

# Quality of life



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# Sustainability and QoL



- IUCN: „**Sustainability** is development that improves the **quality of human life** while living within the carrying capacity of supporting ecosystems“

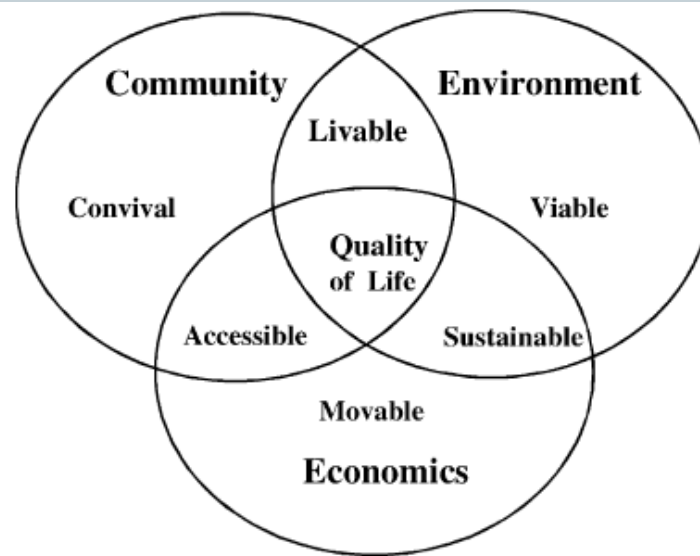


Fig. 1. A conceptual model of factors that contribute to community quality of life from a human ecological perspective (Shafer et al., 2000).

# QoL x Sustainability



- Relation between sustainability and quality of life - > overlapping metaconcepts
  - Approach to person – environment relation
  - Different time scale-level, determinants, indicators...
  - Different relative importance given to environmental exposure, methods to measure...
- QoL – more approaches and concepts x sustainability – normative concept
- QoL – evaluation of the current situation x sustainability – aim, planning and future
- Conflicts? Hedonistic well-being x strong environmental sustainability - > find a balance between two competing perspectives

# Discussion



- **Problem region:**
  - Mining area – huge city with tremendous population, men are dependent on work in coal mine close to city, but it has negative impacts on the city environment, the state wants to stop mining...
- **2 perspectives:**
  - ...if the mining will be stopped
  - ...if the mining will continue
- **What is your vision from Qol x sustainable perspective? Are there differences? Which?**
  - ...if the mining will be stopped
  - ...if the mining will continue

# Task to next lesson



- Think of how to implement sustainable point of view in QoL research
- Should the geography help people to improve quality of life? Should we participate into this process? From the sustainable point of view?
- Think about a specific research area in Brno