



## *Globalization and Rural Regions in Europe: Impacts, Challenges and Lessons*

# Work Package 2 International mobility and migration of rural population

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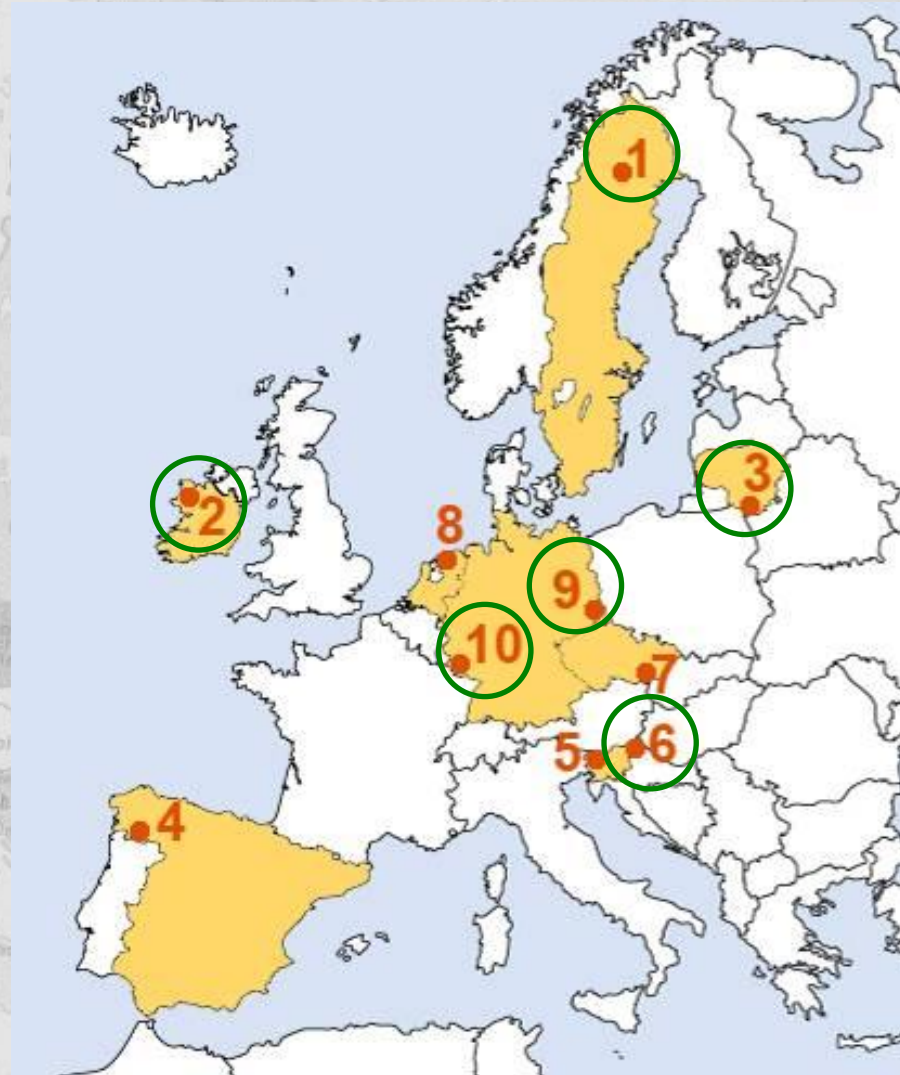
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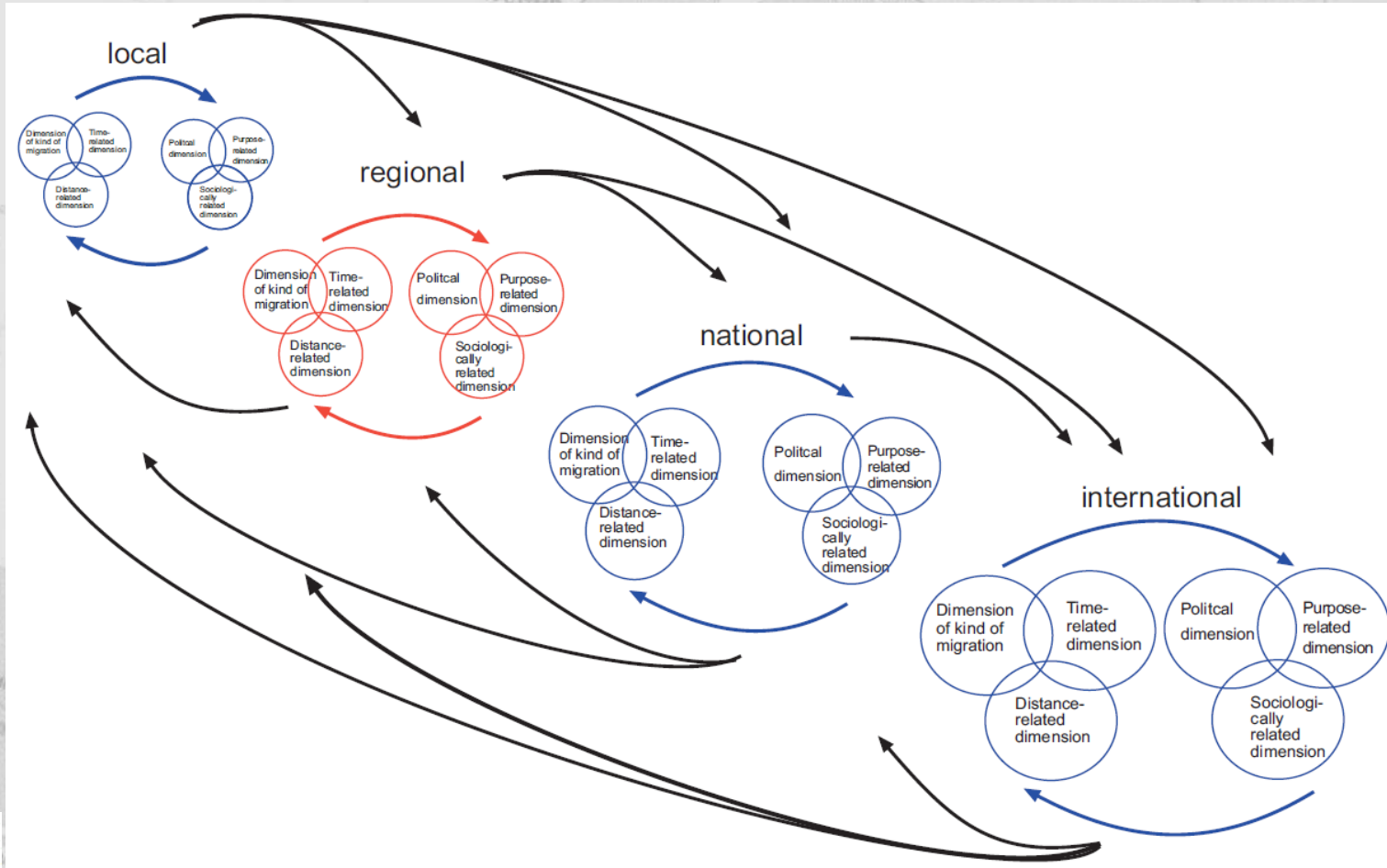


# Research methodology

1. Oevre Norrland, Sweden
2. West region (Roscommon), Ireland
3. Alytus, Lithuania
5. Pomurska, Slovenia
9. Regierungsbezirk Dresden, Germany
10. Saarland, Germany



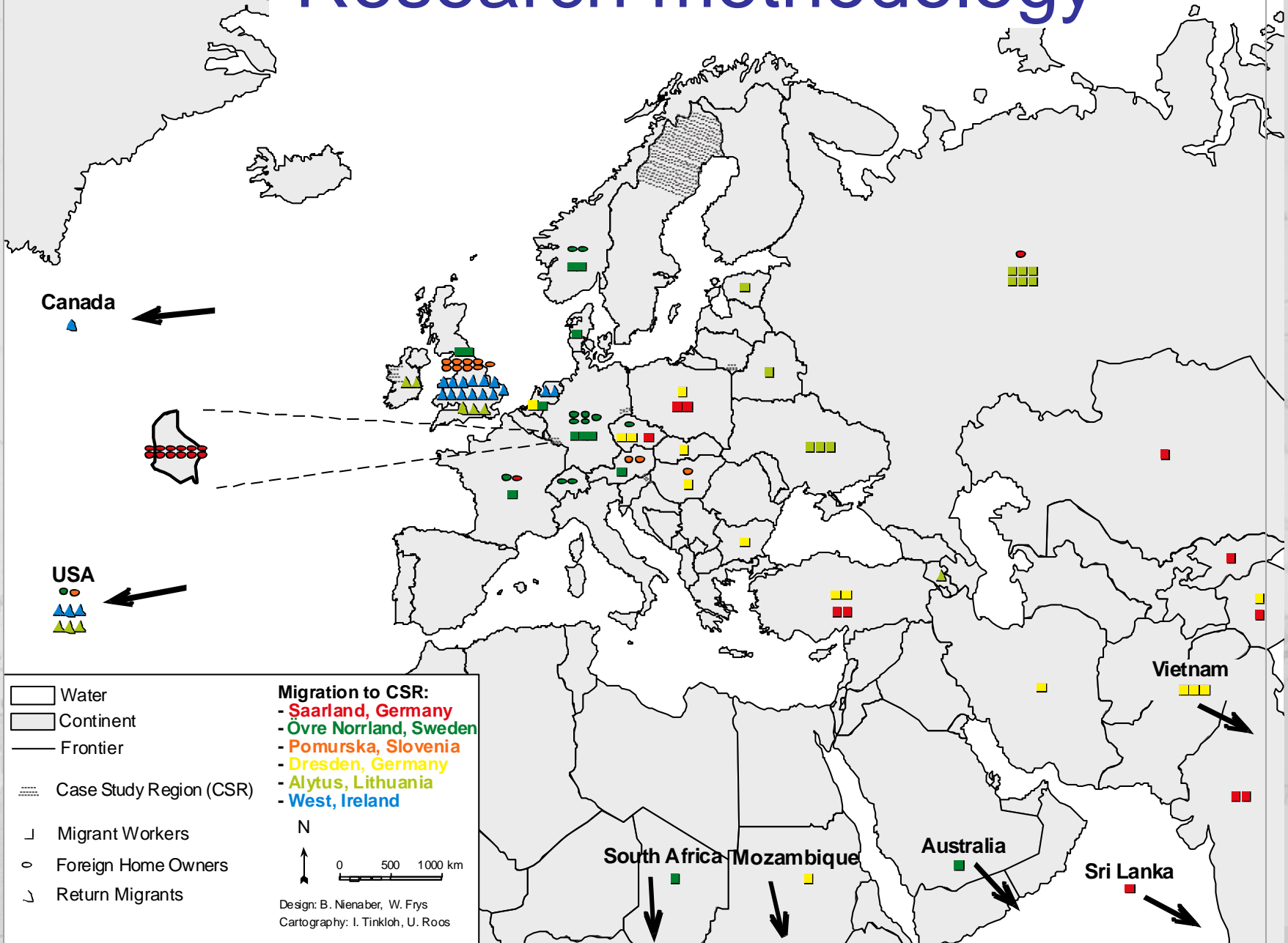
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Source: Nienaber & Frys 2009



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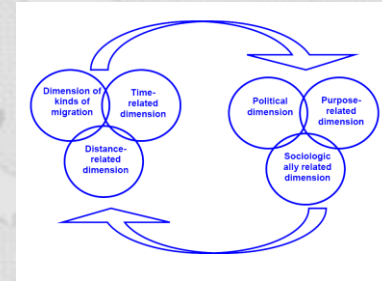
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# Characteristics of the Case Study Regions

- Alytus County → many immigrants from the former USSR
- Oevre Norrland → second home owners appreciating nature
- Pomurska → second home owners from Great Britain
- Regierungsbezirk Dresden → distinct hostility towards foreigners
- Saarland → cross-border migration
- West region (Roscommon) → problematic reintegration of return migrants



# Results of the multidimensional analysis

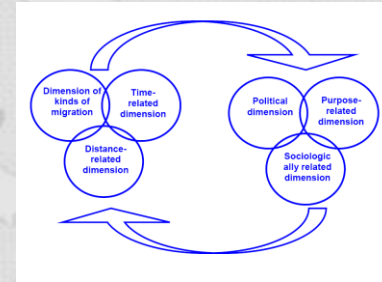


## Dimension of Kinds of Migration

- Predominantly urban-rural migration
- Especially from EU-countries (FHO, RM)
- Especially from non-EU countries (MW)
- Individual (MW, FHO), group or collective migration, as well as chain migration



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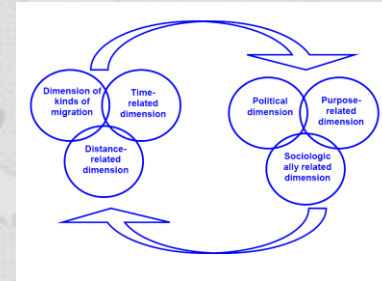


## Time-related Dimension

- Long-term migration (MW, FHO, RM)
- Short-term migration only noticed for second home owners in Övre Norrland (FHO)



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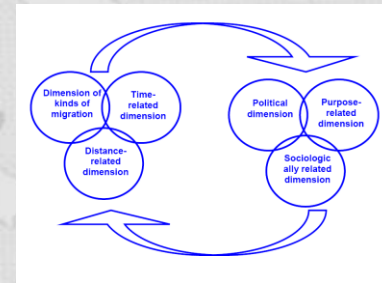


## Distance-related Dimension

- Mainly spacious migration (long-distance migration) (RM, MW)
- Spatially limited migration in border areas (cross-border migration) only in Saarland and Alytus (FHO, MW)
- Cultural nearness as well as distance between migrants and locals (MW, FHO, RM)



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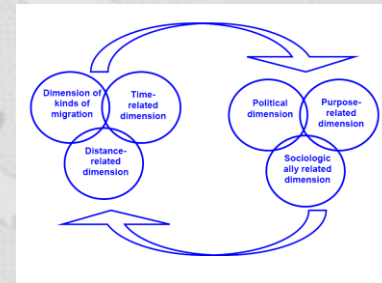


## Political Dimension

- Labour market policy (MW)
- Residential market (FHO)
- Relations between certain countries and environmental advantages (FHO)
- Residential market, social and public rules, environmental specificities and historical relations (MW)



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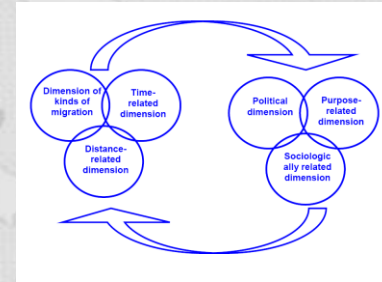


## Purpose-related Dimension

- Work (WM)
- Acquisition of property (FHO)
- Return to home country (RM)



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## Sociologically related Dimension

- Except for one case (MW), only legal migration
- Very good integration of interviewed foreign nationals into local everyday life (FHO, RM, MW)
- Good integration into local and regional organisations and associations (FHO, MW)



# Summary

- Migrant workers and return migrants come from urban areas to the rural case study regions
- Long-term migration, for a period of at least 12 months (except for Oevre Norrland)
- Mainly long-distance migration
- Most of the respondents are very well integrated into local everyday life
- Many migrants are members in local clubs/associations or regional organisations.

# Summary

- Need for an innovative theoretical framework for rural **work migration**.
- Life satisfaction of **foreign home owners**.
- Lack of necessary support for **return migrants**.
- New significance of the term of **'home country'** in the age of **globalization**.
- Need for **new approaches** in research and politics.



# Recommendations

- Reducing bureaucracy
- Developing a 'welcoming culture'
- More support for self-employed migrants
- More information on rural regions
- Every information brochure or website has to be multilingual
- Promotion of language trainings by public authorities
- Professional and financial support for older migrants

# More information

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