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Universities as Place-makers in Cities and Regions. *What if...*

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The Year Is:

2029

University X

500,000 students

Eur 2bn Research income



Think Global Act Local

Regional economies are important

Universities driving regional economies

Research / innovation / training / education

Growing number of students

- 1995-2007 grew 8% across OECD countries
- By 2007: 3m overseas students
- Pressure on funding: Who pays?
- Overseas students good source of revenue



Alliances and mergers

...with each other

...with other education providers

Attracting Students



Berufsschule für Gartenbau und Floristik, Vienna, Austria
Source: PEB Compendium 2006

Where does the activity happen?



Szeged Tudományegyetem, Szeged, Hungary.
Source: PEB Compendium 2006



Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.
Source: PEB Compendium 2006

Growing service sector

- Growth of a large service sector
- Childcare / healthcare
- Retail / leisure
- So access to this is important

Transport is critical



What is University? What is City?

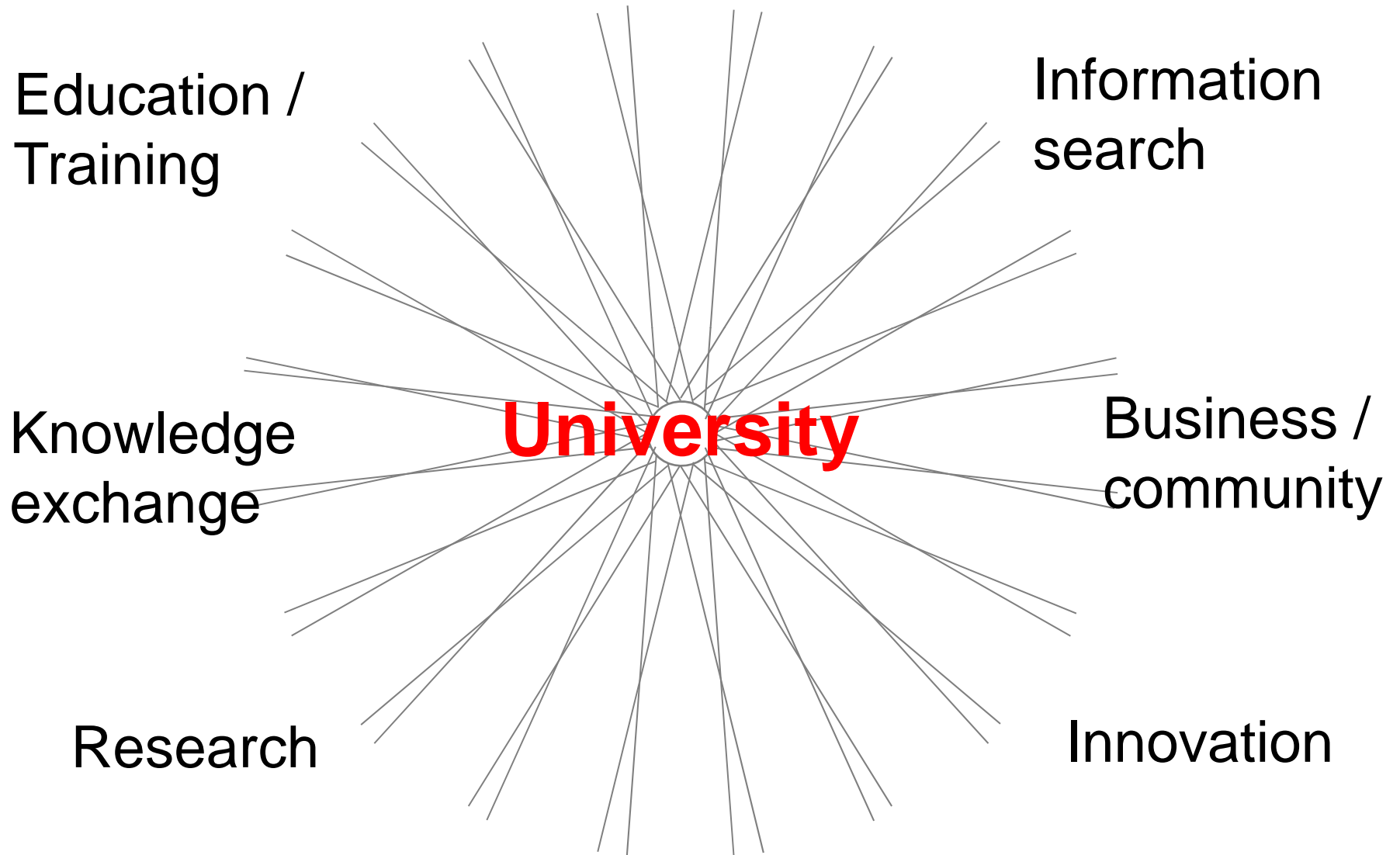


What is public / What is private?

Buildings

- How much space should it own?
- Needs flexibility – but how?
- Network of relationships – network of places
- How much space can be shared and who with?

University: Driver of Regional Economies



Not a Predication – a Scenario...
...varied national contexts

... but: What If?

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Thank you!

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