

BOOSTING GROWTH AND COHESION IN EU BORDER REGIONS

#EUBorderRegions

Is the toolbox
complete ?



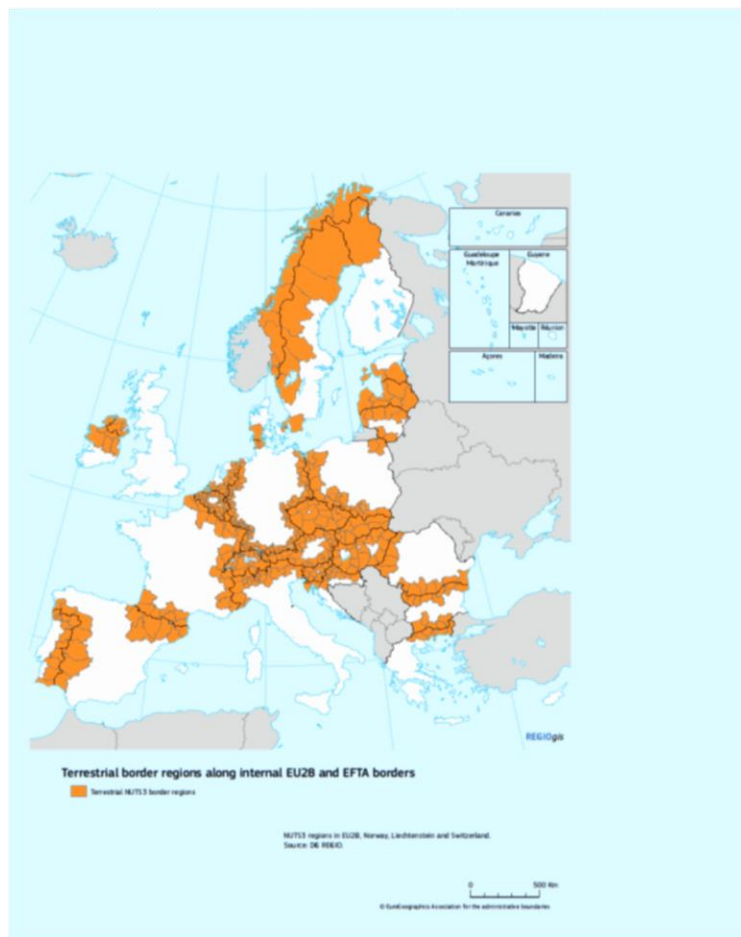


Border Regions matter...

- ✓ 40% EU territory; 30% EU population (150m), 40 % EU GDP
- ✓ **BUT** less economically developed, lower access to public services

AND they suffer...

Navigating different legal and administrative systems is still
complex, long and costly



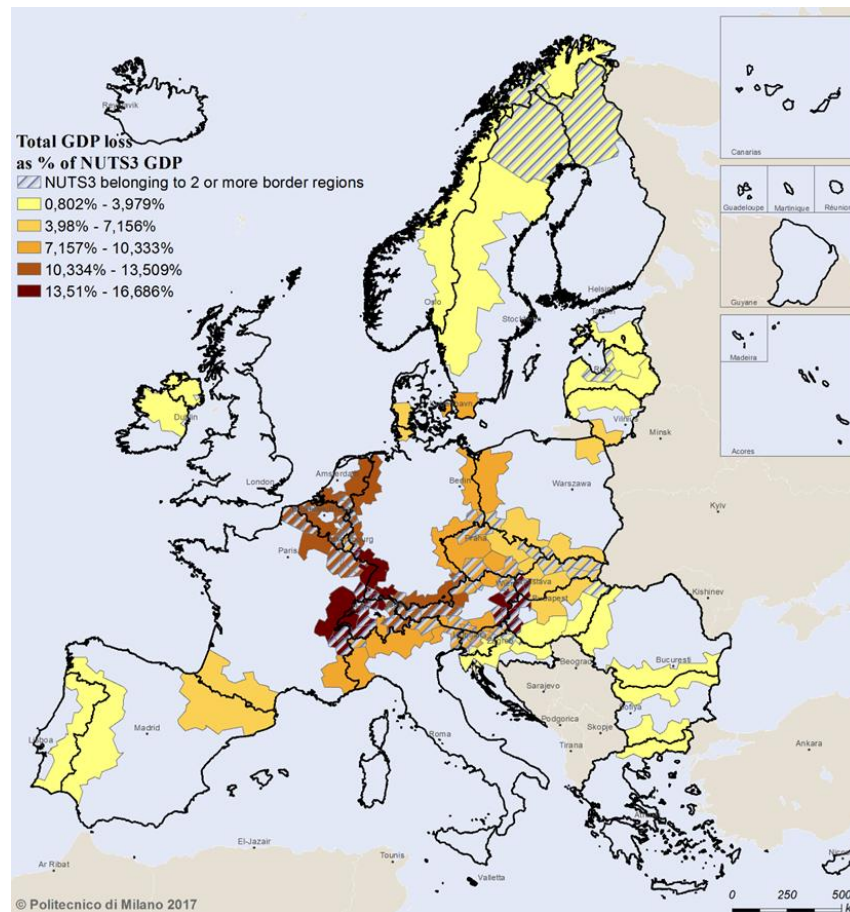


Persisting issues

- ✓ costs of cross-border formalities 60% higher than domestic ones
- ✓ Complex tax, social security and recognition hampers cross-border labour mobility
- ✓ Local public transport across the border insufficient, too expensive, not integrated
- ✓ Health care provision across borders not fully exploited



Persisting issues – cost





What can be done?

10-point Action Plan

MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE

European institutions – MS- Regions
Stakeholders

Border Focal Point in EC (REGIO)



The Action Plan



deepen cooperation and exchanges



improve the legislative process



support cross-border employment



promote border multilingualism



facilitate cross-border accessibility



**e-government to enable
cross-border public administration**



**provide reliable and understandable
information and assistance**



**promote greater pooling of health
care facilities**



**consider the legal and financial
framework for cooperation**



**build evidence for better
decision-making**



How can it be done?

1. Financial support
2. Legal bodies/entities
3. Legal process(es)



Financial support



Cooperation via « mainstream » ERDF

CEF – InvestEU – EIB

Own resources

= Blending where necessary



Legal bodies

EGTC – EEIG – European Society – European
Cooperative Society

Alongside non EU : CoE instruments - Regionally
defined bodies - others....

=flexibility/diversity



Legal processes

ECBM

Alongside: treaties – bilateral agreements –
regional agreements – ad hoc solutions
= flexibility/adaptability



Concluding remarks

Diversity of situations

Reliance on EU vs ownership

Do you buy a lawnmower to clean your windows ?



More Information

InfoRegio:

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/information/publications/communications/2017/boosting-growth-and-cohesion-in-eu-border-regions



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