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# **Land use modelling – Swiss spatial planning perspective and requirements**

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# The ARE

The Federal Office for Spatial Development, ARE, is the federal government's centre of expertise

- on issues concerning spatial development
- on transport policy
- and on sustainable development

→ coordinated spatial and transport planning

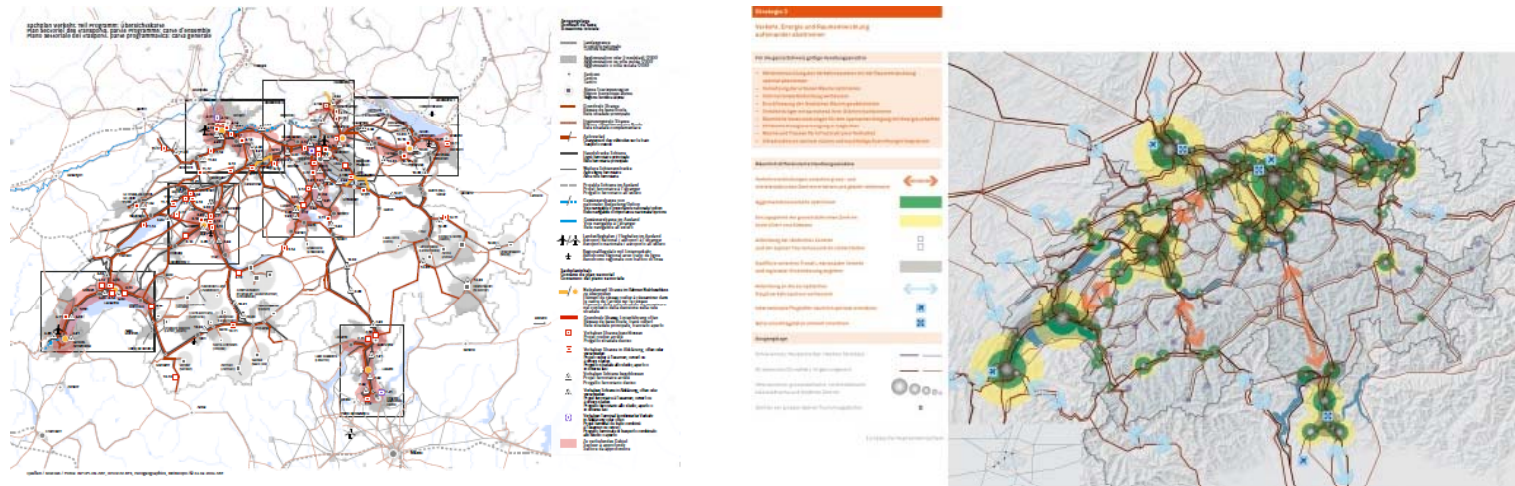
→ coordination between different modes of transport



# Planning at the national level

The ARE is primarily concerned with national issues

- such as the tripartite strategy and continued evolution of the Spatial Strategy for Switzerland, and
- drawing up the federal government's sectoral plans.

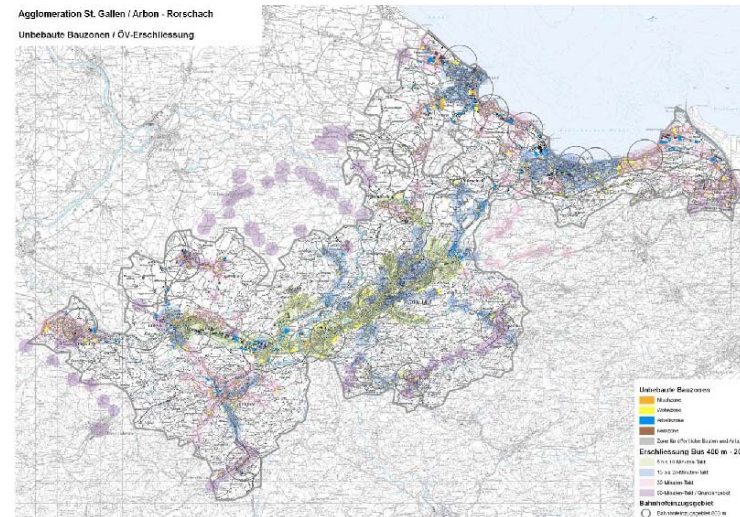
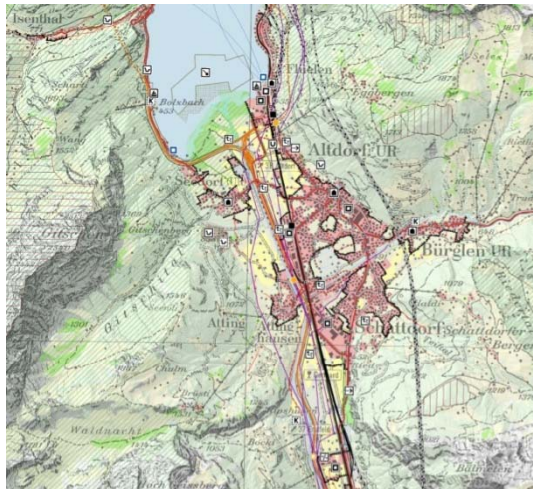




# Planning at the cantonal/regional level

However, the ARE is also concerned with

- reviewing regional plans
- reviewing agglomeration plans





# Political challenges (1)

- Revision of the Spatial Planning Act (*Raumplanungsgesetz*)
  - followed by the issues of building zoning, denser urban development, and containing urban sprawl
- Impact on land use patterns, land prices and locational appeal?



## Political challenges (2)

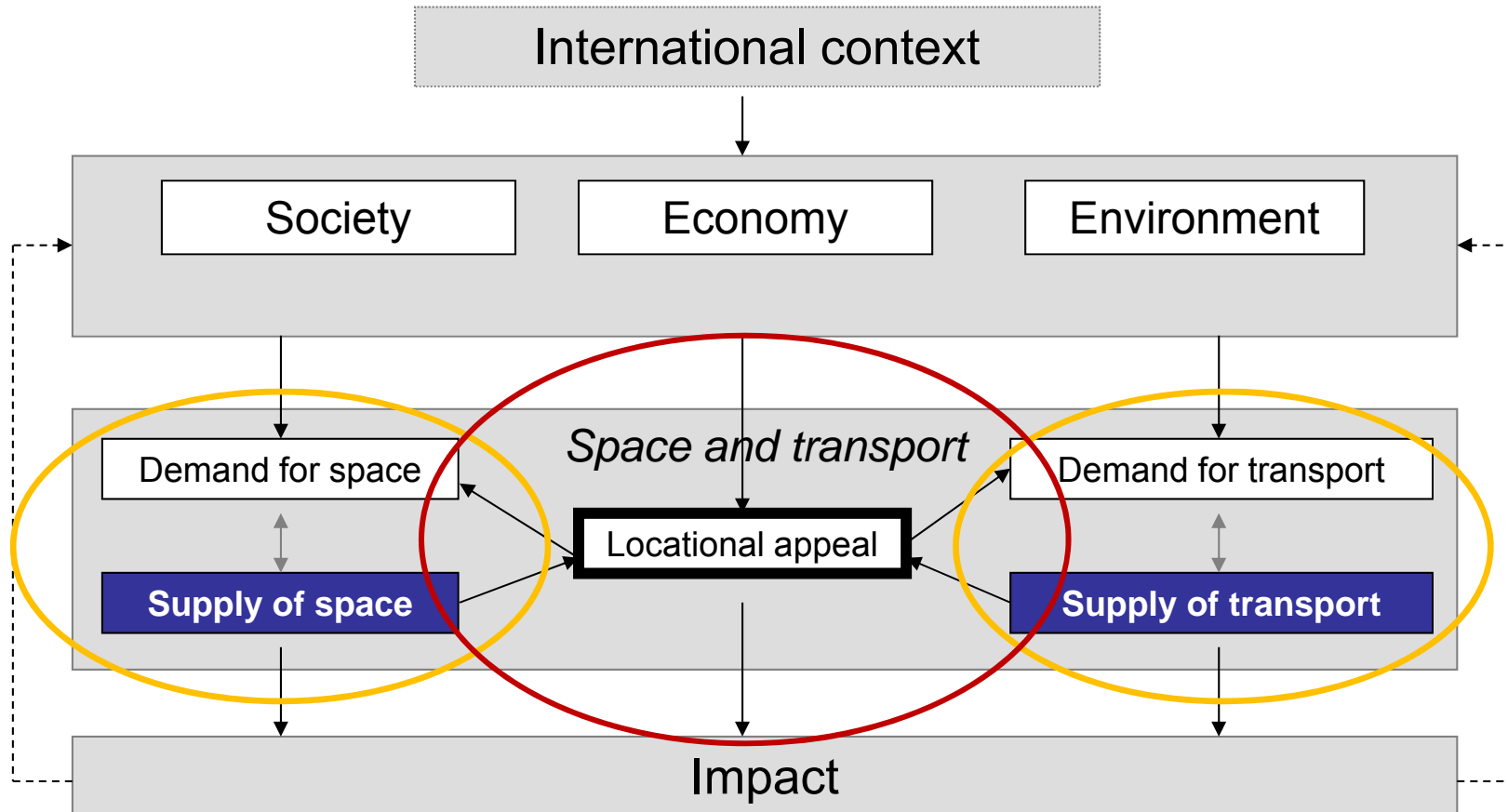
- Long-term financing for transport infrastructures (rail, roads, agglomeration traffic)
  - Expansion of railway infrastructure
  - Completion of and relief measures for the national highway network
- Impact on land use patterns, land prices and locational appeal?





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# Coordinated spatial and transport planning





# The DETEC transport model

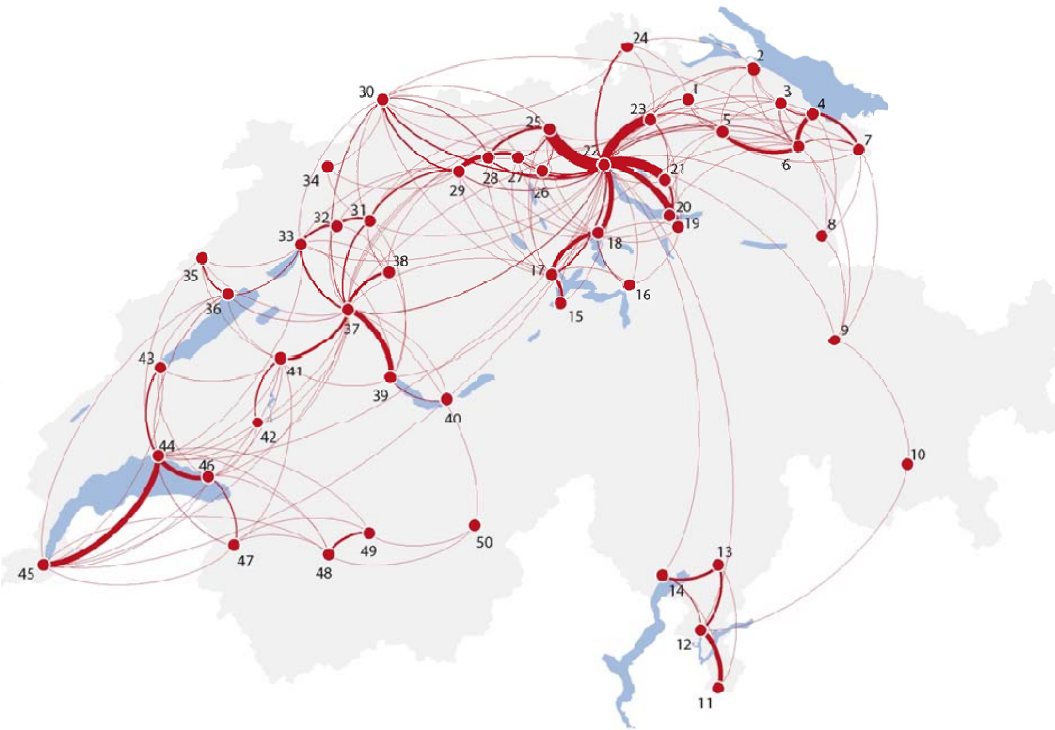
The ARE employs a bimodal, four-level, state-of-the-art transport model developed by the Federal Institute of Technology, ETH

Analyses of:

- changes in traffic flows as a result of infrastructure measures
- changes in traffic volumes as a result of changing land use patterns



# The DETEC transport model: interaction within Swiss territory (agglomerations, motorised private transport)



Passenger journeys between  
Swiss agglomerations using  
motorised private transport

2005

Passenger journeys, average  
workday traffic

**Max: 91'894**  
(Zürich <-> Baden/Brugg)

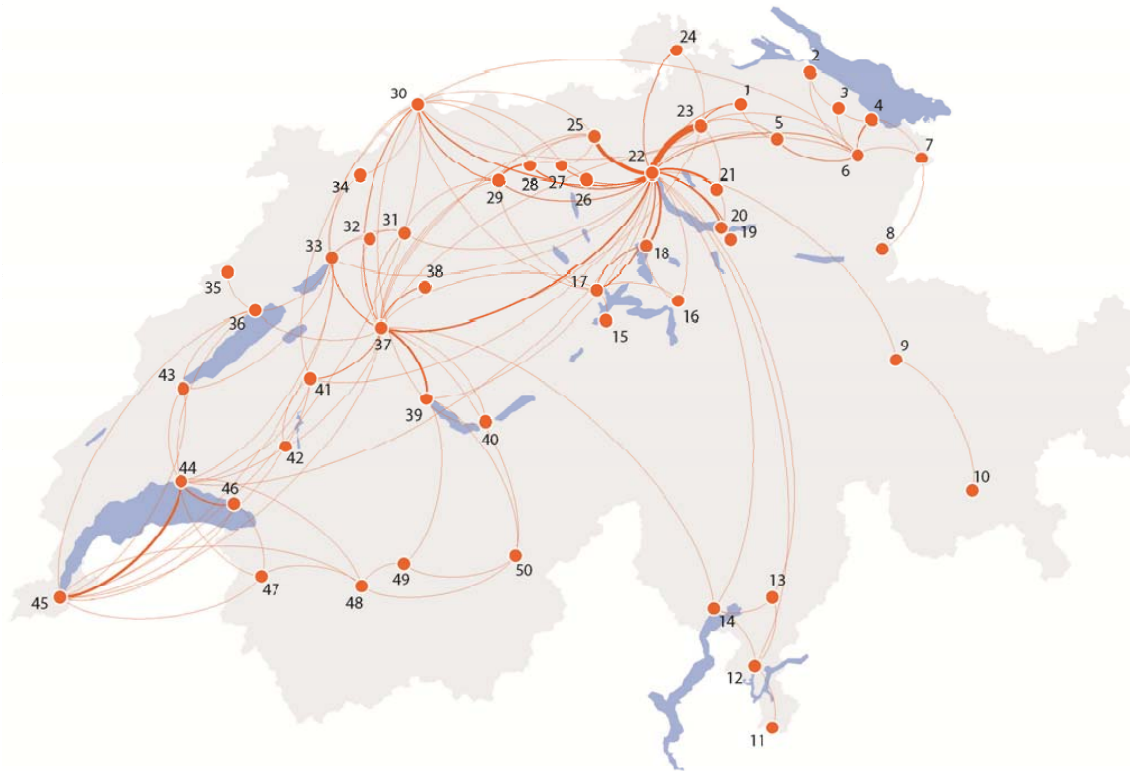
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Hirweise:  
Besetzungsgrad MIV: 1.42 Personen  
Berechnung: ARE (2012)  
Kartographie: Gepl./O.B./I beta



# The DETEC transport model: interaction within Swiss territory (agglomerations, public transport)



Passenger journeys between  
Swiss agglomerations using  
public transport

2005

Passenger journeys, average  
workday traffic

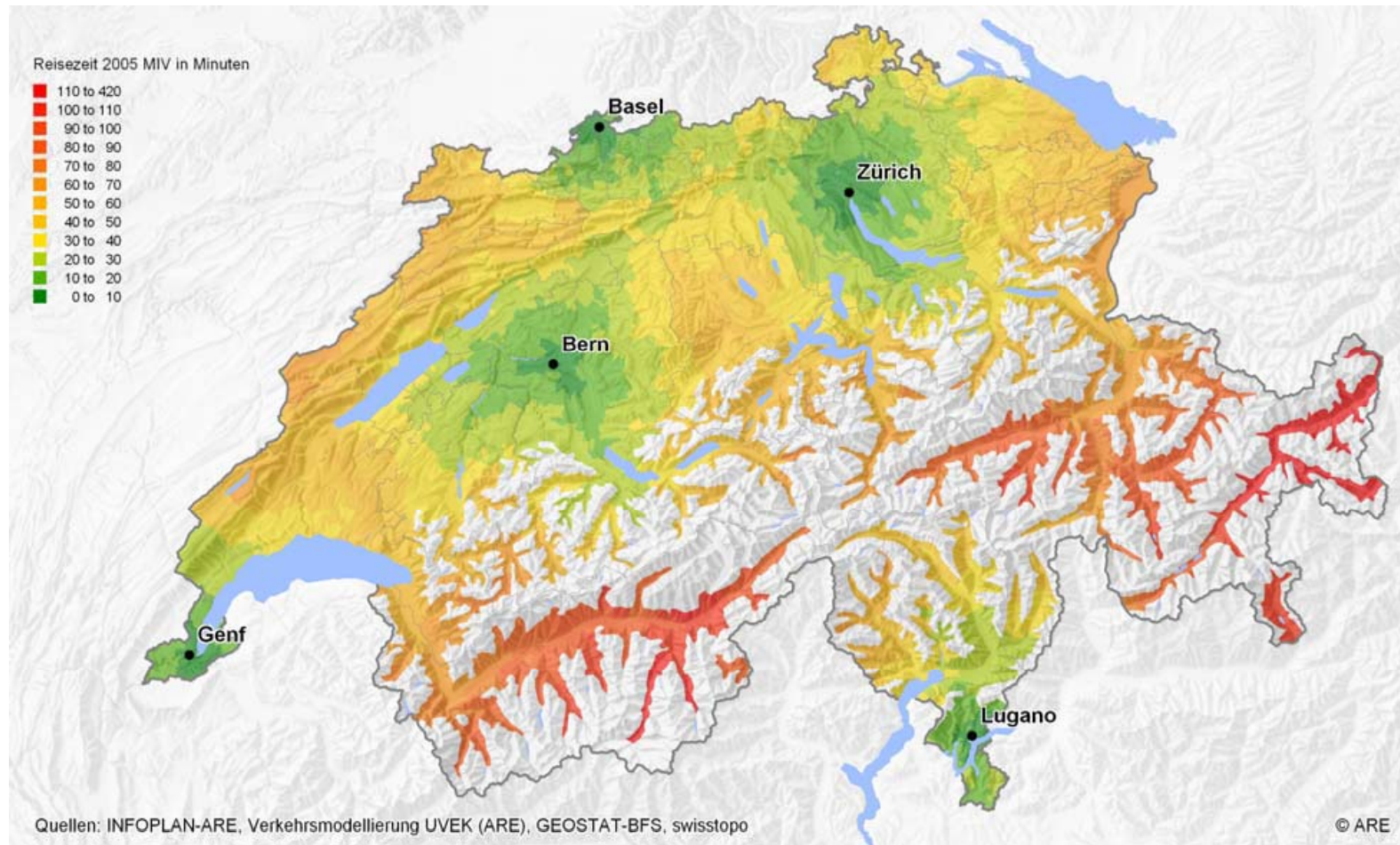
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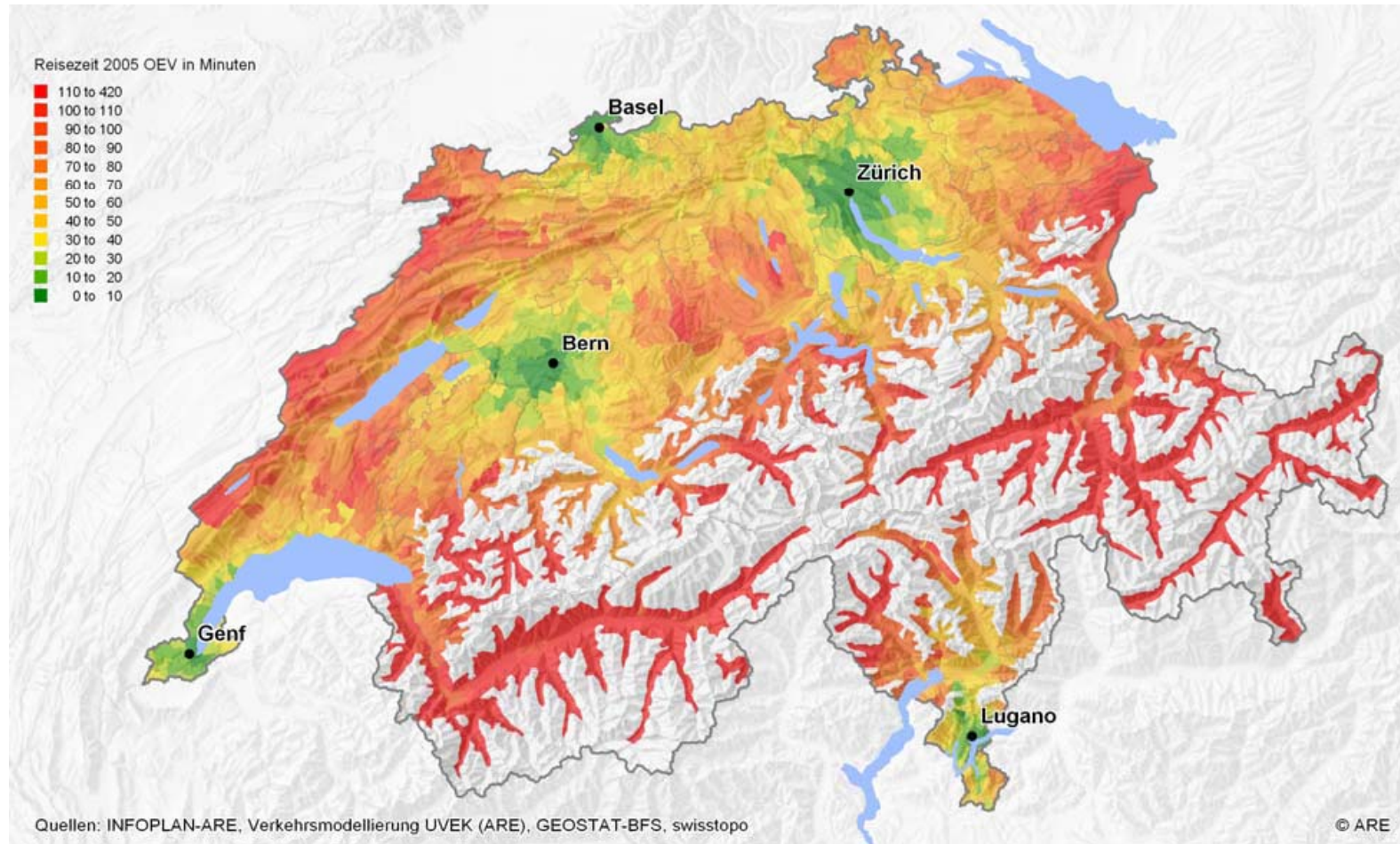
# The DETEC transport model: journey times with motorised private transport to one of the five principal cities, 2005







# The DETEC transport model: journey times with public transport to one of the five principal cities, 2005





# Land use analyses: population growth according to the Federal Statistical Office

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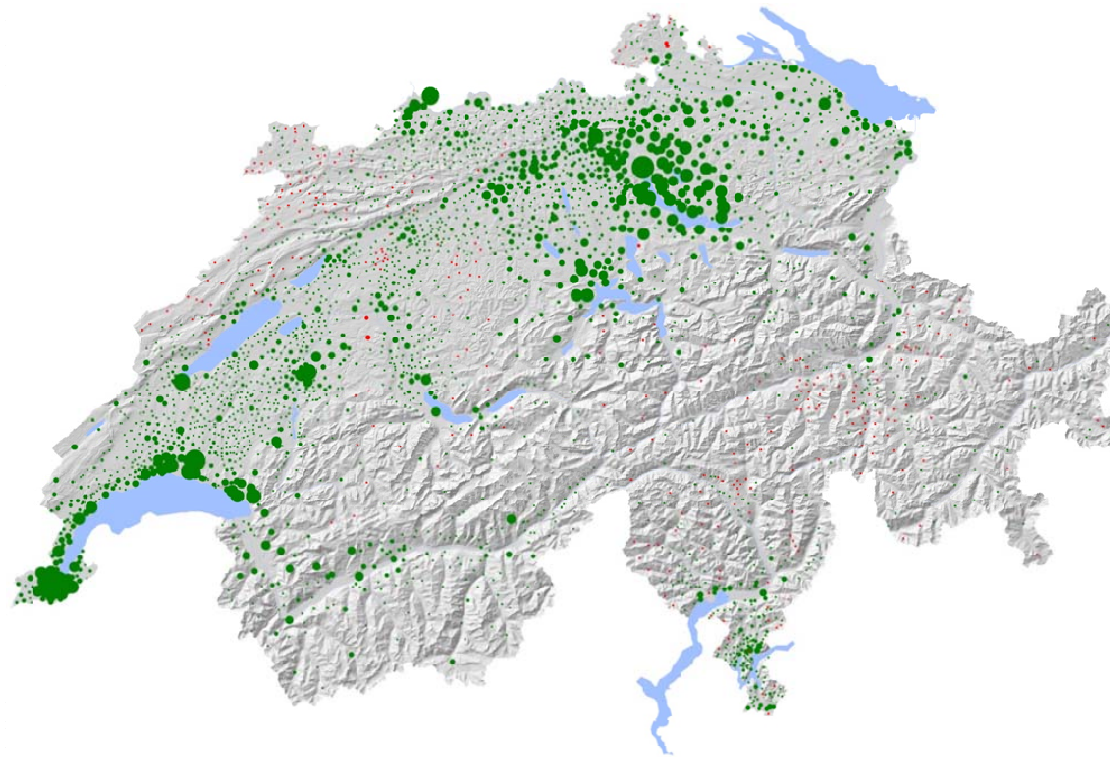
**+ 1,279,797**

(2005-2030; mean scenario; +17.2%)





# Land use analyses: population distribution by 2030



Increase/decrease in  
inhabitants per local authority  
area, 2005 – 2030

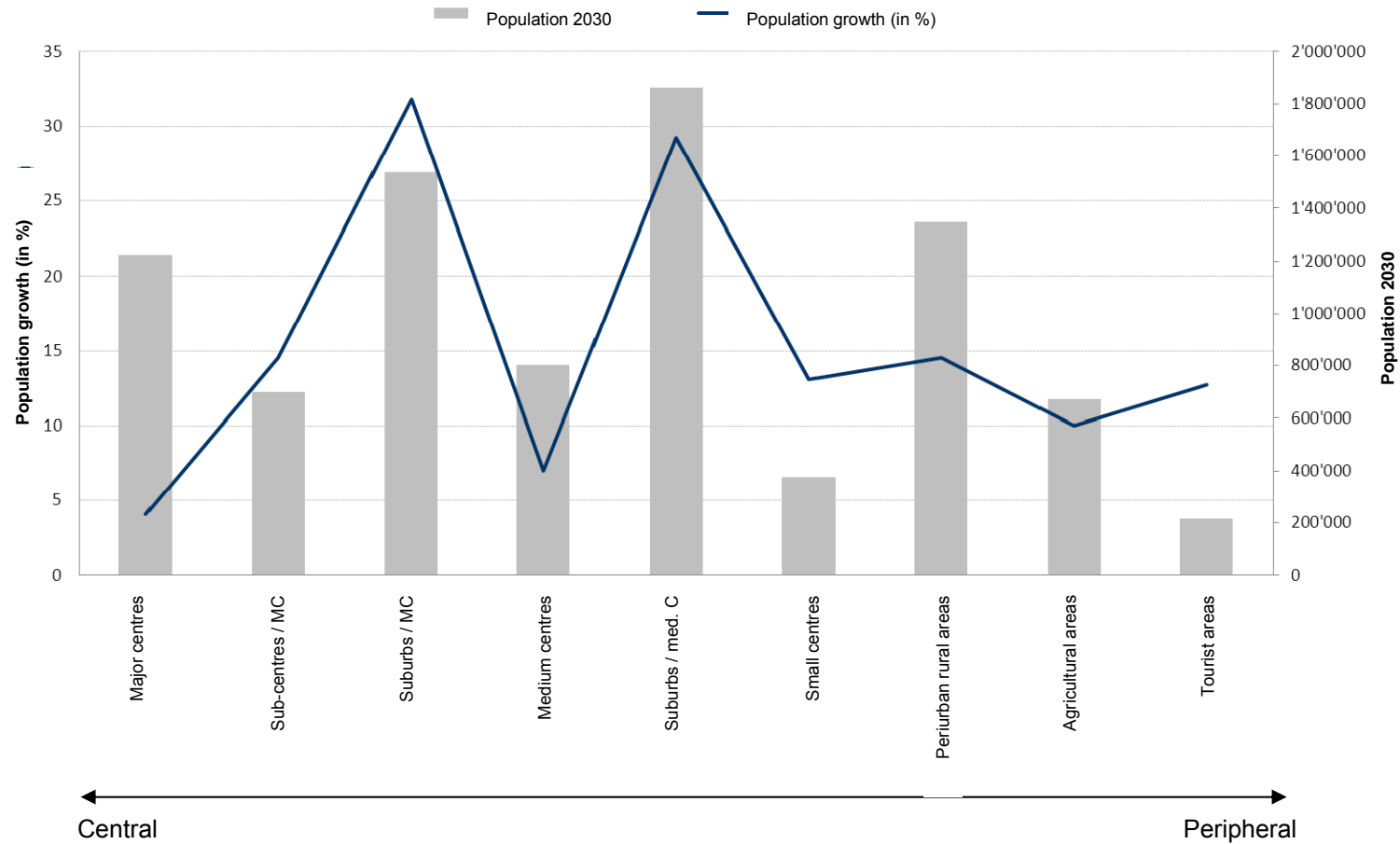
SFSO mean scenario



Berechnung ARF/Fahrländer (2011;2012)  
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# Land use analyses: estimated population growth by local authority type



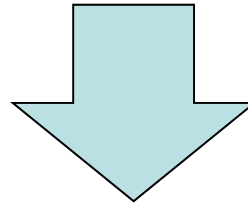


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# What we want and need (1)

- A better understanding of the medium and long-term secondary impact of new transport infrastructures on ...
- A better understanding of building zoning on ...



... settlement patterns, land prices and locational appeal for businesses and the population



# Concluding remarks

- Integrated transport and land use models are needed urgently
- The model is no substitute for coherent spatial and transport policy
- A degree of standardisation is essential
- No monopoly, but broadly accessible, open source software
- Education and training