



Interact Regional Network Med LabGroup

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Post 2020 preparations

- ✓ Border Obstacles
- ✓ Border Needs
- ✓ Governance study

- ✓ Brainstorming and working groups

Post 2020 preparations

- ✓ Cohesion Forum – 26/27 June 2017
- ✓ Cohesion Report – September 2017 (tbc)
- ✓ Continuous stakeholders' dialogue – take part, be proactive, MS, Interact, AEBR
- ✓ Draft proposals 2018

CB Review (Border Obstacles & Solutions)

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

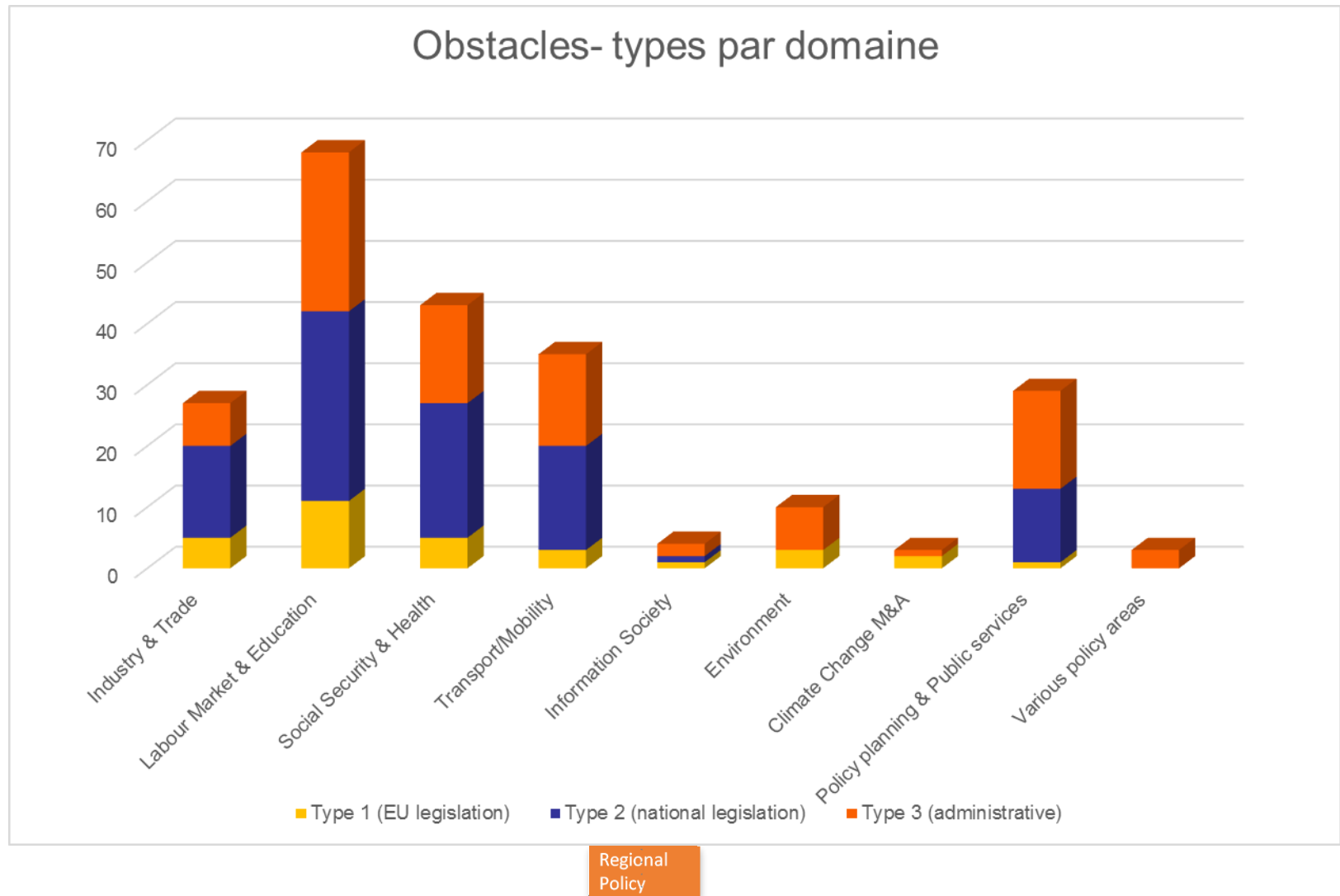
What ?

3 Pillars	Status
1) Study contract (Main deliverables: inventory, case studies, conclusions)	Completed 31/01/2017
2) Public consultation	Completed in 12/2015
3) Four stakeholders' workshops	Completed on 12/2016

Study : main deliverables

Deliverables	Status
Inventory of 240 border obstacles	Completed Published on Inforegio http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/policy/cooperation/european-territorial/cross-border/review/#3
15 case studies	Final round of revisions
Conclusions and recommendations paper	Completed

Administrative & legal obstacles:

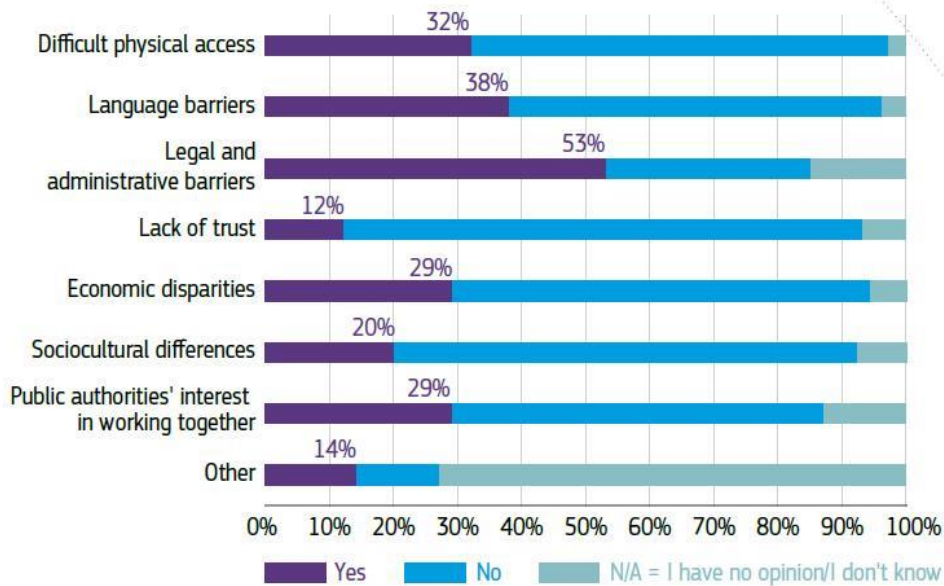


Case studies :

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

Public consultation

Figure 5: Relevance and frequency of obstacles



1st place : Legal and administrative barriers, esp. labour market

2nd place: language

3rd place : access



Main conclusions so far

All three pillars **converge** in their findings:

1. Certain policy areas more affected than others :
 - Labour mobility no:1
 - Social security and health care
 - Public transport
 - Planning, emergency, rescue
 - Business & trade
1. Reliable and accessible information is central but lacking
2. Prevalence of border obstacles varies dramatically
3. A multi-level approach is necessary, including better coordination at European level
4. Interreg has a role to play: important for the future

Next steps – 2017

1. Communication of the Commission to Council and EP (September 2017)
2. Launch event on 20-21/09 – to mark ECDay
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 ?