

Towards a Central European Territorial Agenda?

Tools for integration &
A vision for the region

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Why we need a **Territorial Agenda?**

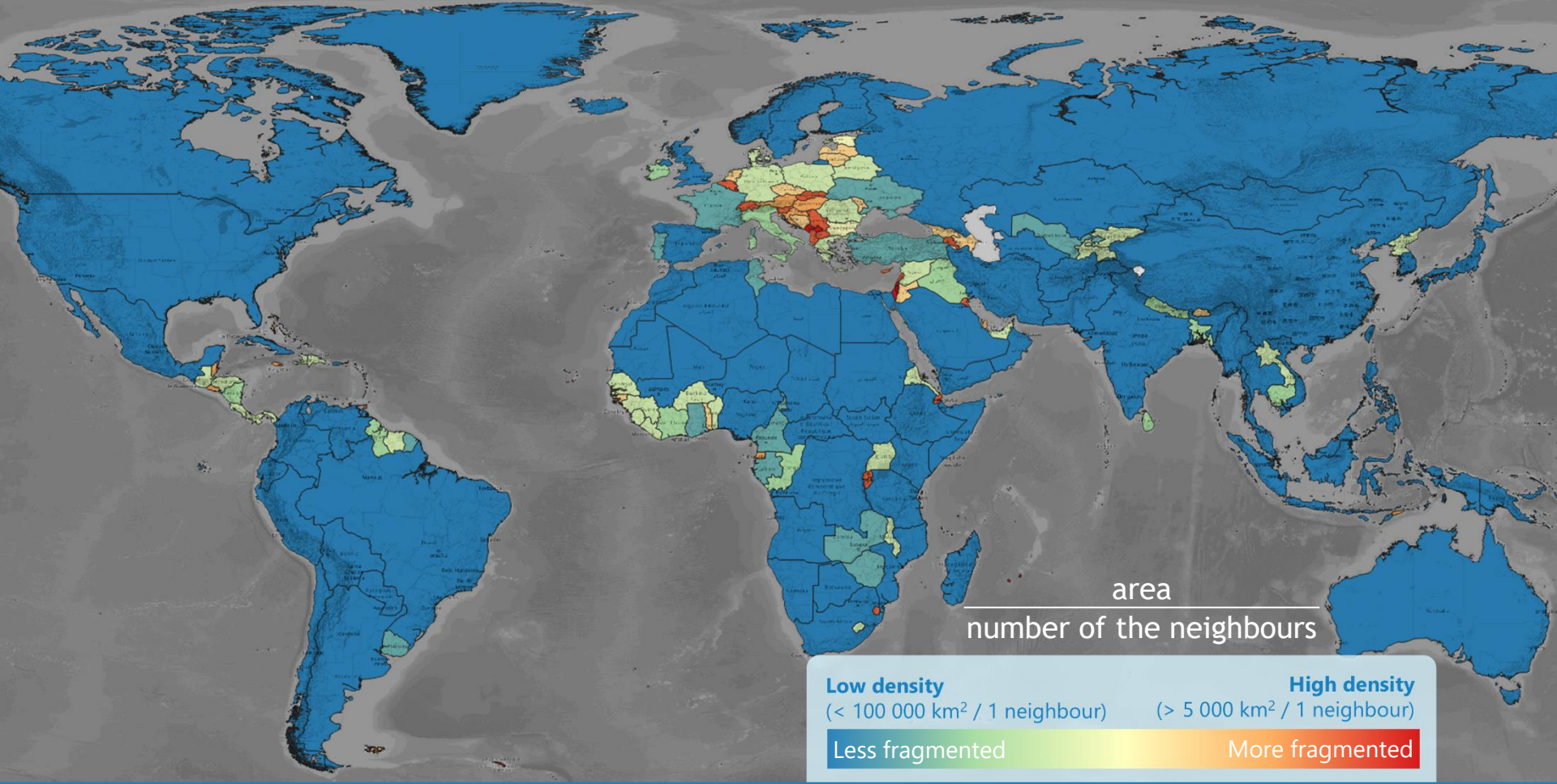
...especially a
Central European
one?



Because there isn't one...

But is it necessary to have one?





Density of the borders (World)

Density of the borders (Europe)

Low density

(1 neighbour / 10 000 000 km²)

High density

(1 neighbour / 5 000 km²)

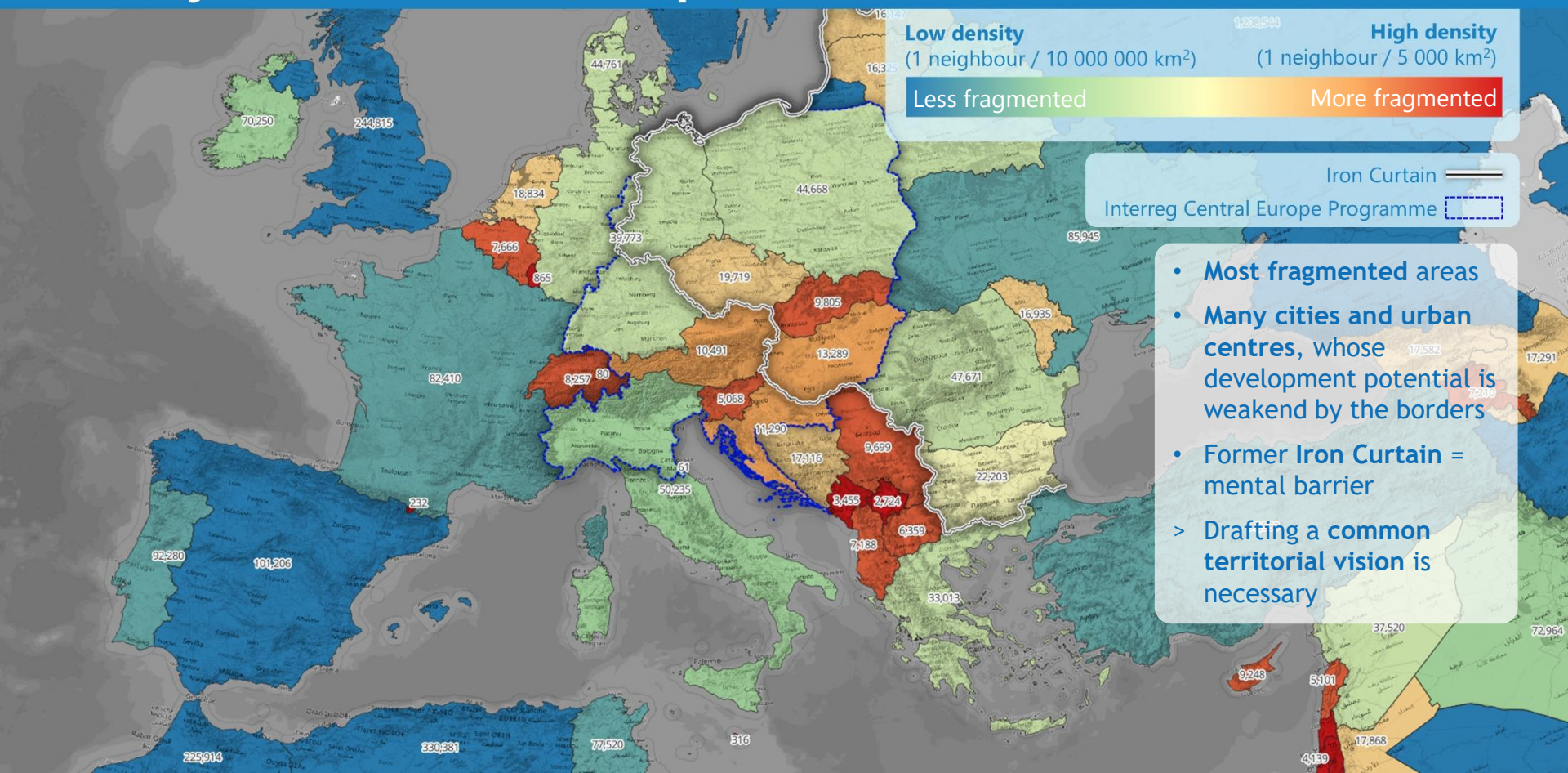
Less fragmented

More fragmented

Iron Curtain 

Interreg Central Europe Programme 

- Most fragmented areas
- Many cities and urban centres, whose development potential is weakened by the borders
- Former Iron Curtain = mental barrier
- > Drafting a common territorial vision is necessary



Territorial Agenda 2030

A future for all places



#TerritorialAgenda

A future for all places

Informal meeting of Ministers responsible for spatial planning, territorial development and/or territorial cohesion
1 December 2020, Germany



A JUST EUROPE
INTEGRATION BEYOND BORDERS
Easier living and working
across national borders

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EUROPEAN LEVEL

Territorial cohesion
EU Documents (Y2K)
& EU Treaties (2007)

Three territorial agendas
> a common vision for
territorial development

Territorial Agenda 2020 - Towards an Inclusive, Smart and Sustainable Europe of Diverse Regions



Territorial Agenda of the European Union 2020

Towards an Inclusive, Smart and Sustainable Europe of Diverse Regions

agreed at the Informal Ministerial Meeting of Ministers responsible for Spatial Planning and Territorial Development
on 19th May 2011, Gödöllő, Hungary



Territorial Agenda of the European Union

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Diverse character
of the regions

One-size-fits-all: ∅

Place-based approach

Development objectives
and needs of the regions

European Territorial
Agenda: framework ↓

Tailor-made
regional agendas



Why do we need a Territorial Agenda?
...especially a Central European one?

Because there isn't one...

But there are previous initiatives,
that should be mentioned...



Interreg II-C CADSES...

= predecessor of Interreg Central Europe
Programme (Interreg VI-B)

Vision Planet
integrated territorial
development plan for the
Central European,
Adriatic,
Danubian and
south-eastern
European
space

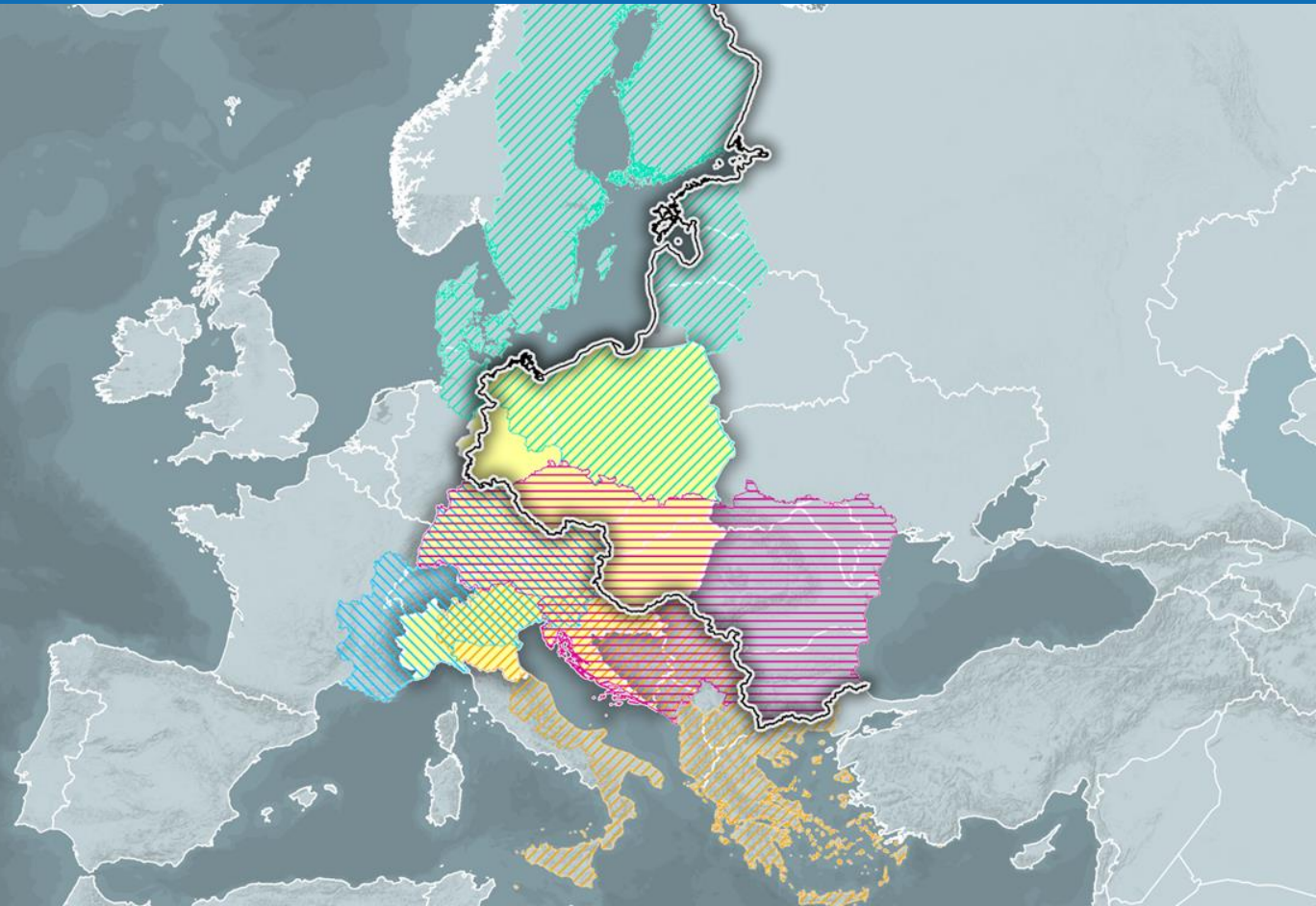


What about
macro-regional
strategies?

... which ones?



MACROREGIONAL STRATEGIES IN CENTRAL-EUROPE



Interreg CE: partly covered by all of the 4 macro-regional strategies

Overlapping objectives

Action plans are not harmonised

How would the
BorderLabs CE project
like to reflect
on these challenges?



New,
tailor-made
spatial vision for
Central Europe

cohesion of Central-Europe

The concept
behind our
planned
territorial agenda

separate

BORDERS

mentally &
physically

to valorise the
TERRITORIAL CAPITAL

to reduce the
BARRIER EFFECT

INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT needs &
opportunities

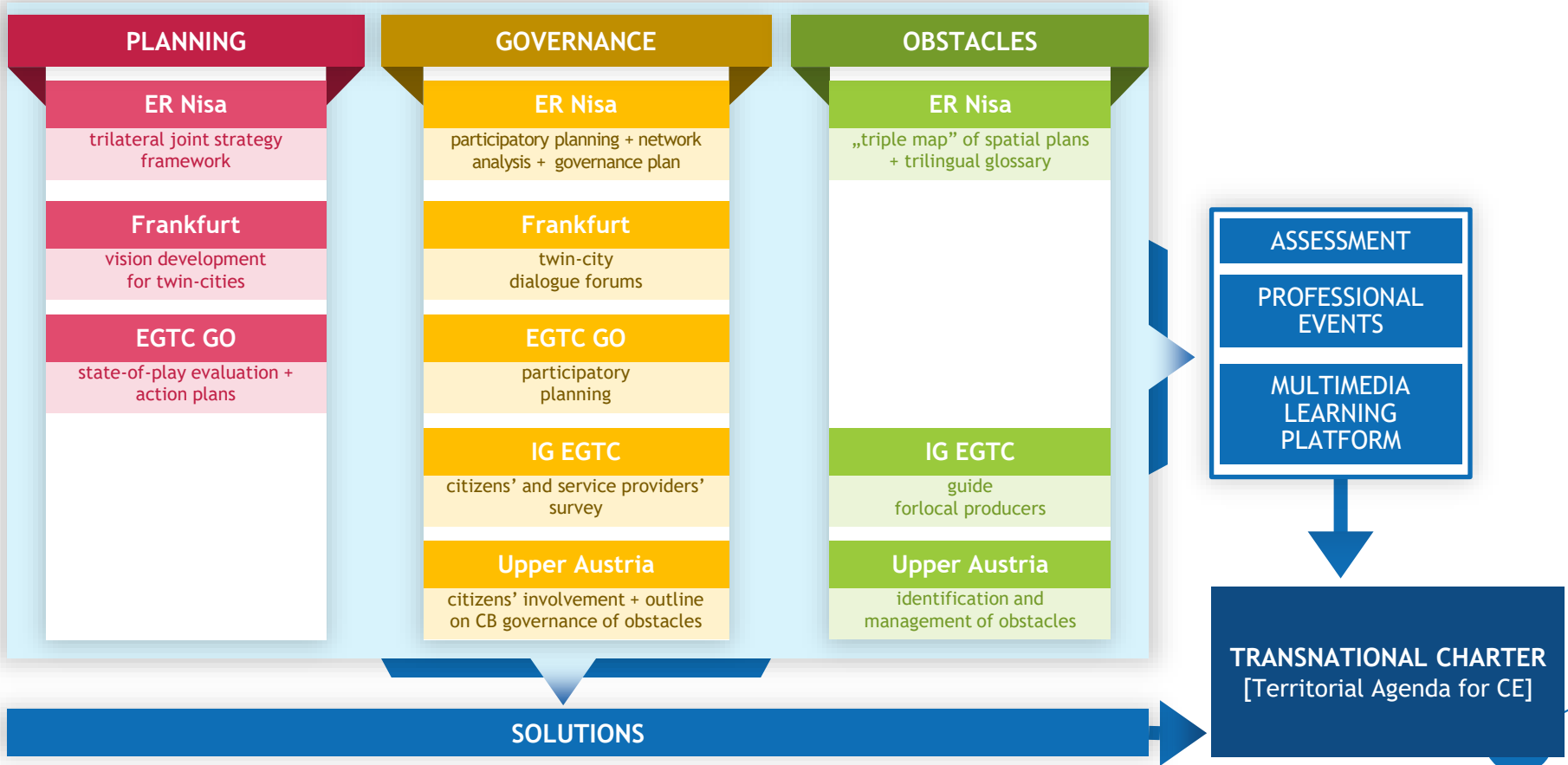
cross-border
development
plans

cross-border
governance
structures

cross-border
interactions and
cooperation
(cross-border obstacles)

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Medeiros

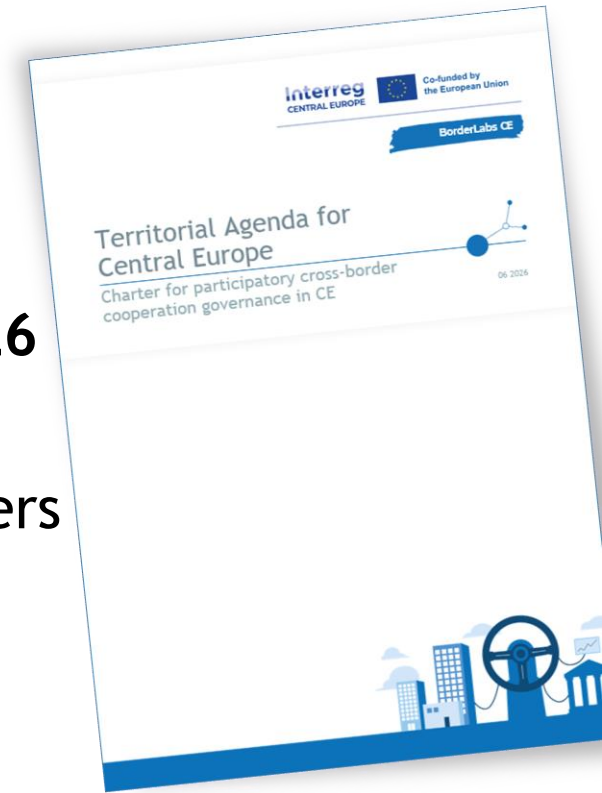
WHERE THEORY AND PRACTICE MEET



TRANSNATIONAL CHARTER

Territorial Agenda for Central Europe

- It will be presented at the closing event of the BorderLabs CE project in **Brussels in 2026**
- **Facilitate the integration & Reduce the separation effects of the borders**
- It will highlight **policy responses** needed for
 - integrated cross-border planning
 - participatory cross-border governance
 - the remove of border obstacles...
- It shall be **signed by political representatives** of the partnership, and beyond!





BorderLabs CE

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The charter is coming
in November 2026!

