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# Tackling Border Obstacles!

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# Border obstacles

Different types of obstacles ...

- Physical barriers (e.g. mountain ranges, rivers)
- Intangible ones (e.g. mental barriers, culture-language-history, etc.)
- Normative and institutional obstacles (according to various studies in particular in the fields of labour market, education, taxation)

**Collecting solid evidence to assess the needs to be addressed by Interreg cross-border cooperation programmes, Study, DG Regio 2016**



**[...] legal barriers (especially those related to health services, labour regulation, taxes, business development), and barriers linked to differences in administrative cultures and national legal frameworks, **are difficult for the programmes alone to address** (as they require decisions beyond programme and project management structures).**

Cf. draft Regulation for ECBM, 2018, p. 1



**If 20% of existing legal and administrative obstacles found along internal borders were addressed, border regions would increase their GDP by 2%.**

Cf. draft Regulation for ECBM, 2018, p. 5

# Registration: Examples – 1/3

## PEACE

- *www.borderpeople.info set up to provide cross-border information for people with cross border lives in the Ireland / Northern Ireland border region. Initially funded by Peace and Interreg funding, however not currently in receipt of any EU funding.*

## Germany/Brandenburg - Poland

- *Cross- border cooperation between Mecklenburg-West Pomerana and West Pomerania in the context of sustainable management for maritime regions*
- *Joint urban planning for border cities - the spatial plans are not coordinated with each other; cross-border management of emergency and health care services – option for reimbursement for treatments on the other side of the border; police cooperation - language barriers in communication, incompatible technical equipment*

## Austria - Bavaria

- *Cross-border public transport; renewable energy projects; ambulant therapeutic services*

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## Italy – France (maritime)

- *Project "– E-JOB\_ Excellence Job on board; project tackling administrative constraints for students from IT and FR related to internships on board of yachts*

## Italy – Austria

- *Focus under ISO 1; governance approach identifying and prioritising border obstacles in close cooperation between programme partner regions and EGTC European Region Tyrol - South Tyrol – Trentino*

## Upper Rhine

- *Cross border mobility french-german - Young public - Regio Lab Strasbourg – OFAJ*

## France-Wallonie-Vlaanderen

- *Cross border mobility, management of waterways, management of public services and public utilities such as swimming pools, etc.*



# Registration: Examples – 3/3

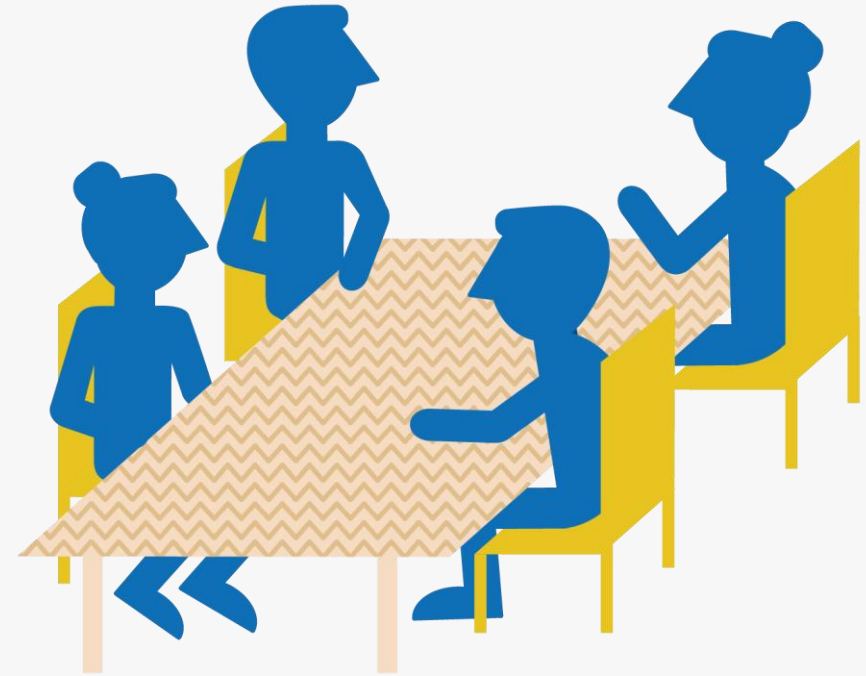
## Central Europe

- *SUSTANCE* ([www.interreg-central.eu/sustance](http://www.interreg-central.eu/sustance)) aiming to solve the lack of efficient and sustainable public transport solutions in peripheral and cross-border areas of Central Europe;
- *Central Mountains* ([www.central-europe.eu/centralmountains](http://www.central-europe.eu/centralmountains)) aiming at strengthening governance models in the Alpine-Carpathian mountain areas of Central Europe, with a particular focus on cross-border and transnational structures for cooperation;
- *TRANSTRITIA* – dealing with multi-modal logistic in the TRITIA area, it has developed some cross-border action plans for freight transport
- *TRANSBORDERS* - Improving accessibility from peripheral cross-border areas to the TEN-T core network, they had pilots on e.g. a new cross-border bus and a rail connection

# Programme perspectives

- ❑ **Austria – Bavaria:** Dominik Hartmann
- ❑ **Romania – Serbia:** Oana Cristea

# Floor is open for discussion



# **b-solutions initiative**

# Cooperation **works**

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