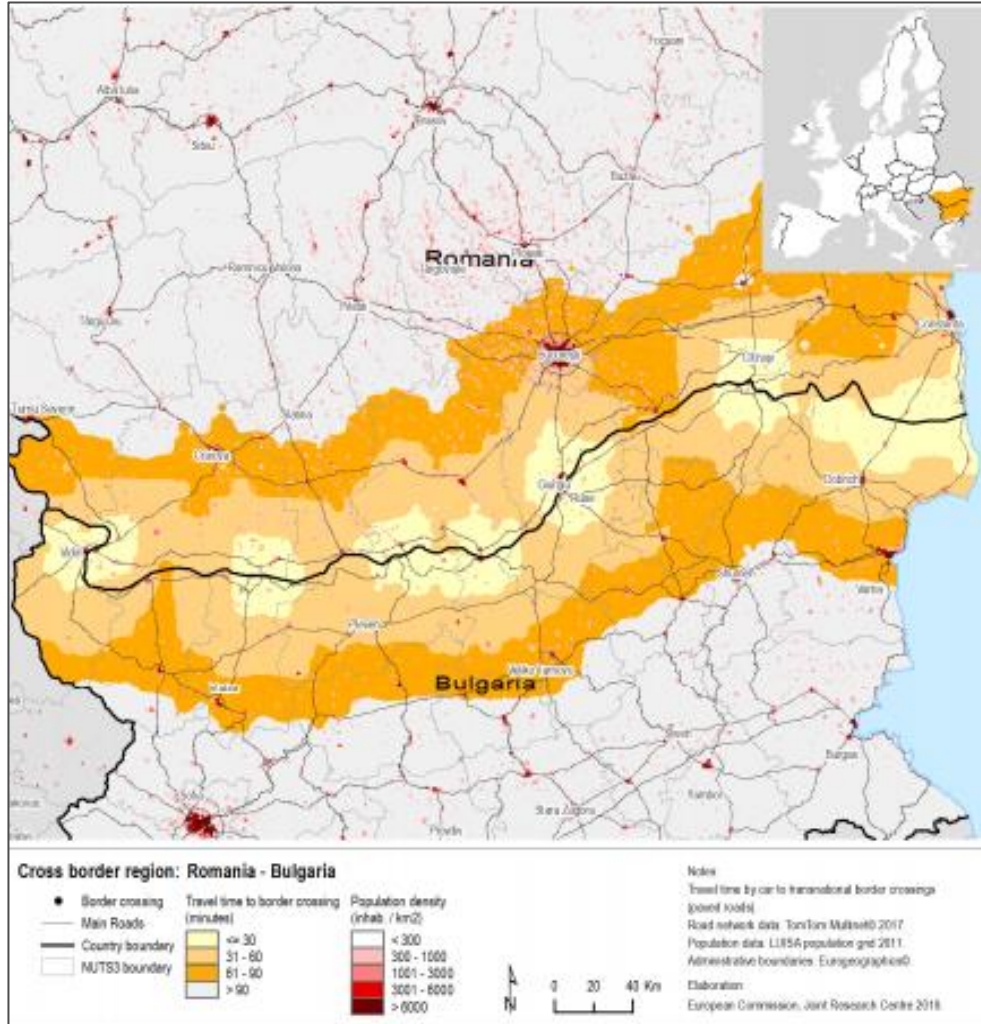




For the elimination of cross-border obstacles

BorderLabs CE Kick-off – 2024.11.13
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What is a border?

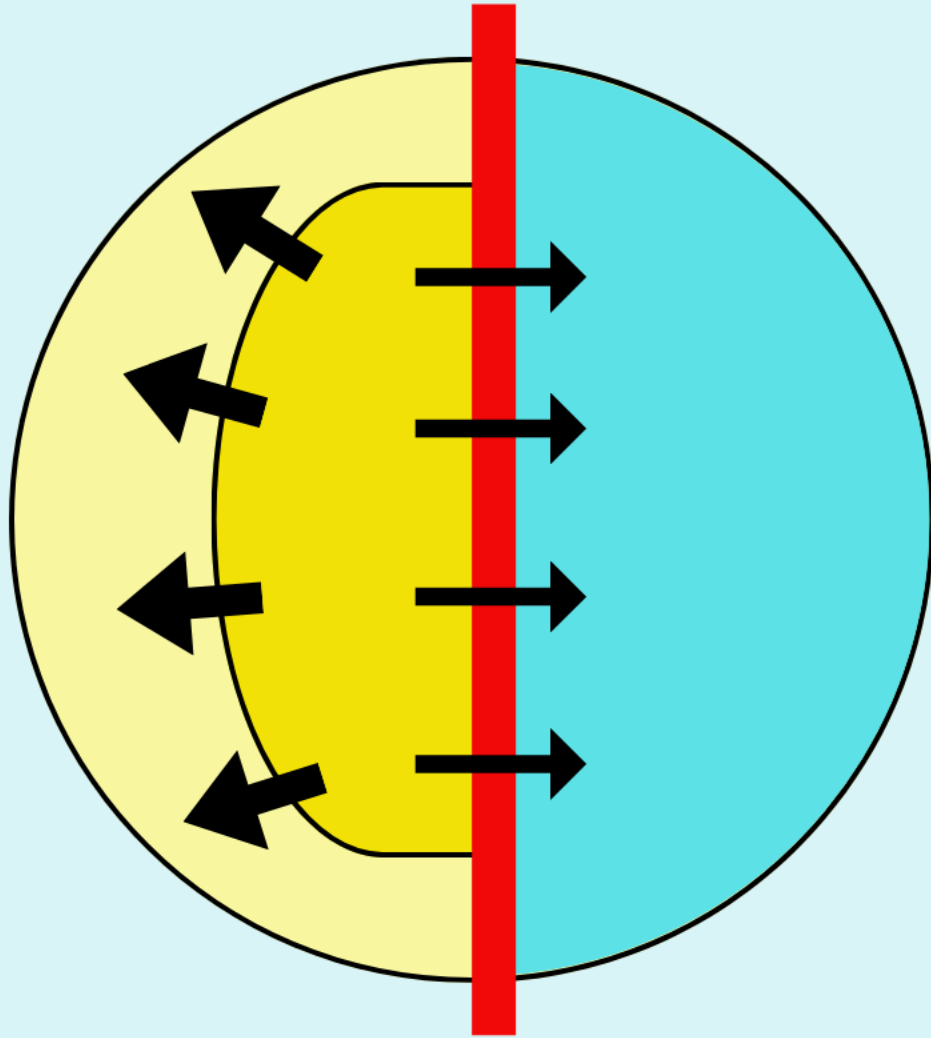


A **line** that devides territories

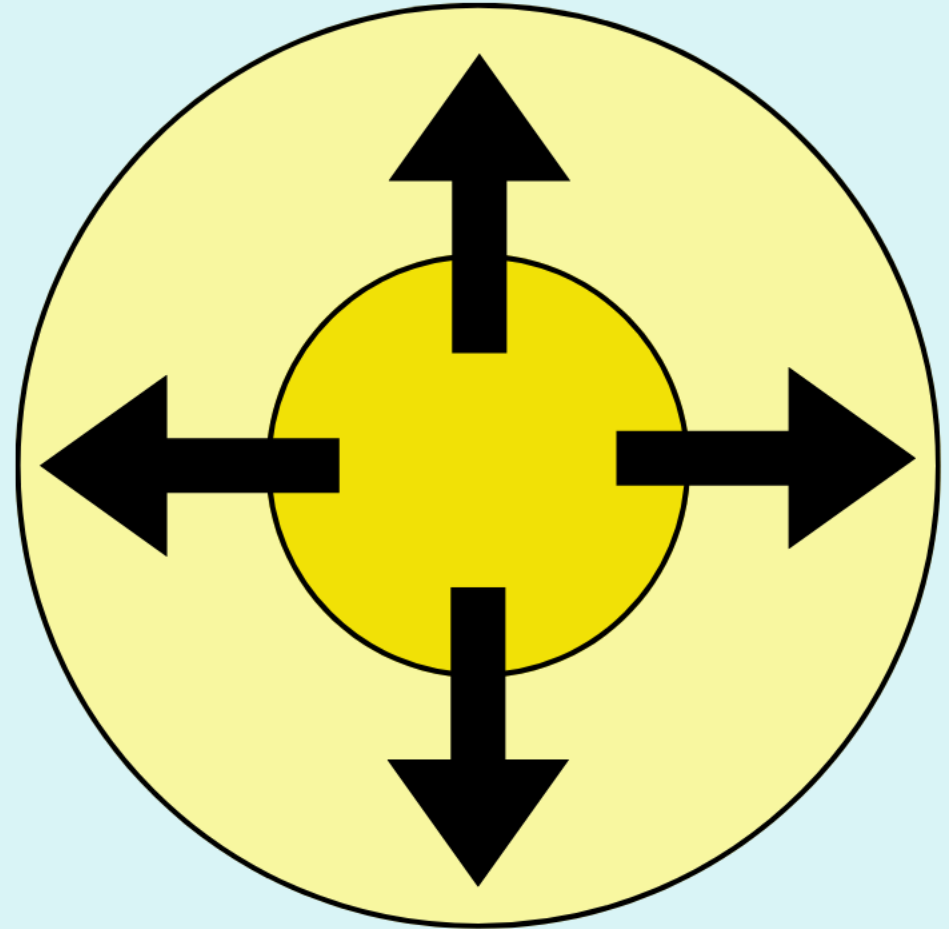
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A **territory** with development potential

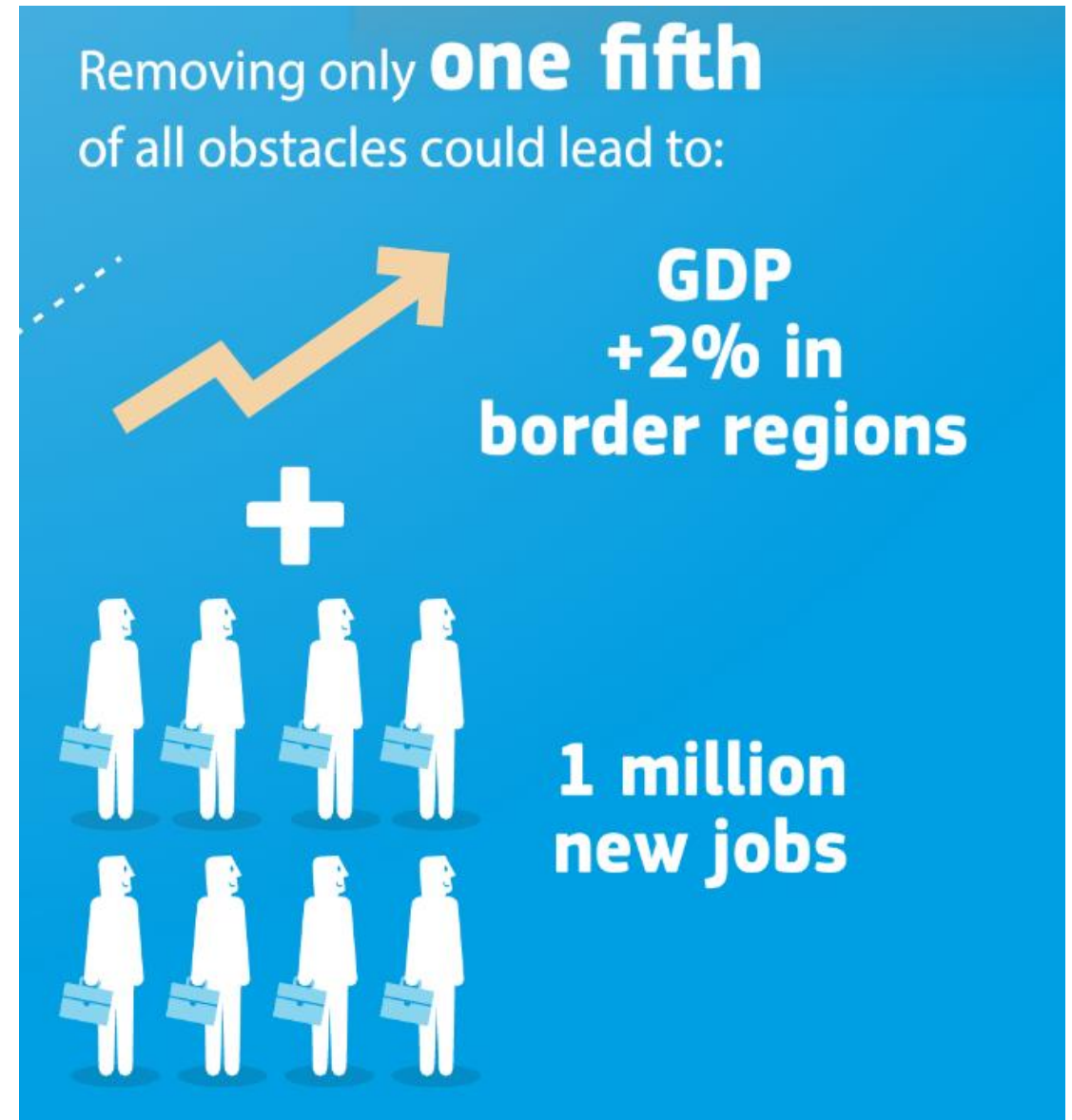
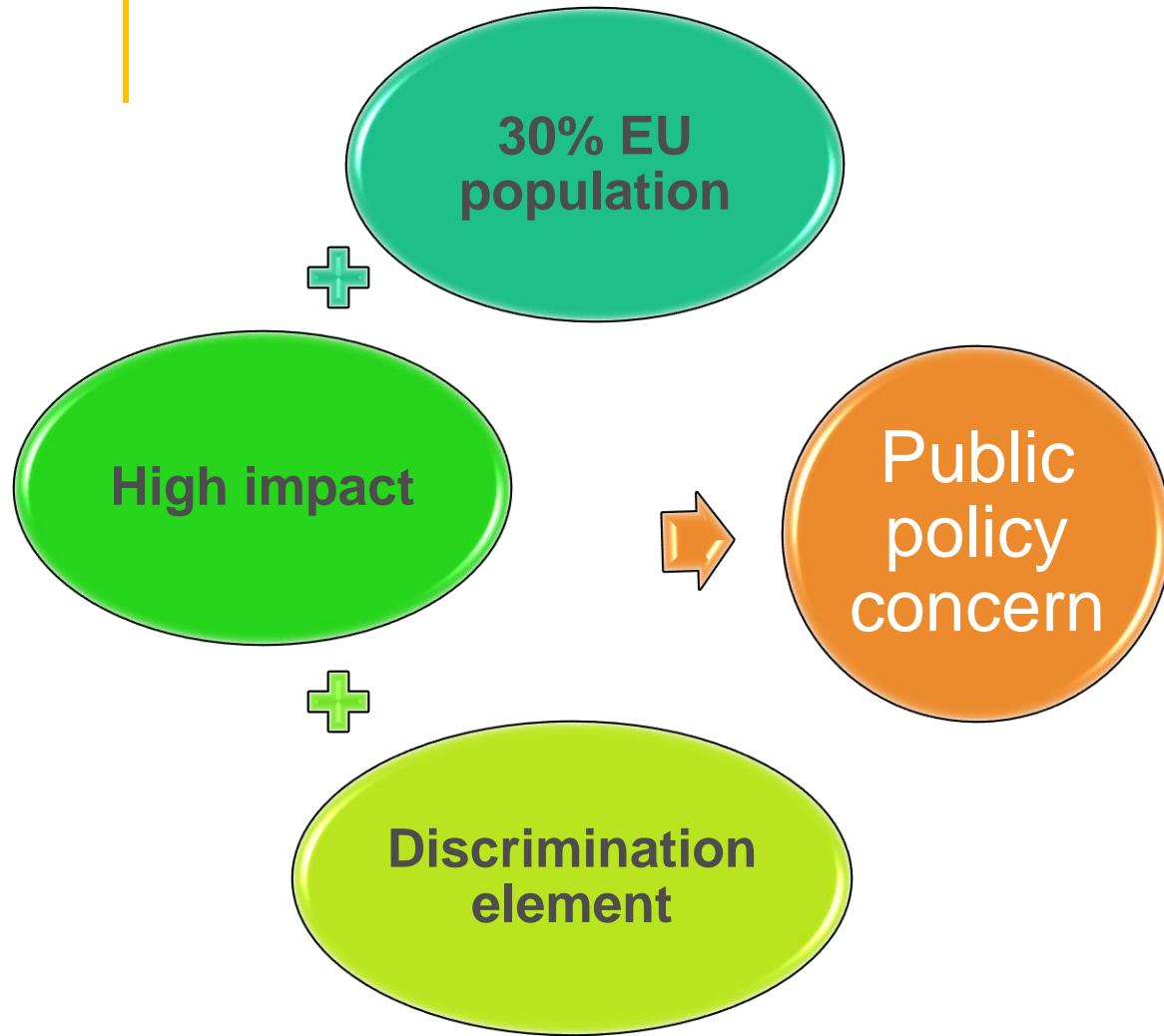
**Border areas:
Pattern of "half-circle social and
economic relations"**



**Non-border areas:
Pattern of "full-circle social and
economic relations"**



Border Effect



Border Effect widely in literature since 1995.
McCallum (1995); Helliwell (1996); Anderson and Smith (1999); Gil-Pareja et al (2006); Capello, Caragliu, Fratesi (2018); Medeiros *et al* (2022)

Support to cross-border cooperation

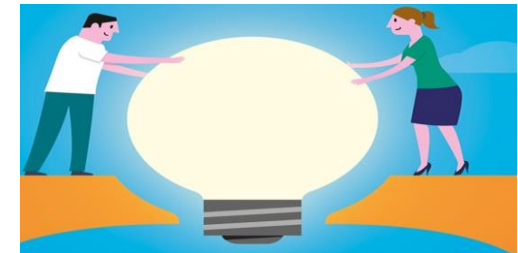
(should we rather say CB interactions?)

30y INTERREG

Providing the essential financing to cooperation;
Triggering cooperation ...
.... cooperation showing that obstacles exist



Need to provide support beyond funding



Cross-Border Review (2015)
Communication Boosting Border Regions (2017)
Platform Boosting border regions (2018)
Consultation (2020)
Commission report: living labs (2021)

Political support

Legal tools

Technical support

Knowledge production

Piloting cases /demonstration

Sharing



Dirk's rocket on legal tools



- Proposal for Regulation on FCBS*
Facilitating Cross Border Solutions.
Legal tool to solve obstacles
- EGTC – European Groupings for Territorial
Cooperation
Legal personality for CB structures
- INTERREG – Funding as trigger of cooperation



Conclusions

- Cross-border obstacles do hamper the development of cross-border territories;
- ... but actions can be taken to implement solutions
- Need multilevel engagement and political commitment at national level
- Legal frameworks (starting from local level) need to take into account the entirety of the territory

Thank you

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