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Industrial area
Citizens from 140 different countries

1850 – 1960 Industrialisation
1960 - De-Industrialisation
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post-industrial metropolis
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1960 Industry  61%
1999 Industry  33%

1960 Services  36%
1999 Services  64%

1990 > 2000  
Research +7.2%
Marketing +15.9%
Consulting +57.7%
IT + 66.8%
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Urbanization

Unemployment with industrial wasteland

Recultivating, living environment
47,000 workers
Coal, steel

Centro – Europe’s largest shopping centre
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Image of public libraries

**Coincidence and luck**

New kinds of types of business

Cultural education

Networking

New kinds of cooperation

Link to urban development
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5 University libraries + 2 private Universities
10 libraries at universities of applied sciences
ca. 250 spezial, company libraries and lib.at authorities
At least 230 ecclesiastical libraries
52 public libraries
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52 public libraries
with 97 branches
6.78 mill. stock
24.4 mill. loans p.a.
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Unna

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