

Who owns the city?

People, projects, programmes

Maastricht debates

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Who runs the city?

Elites:

- Political elite: political power, planning and control
- Money: economic power, planning and control
- Networks: social cultural power, planning and control

Various 'capital':

- Capital: central city/town of a region or country
- Capital: money
- Human capital: individual talents
- Cultural capital: existing and innovative actions
- Social capital: networks

Cities and social capital

Social capital:

- Responsible for identity formation
- Core element of civil society
- Formal and informal networks
- 'Good' and 'bad' social capital
- Bonding and bridging social capital
- Diversity: engagement of citizens with different backgrounds to the public good

Traditional and modern societies

Traditional societies:

- Orientation to the past
- Hierarchical and top-down
- Regulations and prescribed behaviour
- Coercive
- Homogeneous
- Bonding social cohesion
- Single identity
- Single loyalty

Modern societies:

- Orientation to the future
- Horizontal and bottom-up
- Negotiation and individual commitment
- Voluntary action
- Pluralistic
- Bridging social cohesion
- Multi-level identities
- Plural loyalties

Euregion Maas-Rijn or Eutropolis?

- Euregion Maas-Rijn not more than an administrative concept
- Euregion Maas-Rijn has some top-down initiated projects
- Euregion Maas-Rijn is not embedded in mindset of inhabitants

- Eutropolis is an idea, utopia
- Eutropolis might become vehicle for Maastricht Cultural Capital 2018

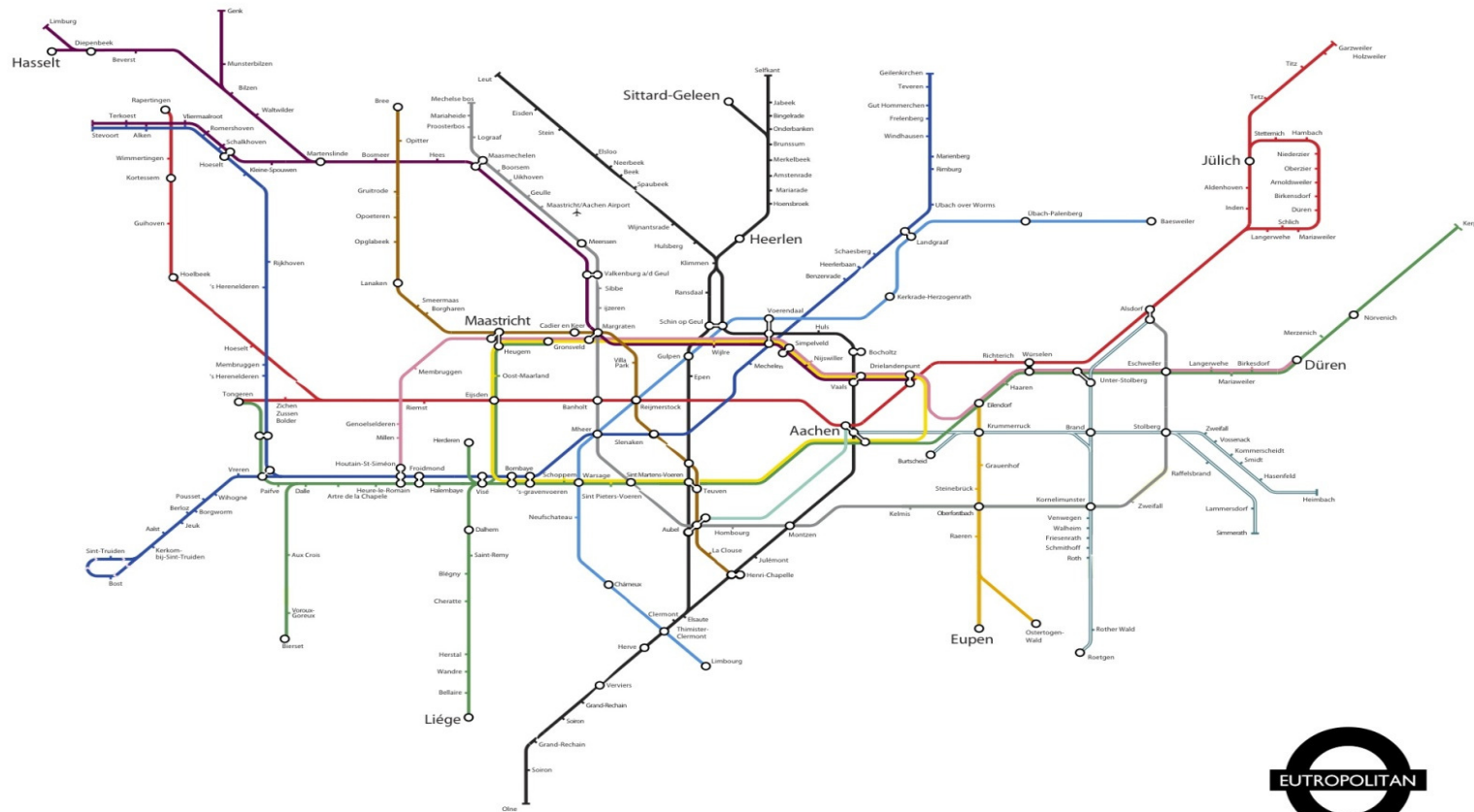
Euregion Maas-Rijn



Euregio Maas-Rijn



Eutropolis (Marc Maurer)



Eutropolis

Cross-border regions/cities:

- Five cities (Aachen, Liege, Hasselt, Maastricht and Heerlen)
- 3,5 million people
- Transformation from industrial to post-industrial era
- Network city (physical and virtual)
 - Unfamiliarity
 - Differences
 - Diversity
 - Connectivity

Eutropolis

- Crossborder administrative and political lab:
 - EGTC (European Groups for Transnational Cooperation)
 - Euregional Convention ?(5 mayors, 4 governors)

Eutropolis

- Crossborder economic lab:
 - Promotion of free movement of persons and goods on labour market
 - Finetuning of rules, regulations, taxes, subsidies
 - Improved mobility through integration of public transport
 - Transport facilities: highways, airports
 - Common ecological policy in relation to economy

Eutropolis

- Crossborder social and cultural lab:
 - Strength: three countries/three languages
 - 8 institutions of higher education: knowledge infrastructure available – promote student, staff and research mobility
 - Cross-border cooperation health care and provision of health services
 - Cross-border cooperation social care and the provision of social services
 - Cross-border cooperation of established and innovative culture and finetuning of programmes: MCC2018