



# Cohesion policy in support for mobility in cross-border regions

**Accelerating the shift to  
sustainable and smart mobility**

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**ERDF**

**97 %**

Mainstream OP  
The main support for each region



**< 3%**

Interreg



COOPERATION  
Interreg focus on setting cooperation amongst territories, *where mainstream does not reach*

*But...*

Border regions are left behind  
Border obstacles hamper cross-border regions in their growth not allowing a 360° perspective on territory.

EVIDENCE

Cross-border review  
Communication  
B-solutions

LOST POTENTIAL

2% GDP in CB regions  
1 million jobs

Art 174<sup>o</sup> TFEU  
“(..) particular attention shall be paid to (...) cross-border (...)regions.”

Using knowledge to shape Interreg 21-27 programmes

Legal tools  
EGTC and ECBM

Technical support  
b-solutions piloting; studies; sharing

Political support  
Raising voice of CB regions

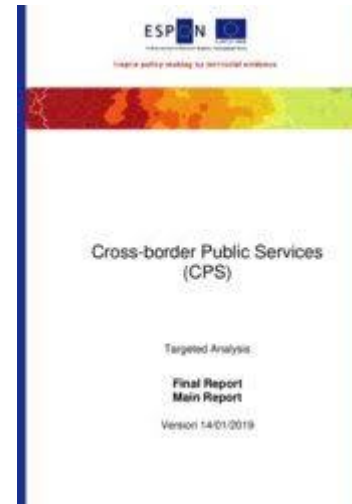
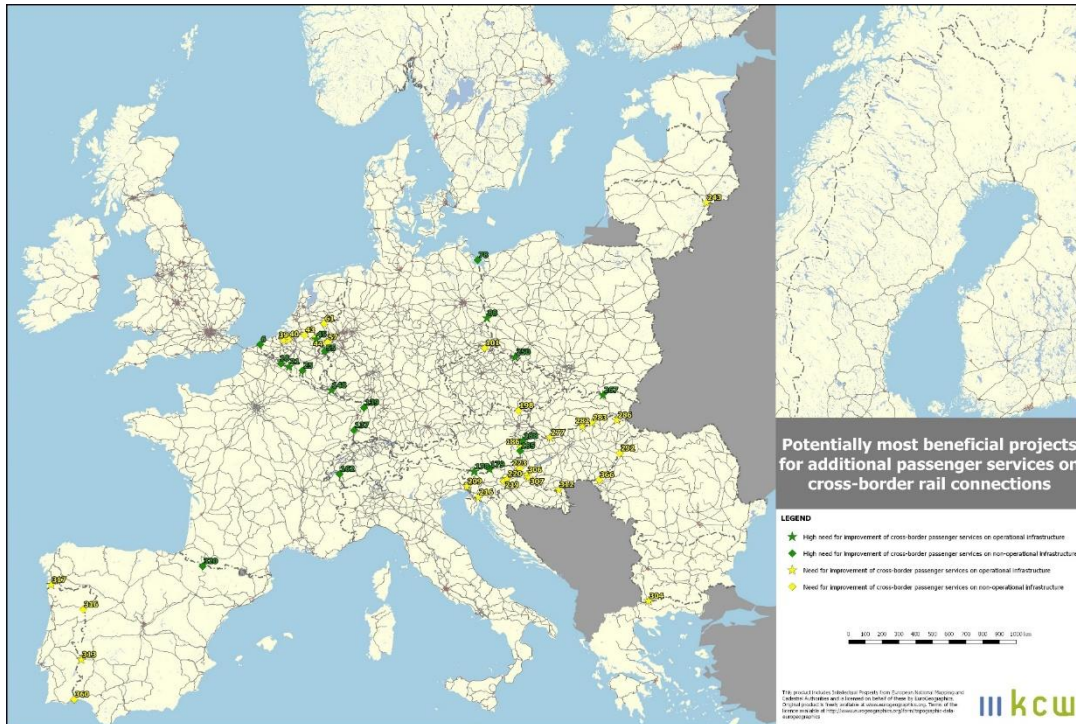
Border Focal Point  
Providing support beyond funding. Focus on overcoming obstacles



# Existing information for cross-border transport

## Missing CB rail links

48 most beneficial missing cross border rail links - Check your borders!!!



Mapping of Cross-Border Public Services, ... many of which on transport by ESPON

Mapping of Cross-border public transport services, and their respective obstacles....

... upcoming in 2021

# Opportunities of INTERREG for transport

- **Opportunity for close cooperation** → removing political and administrative obstacles → improved cross-border regional and local mobility
- targeted financial assistance can help **to tackle technical barriers** for improved mobility across borders, such as **lacking interoperability or short missing sections** of cross-border infrastructure
- Interreg should focus in particular on **transport services** which require close and sustained cross-border cooperation (e.g. cross-border rail and public transport services, car sharing or public bicycle schemes, etc.)

# Opportunities of INTERREG for transport

- **Missing** rail and public transport links (development/identification/promotion)
- Developing the transport **strategies**
- Joint comprehensive transport **plans**
- Feasibility **studies**
- Encouraging the **embedding cooperation**
- In some cases: infrastructure / equipment / innovative transport solutions

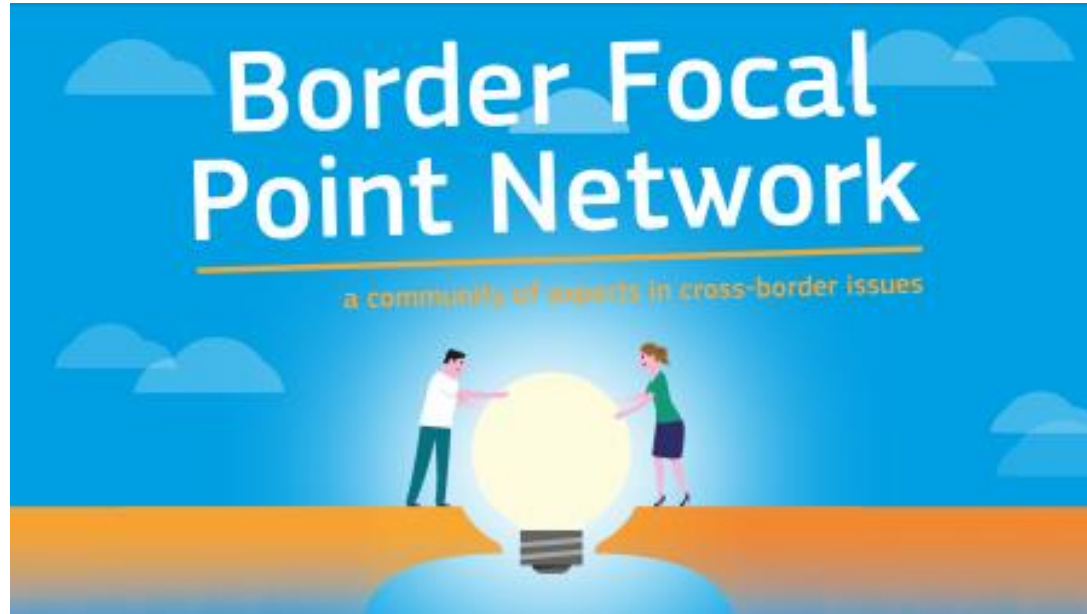
**Support under INTERREG mainly** via PO 3 (a more connected Europe), PO2 (a greener Europe) and PO5 (A Europe closer to the citizens) and Interreg specific objective on better governance

# Continued support for accessibility in cross-border regions

- **Beyond funding support** - Aligning the support with new priorities and challenges
  - > One focus area is cross-border access to public services
  - > Clear impact on climate
    - > *Recent consultation reveals commuters mainly commute by car*
  - > European Cross-Border Mechanism
- **Funding support**
  - > Support to cross-border projects
  - > Support to overcome obstacles – Better Cooperation Governance objective (ISO1)
  - > Embedding cooperation in mainstream ERDF programmes
  - > Other funding sources: CEF; RRF; EIB

# Cross-border obstacles,

All this info is available on our platform



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