



# The Corridor Chronicles



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## Concerning Corridor

Transport corridors can no longer be understood as a mere infrastructural object. Instead, they should be interpreted as regions integrating the complex issues of transportation, spatial planning, environmental issues, economic development and transnational governance. Several corridor storylines can be constructed.

## Conceptualising Corridors

The spatial storyline of corridors focuses on the 'conceptual jungle' of definitions and policy programmes on corridors. Moreover, corridor development involves various spatial scales. There is a mismatch between corridors and spatiality in literature, which could be addressed by a comprehensive, sector-transcendent analysis of the issues at hand.

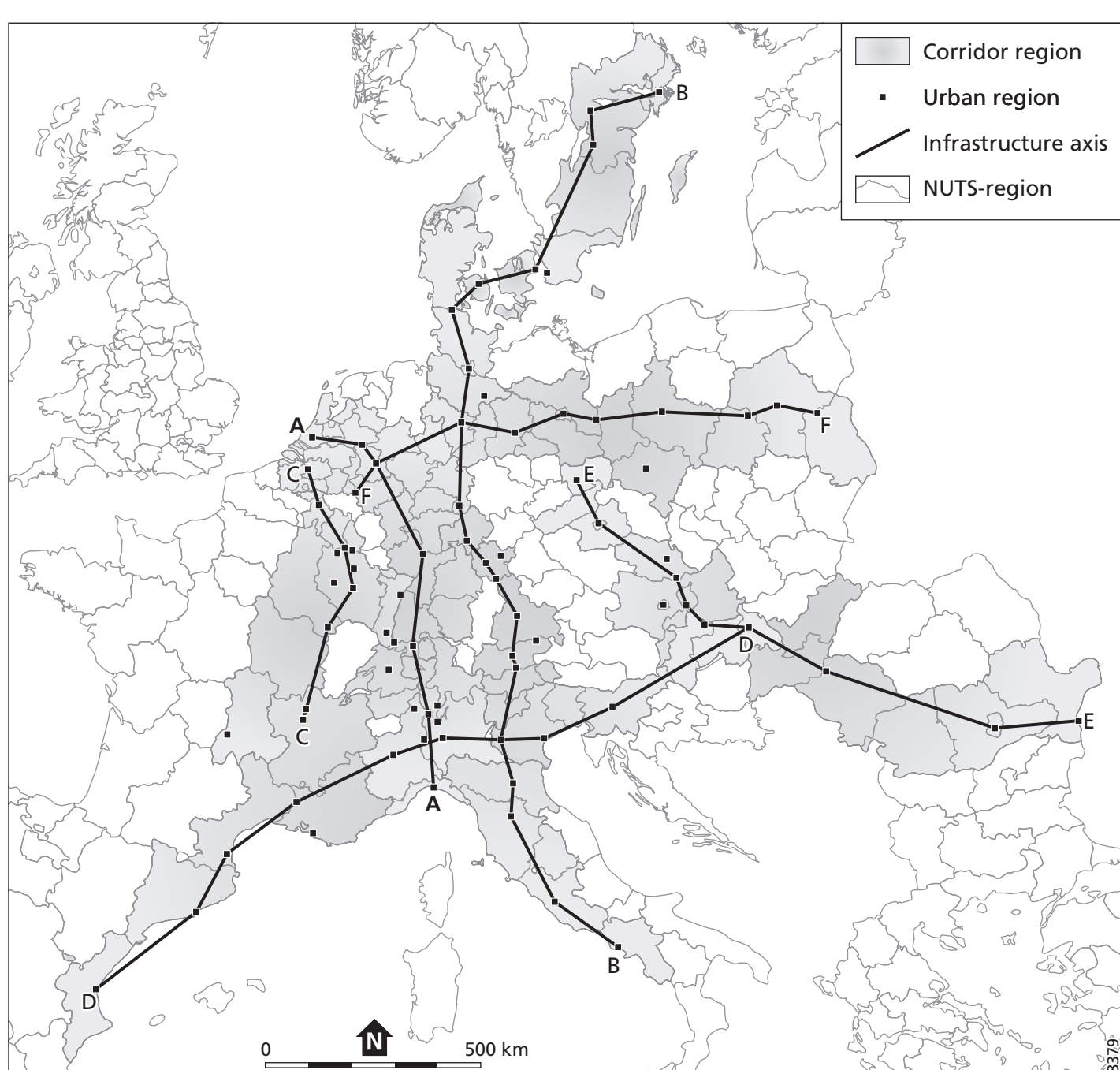
## Coping with Corridors

A recurring issue is the question whether corridors may operate as an independent economic cluster, or whether corridors may not be more than co-located agglomeration advantages of large urban regions. This question is addressed in the economic storyline. It is argued that corridors are carriers of dynamic agglomeration economies.

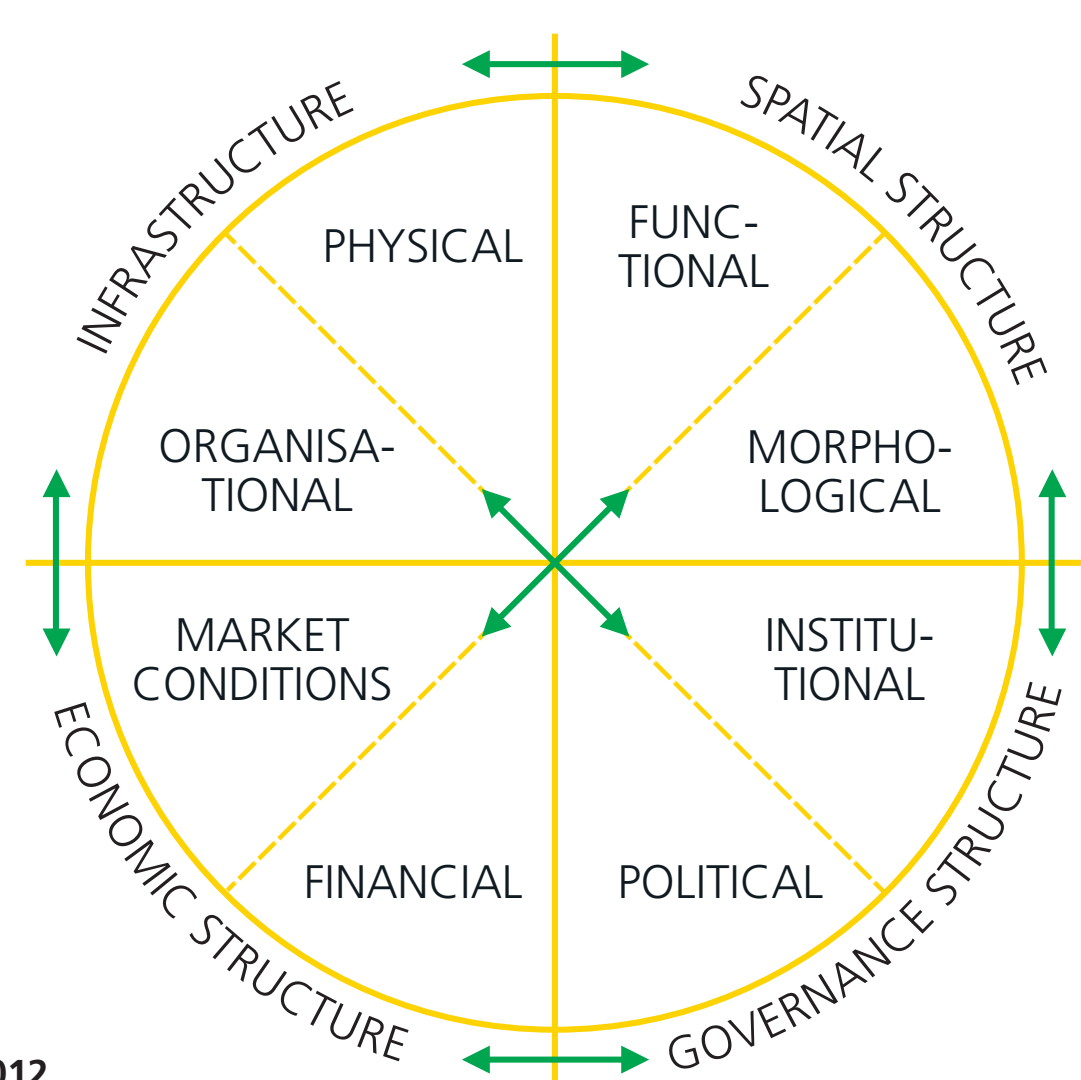
## Chokepoints in Corridors

The hindering effect of bottlenecks is an important aspect of EU policy on corridors, but the analysis of those bottlenecks remains incomplete. The transport storyline therefore features an integrative conceptual framework, to analyse and assess bottlenecks. This framework is currently used in the context of inland ports development.

## Agglomeration effects in corridors?



## Bottleneck analysis: Witte's Wheel



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