





## Core-Periphery Relations between Discourses and Practices: Estonia and Beyond

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- Marie Curie Program ***Socio-economic and Political Responses to Regional Polarisation in Central and Eastern Europe*** – centres on new patterns of regional disparities between metropolised regions and the remaining parts of Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries.
- The project aims at improving regional policy instruments by raising the capacities of politicians, public and private sector policymakers related to issues of regional polarisation.
- RegPol² has received funding from the People Programme (Marie Curie Actions) of the European Union's Seventh Framework Programme FP7/2007-2013/ under REA grant agreement n° 607022







## Project background

- New patterns of regional disparities in CEE on multiple scales
- Strong socio-economic spatial polarisation between metropolised core regions and remaining parts of CEE countries
- High demand throughout EU for professionals dealing with these issues






Partners in the Marie-Curie Initial Training Network RegPol<sup>2</sup>





- RegPol<sup>2</sup> trains **16 young researchers**: 13 PhD students and 3 PostDocs with 11 different nationalities.
- The network draws on expertise from academia and private sector specialists from **7 countries** and **8 scientific disciplines** used to working in interdisciplinary and multinational contexts. Lead Partner: Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography.



<h2 style="text-align: center;">Work Packages</h2>  		
Work Package	Work Package Title	Type of Activity
WP1	Evolution, Reproduction and Persistence of Centrality and Peripherality	Research
WP2	Governance of Core-Periphery Relations	Research
WP3	Adaptation, Strategies and Potentials	Research
WP4	Research Training Programme	Training
WP5	External Communication	Outreach
WP6	Project Management	Management




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**Innovation Policies and Practices in Central-Eastern Europe**

- Martin Graffenberger (University of Leipzig), Bradley Loewen (University of Economics Prague), Sebastian Schulz (University of Tartu)

**Public Leaders Shaping Peripheralization Discourses and Practices?**

- Martiene Grootens (University of Tartu), Grete Kindel (University of Tartu), Bianka Plüschke-Altöf (Geomedia OÜ)






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