The functional typology of human settlements is shaped also by the political-administrative function. Its distinctive place is determined by subjective factors, such as the political-administrative decisions, which have changed the progress of some settlements to the benefit of others, or reverted them from their normal, natural evolutions.

That means external involvement in space organisation to the detriment of self-organisation, which the outcome of the permanent tendency of territorial systems to recover from dysfunctions induced by exogenous factors.

