

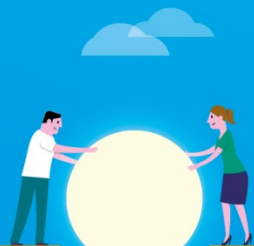
INTERACT

Workshop inclusive growth

Cross-Border Cooperation

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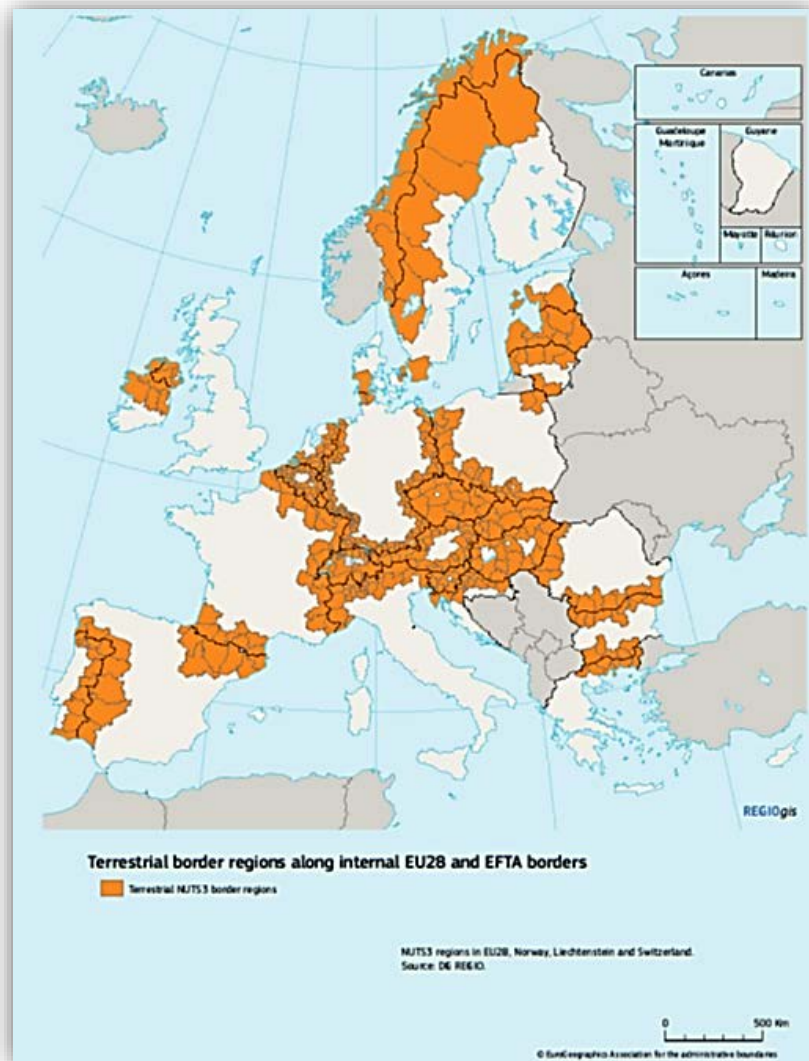




Border Regions matter

- 40% EU territory
- 30% EU population (150m)
- 30% EU GDP

BUT navigating different legal and administrative systems is still **complex, long and costly**





Removing only **one fifth**
of all obstacles could lead to:



**GDP
+2% in
border regions**

+



**1 million
new jobs**

**A huge untapped
potential**

Interreg 
EUROPEAN UNION

+

**support beyond
funding!**

BORDER FOCAL POINT Action Plan



deepen cooperation and exchanges



improve the legislative process



support cross-border employment



promote border multilingualism



facilitate cross-border accessibility



e-government to enable
cross-border public administration



provide reliable and understandable
information and assistance



promote greater pooling of health
care facilities



consider the legal and financial
framework for cooperation



build evidence for better
decision-making



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ENHANCING HEALTHCARE COOPERATION IN CROSS-BORDER REGIONS



#EUCrossBorderHealthcare
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- **Boosting EU border regions platform**

<https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/border-regions>

- Health Policy Platform

<http://www.euregha.net/crossborderhealthcare/>

B-SOLUTIONS

Addressing border obstacles



B-SOLUTIONS
Management of pilot projects to tackle border obstacles & difficulties along EU internal land borders

About

An initiative promoted by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO) and managed by the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR).

A pilot project to collect concrete & replicable actions which aim at identifying & testing solutions to cross-border obstacles of a legal and administrative nature on EU internal land borders in **5 fields**:

- Employment
- Health
- Multilingualism
- Public transport of passengers
- Institutional cooperation

Regional and Urban Policy

SOLUTIONS

AEBR

The infographic features a central map of Europe with 10 numbered locations (1-10) marked with icons representing the five fields of action. To the left, a woman with a suitcase is shown next to a building with a red cross. To the right, a train is shown next to a signal post. At the top, two people are shown holding a large lightbulb. The background is a bright blue sky with clouds.

<https://www.b-solutionsproject.com/pilot-actions>



B-solutions - Pilot projects - Healthcare

2 **Cooperation protocol** on
administrative procedures on health
insurance for frontier workers

High administrative burden frontier workers
face in health reimbursement procedures.

6 When EMS (emergency medical
system) erase borders

Cross-border acceptance of doctors' and
nurses' diplomas

Cross-border health care
(**Euroregion Nisa, CZ-DE**)

CB Emergency
Medical Services
(EMS) (**FR-BE**)

Ambulances without
Borders (**NL-BE**)

CB health care access
Valga and Valka (**EE-LV**)

Recognition of
qualifications healthcare
professional (**FR-ES -
Hospital de Cerdanya**)



Policy Objectives 2021-2027

1. A **smarter** Europe (innovative & smart economic transformation)
2. A **greener**, low-carbon Europe (including energy transition, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk management)
3. A more **connected** Europe (mobility and ICT connectivity)
4. A more **social** Europe (the European Pillar of Social Rights)
5. A Europe **closer** to citizens (sustainable development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives)

+ 2 horizontal objectives:

- Administrative capacity building (CBC governance)
- Co-operation between regions and across borders (embedding co-operation in mainstream)

+ ECBM

European Cross Border
Mechanism



Synergies and cumulative effect

- Enabling condition: **strategic policy framework for health**, including mapping infrastructure needs
- Investments in health may be envisaged both under PO1 (leverage for regional economic development – 3S) and PO4 (better access, marginalised categories)
- Combine other funding sources (R&D, digitization)
- **Non-funding tools !**

Post 2020 provisions provide **high potential for more complex cross border investments in health** which can combine different strands (mainstream, Interreg, ECBM, ERDF/ESF) and address different needs (framework conditions, infrastructure, research, innovation, digitization, services accessibility, human resources capacity, legal harmonization) for more impact!

More Information



Boosting Border Regions

<https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/border-regions>



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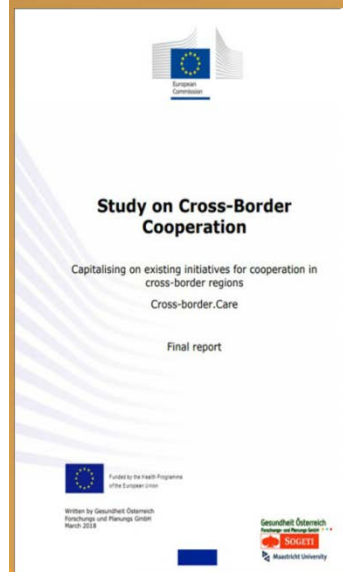
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Mapping Healthcare Cross-border cooperation



- 423 cases identified
- Knowledge sharing and treatment are the most common
- Toolkit developed for new/enhanced projects
- Useful for planning coherent networks