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This mayor has a problem



A PROBLEM

City is the core of a metropolitan area

Metropolitan area is fragmented

SOLUTION

Adapting institutional arrangements

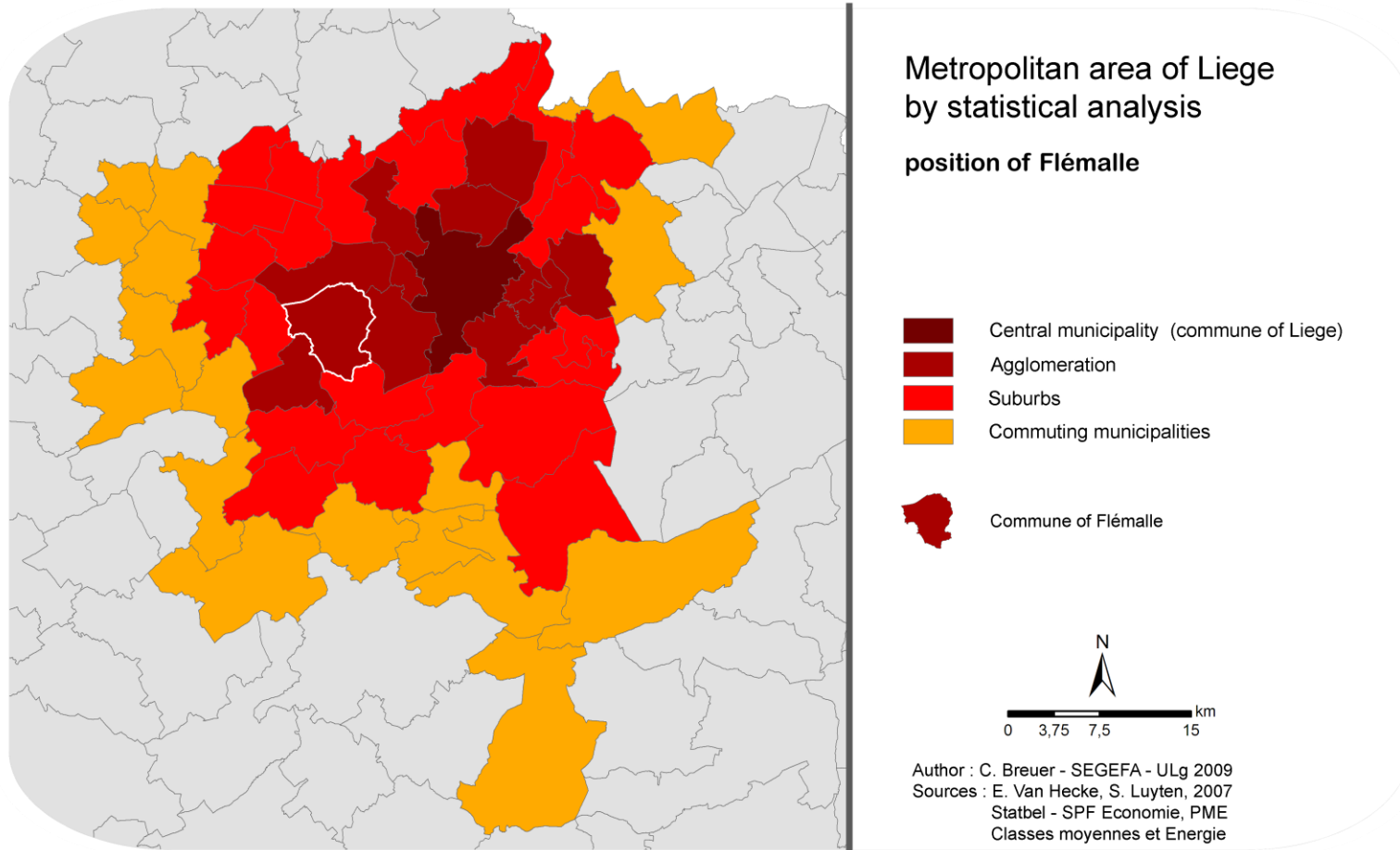
MEAN

A quantic leap

QUESTION

How to deal with this quantic leap?

A fragmented metropolitan area



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Diversity of governance in European cities: towards an indicators-based analysis of **the good governance?**

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A common problem to many metropolitan areas in Europe

INEFFECTIVENESS OF BOUNDARIES

city limit has exploded

LESS CONSTRAINS ON CITIES

from states

MORE CONSTRAINS ON CITIES

for international competition and attractiveness

CONCENTRATION OF CHALLENGES

in metropolis

Cities struggling with many problems

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CHALLENGES and more **RESPONSIBILITIES**

A answer to complexity : the governance

Urban governance is a **PROCESS** of mediation, coordination of actors, institutions, stakeholdes, in order to **DEFINE AND IMPLEMENT** strategies or address societal issues.

PROCESS more or less **SPONTANEOUS**

Emergence of an urban « common actor »

Is there an « urban **COMMON ACTOR** »
defending a « shared **COMMON**
GOOD » ?

Reality is not so simple.

A lack of benchmarks: towards norms of « good urban governance »

All states don't have legislated in order to
adapt cities to this **NEW CONFIGURATION**

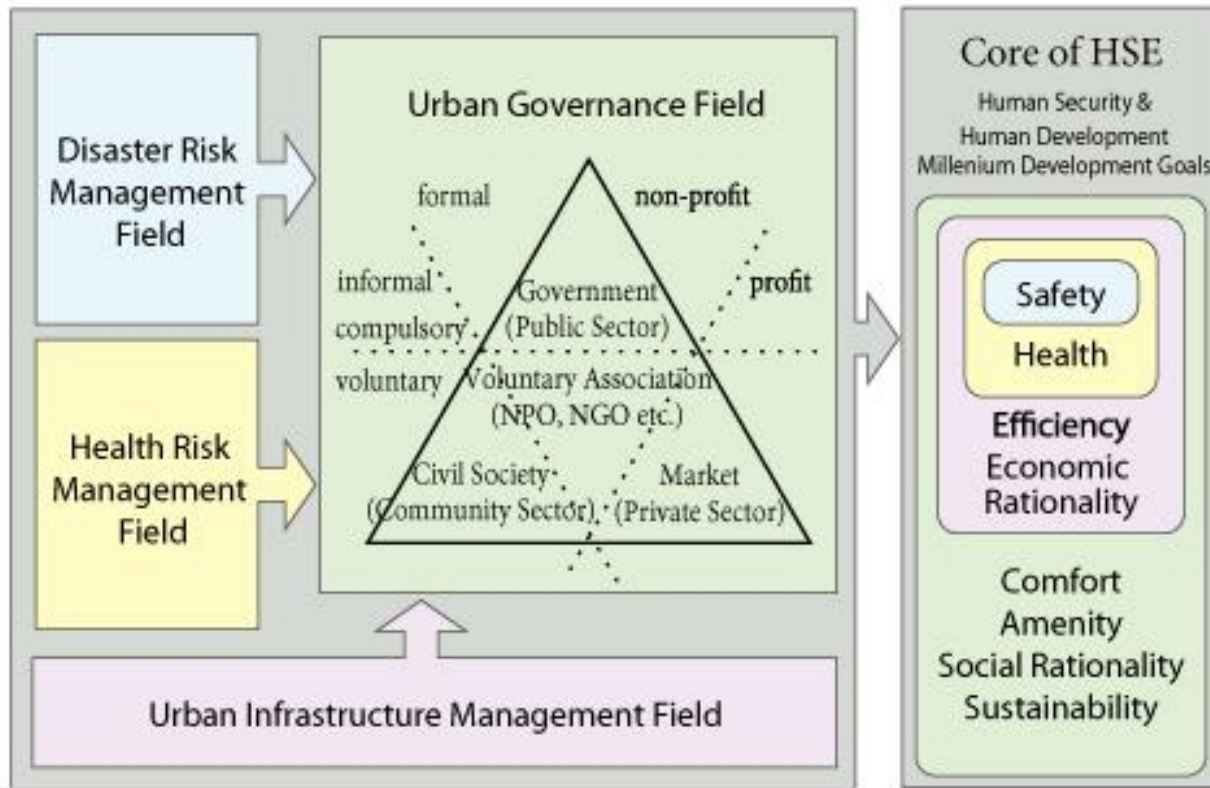
Good governance has become central in
some **POLITICAL DISCOURSES** in the
research of **NORMS** and **BENCHMARKS**

Good governance, an inherited concept

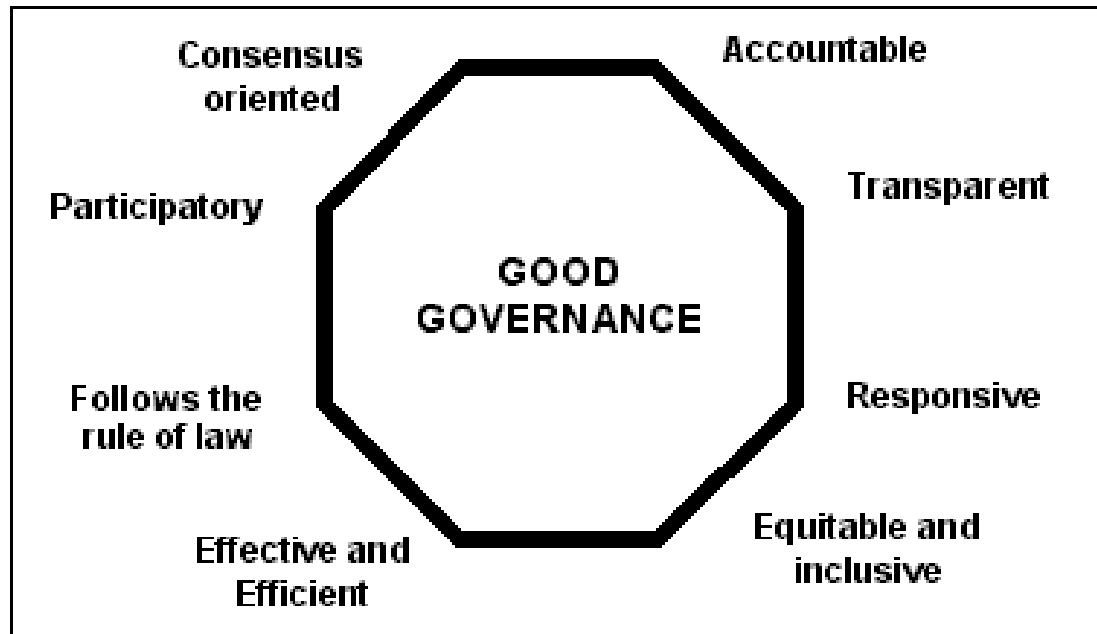
Concept **INHERITED** from international cooperation (OECD,...)

AMBIGUOUS concept, definition is depending of goals, actors and culture

A single model of governance seems to be illusive



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Efficiency in using public money

Strategic association

Adequacy between resources and needs

Efficiency of services

Public-private partnership financing

Number of networks

Simple norms and hierarchy

Etc.

First comment: few numbers of statistical researches

Due to :

Imprecise **INDICATORS**

Weakness and complexity of theoretical **LINKS**
between urban governance and urban
development

Lack of qualitative **SURVEYS**

Statistical weakness of reciproqual influences governance / development

Majority of tested links were **NOT SIGNIFICANT**.

Except for :

- **ELASTICITY** of metropolitan boundaries
- presence of **METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT**

Reason of this failure

Lack of **COMMITMENT**

Lack of **TERRITORY** and **SPATIAL** indicators

Nature of **DEPENDANT VARIABLES** to describe competitiveness and attractivity (population, investments)

All roads go to Roma, but...



All roads go to **CITIES**, but the way to reach the ideal metropolis is not unique.

There is a huge number of **EQUILIBRIUM** which can't be achieve with a single model of governance – even good governance.