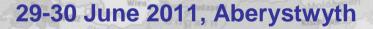


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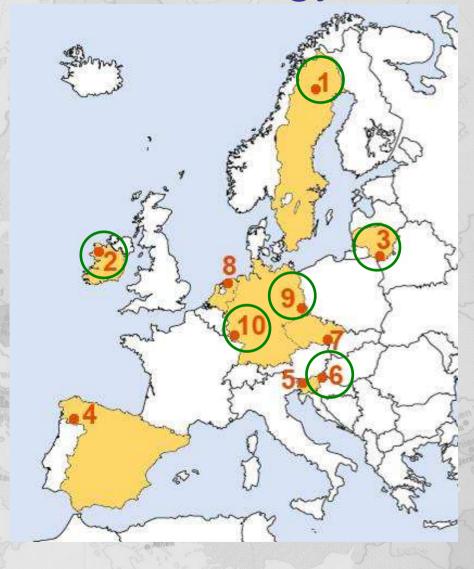
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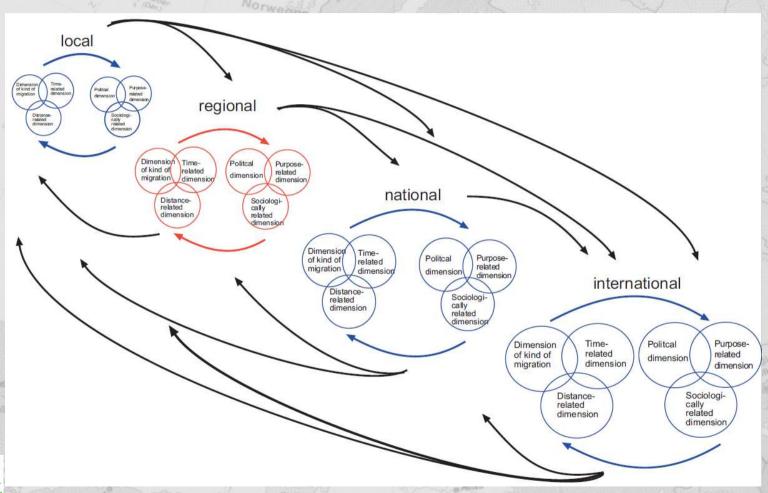
### Research methodology

- 1. Oevre Norrland, Sweden
- 2. West region (Roscommon), Ireland
- 3. Alytus, Lithuania
- 4. Comarca de Verín, Spain
- 5. Goriška, Slovenia
- 6. Pomurska, Slovenia
- 7. Jihomoravský kraj, Czech Republic
- 8. Westerkwartier, the Netherlands
- 9. Regierungsbezirk Dresden, Germany
- 10. Saarland, Germany



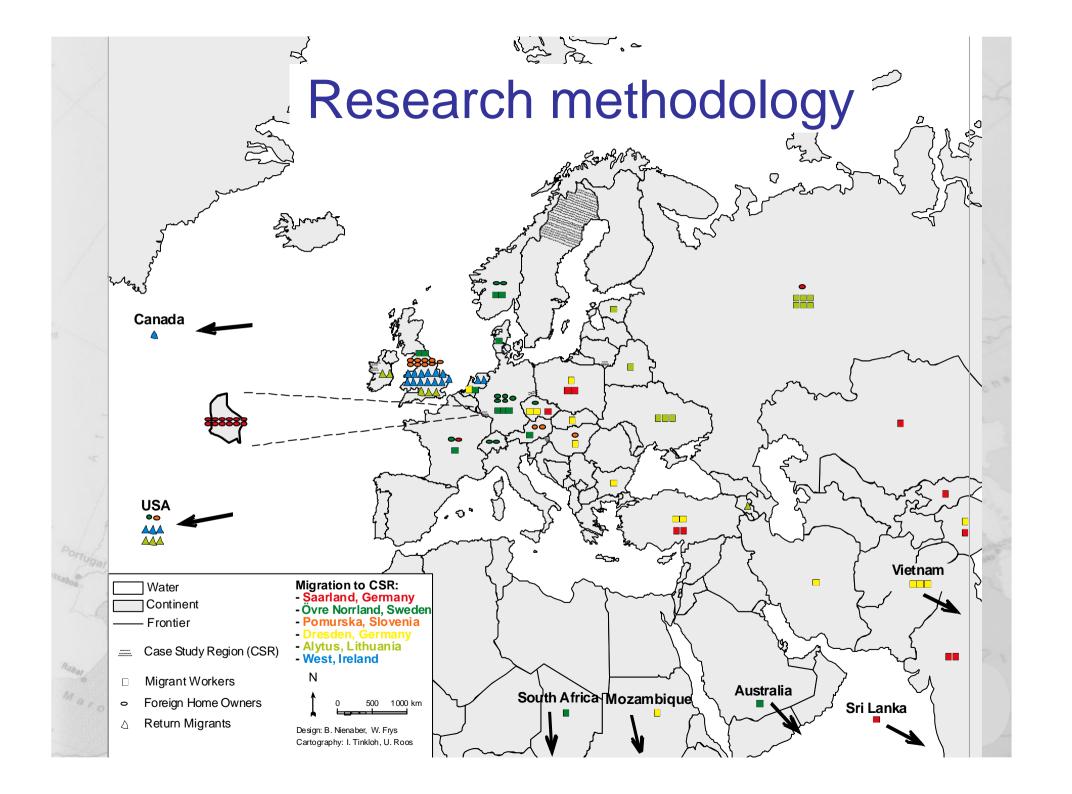


## Research methodology





Source: Nienaber & Frys 2009



# Characteristics of the Case Study Regions

- Alytus County → many citizens of the former USSR as immigrants
- Oevre Norrland 

   nature appreciating second home owners
- Pomurska → second home owners from Great Britain
- Regierungsbezirk Dresden → distinct hostility toward strangers
- Saarland → cross-border migration
  - West region (Roscommon) → problematic reintegration of return migrants



### **Dimension of Kind of Migration**

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



### **Time-related Dimension**

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

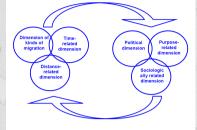


#### **Distance-related Dimension**

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

#### **Political Dimension**

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



### **Purpose-related Dimension**

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



### **Sociologically related Dimension**

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



## Summary

- Need of an innovative theoretical framework for rural work migration.
- Satisfaction of the life as foreign home owner.
- Lack of the necessary support for return migrants.
- A new significance of the term 'home country' in the age of globalization.
- Need of new approaches in research and in politics.



### Questions to discuss

- Are our findings the results of a Globalization or Europeanization process?
- How do the processes differ from each other?
- Does 'Rural' play a role in these processes, and which role?
- Are these processes typical for rural areas, or do they rather generally refer to migration?
- Can a new migration theory for rural regions be deduced from that?



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