Source: Das Erste/W wie Wissen (2015), https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nRoZWNhBNKg, 03.06.2016

Creative scenes in the Danube Region: potentials, chances, challenges

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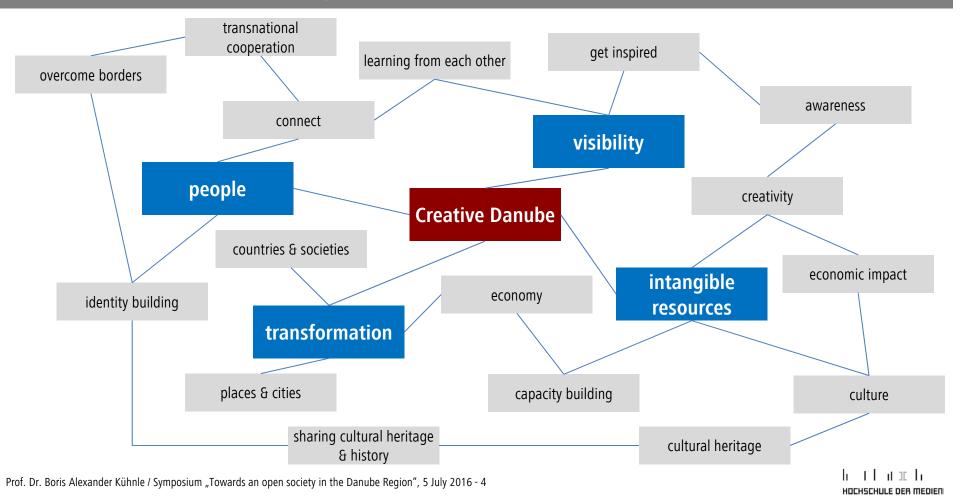
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We detected a hidden gem in Danube Region: creative scenes

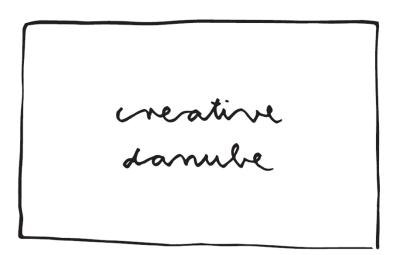


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Creative Danube: A net of goals and opportunities

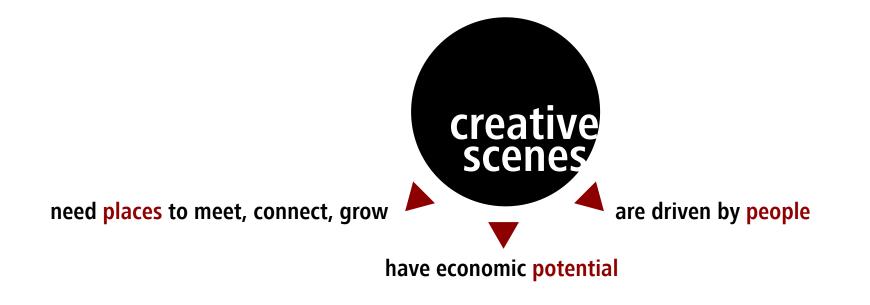


Factsheet "Creative Danube"-project



- Project partners: University of Osijek
 Department of Cultural Studies, Stuttgart
 Media University, Mikser House Belgrade
- Multi-media and transnational project done by students : 1 book, 1 app, 1 event
- Funding: 45.000 EUR by BW-Stiftung
- Duration: May 2015-February 2016
- Content scope: 8 countries, 14 cities, 40+ places
- Team: 30+ students, 7 study programmes

What we've learnt is, that 3P are key to creative scenes: place, potentials, people



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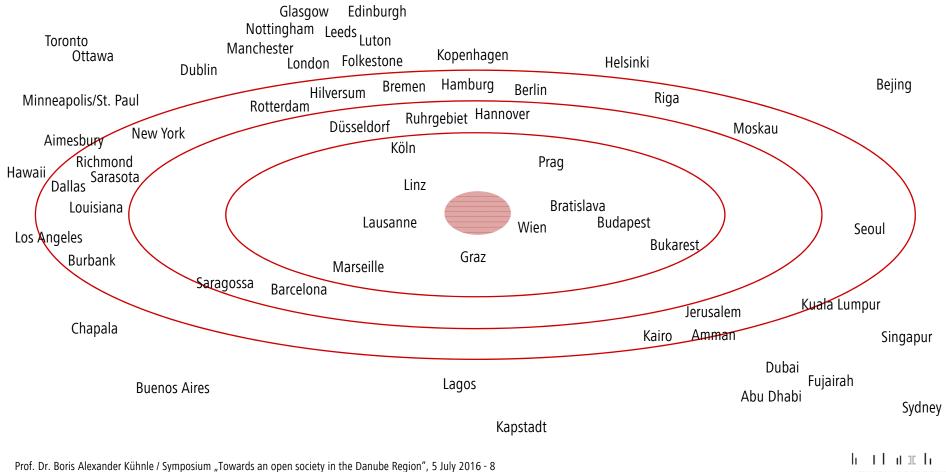
Creativity needs a physical place, where it *can happen*



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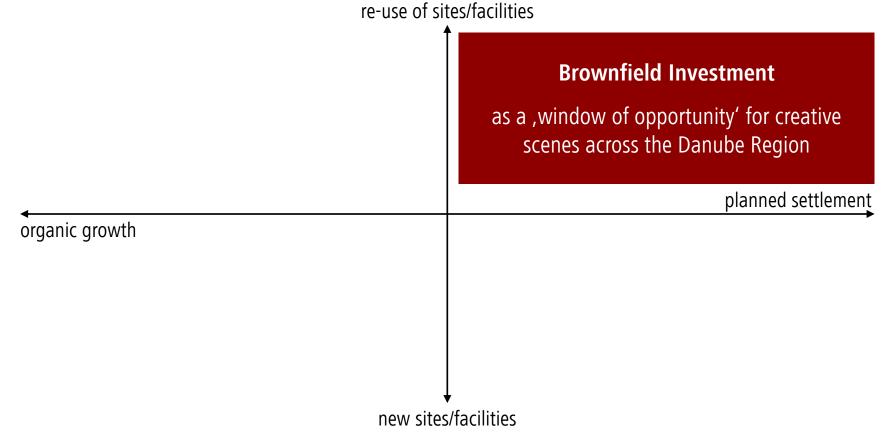
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Creating creative places is a major trend for urban development world-wide



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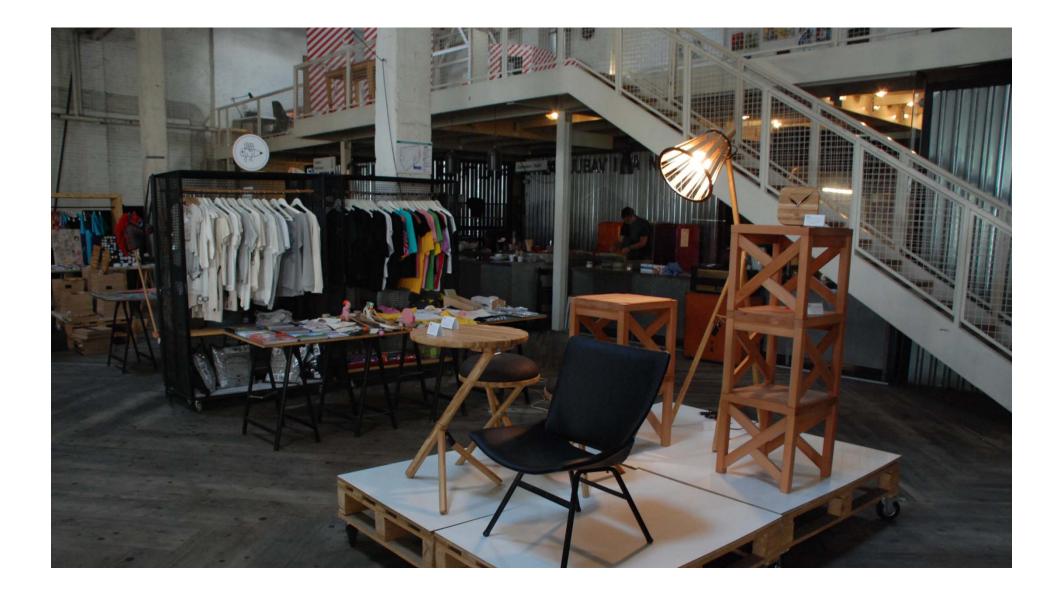
Vanishing of former industrial structures may provide opportunities for CI



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Open society goes along with economic cohesion, *hint:* creative scenes may help



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Creative scenes may not only have societal impact but also an economical

Richard Florida, The Rise of the Creative Class (2012)

- "The real driving force is the rise of human creativity in our economy and society."
- "Access to talented and creative people is to modern business what access to coal and iron ore was to steelmaking. It determines where companies will choose to locate and grow, and this in turn changes the way cities must compete."

CESCI, Regional analysis of the Danube Region (2014)

- "In this diverse **cultural environment** and ethnic mixture the Danube could become the symbol of the cooperation [...]. This region means **economic resource** (creative industry) and natural value at the same time for the population [...]. ", p. 383
- "[...] more emphasis on promoting and encouraging the faster development of creative industries in the region's EU transnational programme [...] is likely to bear fruit in the medium run.", p. 246

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Expert survey confirmed: ,Creative class' helps economy to grow

	München	Stuttgart	Erlangen	Heidelberg
"A location generates economical growth if it attracts creative class people."	7	7	7	7

Moreover, it is good to know, that ...

- >30% of students in Croatia are in fields, which are relevant to creative industry (CI).
- Cl in many DR countries perform above average in terms of productivity, growth rates etc (e.g. Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Serbia
- 9 ECOC cities are in Danube Region (including forthcoming)

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But above all, it's about people: meeting, connecting, changing, growing



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And don't forget: Creativity is about honey!



Thank you!