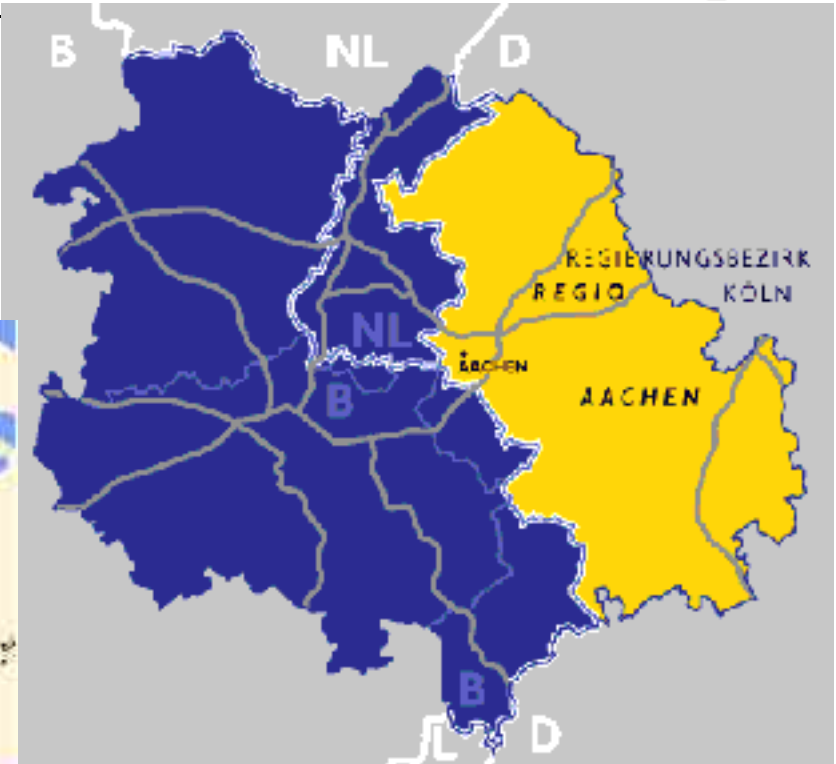


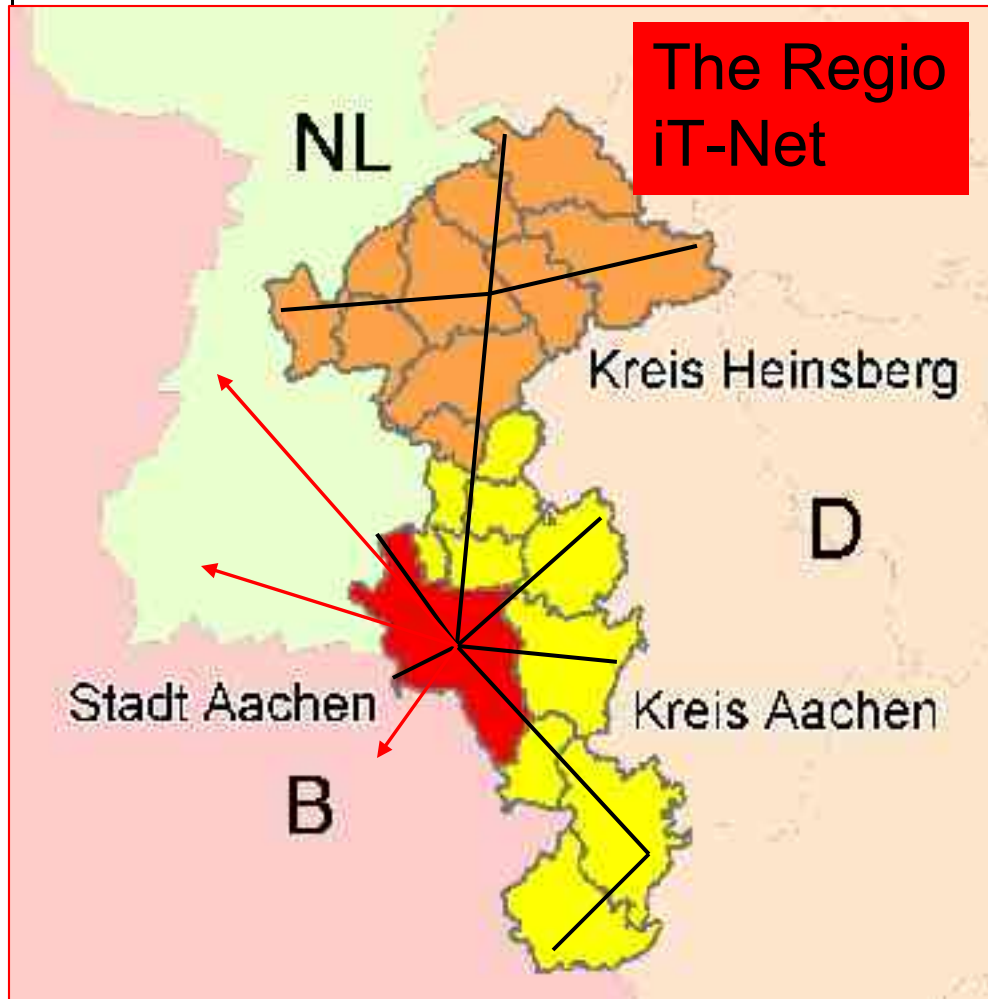


# AACHEN: geographical situation





## Aachen region: area of activity



municipalities/authorities:  
21!

vision: enlargement of  
activities over whole  
Euregio Meuse-Rhine (i.e.  
mirror the political  
situation by IT-  
infrastructure)

# Aachen municipality: data sheet



- ◆ **248.000 inhabitants**
- ◆ **4.300 employees**
- ◆ **2.000 IT-workplaces**
- ◆ **79 schools involved in school net (3.027 computers)**

## **regio IT:**

- ◆ **7000 net-workplaces**
- ◆ **200 servers**

# Euregio Maas-Rhine



A dark blue banner for the Euregio Maas-Rhine website. On the left, the text 'MAAS RHEIN' is written in large, blue, block letters, with 'AAS', 'EUSE', and 'AAS' stacked vertically between the 'M' and 'R'. Below this, 'EUROPA CONCREET' is written in yellow, with 'NEDERLANDS' in a small red box underneath. In the center, a yellow outline map of the region is shown, with 'NL' in the center, 'B' on the left, and 'D' on the right. Above the map is a circle of yellow stars on a dark blue background. On the right side, 'EUROPA KONKRET' is written in yellow, with 'DEUTSCH' in a blue box below it. Further down, 'EUROPE CONCRETE' is written in yellow, with 'FRANCAIS' in a green box below it, and 'ENGLISH' in a yellow box below that. A circular logo with blue and green swirls is located at the bottom right of the banner.

# Euregio Maas-Rhine



- ◆ *3.7 million inhabitants*
- ◆ *6 universities*
- ◆ *100.000 students*
- ◆ *3 countries*
- ◆ *5 provinces*
- ◆ *4 cultures*
- ◆ *30 years of experience in networking*
- ◆ *Interreg III-A region*
- ◆ *Infrastructural cohesion (airport, harbours, road construction, High-speed trains)*
- ◆ *Industrial clusters:*
  - ✓ Automotive
  - ✓ Life Sciences
  - ✓ IT
  - ✓ engineering

# EU-policy and euregional reality



- ◆ *2006: year of mobility in Europe*
- ◆ *2007: year of equal chances*
- ◆ *Between 150.000 and 200.000 Germans (same numbers for France) leave the country each year*
- ◆ *31% of the 6.7 million foreigners in Germany come from EU countries*
- ◆ *In Euregio Maas-Rhine:*
  - ✓ *> 4,5 % of population live and work „cross-border“*
  - ✓ *Economic development requires even more mobility*
  - ✓ *High complexity of cross-border administrative procedures*
  - ✓ *Cross-border e-Gov applications help municipalities to save money*



## Some practical examples

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- ◆ *Registry \* (\* the eMayor trial case)*
- ◆ *Car registration*
- ◆ *Social affairs*
- ◆ *Education*
  
- ◆ *Speed up the process time from days to seconds*
- ◆ *Municipalities: enhance quality of services, reduce personnel in routine services*

# Obstacles/bottlenecks



- ◆ *Harmonization of legislation is difficult*
- ◆ *Who is the owner of data?*
- ◆ *Data protection laws*
- ◆ *Security is relatively expensive*
- ◆ *How to ensure a maximum of participation among citizens? (danger: social segregation)*
- ◆ *Change management in administrations*
- ◆ *„holy cows“ of national policies (health, education)*





**Thank you  
for your  
attention!**