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Border Region Academy

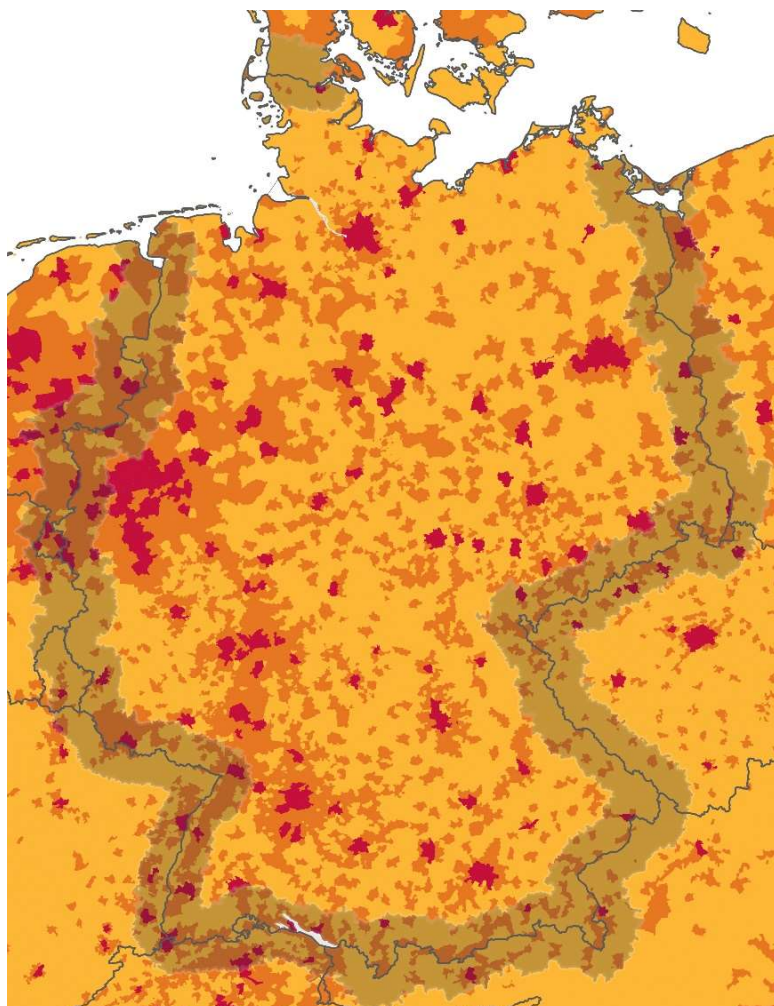
Border regions of Germany with its neighbouring countries

20.-21. April 2023, Berlin

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Deadline: 15.03.2023



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Germany's border regions in comparison:

- What are important trends?
- What opportunities and options arise?
- What does 'European Cohesion' mean for border regions?

Arguments from scientific, practical and political perspectives - based on the BMBF project CoBo.

Venue:

Federal Office for Building and Regional Planning
Ernst-Reuter-Haus
Straße des 17. Juni 112
10623 Berlin

Hotels nearby:

- Novotel Hotel Am Tiergarten
- B&B Hotel Berlin-Tiergarten
- Hotel Motel One Berlin-Hauptbahnhof

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Programme

Moderation: **Prof. Dr. Tobias Chilla**, Institute of Geography, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg
The conference will be held bilingually (German, English).

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Thursday, 20.04.2023

12:30 **Arrival and coffee**

13:00 **Welcome and opening**

Dr. Rolf Bösing, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Housing, Urban Development and Building

Rita Schwarzelühr-Sutter, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of the Interior and Community

Programme introduction

Part I: Current trends and opportunities in Germany's border regions

13:30 **Strengths, weaknesses & opportunities of border regions
in a Germany-wide comparison**

Impulse presentation:

Prof. Dr. Tobias Chilla, Dominik Bertram, Stefan Hippe, Institut of Geography, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg

Dr. Kristina Zumbusch, Daniel Zwicker-Schwarm, Institute of Systemic Management and Public Governance, University of St. Gallen

Panel discussion:

Martín Guillermo Ramírez, Association of European Border Regions

Claire Duvernet, Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development

Jean Peyrony, Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière

Ricardo Ferreira*, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO), European Commission

15:30 **Coffee break**

16:00 Parallel sectoral workshops

Option A

Labour Markets and Economic development

Impulse presentations:

Cross-border networking for the regional economy

Katharina Wierer, Chamber of Crafts Lower Bavaria-Upper Palatinate

Living and working across borders - GrenzInfoPunkte

Julia Dillmann, euregio rhein-maas-nord

Discussion

Option B

Tourism, Nature protection and Climate

Impulse presentations

Trilateral National Park Cooperation

Anja Domnick, Common Wadden Sea Secretariat

Balancing tourism and nature protection in a cross-border context

Pavel Bečka *, Šumava and Bavarian Forest National Parks

Discussion

17:00 Parallel sectoral workshops

Option A

Strategic spatial development

Impulse presentations:

Cross-border data monitoring in the Greater Region

Thierry Hengen, Ministry of Energy and Spatial Planning, Luxembourg

Joint Future Concept for the German-Polish Border Region

Dr. Jürgen Neumüller, Spatial Planning Department Berlin-Brandenburg

Discussion

Option B

Transportation, Mobility and Traffic

Impulse presentations:

Cross-border agglomeration traffic

Dr. Regina Witter, Federal Office for Spatial Development ARE, Switzerland

Transport links in the German-Polish Border Region

Dirk Gebhardt, Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development

Discussion

18:00

Outlook for the second day and closing remarks, joint dinner from approx. from 19:30 onwards

Friday, 21.04.2023

08:00 **Arrival and coffee**

Part III: Current key topics in border regions

08:30 **Resilience of border regions: Experiences from the crisis**

Moderation: **Prof. Dr. Christiane Vaeßen**, Cross-Border Metropolitan Regions Initiative (IMeG)

Impulse presentation:

Andrea Hartz, agl

Jun.-Prof. Dr. Florian Weber, Saarland University

Panel discussion with representatives from:

Regional associations of the IMeG regions

09:45 **Possibilities of strategic spatial development in border regions**

Moderation: **Prof. Dr. Tobias Chilla**, Institute of Geography, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg

Panel discussion with representatives from:

Federal Foreign Office

Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community

Federal Ministry for Housing, Urban Development and Building

10:45 **Coffee break**

Part IV: Border regions on the political agenda

11:15 **Plenary discussion on 'Cohesion in German border regions'**

Moderation: **Prof. Dr. Tobias Chilla**, Institute of Geography, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg

Panel discussion:

Dr. Ann-Veruschka Jurisch, MdB, Free Democratic Party in the German Bundestag

Joshua Frey, MdL, Green Party in the State Parliament of Baden-Württemberg

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12:45 **Synthesis of the conference and closing statements**

Prof. Dr. Tobias Chilla, Institute of Geography, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg

13:00 **End of event**