Region**. These two objectives are closely linked but have different involved actors and also differ within the expected realization time frame (different time horizon).

Element 1

■ Biosphere-Growth-Region

An essential objective is the creation of basic conditions for the establishment of a European Biosphere-Growth-Region that is integrated in the global network economy and which is defined through coordinated development and protection interests and whose development is not hindered by inner frontiers or barriers.

A Biosphere-Growth-Region combines its own regional biogenous resources (e.g. renewable resources) with existing sciences, technology, economy respectively human capital aiming to produce new value-added chains of international competitive products. These are a central factor of regional identity, international positioning and thus economic prosperity and a high level of employment and income in CENTROPE.

Element 2

Learning Region

Against the background of a knowledge based economy and accelerated structural changes human capital is becoming more and more important. A Learning Region combines the pragmatic execution of learning and regional development. The regional education and science institutions are aligned with the regional development objectives and accordingly qualified inhabitants push the development

General Objective

■ Learning Biosphere-Growth-Region

The CENTROPE vision aims at combining these two objectives. and to establish a Learning Biosphere-Growth-Region, in which renewable resources and technological know how (new professions) contribute an essential part to the competitiveness of the region and in which urban and rural areas are functionally linked according to this vision. The sustainable use and protection of the biogenous resources and a Green Centre settlement principle characterize this region in which compact settlement locate along public transport axes and in which the valuable natural space as well as recreational and agricultural space is conserved.

Operational Objectives

One possible operational objective as an appropriate example

- Develop a pilot "curriculum" with a "post-graduate" orientation to qualify people to understand and manage a regional biosphere based development process.
- Target group: professionals on different levels already involved in/or pre-qualified for regional development procedures

Operational Objective

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■ Value added:

- Co-operation of education institutions (academic, non-academic)
- Job creation in (public) institutions, NGOs (regional management) and in the private sector (organisation of new value creating chains)
- Crucial contribution to the implementation of the concept of the biosphere based regional development concept

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