

## **Joint THINK-TANK MEETING REPORT**

**WGs 1, 2 & 4: Theory Development**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2017, Vienna, Austria**

### **General information**

This document presents the main tasks as well as the major outcomes of the Joint Think-Tank meeting held at the Department of Geography and Regional Research at the University of Vienna (Austria) in April 2017. The meeting had 12 participants, of which all were funded by Connecteur. The participants represented 8 different EU (or associated) countries and an external expert from NZ.

### **General idea**

The overall aim was to bring together the work that the 3 groups have developed more or less independently to see if these ideas converge, or where there are gaps. If there are gaps then we need to decide how they will be dealt with. If not, then we should be able to proceed to providing ways of making connectivity useful to practitioners.

### **Programme structure**

We began the meeting by asking each person present to identify the issues they think need to be addressed (in a short, informal presentation of no more than 10 minutes), based on their reading of the pre-circulated documents (i.e. paper drafts provided by the different WG focusing on advances and gaps in their respective field of connectivity study). From these presentations, we defined the agenda for the remainder of the meeting.

### **Major outcomes/challenges**

In this section the major thematic outcomes or fundamental questions that arose from the discussions at the Joint Think-Tank are summarized, further forming the basics for a joint paper (i.e. “Connectivity as the key to landscape geomorphology”; see below):

- **Confusion reg. the term/concept of ‘functional connectivity’ in Geomorphology** which calls for a ...
- **re-conceptualisation of process-form interactions** in the context of geomorphological connectivity research which further needs to be underpinned by ...
- **several examples** which show how thinking about the generation of connections may be seen as a fundamental way of deepening **understanding of the processes in different environmental settings**

### **The way forward/future plans**

- **Publications:** Joint paper on “Connectivity as the key to landscape geomorphology”



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