

# Helmholtz Water Safety and Security Challenge // Solution Labs

## Solution Lab Rur-Erft

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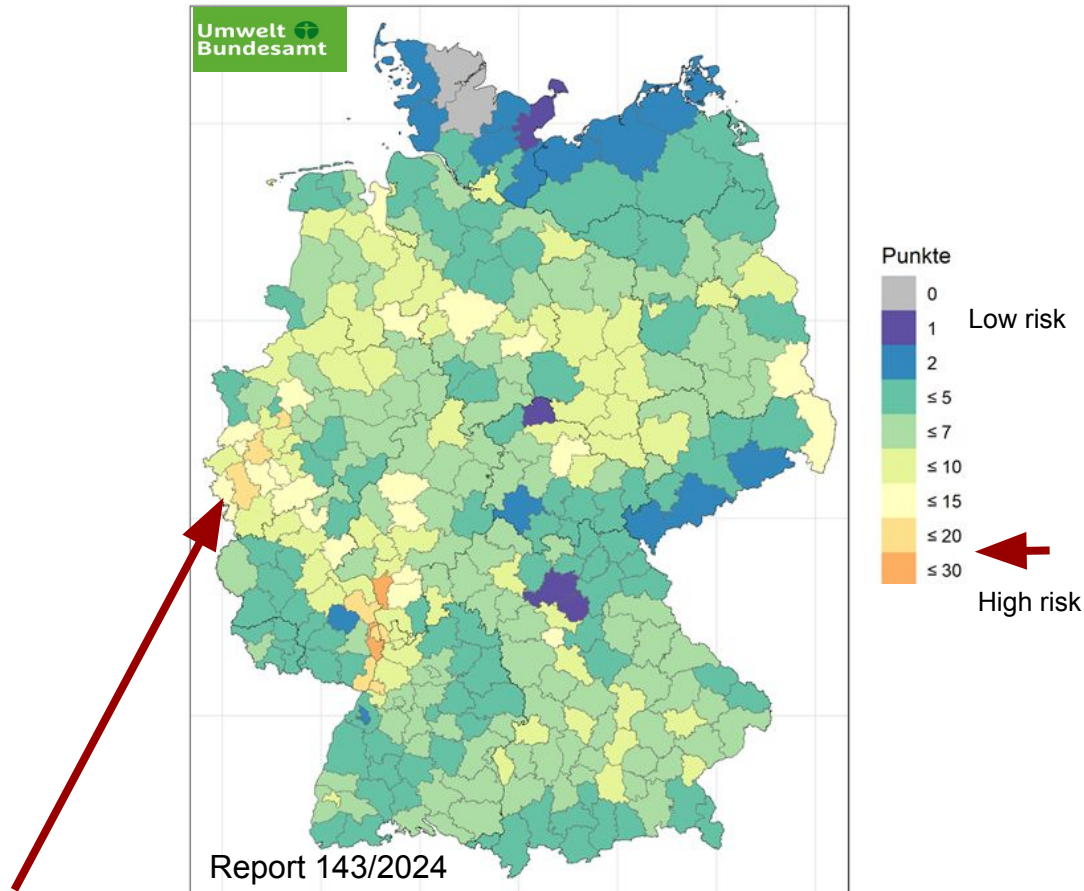
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# The Challenge

- Tackle the challenge of *too much water but often not enough* in a **transfer by design** approach in the theme **Terrestrial Water Cycle**.
- Specific goals:
  - Implement the Solution Lab in the **Rur-Erft catchment**, one of the TERENO sites, with stakeholders and industry partners.
  - Implement transfer by design approach in the form of **Interactive Solution Rooms** for a novel type of interaction with stakeholders for effective identification of solutions.
  - Transfer and establish the **approach beyond the Rur Erft catchment**.
- Cross-cutting topics covered: Monitoring, remote sensing and sensor technology; digitalization, information technologies, data analysis; synthesis, knowledge transfer and implementation

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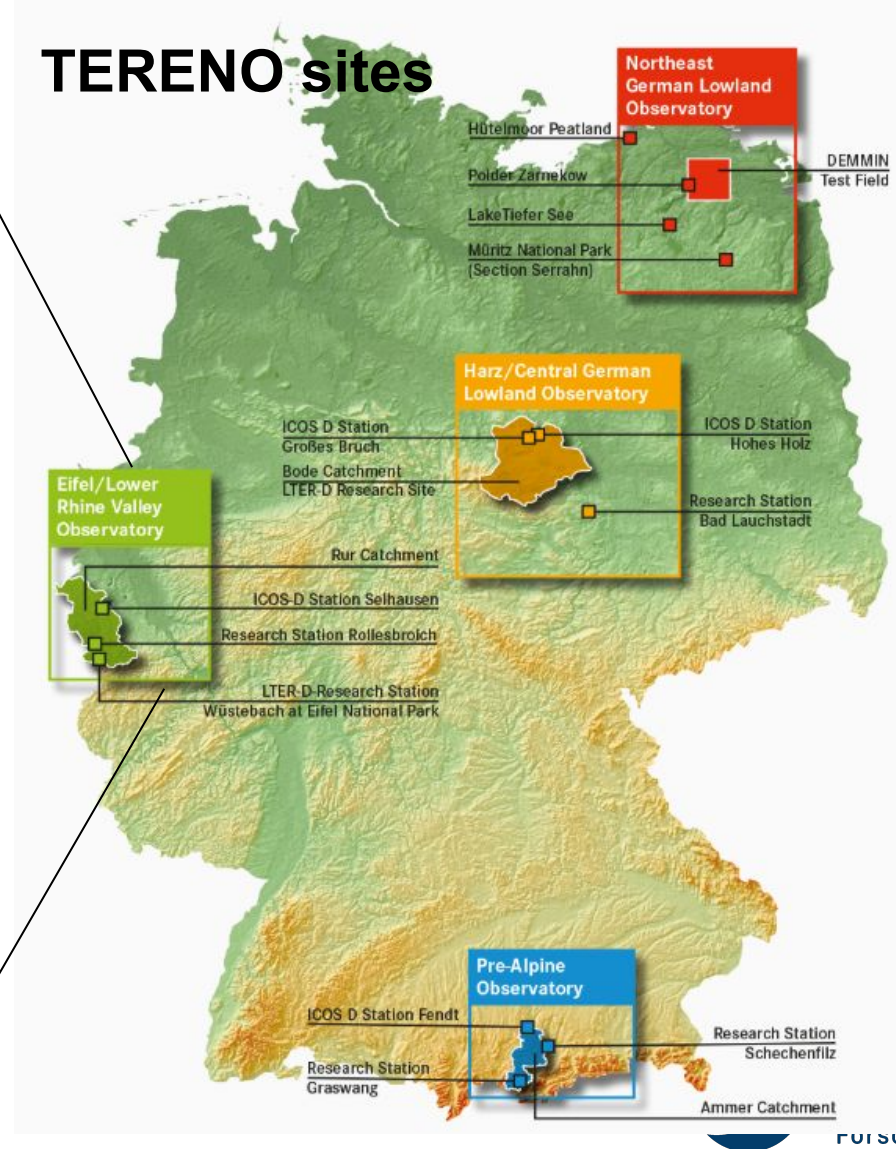
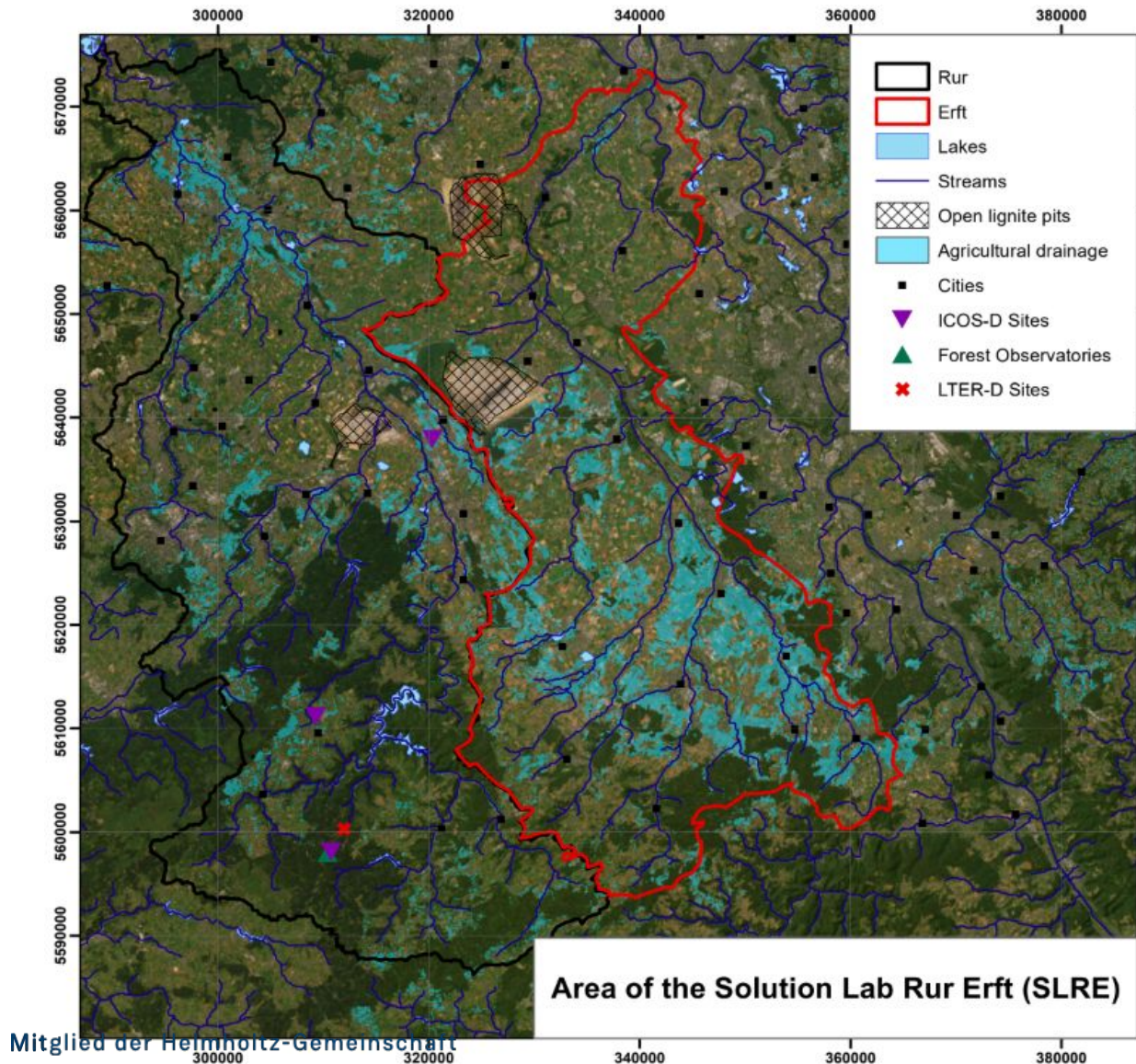


- High population, highly developed industries and intensive agriculture competing for water resources.
- Damages caused by floods and droughts must be prevented or at least mitigated.
- Impacts of lignite mining on land surface and groundwater resources must be overcome.
- Developing conflicts in context of water use must be resolved.
- Strategies for future conflict-free water distribution must be developed and evaluated.

**The SLRE location is one of the “water-balance-at-risk areas” in Germany**



# The Lab: Location





# The Lab: Stakeholders at the center of SLRE



# The Lab: Implementation



System Knowledge  
Stakeholder  
Hydro-Economics  
Digital Twin RurErft  
Emulators  
(WP1)

Storylines



Target Knowledge  
Stakeholder  
Hydro-Economics  
Climate information  
(WP2)

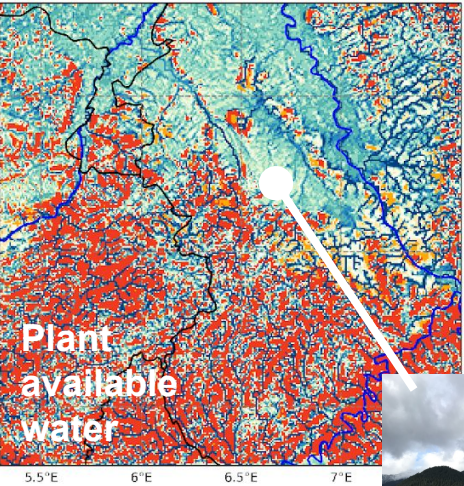
WP3



Interactive Solution Rooms

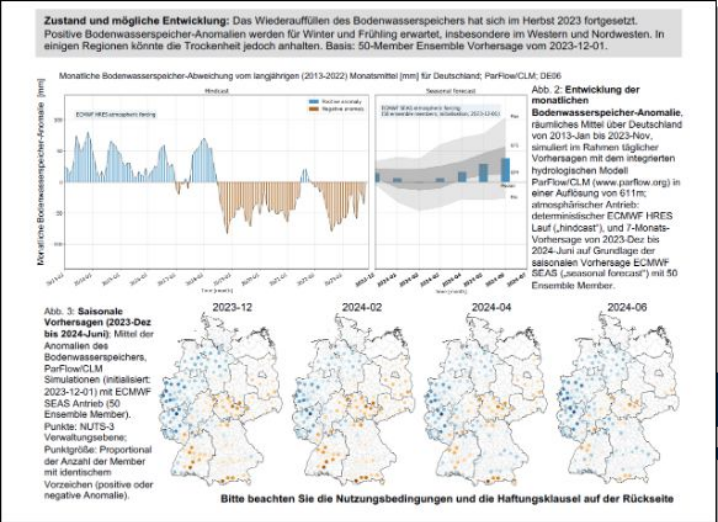
Transformation Knowledge  
Outcome Interactive Rooms  
Storyline Analysis Results  
Solution spaces  
Transfer across Germany+  
(WP4 and WP5)

Digital Twin



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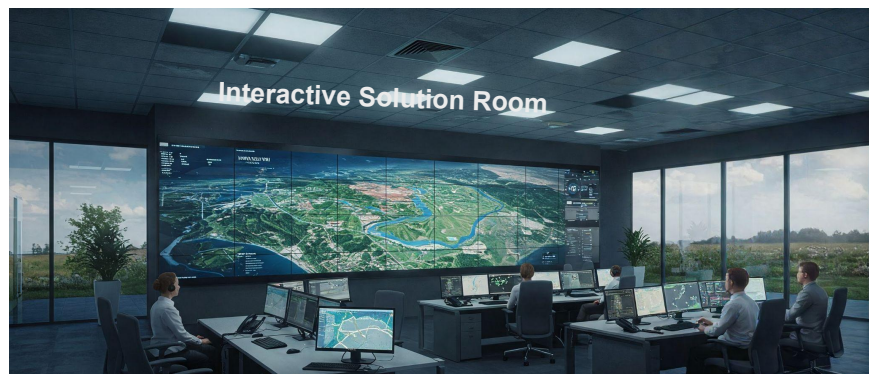
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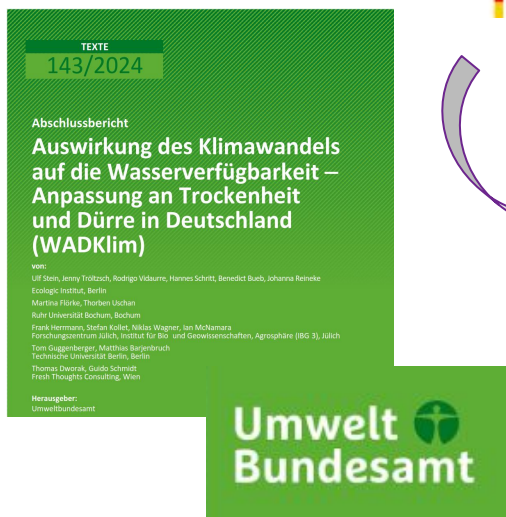


# The Impact: Cascading beyond SLRE

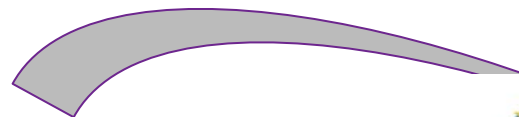


**Helmholtz Water Safety and Security**

**Knowledge comes out of this room**



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**WASSER**



**Die Nationale Strategie**

Bund/Länder-Arbeitsgemeinschaft Wasser (LAWA)



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für Umwelt, Naturschutz, nukleare Sicherheit  
und Verbraucherschutz



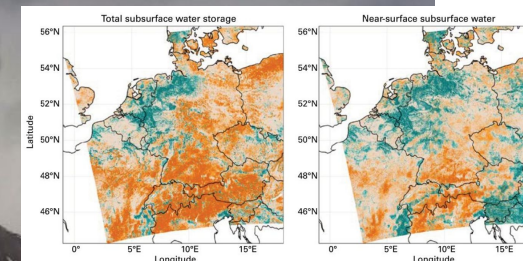
**Water Framework Directive**

European  
Commission

European Drinking Water Directive  
(DWD) and Harmonized Standards



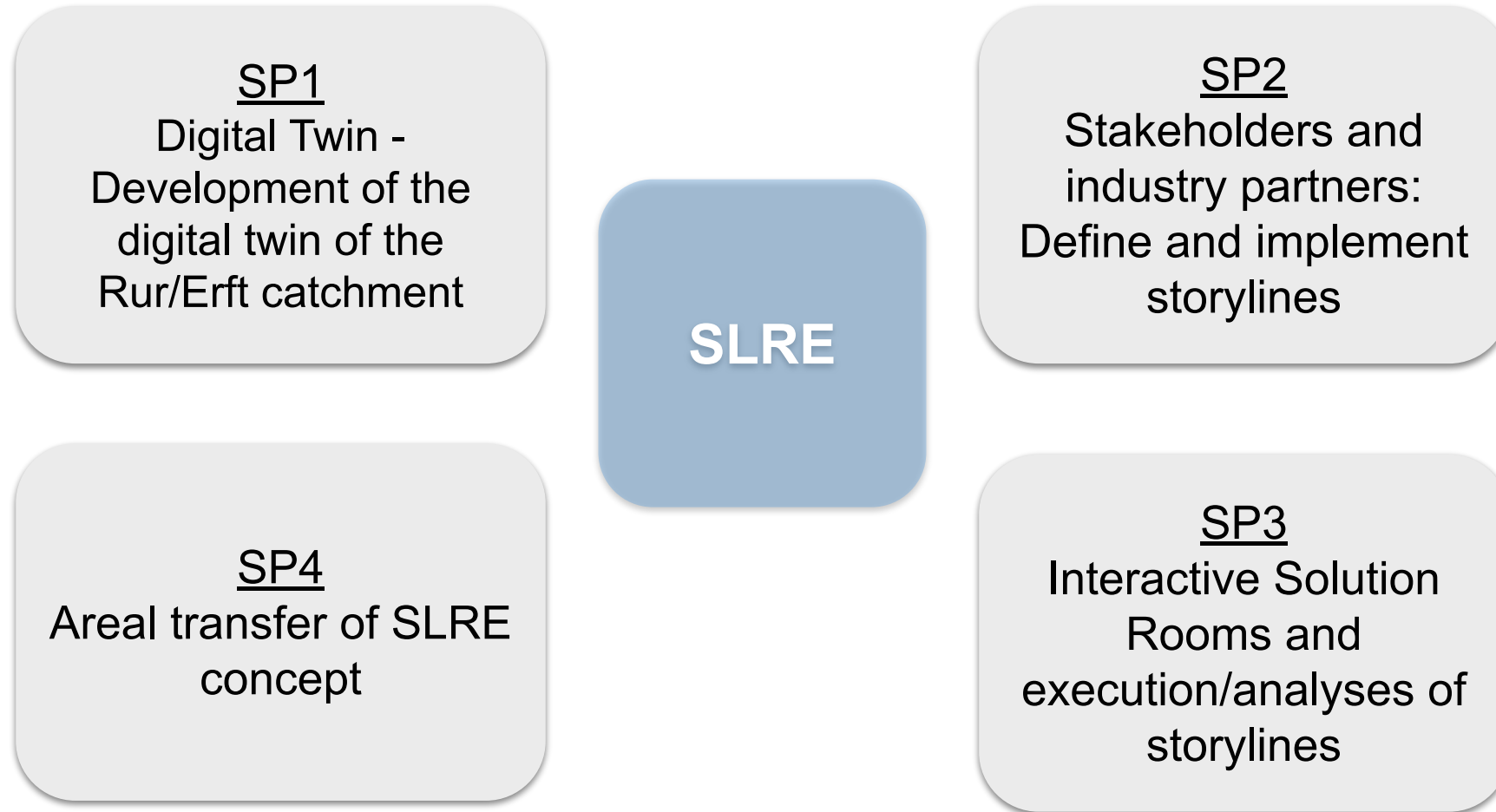
**State of Global Water  
Resources  
2023  
Report**



- Target and System Knowledge: Stakeholder collaborations (FZJ, GFZ, KIT, UFZ)  
Unique: established over years to decades
- Digital Twin (FZJ, GFZ, KIT, UFZ)  
Unique: from groundwater into the atmosphere, quasi-operational implementation
- AI technologies (KIT)  
Unique: foundation models
- Hydro-economics (UFZ)  
Unique: agent based modeling
- HPC technologies, JUPITER-certified (FZJ)
- Areal transferability, cascading impacts, sustainability (FZJ, GFZ, KIT, UFZ)

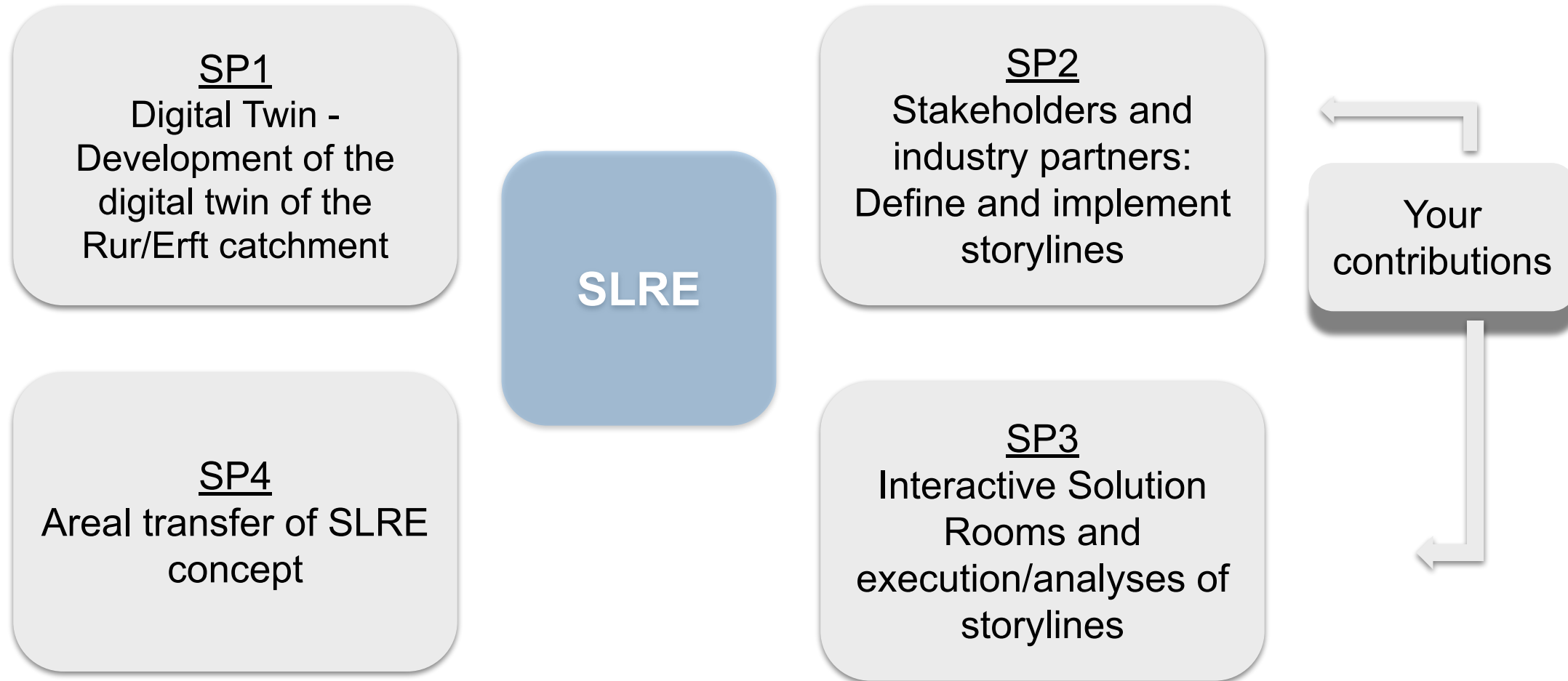


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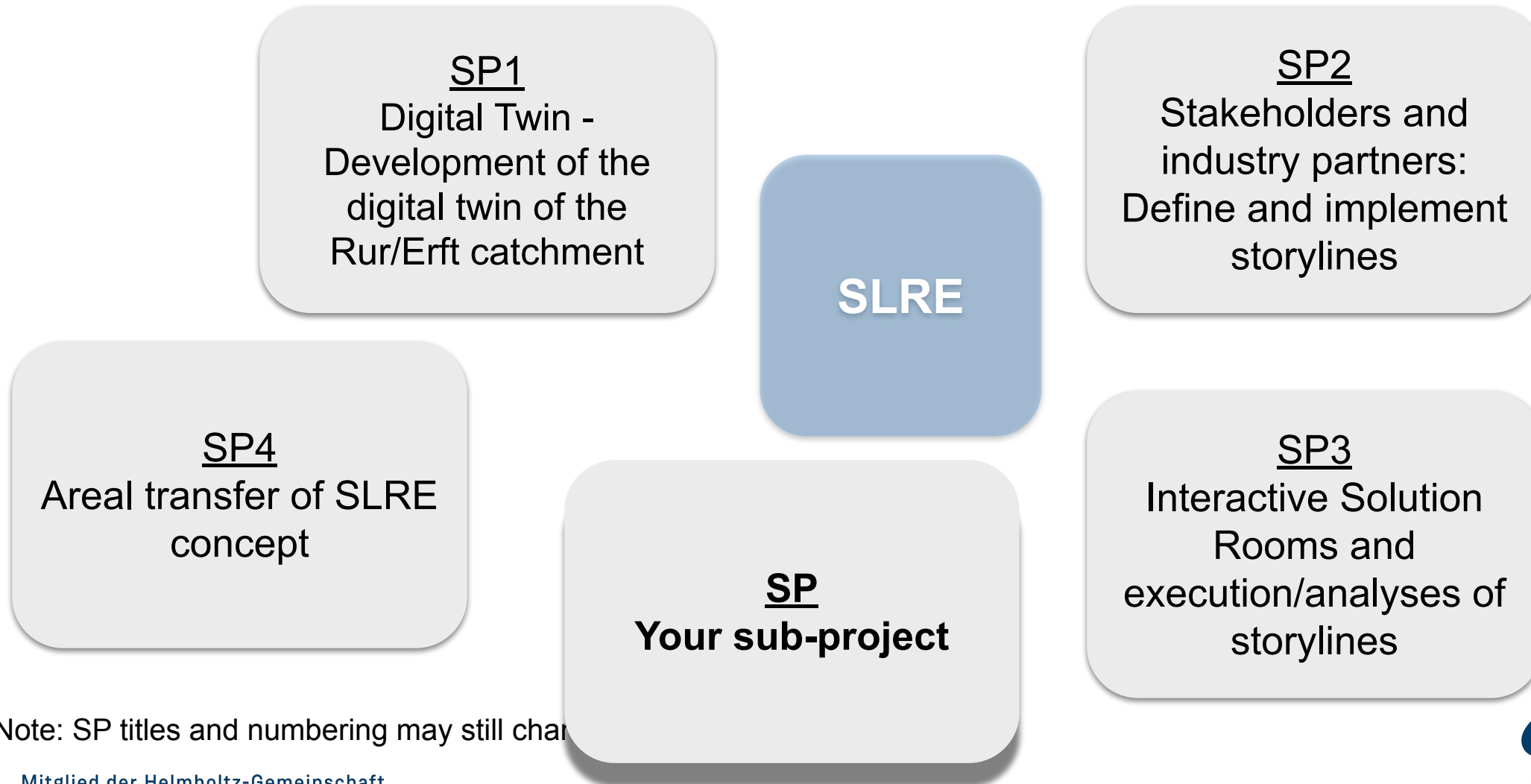
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# Next steps and criteria

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1. Talk to us as soon as possible ([s.kollet@fz-juelich.de](mailto:s.kollet@fz-juelich.de))
2. Meet the consortium
3. Provide a *one-pager* on your potential contribution

## Criteria

- Contribution to SP(s): Work towards the SLRE goals and novelty
- New SP: Work towards the SLRE goals and novelty, clearly distinguishable from other SPs, able to carry out the work independently

**Decisions need to be reached by the end of May!**