

Improving the effectiveness of the Carpathian Convention

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20 Network surveys

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Network analysis

- Meeting affiliation-based network
- Survey-based social network
- Citation-based ego-network

Qualitative data analysis

Network of Actors Structure

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346 organizations

Single connected component

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Diverse network

Emerging bridging connections

- Transboundary
- Between organization types
- Across sectors



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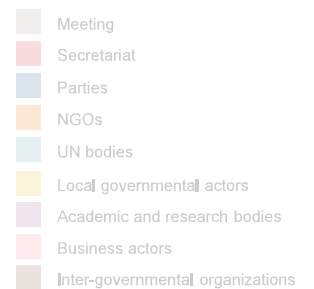
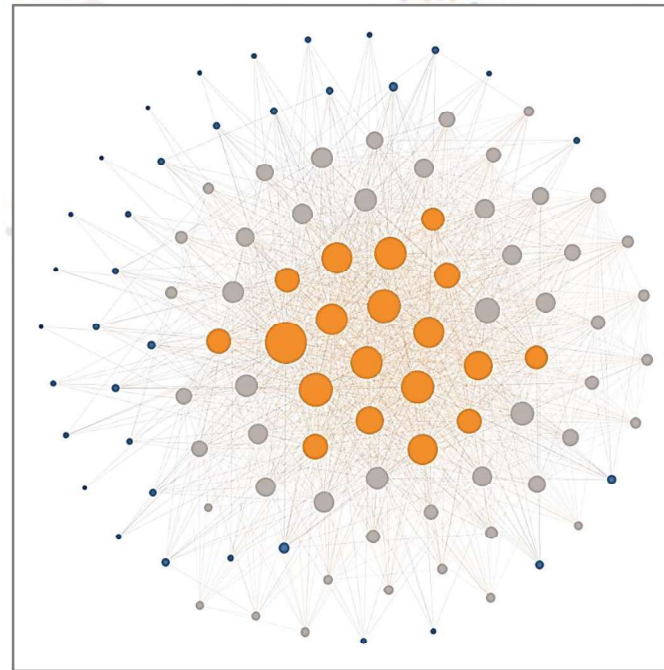
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Core-periphery network structure

- 19 organizations in core



Network of Actors Effects

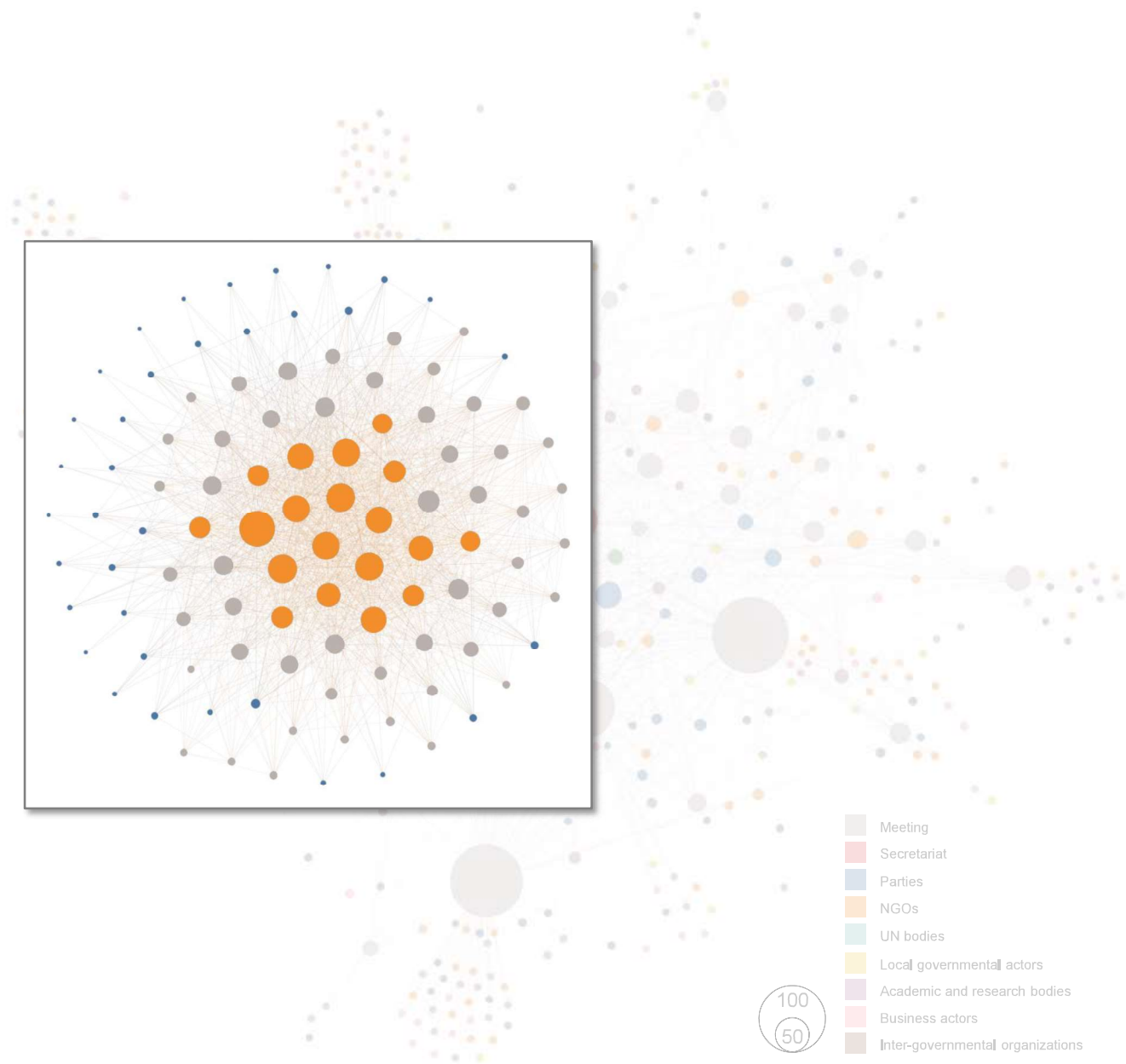
Transition from familiarity¹ to
“family”

Beneficial for

- Social cohesion, trust
- Consensual, shared knowledge generation

Harmful for

- Accessing new knowledge
- Diversity and inclusivity



¹ Conca, K. 2012. DOI: 10.1162/GLEP_a_00132

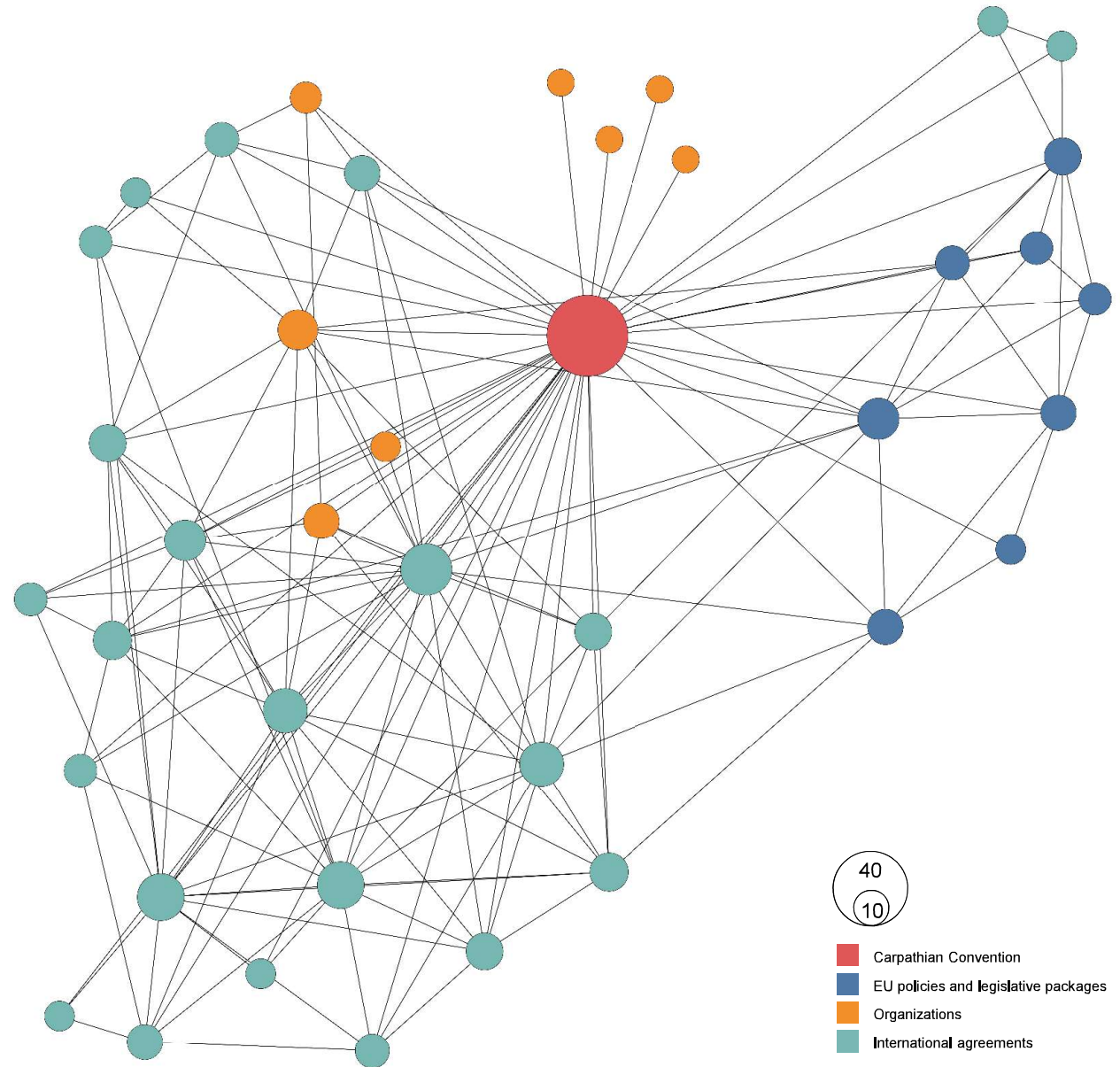
Regime Interactions Network structure

Ego + 39 alters

- No bi- or trilateral agreements from the region

Diverse network:

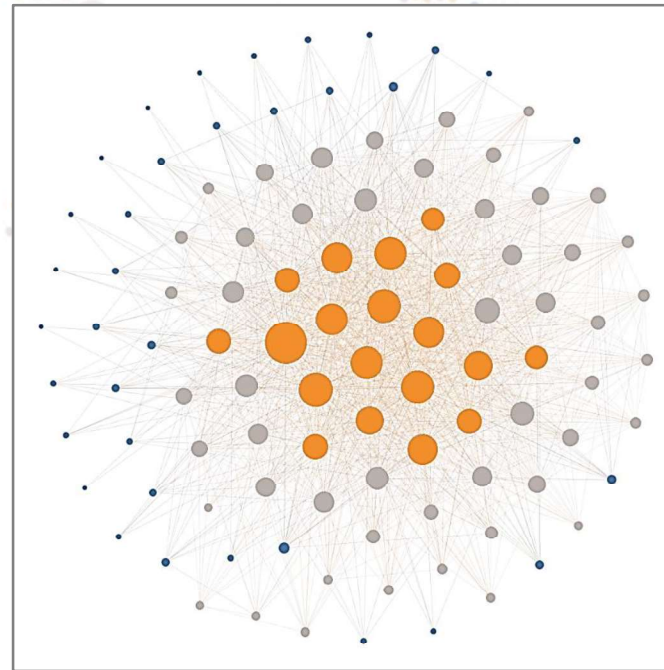
- Type
- Topic
- Geographic scope



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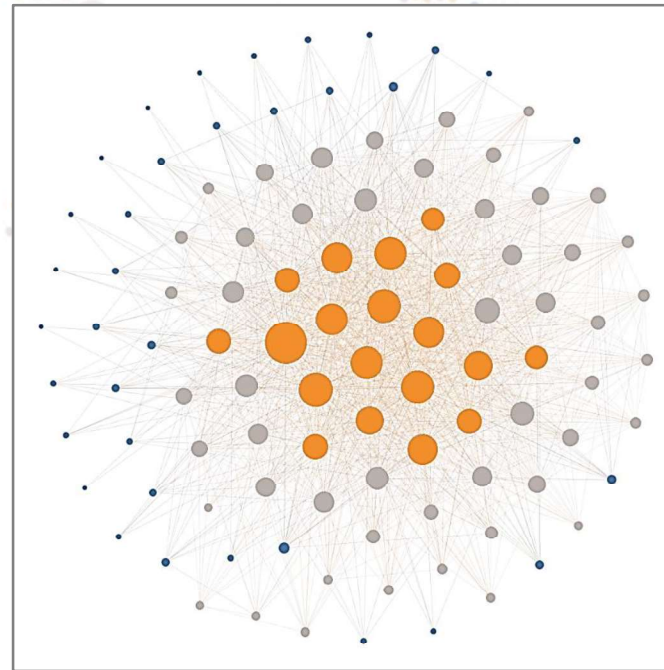
- Ensure there is access to the core of the network
- Focus on building bridging connections
- Establish ways to channel local voices to the regime
 - Umbrella NGO for the region



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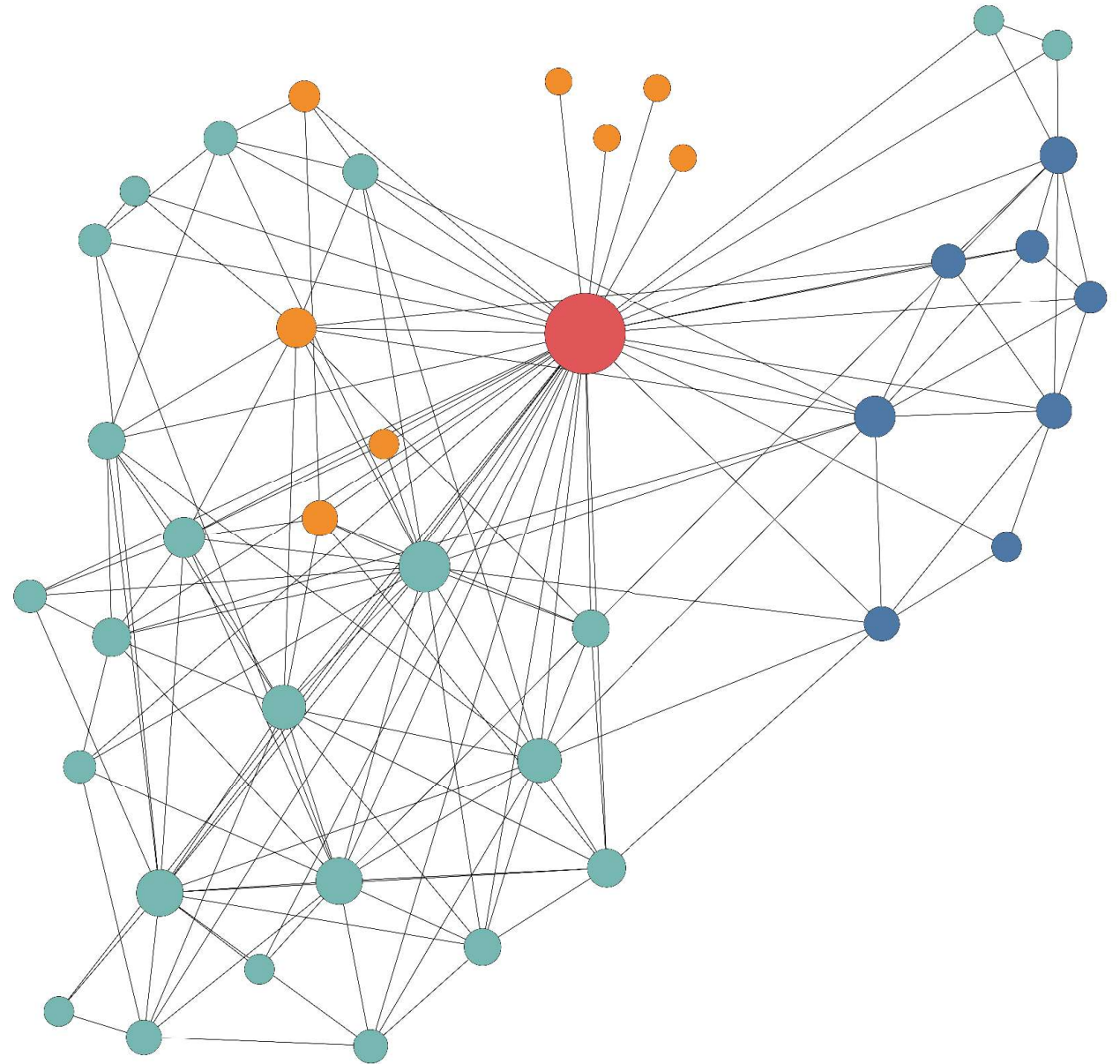
- Separate negotiating and implementing functions
 - Awareness-raising at the local level
 - Not-for-profit implementation body
- Maintain balance between long term vision and concrete projects
- Formalize the informal organizations (S4C, CWI, CNPA)
- Develop project development and project management capacity in the region



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- Establish the Carpathian Convention act as a framework to implement other conventions
- Ensure projects and other success are communicated to partner conventions and other organizations



[Link to the full dissertation](#)

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