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Preface

The potential for innovative production systems is increased by virtual-social-physical convergence (VSP). This VSP convergence adds read-write functionality of Web 2.0 and associated social media to virtual-physical convergence involved in, for example, advanced digital manufacturing. At the same time, there is increasing prevalence of narrow artificial intelligence (AI) within applications of virtual, social and physical technologies. These enable previously expensive and time-consuming engineering tasks to be carried out at very low cost and extremely high speed. VSP + AI is an underlying enabler of trends such as Sharing Economy and Third Wave Do-It-Yourself (DIY). Strategic design is highly relevant to formulating plans for innovative production systems. This is because innovative production systems cannot be generated through analysis of existing production systems. Rather, creativity is needed: in particular, creativity in seeing and shaping connections between many diverse factors. Strategic design involves addressing strategic issues using visual tools that enable creative expression. As many areas seek to re-distribute, re-shore, right-shore, and establish new production, innovative production systems are a global imperative. The symbol system shown in this publication has been developed to enable the widest possible participation during the strategic design of innovative production systems. This is facilitated by minimum use of words and maximum use of graphics.

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1. Introduction

The Strategic Design Symbol System for Innovative Production Systems is presented in the following sections. This is the first version of this symbol system. It is anticipated that further versions will follow over time as a result of feedback from users.

Extensive information about innovative production systems can be found in the lead author's scientific publications; some of which are listed in the References section. Similarly, extensive information about the need for manual visual methods to facilitate broad participation can be found in other scientific publications by the lead author; some of which are also listed in the References section.

Field trials of the symbol system, which have not involved any participation by the authors, have demonstrated that the symbol system is self-explanatory. Thus, the symbol system is presented here without extensive written explanation.

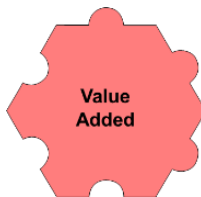
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Identify geographic location:



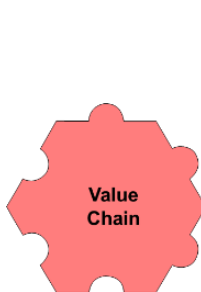
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- ▶ Region Name
- ▶ City Name
- ▶ Town Name
- ▶ Village Name

Determine what is the value to be added:



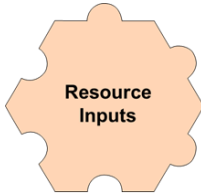
- ▶ Geographically Distributed Economy
- ▶ Demographically Distributed Economy
- ▶ Creates New Market
- ▶ On-Shoring
- ▶ Ecological Renewal
- ▶ Downcycling
- ▶ Disintermediation
- ▶ Localization
- ▶ Upcycling, Recycling
- ▶ other

Determine what type of value chain will be involved:



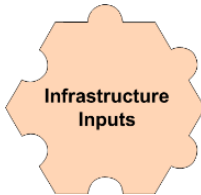
- ▶ Business to Business
- ▶ Business to Consumer
- ▶ Peer to Peer
- ▶ Agricultural
- ▶ Construction
- ▶ Consumer Goods Manufacturers
- ▶ Creative
- ▶ Healthcare
- ▶ Information & Communication Technology
- ▶ Mass Production
- ▶ Retail
- ▶ Space
- ▶ other

Determine what resource inputs are needed:



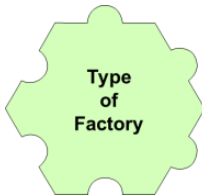
- ▶ Raw Materials
- ▶ Formed Materials
- ▶ Components
- ▶ Micro Electronics
- ▶ Recycled Materials
- ▶ other
- ▶ Open Source Designs
- ▶ Open Source Hardware
- ▶ Open Source Software

Determine what infrastructure inputs are needed:



- ▶ Computer Skills
- ▶ Manual Skills
- ▶ Digital Infrastructure
- ▶ Physical Infrastructure
- ▶ Data Analytics Skills
- ▶ Social Infrastructure
- ▶ Engineering Skills
- ▶ Creative Skills
- ▶ Energy Infrastructure
- ▶ Water Infrastructure
- ▶ Financial Infrastructure
- ▶ other

Determine what type of factory(ies) are best used there:



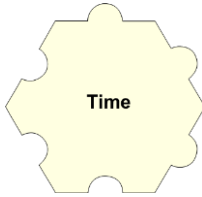
- ▶ Carry-able
- ▶ Moveable
- ▶ Independent Local Factory
- ▶ Factory Kit For Export
- ▶ other
- ▶ Mobile
- ▶ Home/Club
- ▶ Networked Local Factory

Determine the extent of new employment created:



- ▶ 1-5 new jobs
- ▶ 6-50 new jobs
- ▶ 51-250 jobs
- ▶ 250+ new jobs


Determine the time timetable for completion:





- ▶ Today
- ▶ + 1 year
- ▶ + 3 years
- ▶ + 5 years


3. Symbol System Pieces


Hub, Region, City, Town, Village

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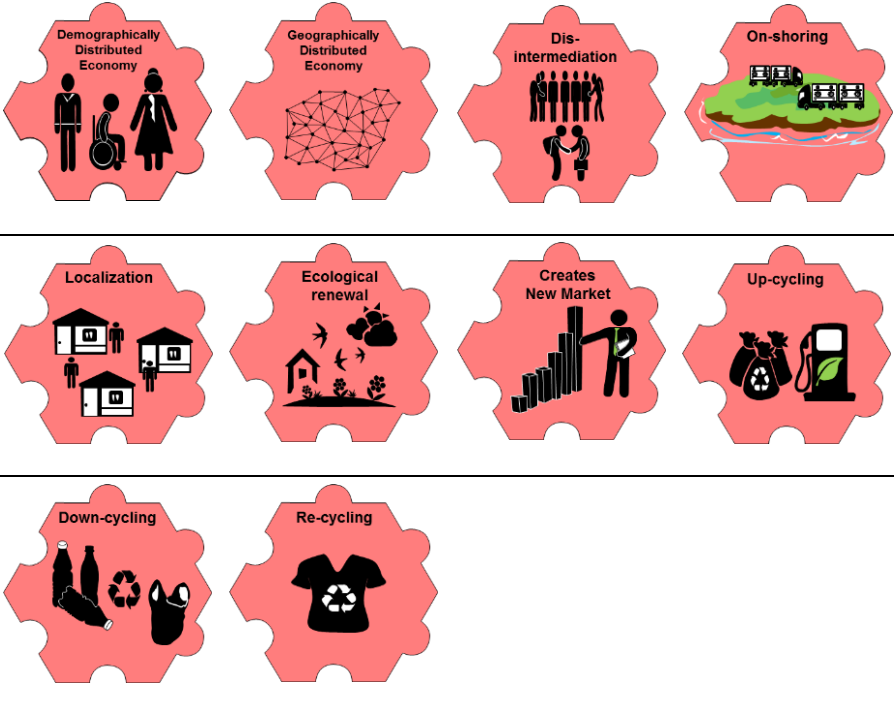
City name: 

Town name: 

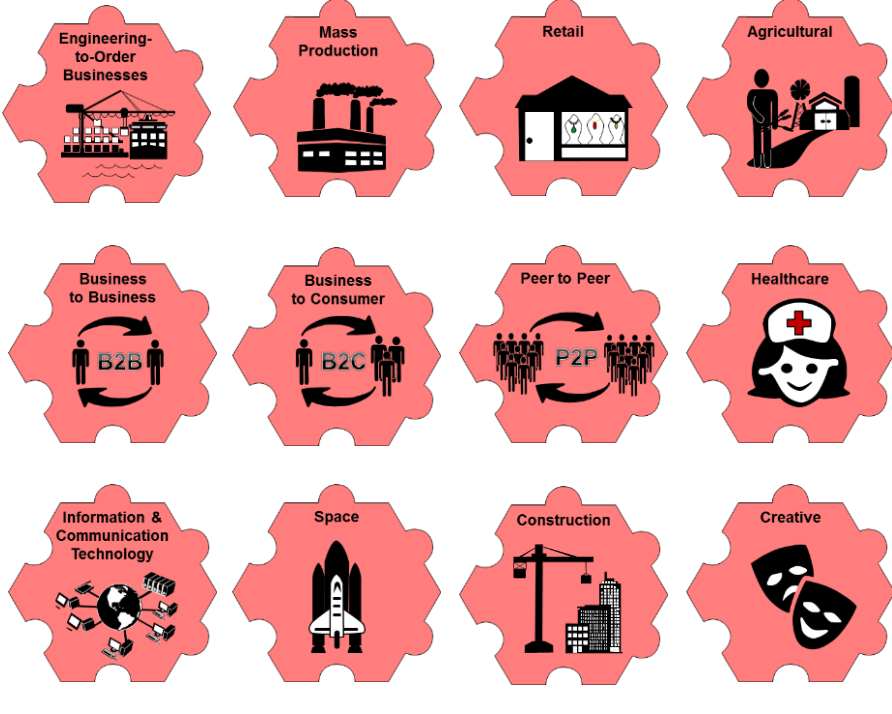
Village name: 

Hub name: 

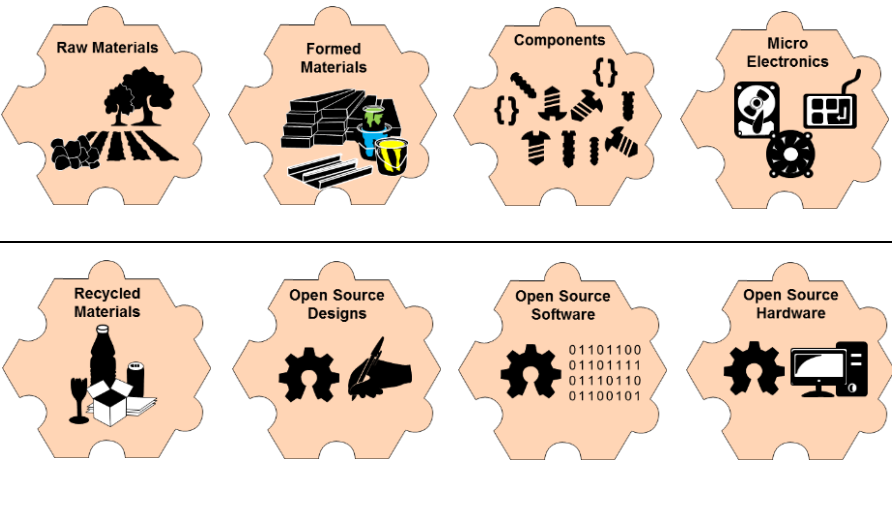
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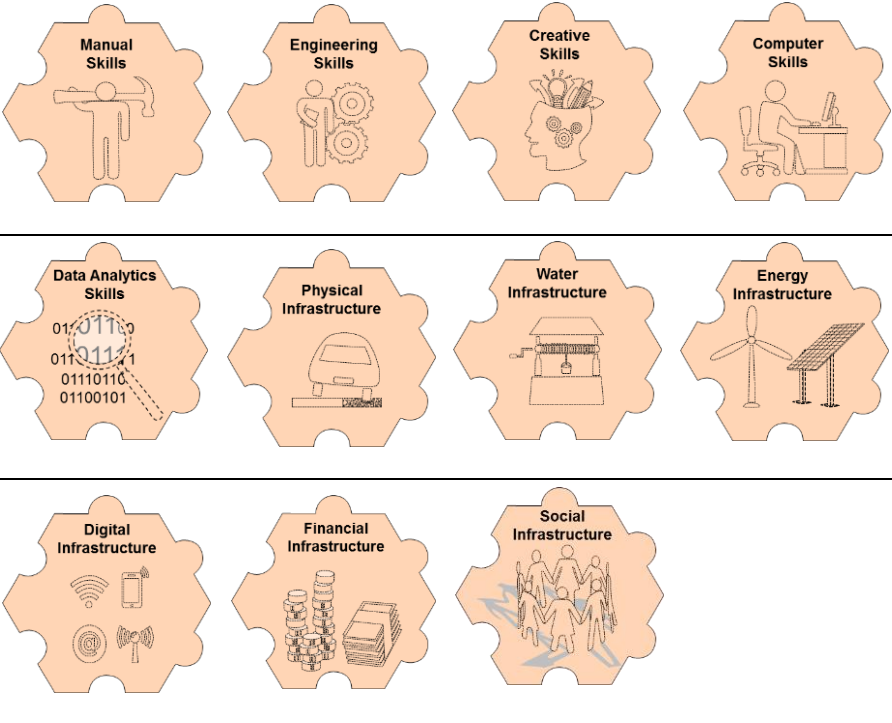
Value Chain



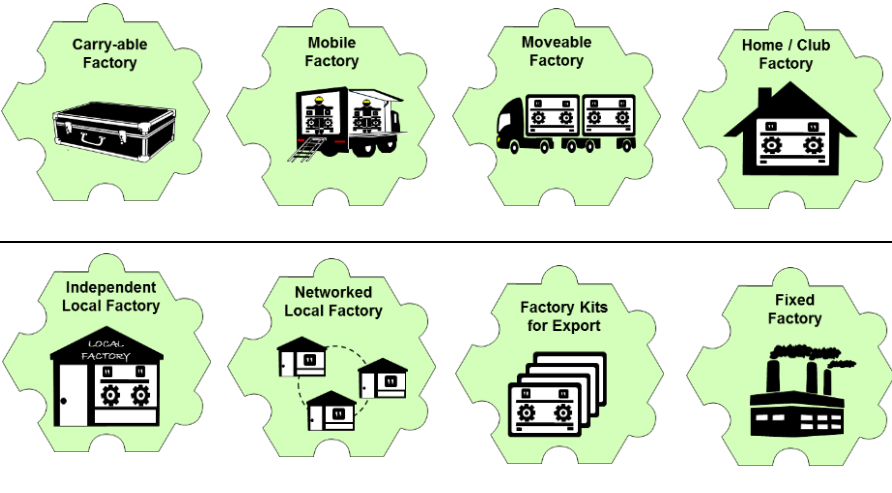
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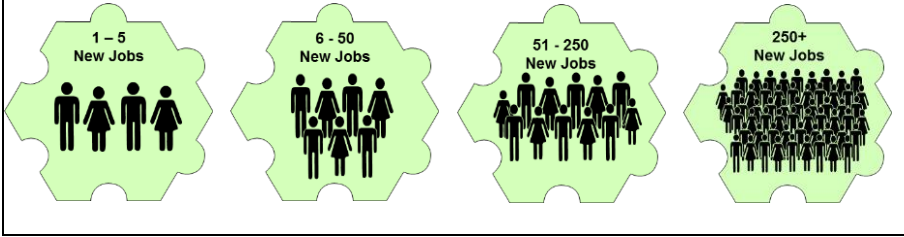
Infrastructure Inputs



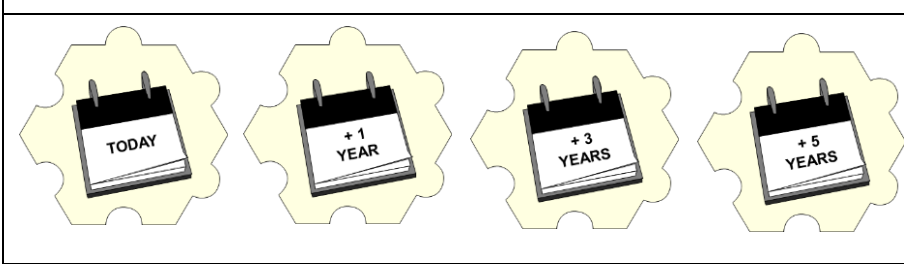
Type of Factory



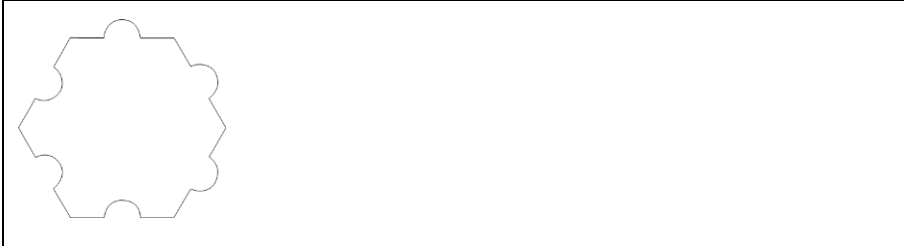
Employment



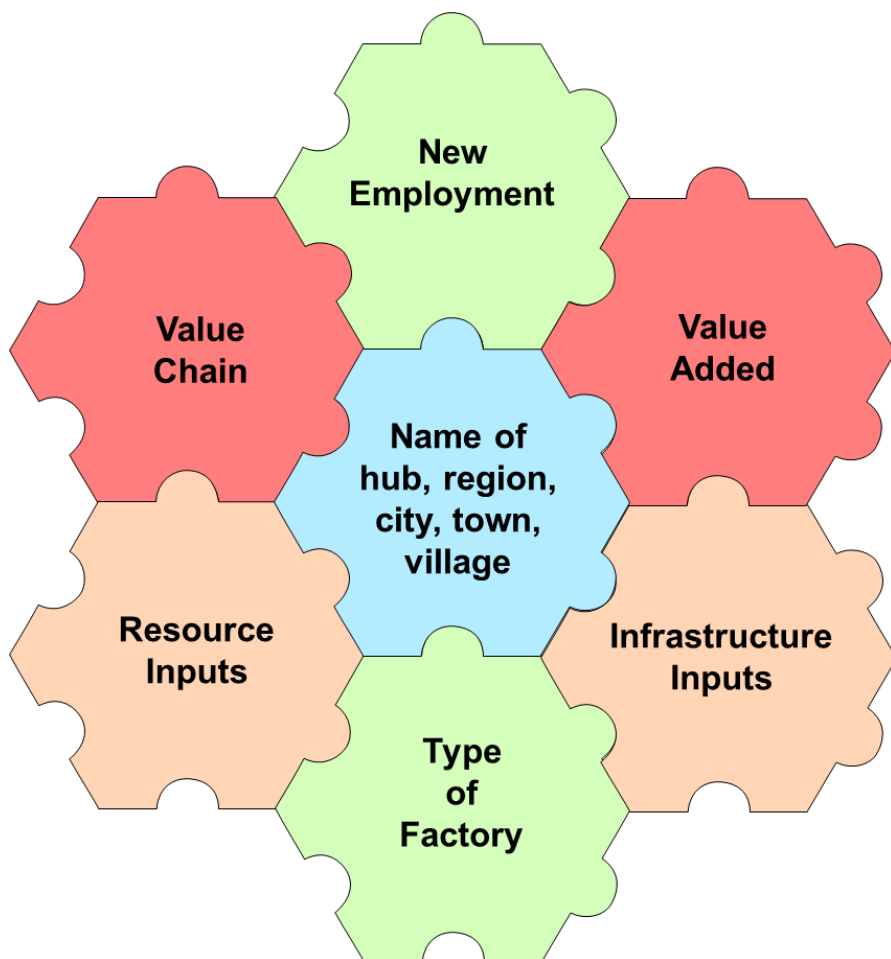
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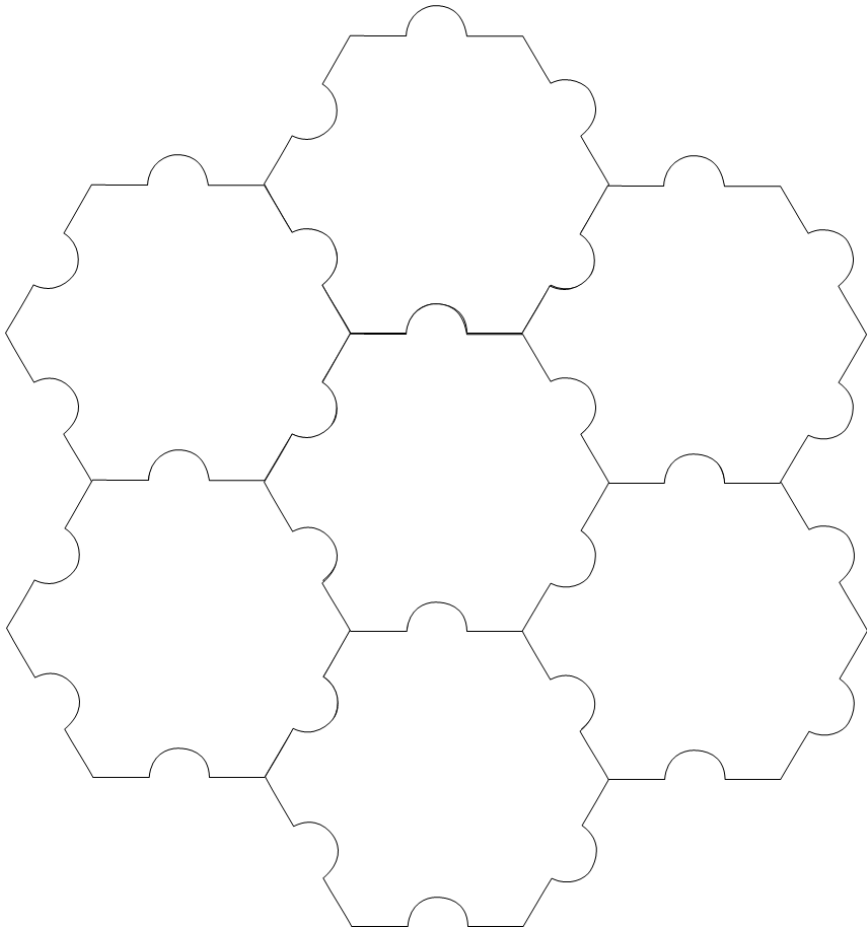


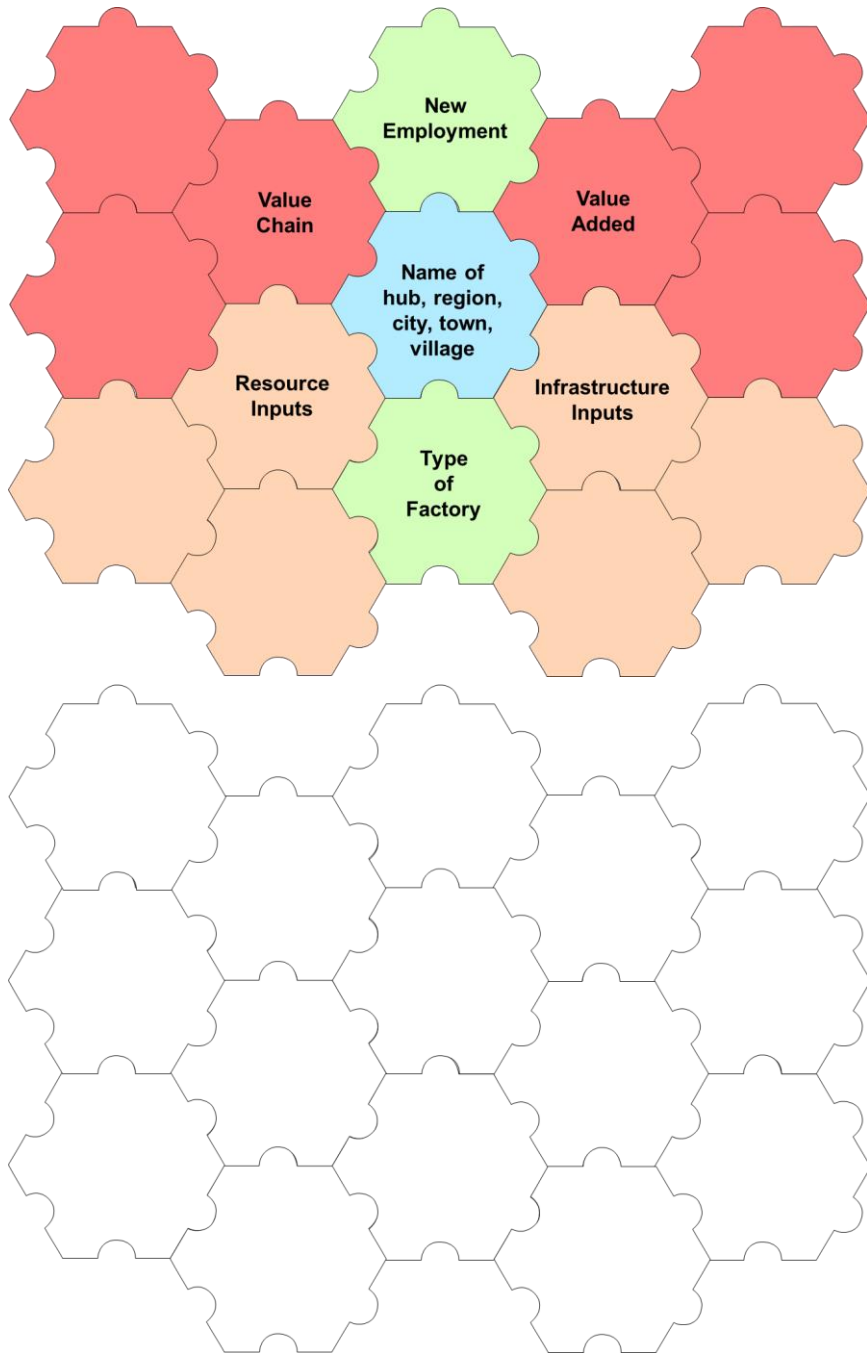
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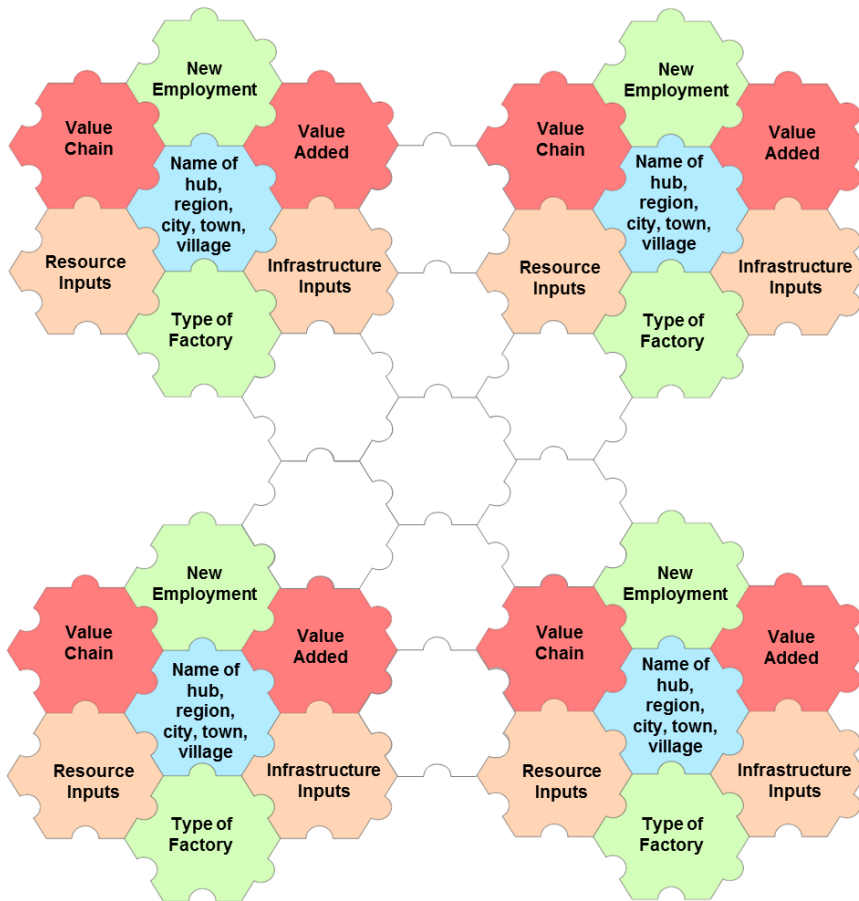


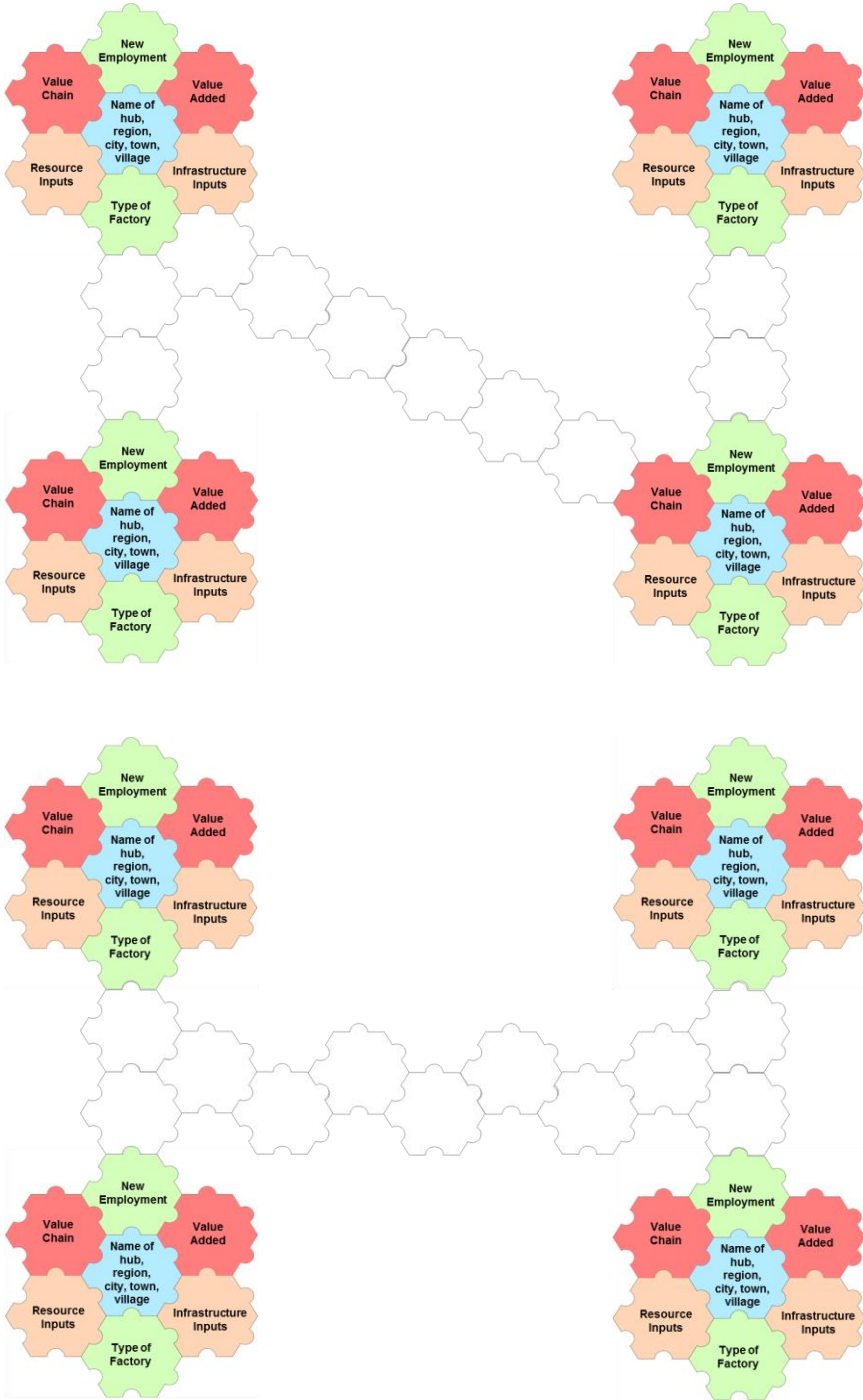
4. Symbol System Interconnections: Examples









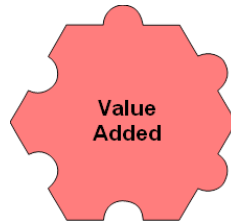


5. Strategic Design Questions

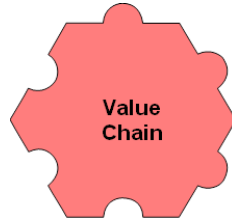
In which hubs, regions, cities, towns, and villages should innovative production be located?



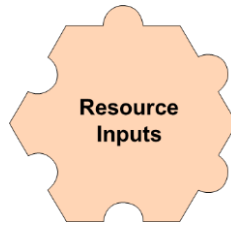
What will be the value added in selected hubs, regions, cities, towns, and villages?



What value chains will be involved in selected hubs, regions, cities, towns, and villages?



What resource inputs are needed in the selected hubs, regions, cities, towns, and villages?



**Resource
Inputs**



What infrastructure inputs are needed in selected hubs, regions, cities, towns, and villages?

**Infrastructure
Inputs**



What factory types can most benefit which hubs, regions, cities, towns, and villages?

Type of Factory



How many jobs will be created in selected hubs, regions, cities, towns, and villages?

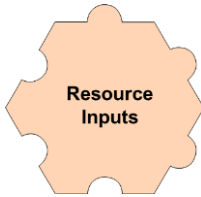
**New
Employment**



6. Strategic Design Examples

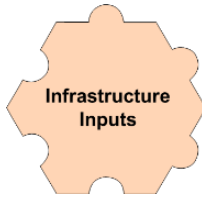
<p>What geographic location:</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Hub Name▶ Region Name▶ City Name▶ Town Name▶ Village Name
<p>What is the value to be added:</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Geographically Distributed Economy▶ Demographically Distributed Economy▶ Creates New Market▶ On-Shoring▶ Ecological Renewal▶ Downcycling▶ Disintermediation▶ Localization▶ Upcycling, Recycling▶ other
<p>What type of value chain will be involved:</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Business to Business▶ Business to Consumer▶ Peer to Peer▶ Agricultural▶ Construction▶ Consumer Goods Manufacturers▶ Creative▶ Healthcare▶ Information & Communication Technology▶ Mass Production▶ Retail▶ Space▶ other

What resource inputs are needed:



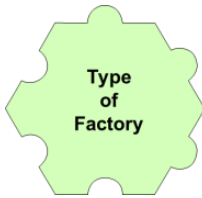
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- ▶ other
- ▶ Open Source Designs
- ▶ Open Source Hardware
- ▶ Open Source Software

What infrastructure inputs are needed:



- ▶ Computer Skills
- ▶ Manual Skills
- ▶ Digital Infrastructure
- ▶ Physical Infrastructure
- ▶ Data Analytics Skills
- ▶ Social Infrastructure
- ▶ Engineering Skills
- ▶ Creative Skills
- ▶ Energy Infrastructure
- ▶ Water Infrastructure
- ▶ Financial Infrastructure
- ▶ other

What type of factory(ies) can be used there:



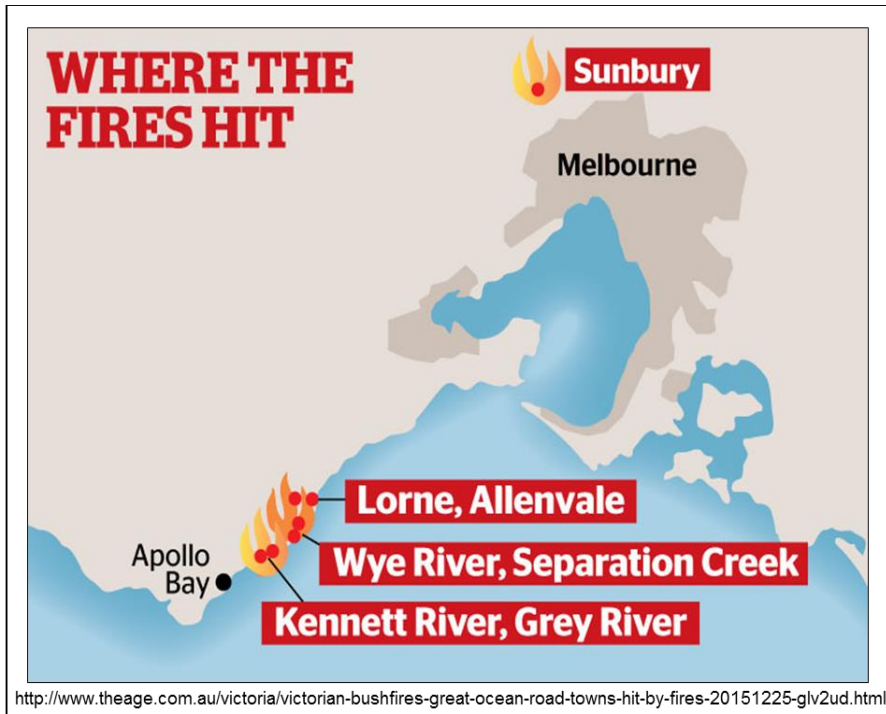
- ▶ Carry-able
- ▶ Moveable
- ▶ Independent Local Factory
- ▶ Factory Kit For Export
- ▶ other
- ▶ Mobile
- ▶ Home/Club
- ▶ Networked Local Factory

How much new employment will be created:



- ▶ 1-5 new jobs
- ▶ 6-50 new jobs
- ▶ 51-250 jobs
- ▶ 250+ new jobs

6.1 Example One - Mobile factories for fabricating wild fire management resources in-situ with local materials



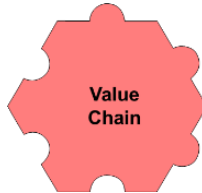
Geographic location:



- ▶ Region Name

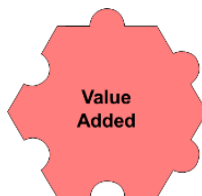
VICTORIA FIRE RISK AREAS
e.g. Lorne, Sunbury, etc

Value chain:



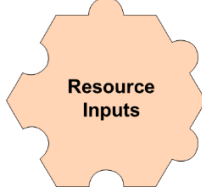
- ▶ Agricultural Companies

Value added:



- ▶ Geographically Distributed Economy
- ▶ Ecological Renewal
- ▶ Creates New Market (Factory Kits for Export)

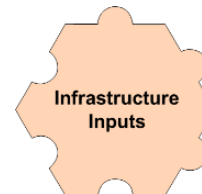
Resource inputs:



- ▶ Raw Materials
- ▶ Formed Materials

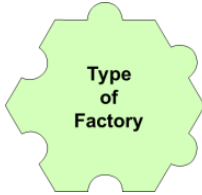
FOR PRODUCTION OF FIRE FIREBREAKS
AND OTHER FIRE BARRIERS

Infrastructure inputs:



- ▶ Manual Skills
- ▶ Engineering Skills

Factories:



- ▶ Mobile

FOR HIGHLY EFFICIENT IN-SITU LOCAL PRODUCTION

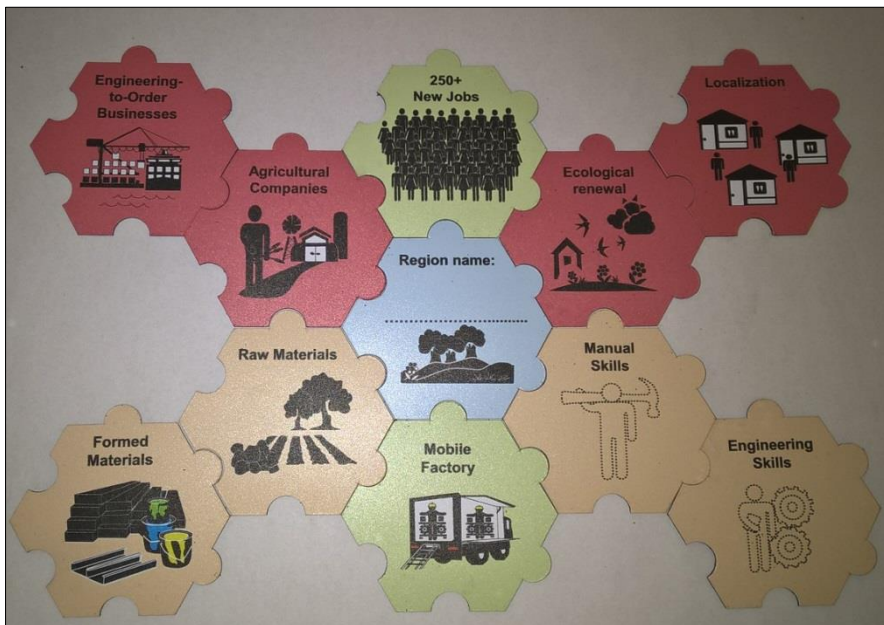
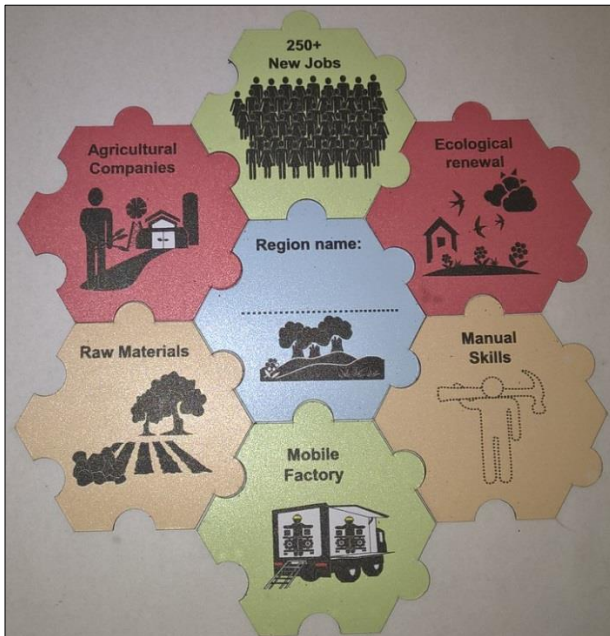
- ▶ Factory Kit For Export

to other regions with high wildfire risks e.g.:
CANADA, WESTERN CAPE SOUTH AFRICA, USA.

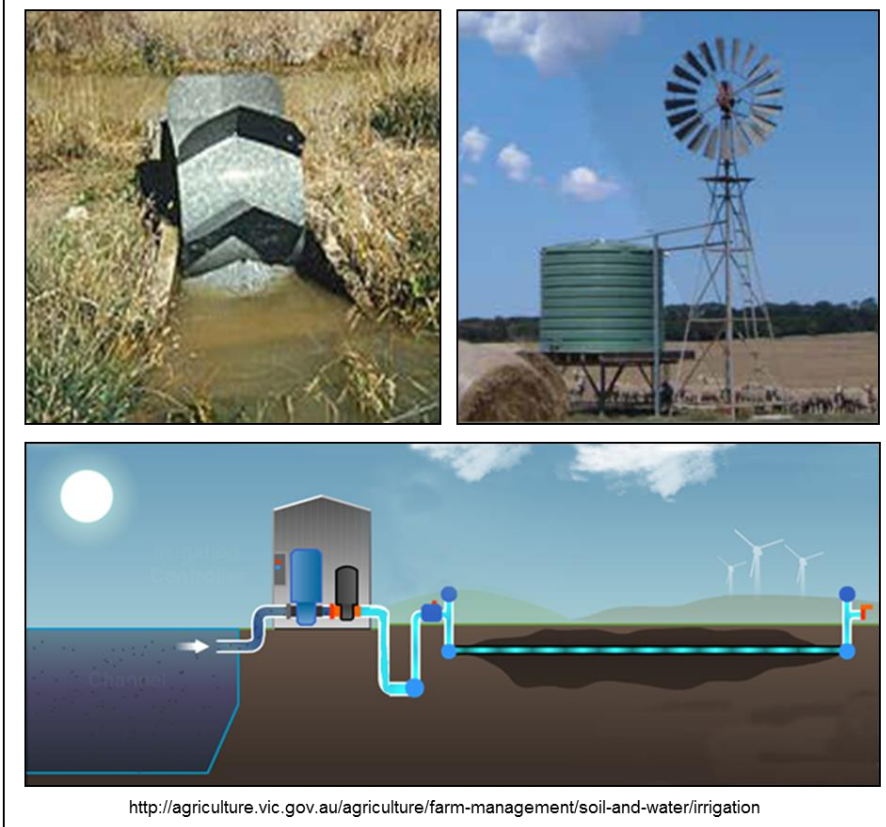
New employment:



- ▶ 250+ new jobs



6.2 Example Two - Mobile factories for fabricating water management infrastructure in Western Victoria



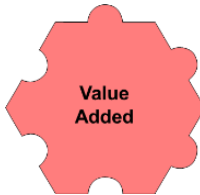
Geographic location:



▶ Region Name:

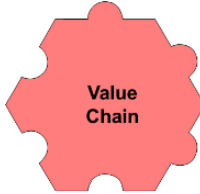
SOUTH-WEST VICTORIA DROUGHT AREAS.

Value added:



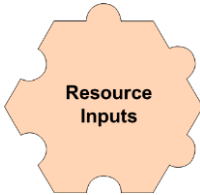
- ▶ Geographically Distributed Economy
- ▶ Ecological Renewal

Value chain:



- ▶ Engineering-to-Order Businesses

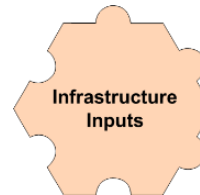
Resource inputs:



- ▶ Formed Materials
- ▶ Components

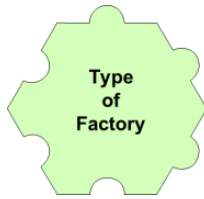
FOR PRODUCTION OF WATER MANAGEMENT INFRA-STRUCTURE

Infrastructure inputs:



- ▶ Manual Skills
- ▶ Engineering Skills

Factory:



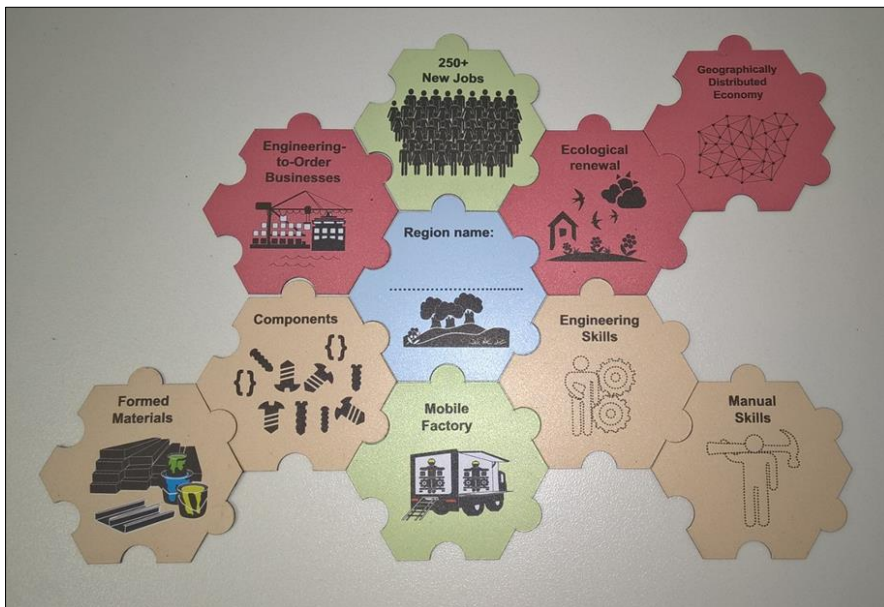
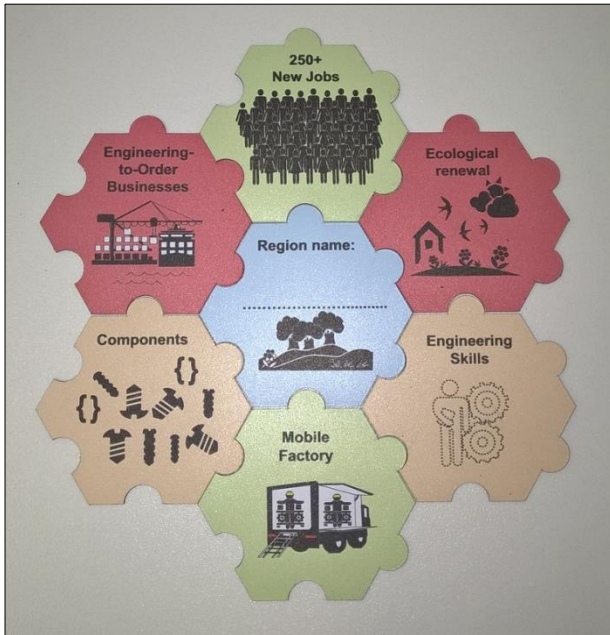
▶ Mobile

FOR HIGHLY EFFICIENT IN-SITU LOCAL PRODUCTION

New employment:



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6.3 Example Three – Networked local factories for new footwear production in UK and beyond



6.4 Example Four – New solutions for plastics recycling in Australia



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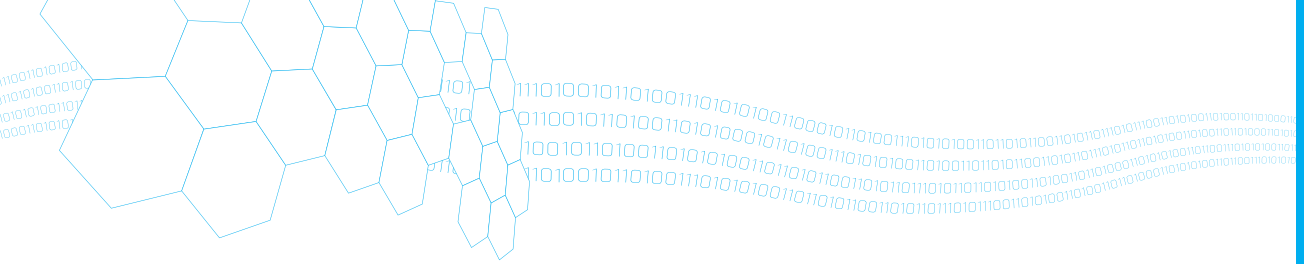
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