

# Interreg post-2020

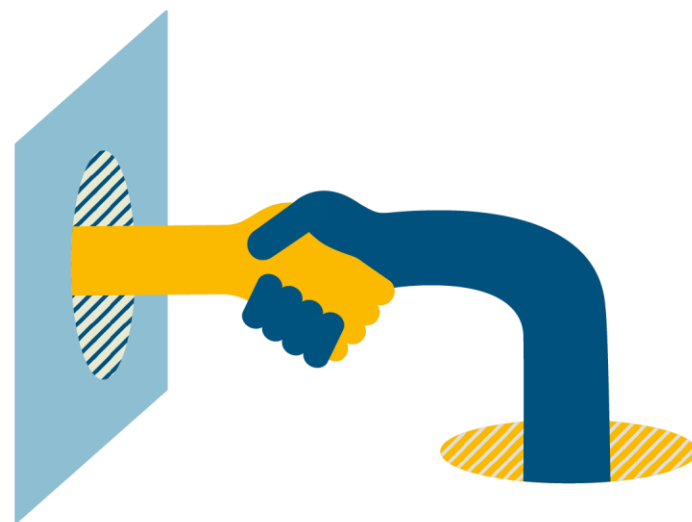
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Regional Network Meeting

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# Post 2020 preparations

- ✓ Border Obstacles
- ✓ Border Needs
- ✓ Governance study
  
- ✓ Brainstorming and working groups

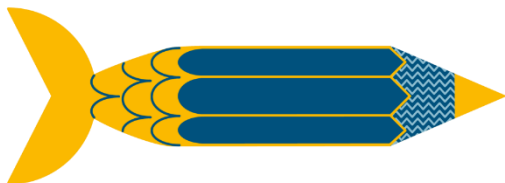
# Post 2020 preparations

- ✓ Cohesion Forum – end June 2017
- ✓ Cohesion Report – September 2017 (tbc)
- ✓ Continuous stakeholders' dialogue – take part, be proactive, MS, Interact, AEBC
- ✓ Draft proposals 2018

# WP Interreg post-2020

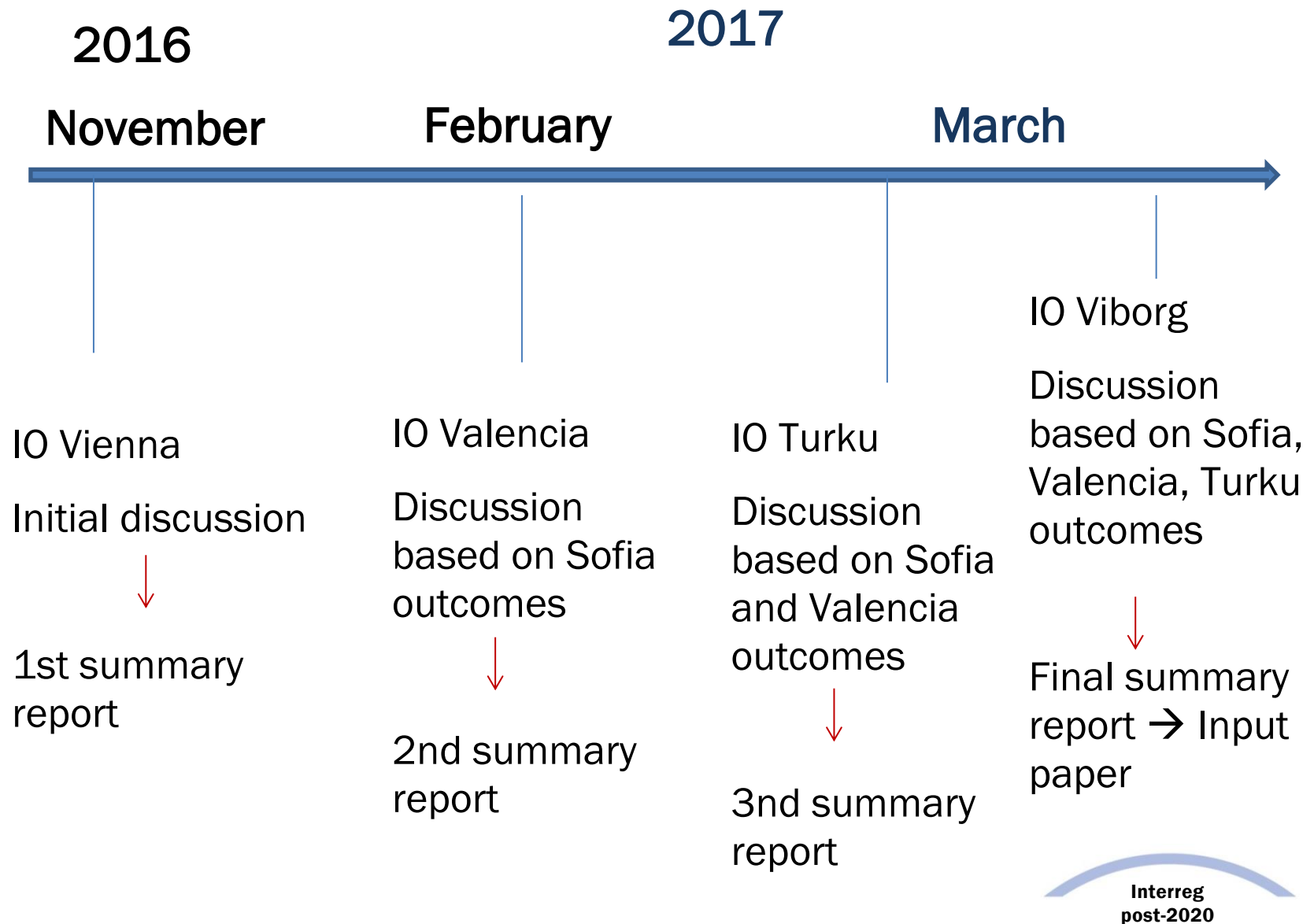
Main objective	Outputs/activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- supporting the Interreg community in developing key messages for future policy stakeholders</li><li>- helping develop a mutual understanding between the stakeholders and practitioners</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Meetings with TNP and MS</li><li>b) Meetings with CBC in different zones</li><li>c) <i>Ideas for Interreg post-2020 by Interact</i></li><li>d) “Lobbying” activities</li></ul> <p>+website section on post-2020</p>

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	Ideas for Interreg post-2020: CBC programmes input	Ideas for Interreg post-2020 by Interact
<b>When</b>	April 2017	May 2017
<b>Who contributes</b>	CBC implementers	CBC, <b>TNP, IR</b> practitioners (programmes, Member States)
<b>Owners</b>	CBC implementers participating in the meetings	<b>Interact in consultation with</b> CBC, <b>TNP, IR</b> practitioners (programmes, Member States)
<b>What it reflects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ideas of programmes MA and JS on future cooperation - role and contribution of programmes to the achievements of territorial cohesion</li> <li>Concrete ideas on Interreg post-2020 (thematic and geographical scope, their governance mechanisms, etc.) and evidence from so-far implementation</li> </ul>	
<b>What it NOT reflects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future proposal of the Commission for post 2020</li> <li>Official positions of MS</li> <li>Political paper</li> </ul>	
<b>Purpose</b>	CBC input to the general paper <i>Ideas for Interreg post-2020 by Interreg</i> (annex)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contribution to the EC work on cohesion policy post-2020</li> <li><i>One voice of Interreg</i></li> <li>Contribution to the debate</li> </ul>

# Cross-border programmes post-2020 process





# Update on the Cross-Border Review

Sofia, 23 November 2016

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# CB Review

- ✓ Obstacles to cross-border interaction
- ✓ Focus on border life (citizens, businesses)
- ✓ Not linked to funding – more general approach



# What ?

3 Pillars	Status
1) Study contract (Main deliverables: inventory, case studies, conclusions)	To be completed by 1/2017
2) Public consultation	Completed in 12/2015
3) Four stakeholders' workshops	To be completed by 12/2016 (3 done)

# Study contract

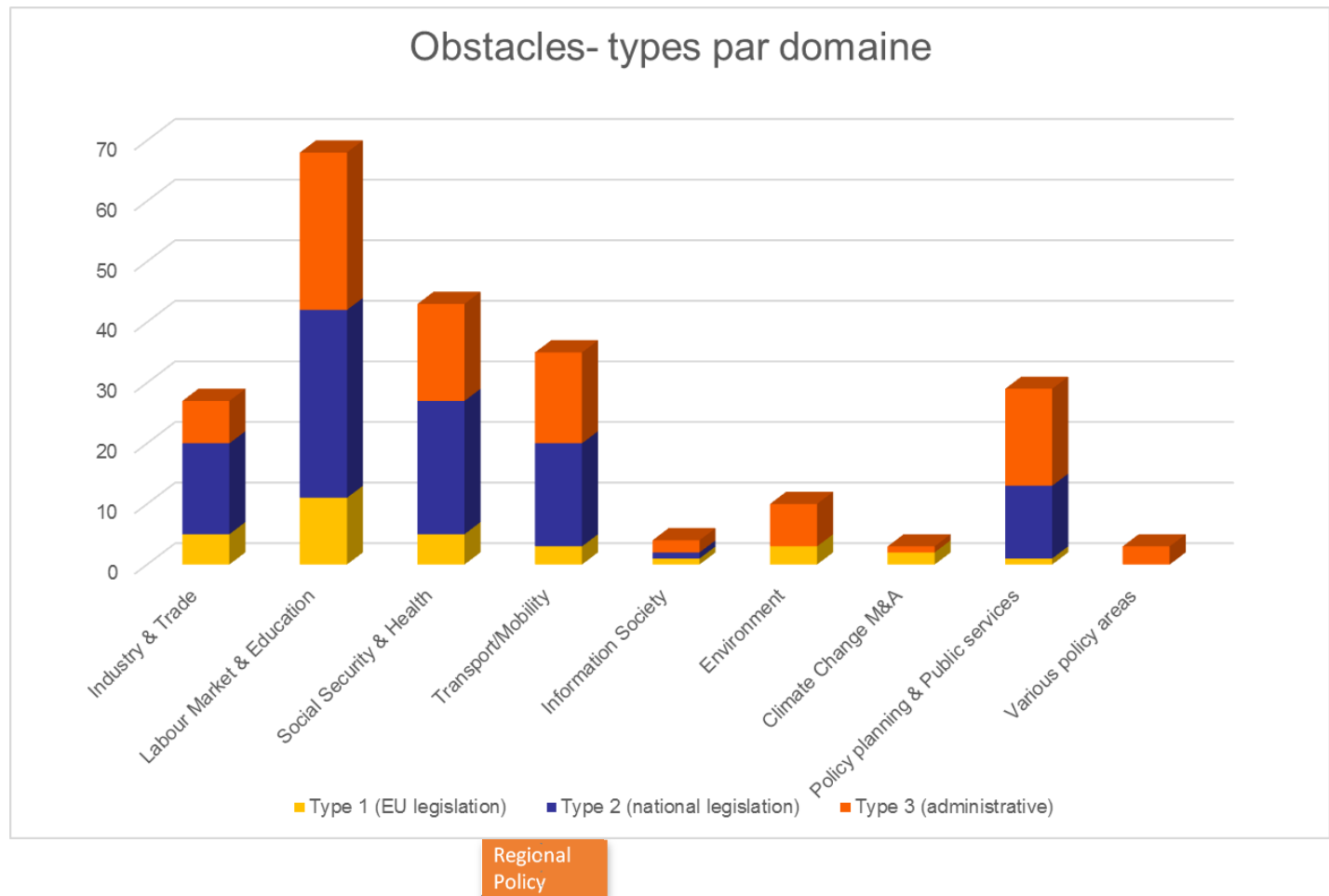
- Duration: 7/2015 – 12/2016 (value: € 478T)
- Awarded to a consortium led by METIS
- Covers all EU (and EFTA/EEA) land-borders

# Main Deliverables

Deliverables	Status	Completed by
Inventory of border obstacles	Completed Web publication in 12/2016	
15 case studies	Final round of revision	12/2016
Conclusions and recommendations paper	2nd draft under revision (will be discussed in stakeholders' workshop 15/12)	12/2016

## Overwhelming administrative & legal obstacles

With the following concentration (based on first 222 obs) :



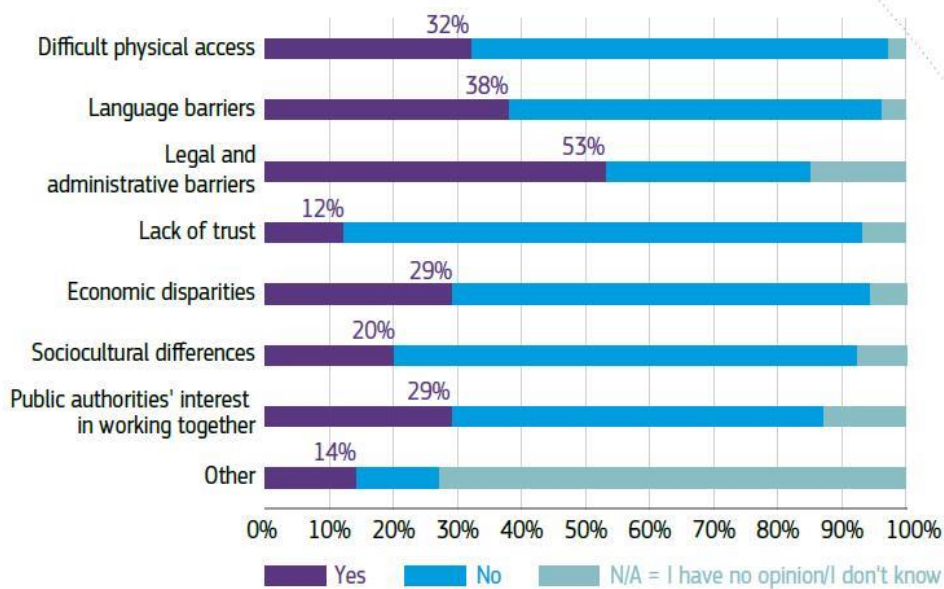
## Case studies :

[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/en/policy/cooperation/european-territorial/cross-border/review/#2](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/policy/cooperation/european-territorial/cross-border/review/#2)

Nr.	Topic	Border/Case
1	Exportation of goods and cross-border provision of commercial services	IE-UK
2	Border-regional business activities and cross-border development of entrepreneurship (business incubators, start-ups, centres, venture capital)	BG-EL
3	Mobility of cross-border workers (commuter flows)	DK-SE
4	Mobility of trainees, students and teachers	DE-NL
5+6	Recognition of diploma or professional qualification certificates	ES-PT BE-DE-FR-LU
7	Access to social insurance system (e.g. pensions, disability insurance)	BE-DE-FR-LU
8	Access to health care services (i.e. primary, secondary and tertiary care)	EE-LV
9	Compatibility of health systems (e-health)	SE-FI
10	Scope and quality of regional/local and cross-border transport infrastructures and of related maintenance services (e.g. snow removal on roads and rail tracks etc.)	DE-PL
11+12	Public transport by bus, rail, light rail or metro (e.g. quality, service, permits)	DE-FR, AT-SI
13	Spatial planning (national, regional, local) and cross-border territorial planning	BE-FR
14	Emergency and rescue services	SK-HU
15	Public security and crime prevention (police cooperation)	DE-CZ

## Main obstacles & general trends

**Figure 5:** Relevance and frequency of obstacles



1<sup>st</sup> place : Legal and administrative barriers, esp. labour market

2<sup>nd</sup> place: language

3<sup>rd</sup> place : access



## Main conclusions so far

1. All three pillars **converge** in their findings:
  - a) Certain policy areas more relevant than others in a cross-border obstacles context (labour mobility!)
  - b) Language and information = seen as key
  - c) Prevalence of border obstacles varies dramatically
2. A multi-level approach is necessary, european – MS and regional responsibilities
3. Interreg has a role to play: important for the future

## Next steps – 2017

1. Communication of the Commission to Council and EP (June 2017 adoption)
2. Launch event + 3 smaller border events
3. Other actions: pilot solutions, TIA, database, etc



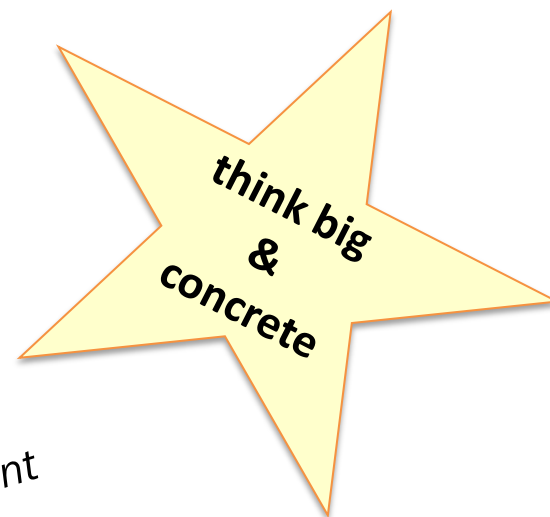
# Next steps – post 2020

1. Role of Interreg programmes ?
2. Shape of programmes
3. Governance of programmes

# Brainstorming discussion

- What are we good at?  
What are we capable of and, thus, would like to contribute towards in 2030?

Unique selling point



- What will make cooperation easier and more strategic (clearer picture of our territory and where we want to take it)?

payment by results?

no strands?

no location eligibility rule?

no shared management?

single international implementing body?

Europe divided into macro-regional territories?

Interreg fund?

# Cross-border programmes post-2020 process

