



A call for synergies: Tackling border obstacles in TN functional areas

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A quick recap

Our understanding of synergies & coordination



It is not about:

- Communication (events, brochures, libraries)
- A tick-box in the project assessment checklist



It is about:

- Strengthening impact in the territory
- Avoiding duplications (& double funding)

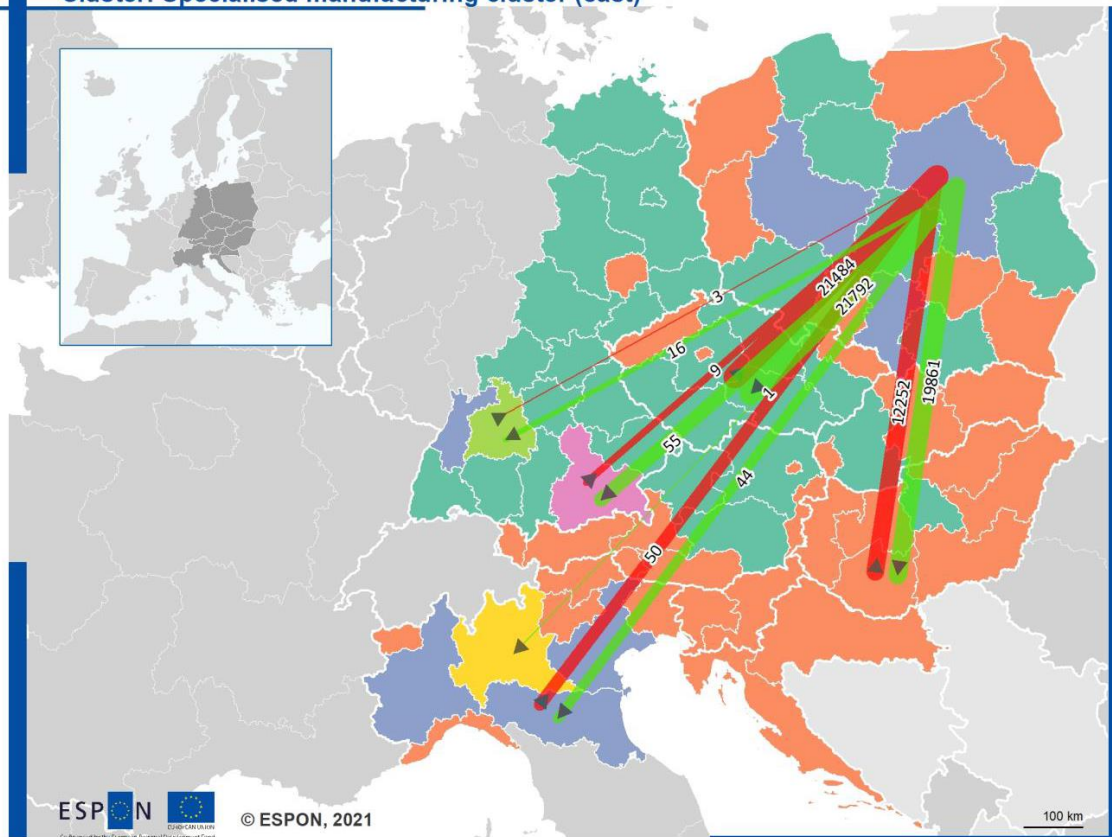
A quick recap

What is the need?

CE is a complex functional area...

with common territorial, economic, social and cultural features

Manufactured goods and transportation flows in the CE Area Cluster: Specialised manufacturing cluster (east)



Source: ESPON [CE-FLOWS](#) (2021)

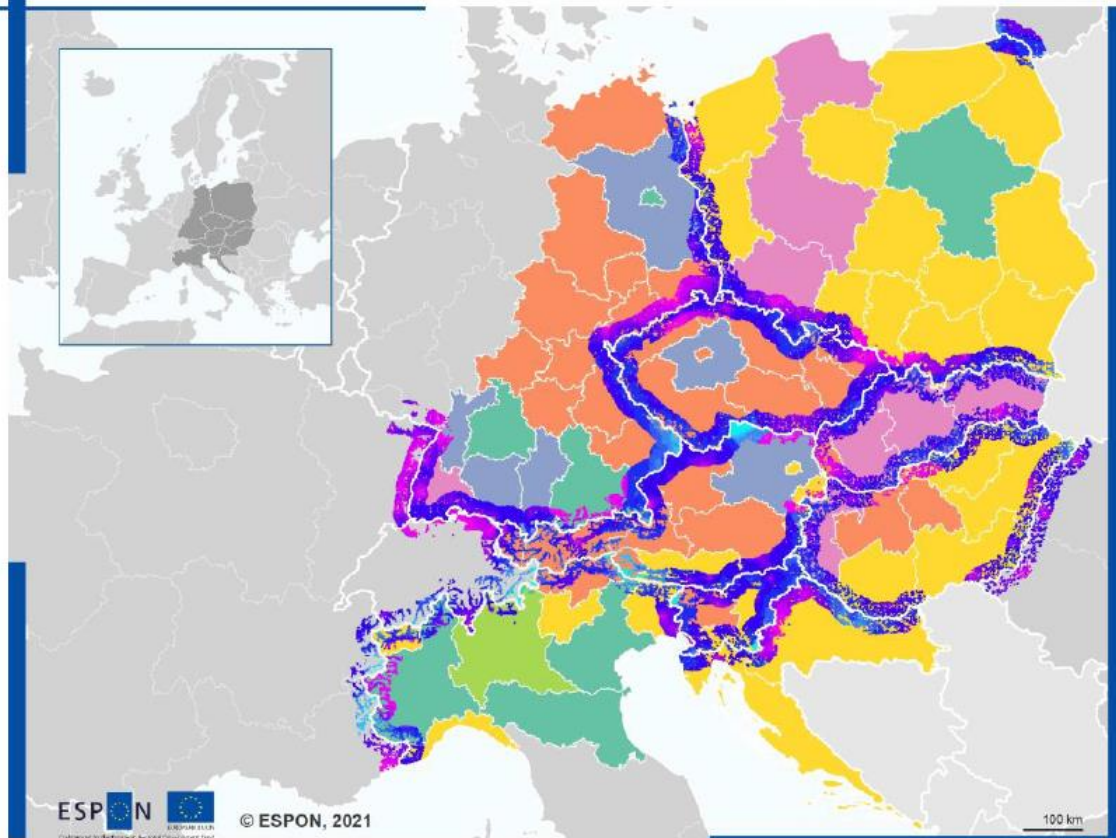
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Source: CE Flows, 2021
Origin of data: ESPON 2018; Eurostat 2015, 2017, 2018
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A quick recap

What is the need?

...crossed by 15 national borders

and many more inner borders that hamper functional flows and the overall development of the area



Potential international road accessibility



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The vision for a new “capitalisation through coordination” call

*Tackling border effects in the
central Europe transnational functional area*

*Tackling **disparities** and negative effects of **national and inner borders** on
functional linkages among central European regions*

The starting point for the call

Source: [Inforegio](#)

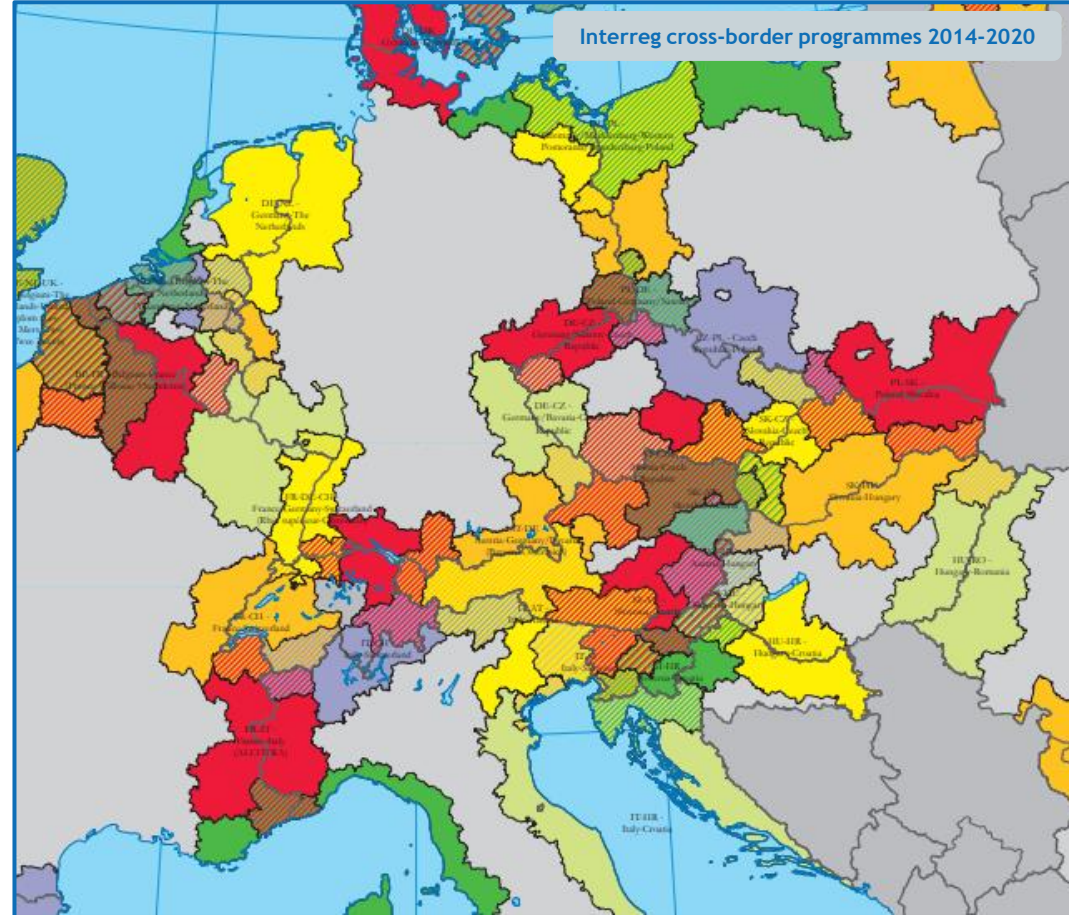
Obstacles from the 15 national borders in CE are tackled with solutions from 20 CBC programmes

Strengths

- Solutions tailored to specific local needs
- Direct participation of local target groups

Challenges

- Transfer of solutions to other borders
- Informing national (and EU) policies



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CE regions set up TNC solutions along spatial interactions and functional linkages, within and beyond borders

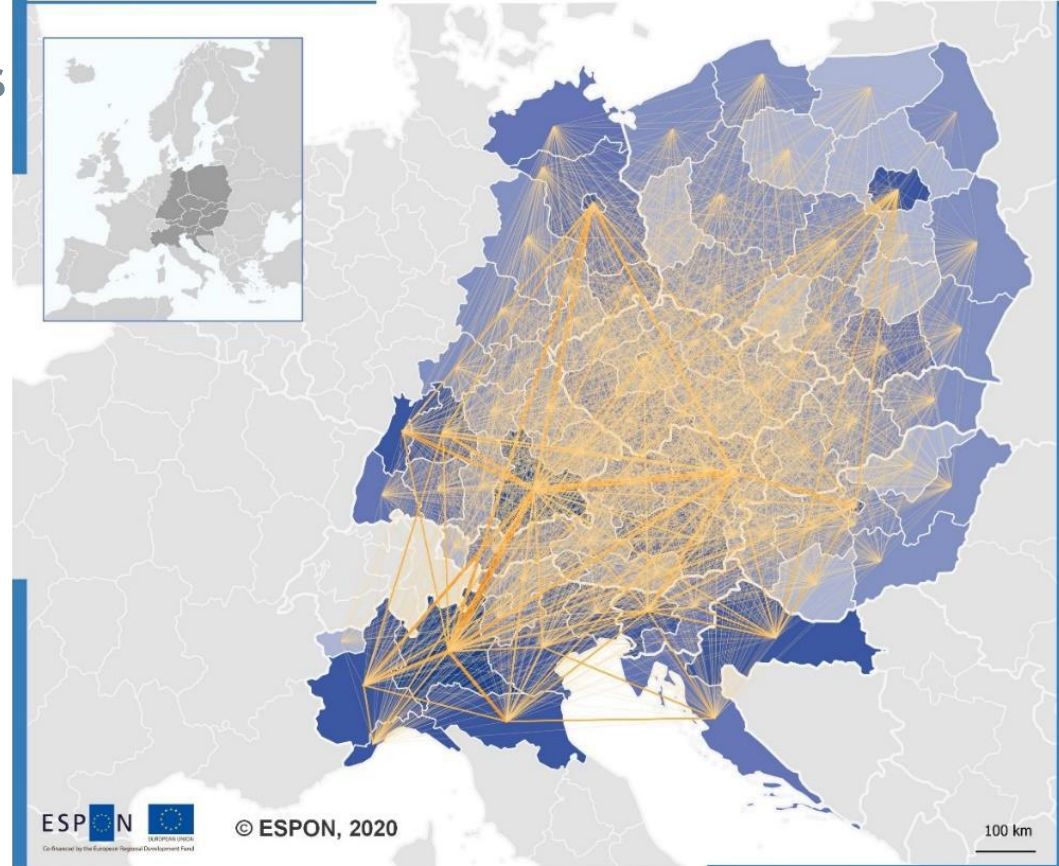
Strengths

- Solutions are suitable for wide areas, across and within national borders
- Solutions are often embedded into policies

Challenges

- Tailor TN solutions to specific needs

Partnerships in Central Europe - Total number of partnerships inside Central Europe



The call is an opportunity

In particular for **CBC** programmes



Upstream

Bringing border issues and existing CBC solutions to the “next” policy level



Transfer

Apply existing CBC solutions to other border areas facing similar problems

In particular for **TNC** programmes



Downstream

Strengthening local and regional added value of existing TNC solutions

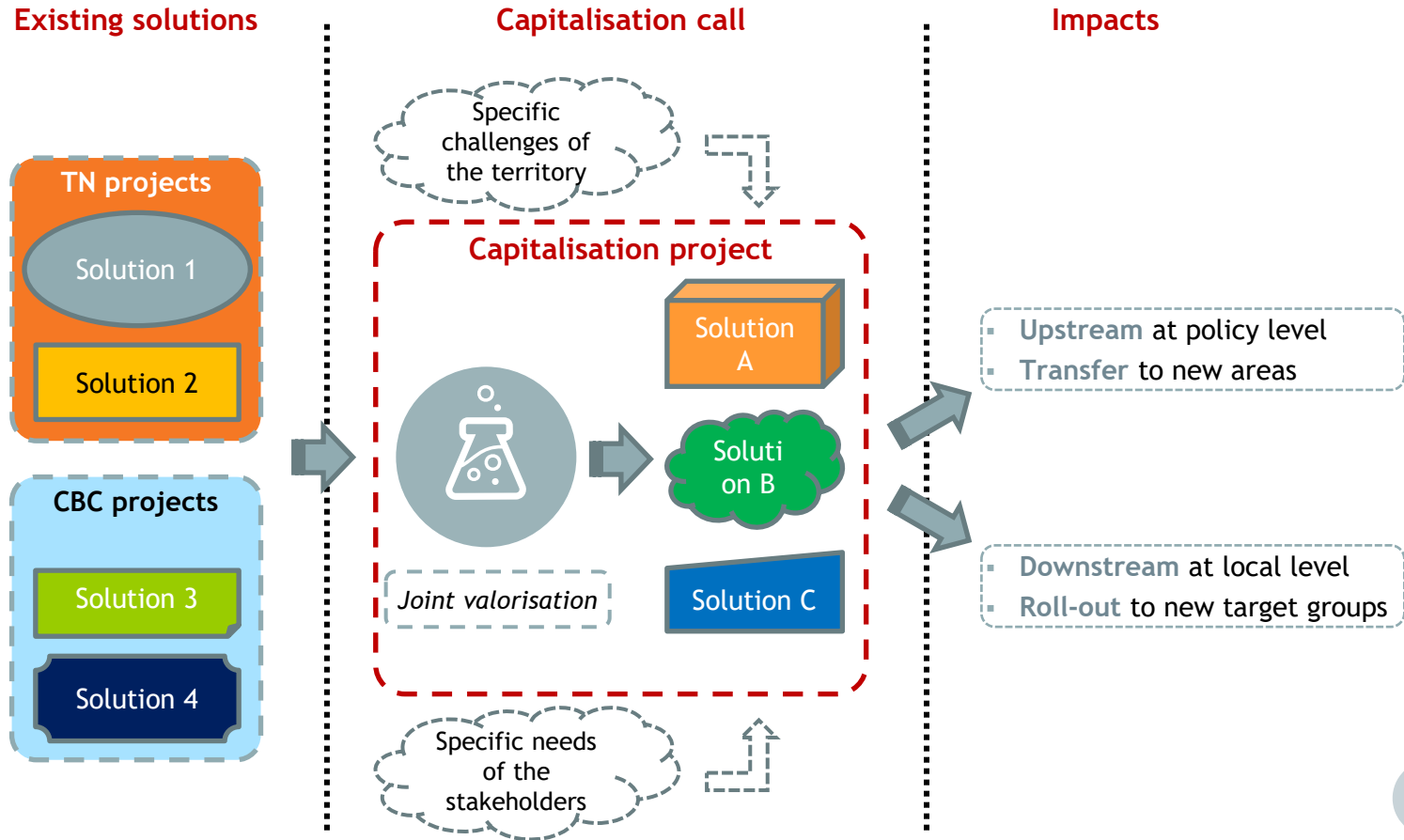


Roll-out

Extend existing TN solutions to new areas and new target groups

- Stronger impact of Interreg as a whole, for the benefit of the CE transnational functional area
- Increased efficiency of resources invested by Interreg in the area

How? The capitalisation call approach



Indicative roadmap

