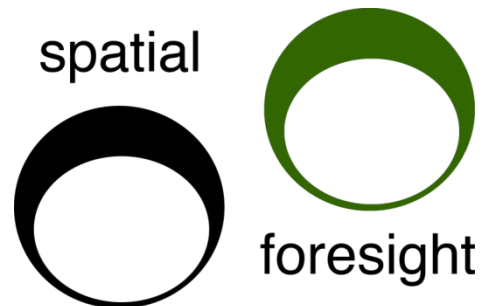


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Interact – Sustainable transport network

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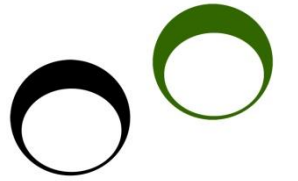


Providing public transport in cross-border regions.

Mapping of existing services and related legal obstacles



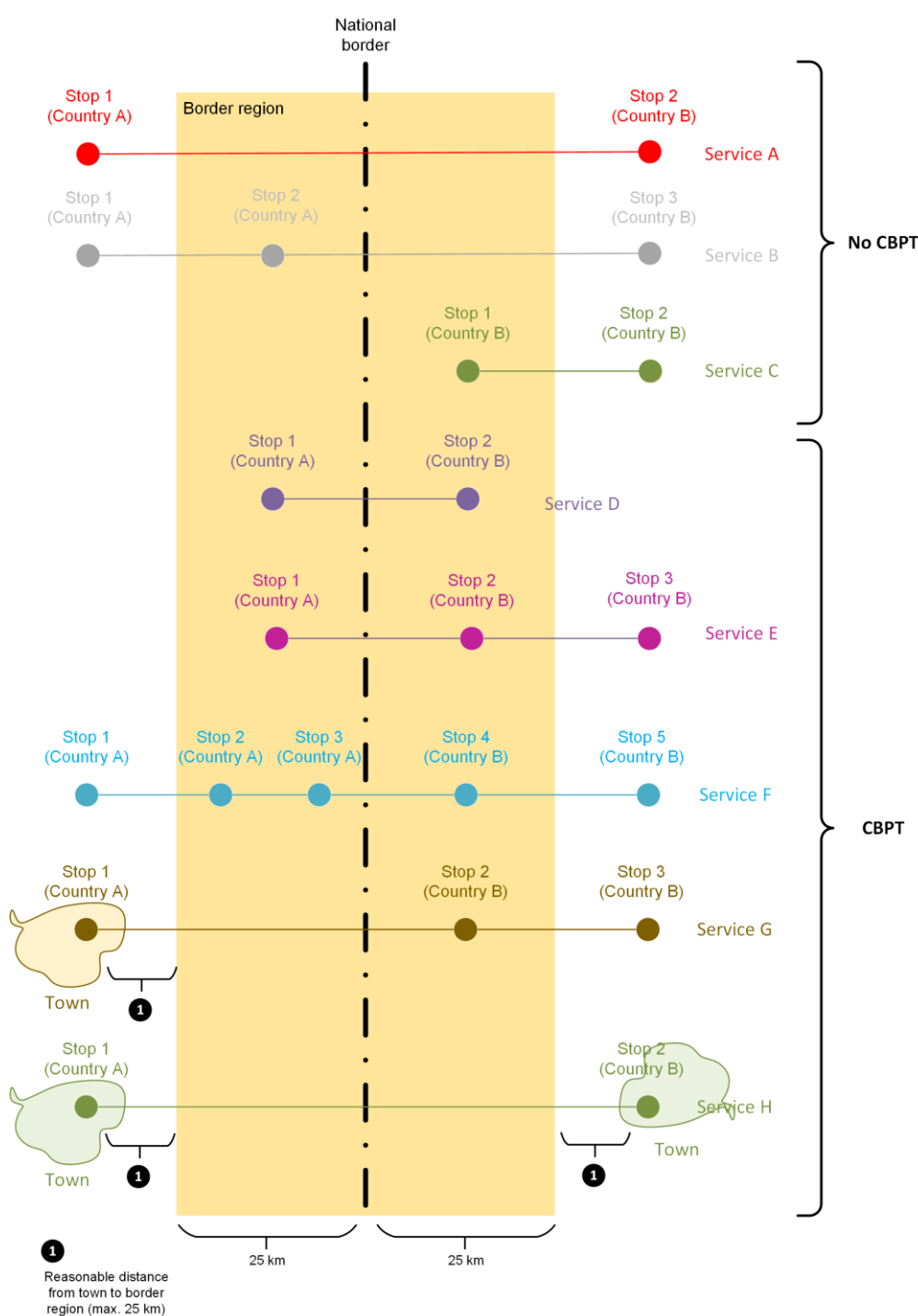
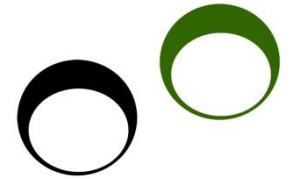
Objectives and scope of the study



- Pan European overview of cross-border public transport services (CBPT)
 - focus on passenger, not on goods transport!
 - focus on services, not on infrastructure!
- Inventory of administrative and legal obstacles
- Tools for planners and practitioners
 - Web viewer
 - Case studies
 - Description of possible solutions to promote and develop CBPT - Toolbox
- Study findings **facilitate a dialogue** between EC, national, regional, and local authorities & other key stakeholders to change the **openness of EU internal borders** and explore ways to address **challenges** to this openness



Defining CBPT



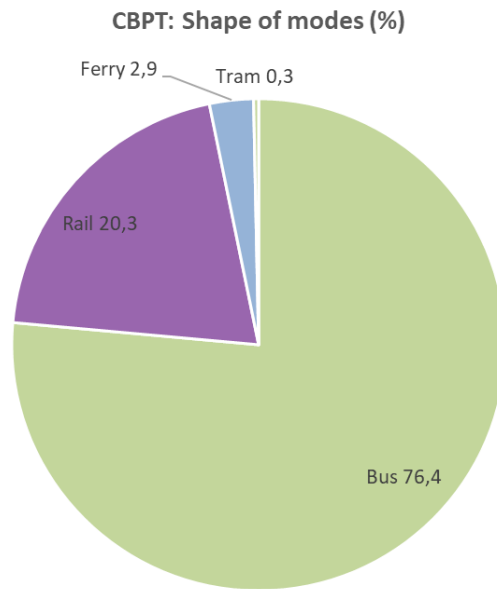
- Train, tram, bus and ferry services
- Services accessible to any individual
- Services existing autumn 2019
- along internal borders of the EU and EEA
- (generally) at least one stop within 25 km from a national border



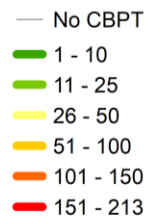
Concentration of CBPT along some borders

Main findings (2019-20):

- 6,949 CBPT in the inventory
- Most cross one border, but several two or more



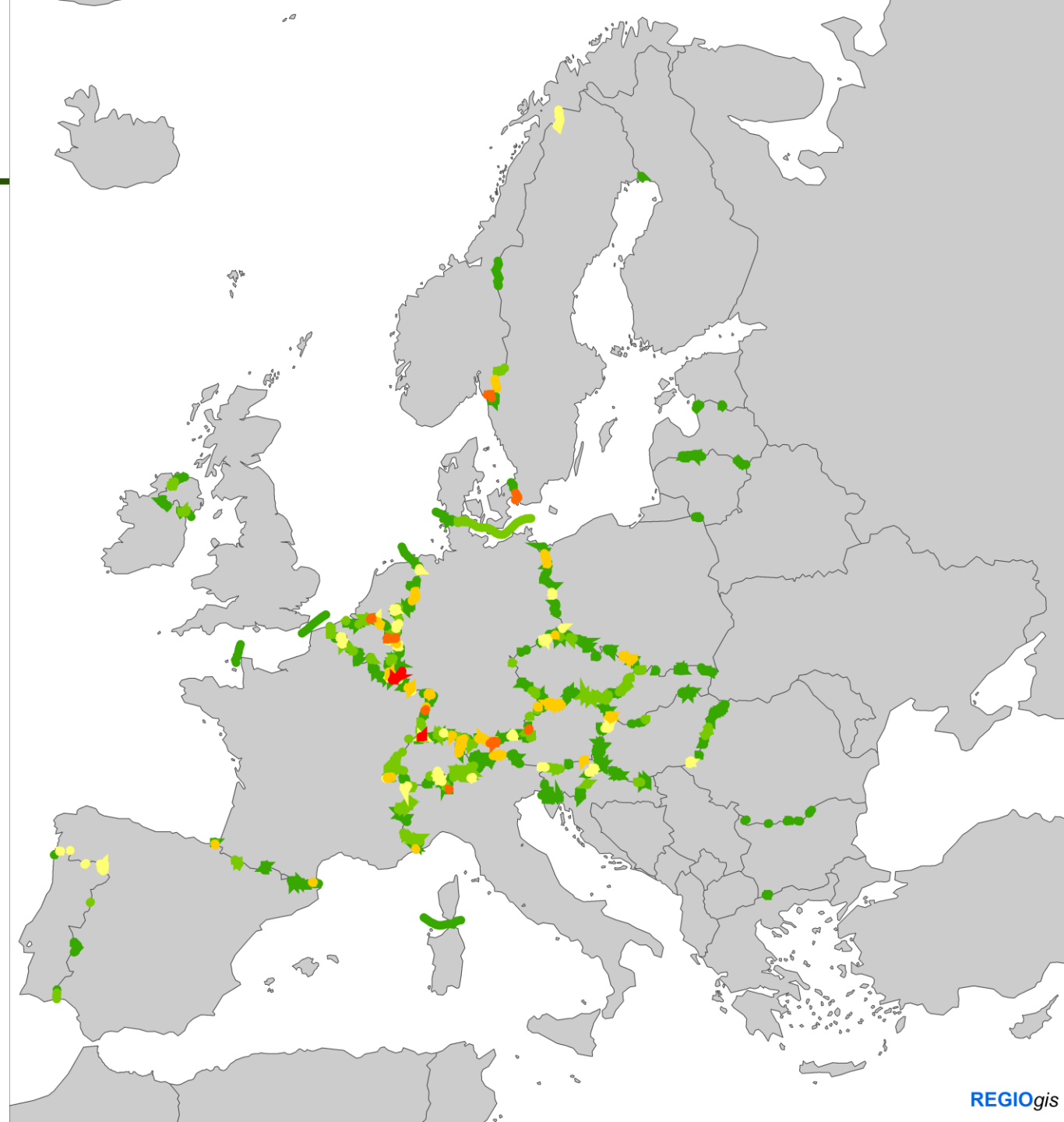
Number of CBPTs per border segment (all modes)



Source: DG REGIO, CBPT project team

0 500 Km

© EuroGeographics Association for the administrative boundaries

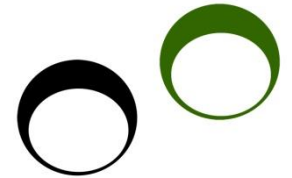




Toolbox



Toolbox offers ...



Name of the tool	
Type of tool	Legal / administrative / organisational & governance / planning / information / technical / ticketing
Relevant obstacles	Obstacles (legal, political, organisational, administrative, geographic / socio-economic / ...)
Specific type(s) of adverse effect	Sub-groups of obstacles to further specify the obstacle
Phase	Planning / Development / Implementation / Provision
Modes of transport	Train / Bus / Tram / Ferry / combination
Geographical coverage	Border relations (e.g. between specific countries)
Other relevant tools	Solutions and tools often combined with the tool
Short description of the tool, including objectives and obstacles	
Requirements, success and failure factors	
Possible achievements	
Practical examples of application	
Further information: Links / literature / references	

- about 30 tools
- grouped in 6 categories

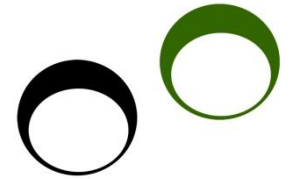
- Information
- Ticketing
- Technical

- overview of links between tools
- examples with potentially useful combinations of tools

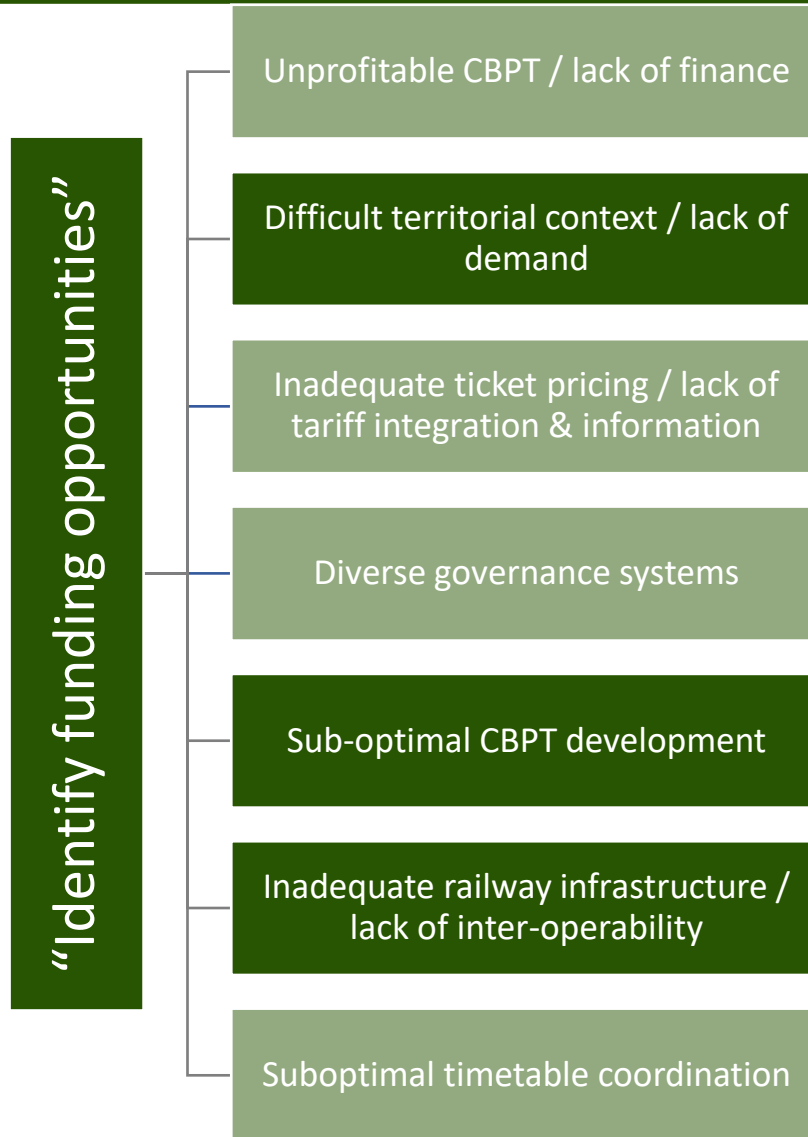
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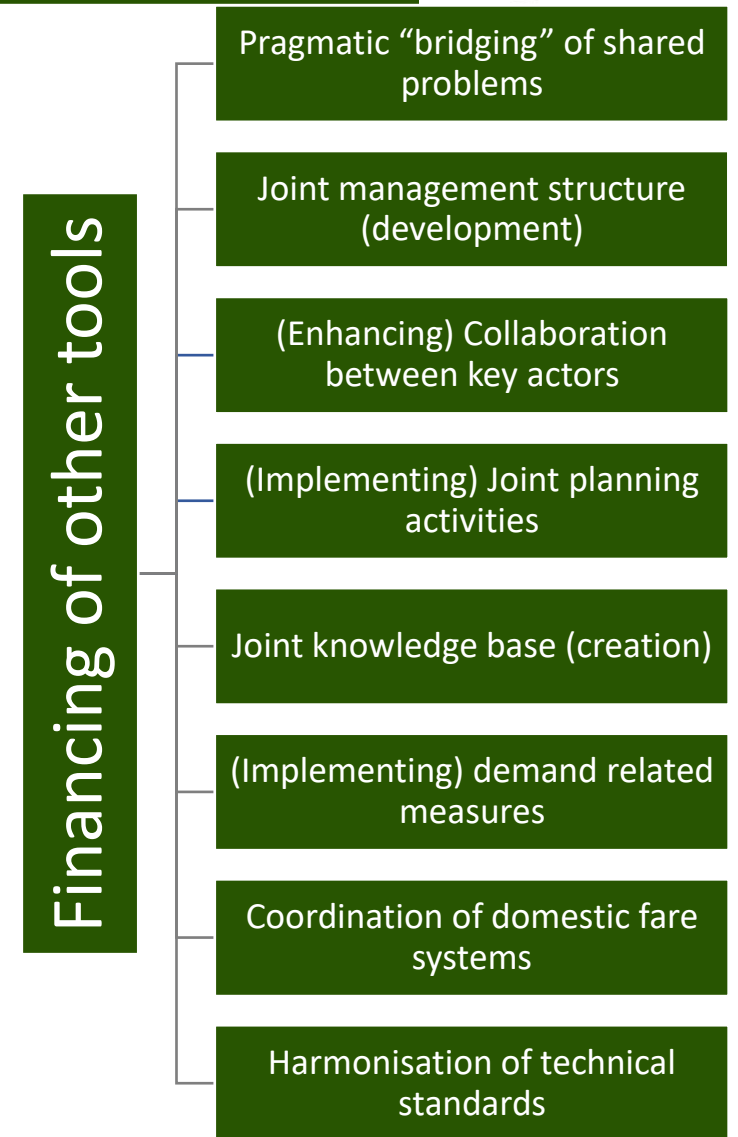
Interreg in the toolbox



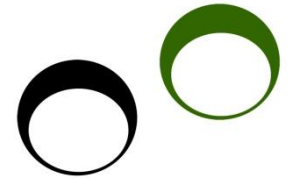
- One of 9 **Planning tools** directly addressing obstacles due to ...



- **Means** support / implement **other tools...**



Examples 1: Identify funding opportunities



Identify funding opportunities

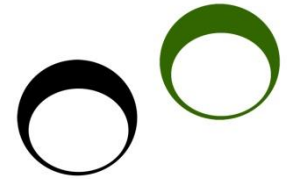
Type of tool	Planning
Relevant obstacles	<i>All obstacles</i> that require physical investment or resources beyond those available to the public authorities
Specific type(s) of adverse effect	<i>All adverse effects</i>
Phase	Planning / Development / Implementation / Provision
Modes of transport	<i>All transport modes</i>
Geographical coverage	<i>All border relations</i>
Other relevant tools	All tools which need additional resources, including tools to develop the knowledge base, joint strategy development, preparation of legal or organisational tool implementation

- Territorial cooperation
 - Cross-border Interreg programmes
 - Transnational Interreg programmes
 - ESPON programme
- Other funding opportunities & support tools
 - CEF
 - Online portal for EU Macro-Regions
 - Specific territorial funds, e.g. Visegrad

- Examples:
 - Case study – Bus Zittau-Bogatynia: *Trans-Borders Interreg project of the transnational Central Europe programme*
 - ESPON: *STISE – Sustainable Transport Infrastructure in the Strategic urban region Eurodelta*



Examples 2: Collaboration between key actors



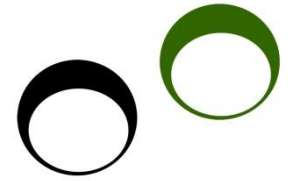
Political support from local and regional players	
Type of tool	Organisational & governance
Relevant obstacles	Especially organisational and administrative obstacles, possibly also national legal obstacles
Specific type(s) of adverse effect	Incoherent implementation of EU legislation, different national provisions, asymmetric cooperation constellations, structural and administrative culture differences
Phase	Planning / Development / Implementation / Provision
Modes of transport	<i>All transport modes</i>
Geographical coverage	<i>All border relations</i>
Other relevant tools	<i>Principally linked to all tools involving local and regional players</i>

- Different contributions to enhancing collaboration
 - Pilot actions to raise awareness & test feasibility
 - Support to networks / CB working group to allow additional activities
 - Develop adequate cooperation structures
 - Support in analysing legal & organisational framework

- Examples:
 - Bus Chaves-Verín in case study Verín-Arcos de Valdevez: *pilot action in context of Interreg CBC project to test feasibility*
 - EUREGIO Salzburg-Berchtegadener Land-Traunstein (obstacle inventory): *framework analysis for CBC transport and tariff association*



Examples 3: Tools for tariff integration & ticketing



Cross-border tariff systems, unilateral extension of domestic tariff systems and cross-border tickets

Type of tool	Ticketing
Relevant obstacles	Mainly administrative and organisational obstacles
Specific type(s) of adverse effect	Lacking harmonisation of fare systems
Phase	Planning / Development / Implementation / Provision
Modes of transport	<i>All transport modes, especially in multi-modal context</i>
Geographical coverage	<i>All borders</i>
Other relevant tools	Integrated offers; Other ticketing tools; Joint knowledge base tools; Bilingual information

- Different access / starting points
 - *Demand*: Target group-oriented ticketing
 - *Socio-economic obstacles*: Approaching different domestic fare levels
 - *Administrative/organisational obstacles*: Developing CBC tariff systems & tickets
 - *Organisational obstacles*: Developing digital CBC solutions

- Case study examples:
 - Bus Maastricht-Aachen: *Interreg CBC projects on tariff offers / digitalisation of ticketing / information services / networking of transport operators*
 - Rail Berlin-Kostrzyn: *Interreg CBC project RailBLU addressing i.a. digital distribution channels / CB digital tickets / pilot ticketing*

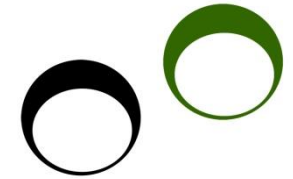




Further reading



Various outputs for further reading I



Look into tools – Toolbox



https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docgener/studies/pdf/public-transport-cross-border/transport-cross-border-toolbox.pdf

31 case studies (in EN) – some include examples on how Interreg has been used

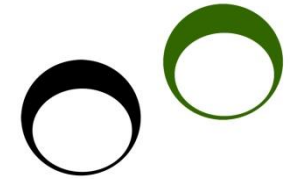


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- Some native language versions under development

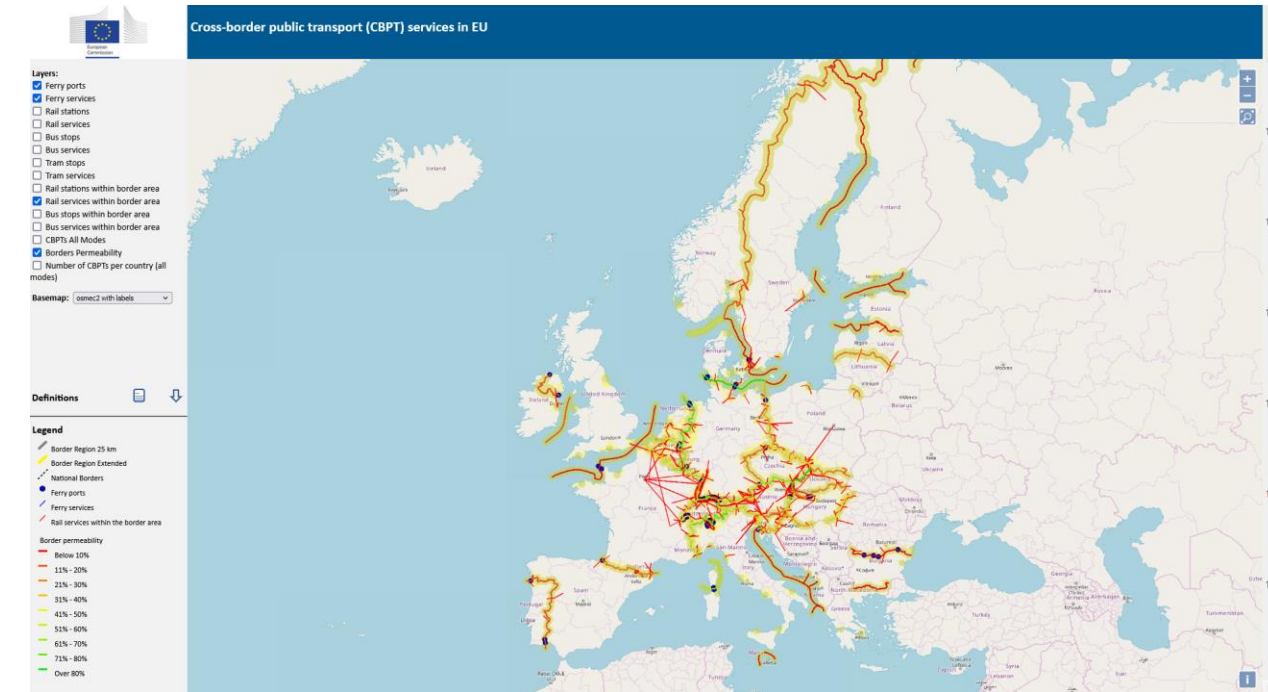
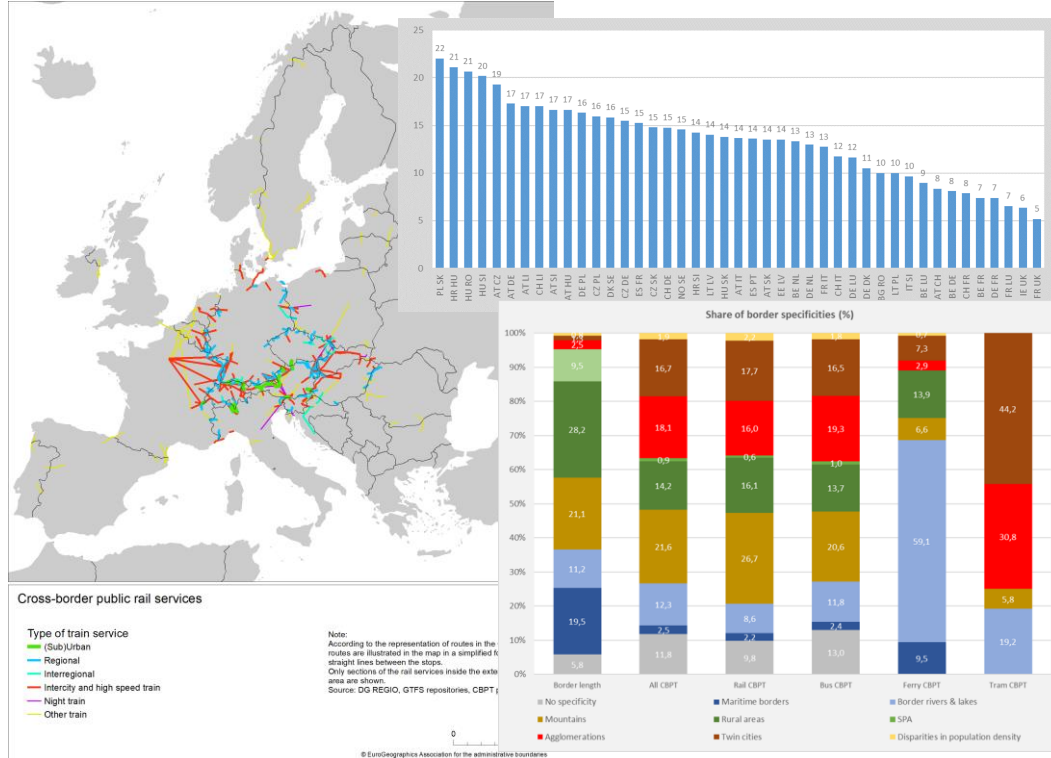


Various outputs for further reading II



Final report & inventory of obstacles

Web viewer – zoom in and search...



https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/information/publications/studies/2022/providing-public-transport-in-cross-border-regions-mapping-of-existing-services-and-legal-obstacles

www.crossbordertransport.eu

➤ Visit BFP Network on Futurium (Library):

<https://futurium.ec.europa.eu/en/border-focal-point-network/library>





Thank you for your attention!

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