



BOOSTING GROWTH AND COHESION IN EU BORDER REGIONS

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*Regional and
Urban Policy*

1. Why this Communication?
2. Persisting issues – unused potential
3. What can be done ?



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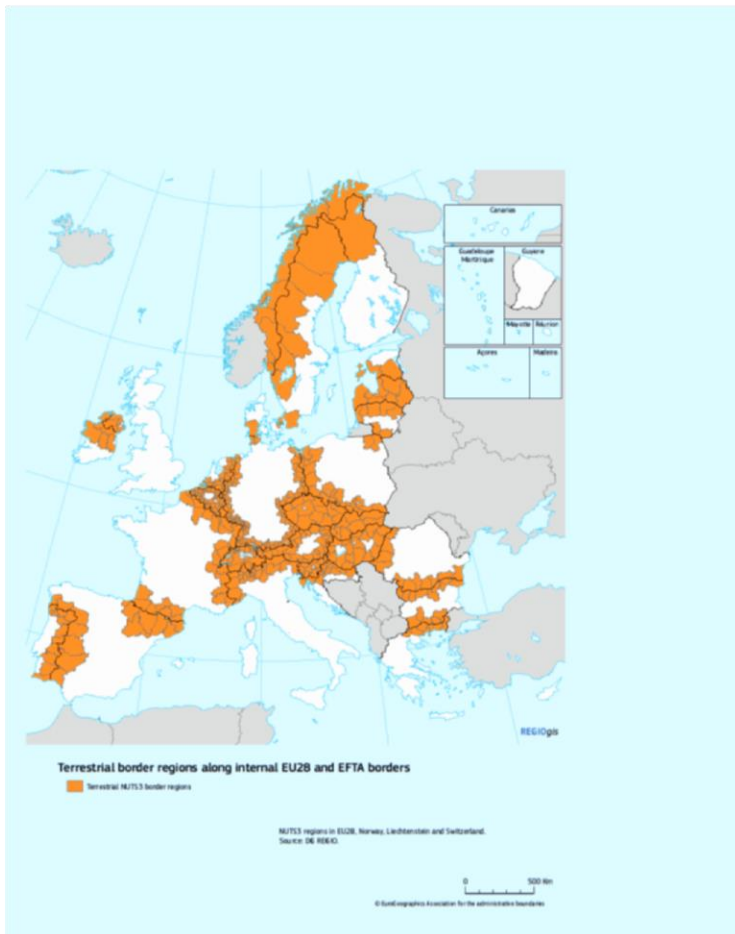


Border Regions matter...

- ✓ 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**



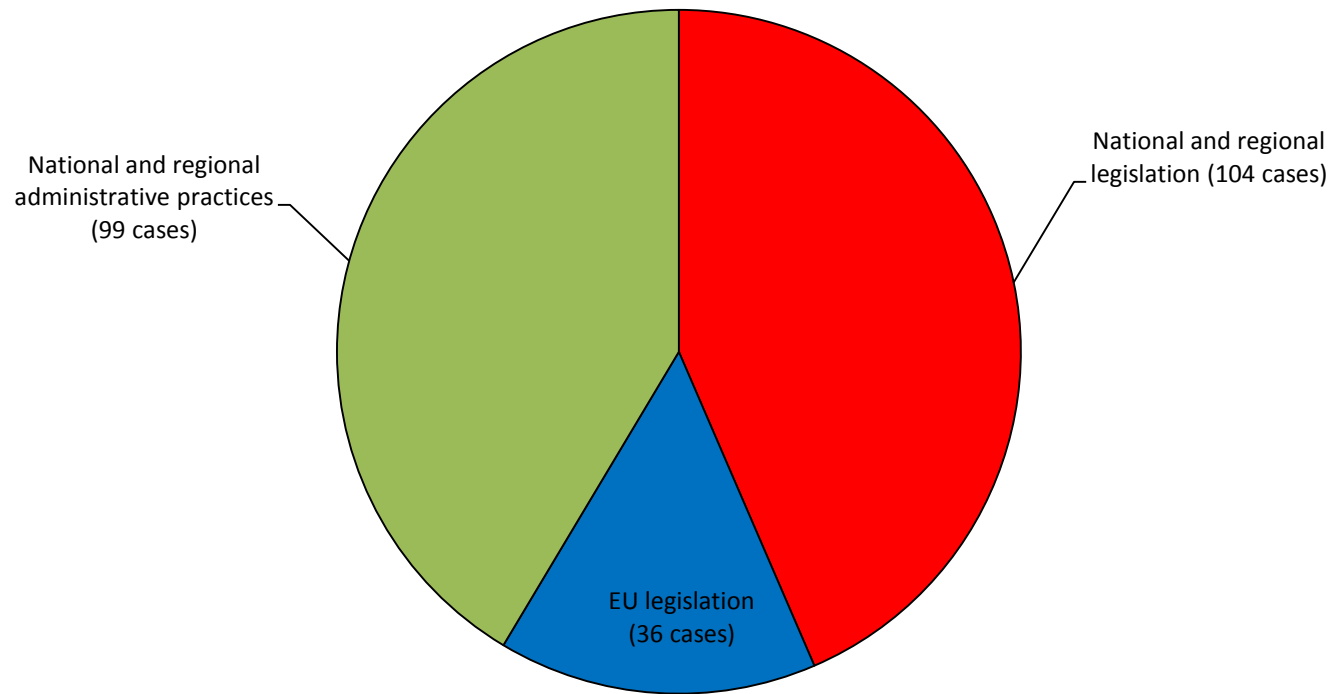


Persisting issues – unused potential

- ✓ 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

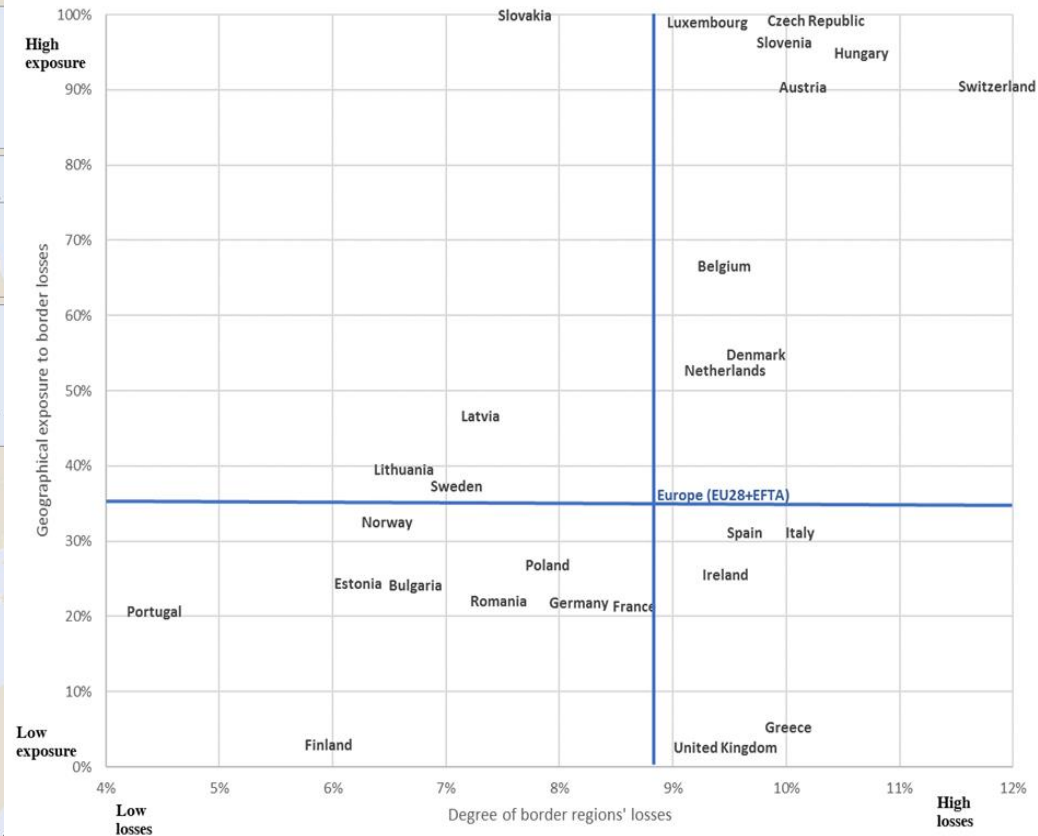
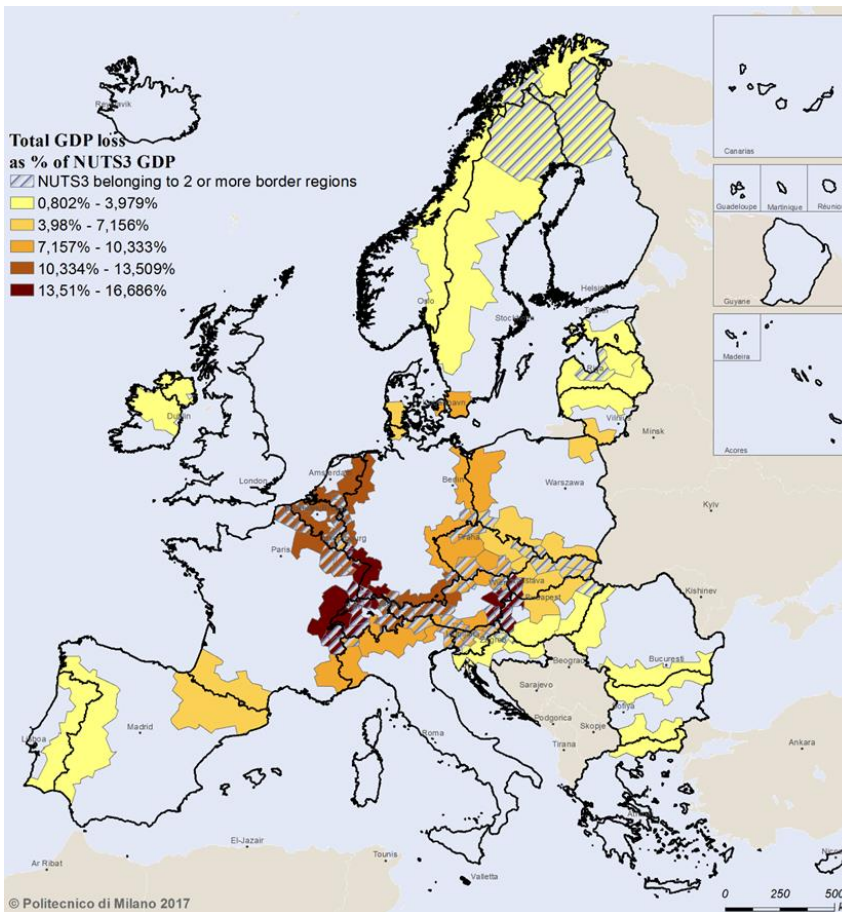


Persisting issues – root causes





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**



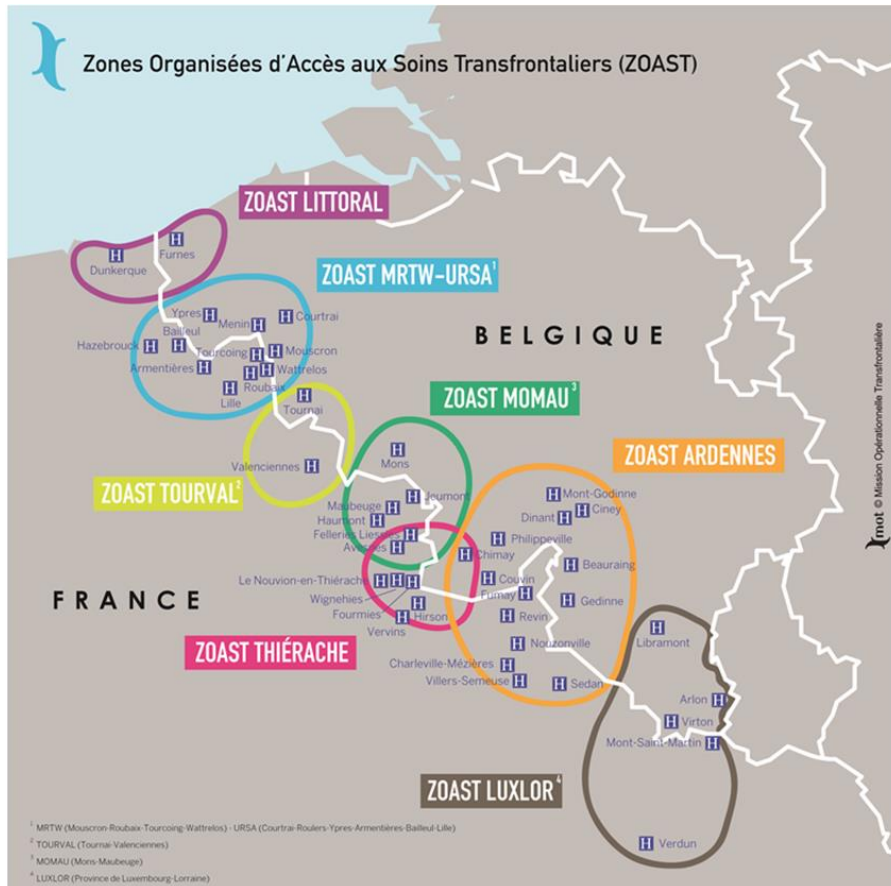
**consider the legal and financial
framework for cooperation**



**build evidence for better
decision-making**



Good practices





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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