

Presentation of the call for proposals 'Resilient Borders'

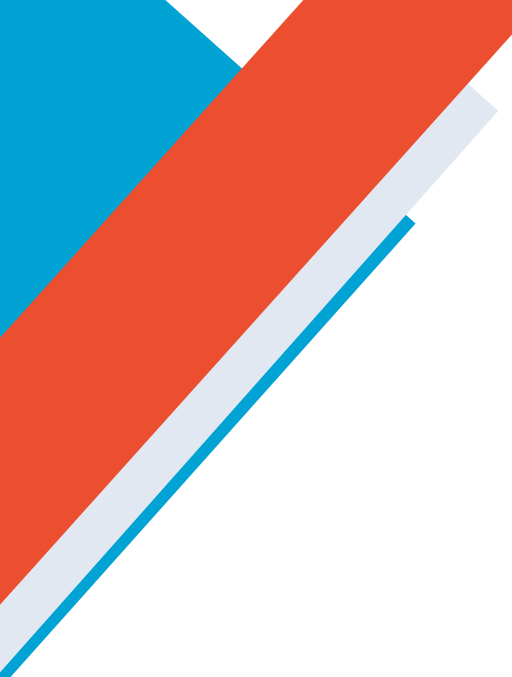
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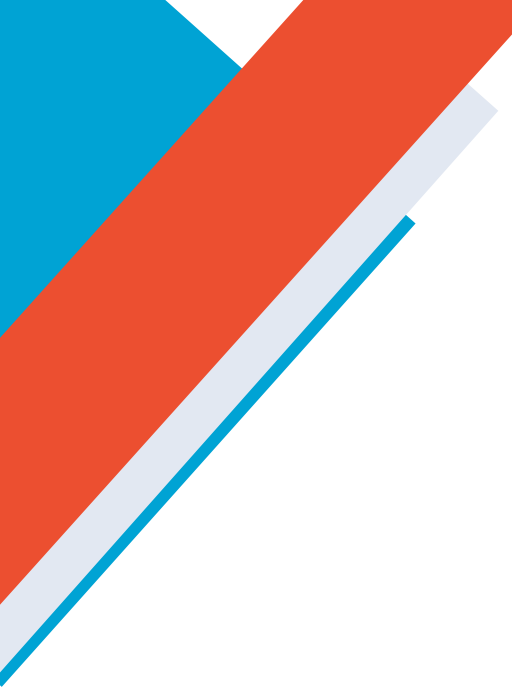
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Introduction

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Summary



- **WHAT?** What the call is about?
- **FOR WHOM?** Eligible applicants
- **WHAT FOR?** The two lots
- **WHEN?** Key dates
- **HOW?** Application and templates



WHAT?

A call for pilot actions 'Resilient Borders': a new opportunity for actors of cross-border cooperation

► Two lots:

- 'Crisis management'

- 'Spatial planning'

► Managed by MOT and AEBR,
on behalf of the DG REGIO

► 10 pilot actions will be selected for each of the
two lots (*cross-border crisis management* et
spatial planning)

► A grant budget up to 40 000€ for each pilot
action



RESILIENT
BORDERS
CROSS-BORDER
SPATIAL PLANNING &
CRISIS MANAGEMENT PILOTS





Joint plans: what for?



Crisis Management

- meteorological and hydrological crisis;
- geohazards;
- biological crises;
- technological crises;
- societal crises.



Spatial Planning

- public services;
- governance;
- joint funding and investment;
- Political commitment and support;
- networks;
- Strategic documents

Joint plans: what do they achieve?



Crisis Management

Goal: coordinate the **joint administration** of situations of crisis

>> **procedures, strategies or agreements**



Spatial Planning

Goal: **joint development** of the territory

>> **governance, tools or agreements**

Useful resources

► Reference studies and publications:

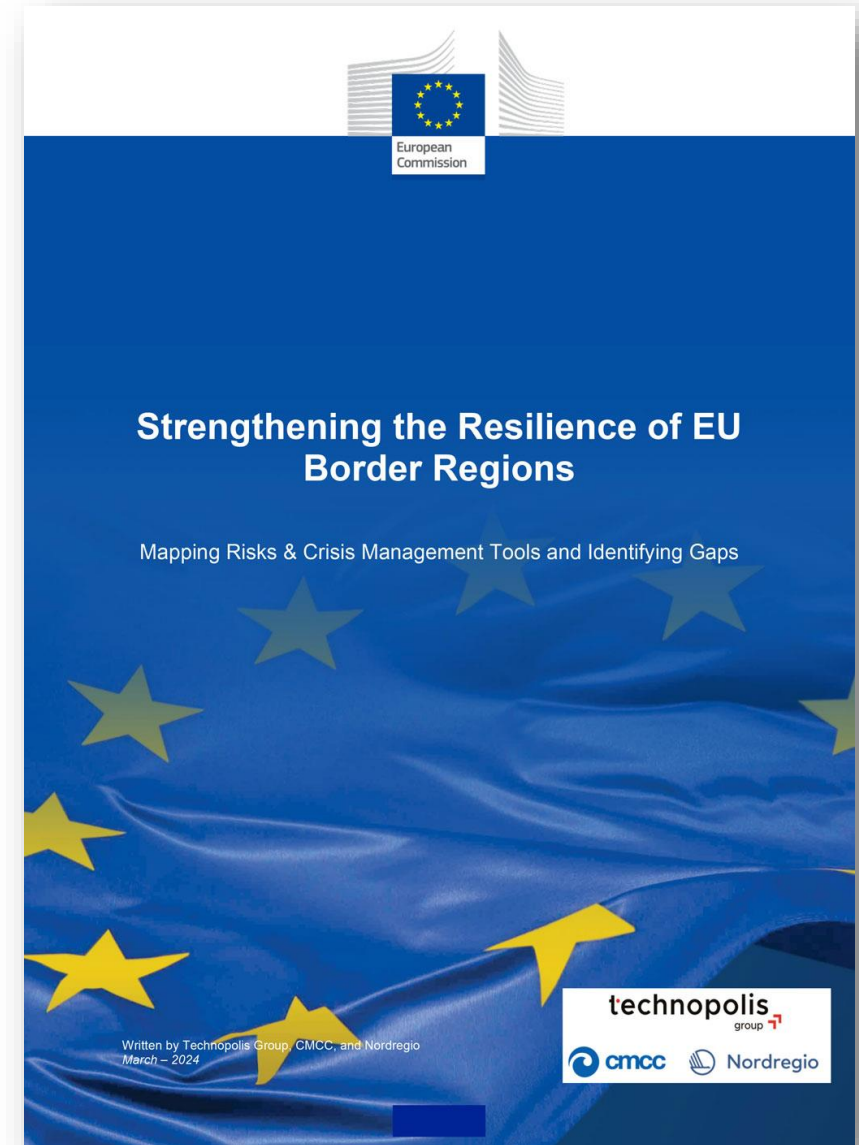
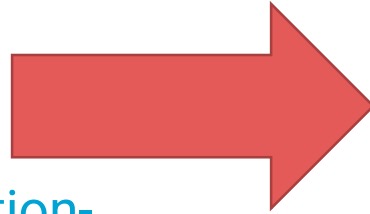
- **'Crisis management'**

DG REGIO, Strengthening the Resilience of EU Border Regions (2024)

https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/information-sources/publications/studies/2024/strengthening-the-resilience-of-eu-border-regions_en

- **'Spatial planning'**

OECD & DG REGIO, Cross-border Governance Framework and Tool (2024)

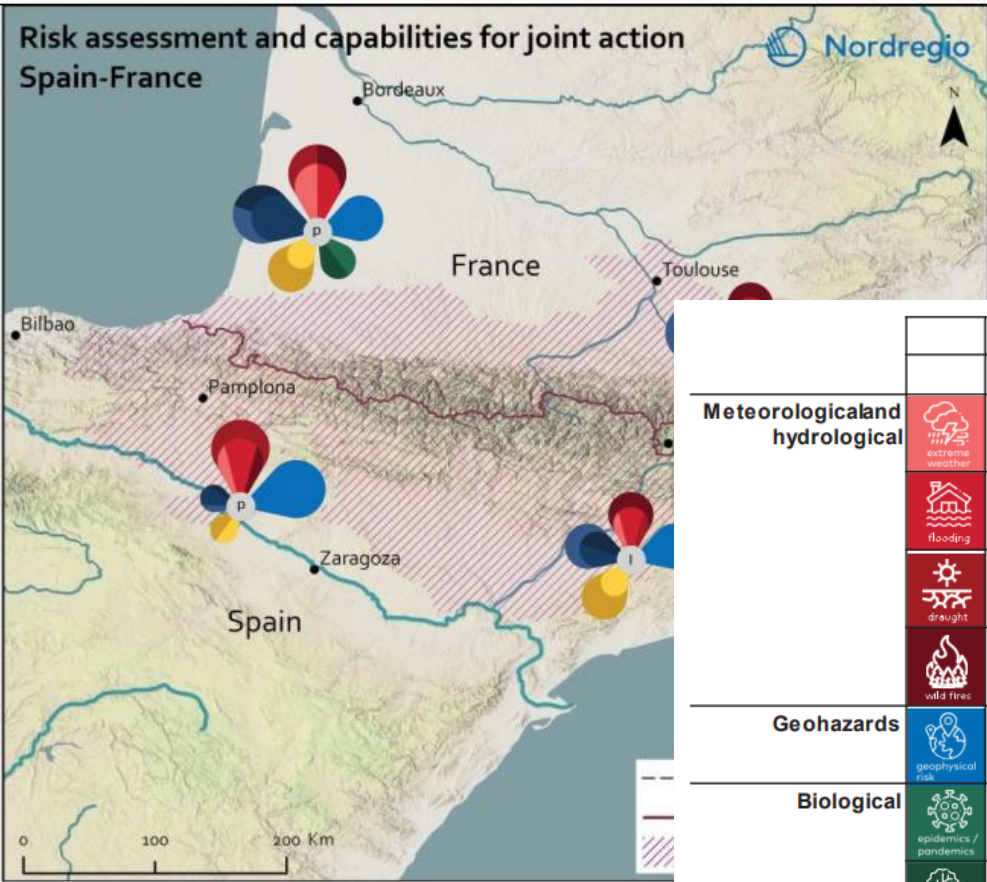
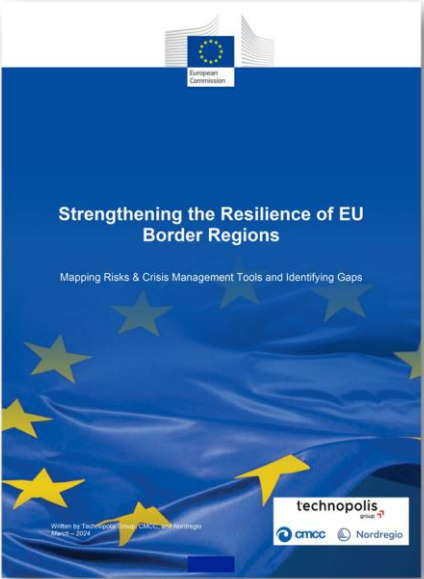


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BORDER FICHES & MAPS



		Probability		Impact	
		Spain	France	Spain	France
Meteorological and hydrological	extreme weather	3	3	2.17	2.17
	flooding	3	3	2.17	1.83
	drought	4	4	2.33	2.17

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Each side of the petal represents a different risk level, with the smallest petal indicating a low risk level(1).

When risk groups have identical values, they are depicted within the



		Probability		Impact		Capability
		Spain	France	Spain	France	Average
Meteorological and hydrological	extreme weather	3	3	2.17	2.17	3
	flooding	3	3	2.17	1.83	1.5
	drought	4	4	2.33	2.17	2
	wild fires	3	4	2.5	3	2.5
Geohazards	geophysical risk	4	3	2.67	2	4
Biological	epidemics / pandemics	-	2	-	2	0
	animal & plant diseases	-	2	-	1.33	0
Technological	nuclear & radiological accidents	1	1	1	1	0
	disruption of critical infrastructure	1	3	3	3.17	0
Societal	terrorism	1	4	3	3.83	0
	cyber threats	1	3	2	3	0
	migration	1	4	2.33	3	0

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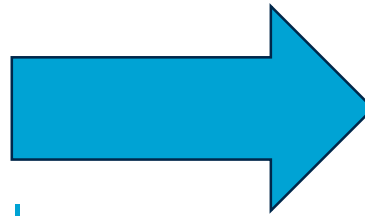
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<https://futurium.ec.europa.eu/en/border-focal-point-network/news/cross-border-governance-framework-and-tool>



Cross-border Governance Framework and Tool

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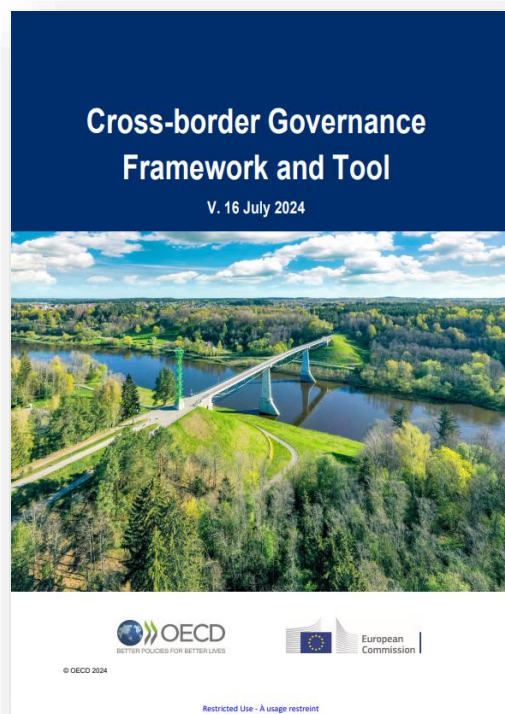
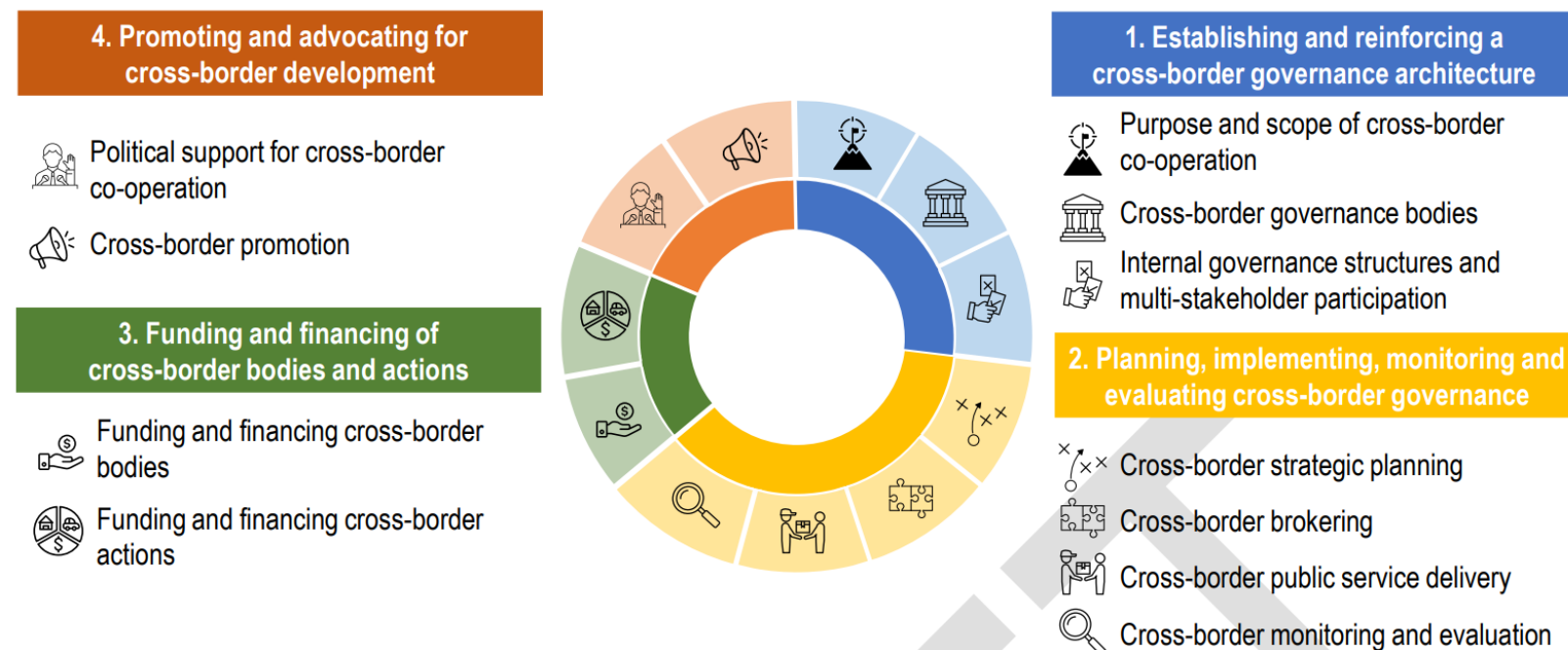


Figure 1. Cross-border governance framework

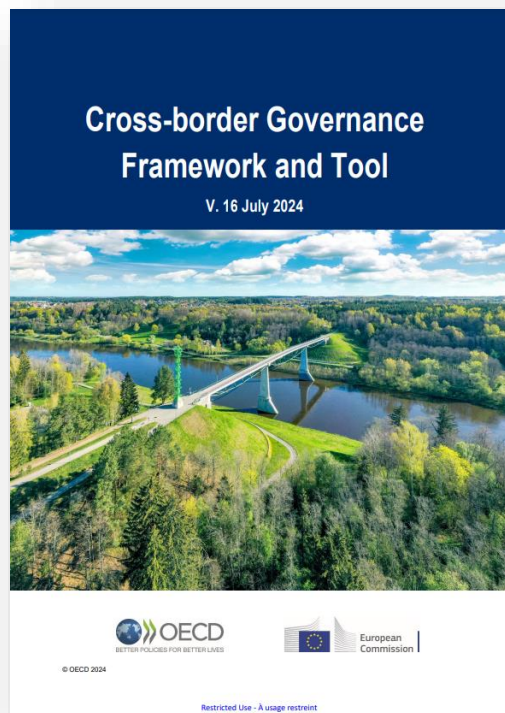


Source: Author's elaboration.

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Actions	Considerations	Checklist	Comments
Define the need for cross-border co-operation	Establish a political steering group (e.g. composed of representatives of local, regional and/or national government bodies) that can help to explore the need for enhanced cross-border co-operation and guide the creation of cross-border governance mechanisms, if deemed opportune.	☐	
	Assess the policy and service challenges facing the cross-border region (e.g. congestion, pollution, limited access to specific public services), their root causes and effects (e.g. on specific sectors, actors).	☐	
	Assess the opportunities that can stem from enhanced cross-border co-operation (e.g. to increase trust among cross-border actors; generate economies of scale to improve public service delivery; boost the region's attractiveness to talent, visitors and investment)	☐	
	Map previous or existing formal and informal cross-border co-operation initiatives , including their objectives, achievements, etc.	☐	
	Map the public and non-governmental actors at the national, regional and local levels (e.g. municipalities, regional business associations, civil society organisations, academic institutions) that could help address the identified cross-border challenge and identify their relevant competences.	☐	
	Determine whether enhanced cross-border co-operation is likely to offer better solutions to the identified challenge(s) than those that can be offered through existing governance mechanisms. For example, the creation of a cross-border hospital in an underserved border region may be a more cost-efficient solution than creating medical centres on each side of the border.	☐	
	Based on the assessments and mapping, establish: - A shared understanding of the cross-border challenges and opportunities for enhanced cross-border co-operation; - A mandate to take further action (e.g. to establish or strengthen a cross-border governance body); - An agreement about the territorial scale of the cross-border co-operation; - An agreement about the actors to be involved in setting up a cross-border governance mechanism.	☐	
Define the objectives for	Propose general, long-term objectives of enhanced cross-border co-operation. ³	☐	
	Invite relevant public and non-governmental actors (e.g. representatives from the private sector, civil	☐	

Useful resources

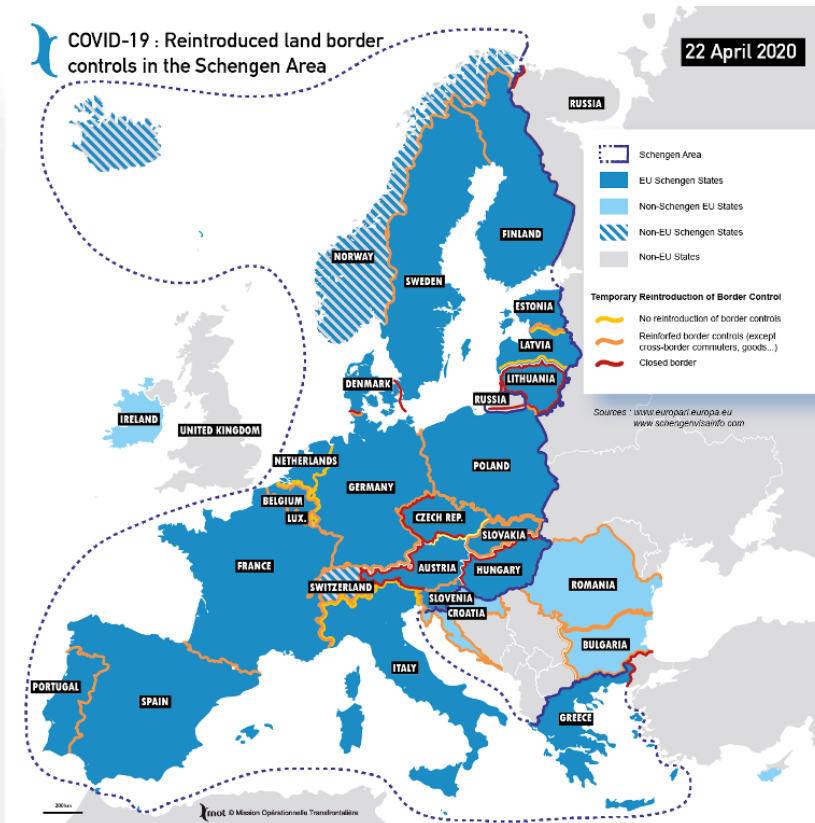
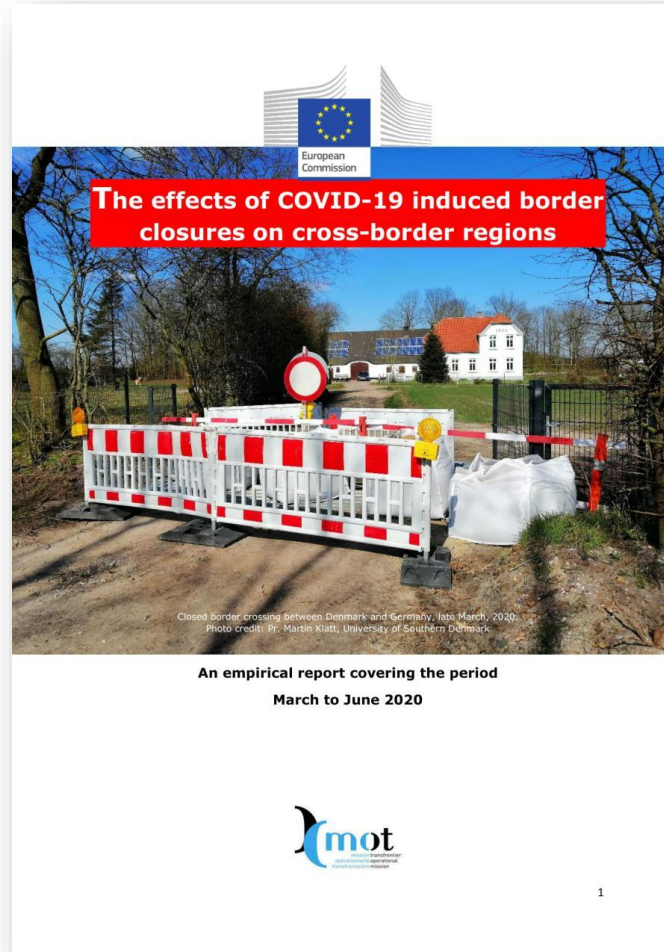
► 'COVID-19' studies by DG REGIO

MOT "The effects of COVID-19 induced border closures on cross-border regions" (2020)

<https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/46250564-669a-11eb-aeb5-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>

MOT, "Analysis of the impact of border-related measures taken by Member States in the fight against COVID-19" (2022)

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FOR WHOM?

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

This call for proposals addresses:

- Public entities (national, regional, local) from land and fixed link maritime border regions of the 27 EU countries and EFTA countries along EU borders; (NUTS 2 & 3)

Eligible public bodies should have a national boundary limiting their territory.

The application must involve a partner from the other side of the same border, whose territory is contiguous to that of the partner applicant.

- Cross-border entities such as European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC), Euroregions, Eurodistricts, Eurocities, and similar cross-border structures **with legal personality**, established under public or private law.





WHAT FOR?

Lot 1: Joint cross-border crisis management plans

Institutions, tools and processes include:

- Joint planning of extreme scenarios;
- Coordinated management, and specifically in aspects related to prevention, preparedness and response efforts;
- Tools like early warning systems/alert plans, guide-lines, information systems, joint exercises and/or trainings, networks, toolboxes, processes, simulations and strategic plans;
- Monitoring dashboards;
- Working groups;
- Emergency planning;
- Risk-assessment models;
- Protocols or atlas;
- Workshops to stimulate coordination and interoperability;
- Support the development of climate-resilient infrastructures;
- Nature-based solutions to mitigate the impacts of climate-related disasters;
- Facilitating the exchange of best practices and lessons learnt;
- Knowledge-sharing platforms and peer-to-peer exchanges;
- Fostering community engagement and participation, raising awareness and building local capacities involving communities in joint design and implementation of crisis management;
- Encouraging joint management of natural resources and ecosystems to enhance resilience to natural hazards.



Agreements include:

- Common areas;
- Technical maintenance of common resources;
- General management and protection.

>> develop a **plan** which includes, as minimum requirement, indication of the following features:

- Who is responsible for what during a crisis?
- Who decides?
- Who communicates and who is supposed to receive the information?
- How does communication work?

Examples of eligible activities to be developed (Spatial planning):

- Cross-border governance bodies;
- Internal governance and stakeholder participation (structures);
- Strategic planning documents;
- Information sharing;
- Cross-border public services;
- Monitoring and evaluation of cross-border governance and planning;
- Sustainable and adaptable funding for cross-border governance bodies (it is noted that e.g. the development of instruments as tools to fund cross-border governance bodies may be funded, but not regular cost of cross-border structures), and for cross-border investments;
- Durable political commitment;
- Visibility and promotion of the cross-border region for residents, visitors and investors.



WHEN?



Key Dates

Calendar:

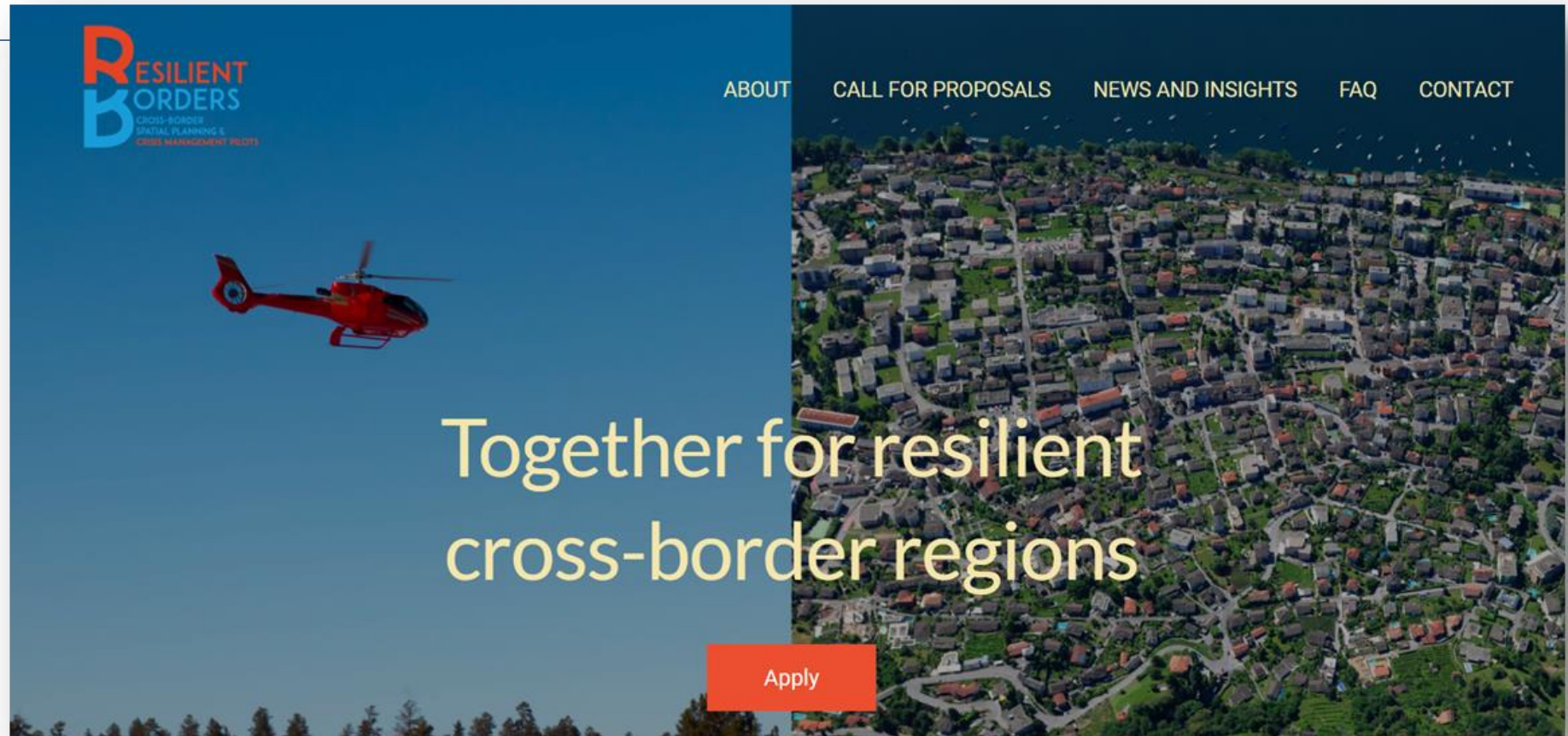
- ▶ Call opening: 4 October 2024
- ▶ Call closing: 30 November 2024
- ▶ Selection of successful proposals: December/January 2024
- ▶ Implementation period: 1 February 2025 to 30 September 2025
(8 months)





HOW?

A DEDICATED WEBSITE



resilientborders.eu

A DEDICATED WEBSITE

- Call for proposals
- Templates



The screenshot displays the 'Call for Proposals' page on the Resilient Borders website. The header includes the logo and a navigation menu with links: ABOUT, CALL FOR PROPOSALS, APPLICATION, NEWS AND INSIGHTS, FAQ, and CONTACT. The main heading is 'Call for Proposals'. Below it, on the left, is an aerial photograph of a rural landscape with fields and trees. On the right, under the heading 'Key Dates and Documents', the following information is listed: Call opening: 4 October 2024; Call closing: 30 November 2024; Selection of successful proposals: December 2024; Implementation period: February to September 2025. At the bottom, there are two links: 'Access the Call for Proposals document [here](#).' (with 'here' circled in yellow) and 'Download templates to apply [here](#).' (with 'here' circled in blue).

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Call for Proposals



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10/2024

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

**Cross-Border Spatial Planning and
Crisis Management Pilot Actions**



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CALENDER OF THE PILOT ACTION

[Date]

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► Template - Calendar

Description/ title of task/ deliverable	2025							
	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
Tasks								
Task 1	(X)							
Task 2								
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► Template - Budget

Resilient Borders: Pilot Action [name]

BUDGET OF THE PILOT ACTION

	Estimated EU contribution to eligible costs	Total declared eligible costs
	(EUR)	(EUR)
ESTIMATED DIRECT ELIGIBLE COSTS		
A. Sub-contracting costs		
[cost item 1]		
[cost item 2]		
[cost item 3]		
[cost item 4]		
Sub-total for cost category A	0,00	0,00
B. Travel and accommodation costs		
[cost item 1]		
[cost item 2]		
[cost item 3]		
[cost item 4]		
Sub-total for cost category B	0,00	0,00
C. Purchase costs		
[cost item 1]		
[cost item 2]		
[cost item 3]		
[cost item 4]		
Sub-total for cost category C	0,00	0,00
D. Staff costs		
[cost item 1]		
[cost item 2]		
[cost item 3]		
[cost item 4]		
Sub-total for cost category D	0,00	0,00
Total direct eligible costs	0,00	0,00
E. INDIRECT ELIGIBLE COSTS (= 7 % of total direct eligible costs)	#REF!	0,00
TOTAL ELIGIBLE COSTS		0,00

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► Template – Partner declaration



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Resilient Borders: Pilot Action [name]

PARTNER DECLARATION

I the undersigned declare, as legal representative of “name of the organisation in original langue, name of the organisation in English” - partner of the “Pilot Action [name]”, applying for funding within the grant “Resilient Borders – Cross-Border Spatial Planning and Crisis Management Pilot Actions”, state that the organisation I represent supports the overall objective of the Pilot Action as described in the application form, by performing the role as partner of the Pilot Action.

I confirm that the institution I represent commits itself as a partner until the end of the pilot action activities.

This document is an annex to the online application form.

(Signature)

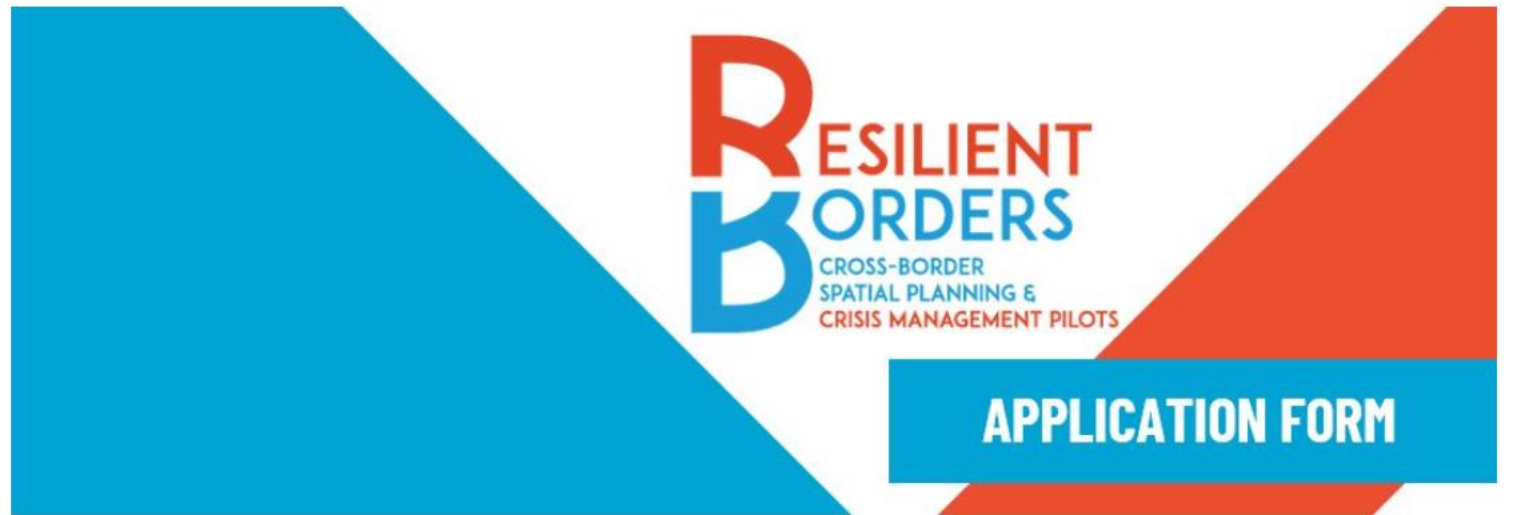
(Place, Date)

(Title, First Name, Last Name, Position of legal representative of the organisation)



Online application form

- ▶ Applications need to be submitted **in English**
- ▶ The **eTranslation** tool is [available for free to translate your application into English:](#)
- ▶ https://commission.europa.eu/resources-partners/etranslation_fr



I. Applicants' organisation

Type of organisation *

Select the type of organisation you represent or apply for.

- ☐ Local authority
- ☐ Regional authority
- ☐ National authority
- ☐ EGTC
- ☐ Euroregion or similar cross-border structure with legal personality

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Upload directly via the application form

- Calendar
- Budget

8. Calendar of activities of the pilot action *

Please outline a preliminary calendar of the activities to be organised in the framework of the pilot action.

Please note that only Excel or PDF files can be uploaded (see templates). The file should have one of these formats: XLS, XLSX, XLSM, XML, PDF.

Select File

9. Budget of the pilot action *

Please upload a preliminary budget necessary to develop the pilot action, including justification of costs.

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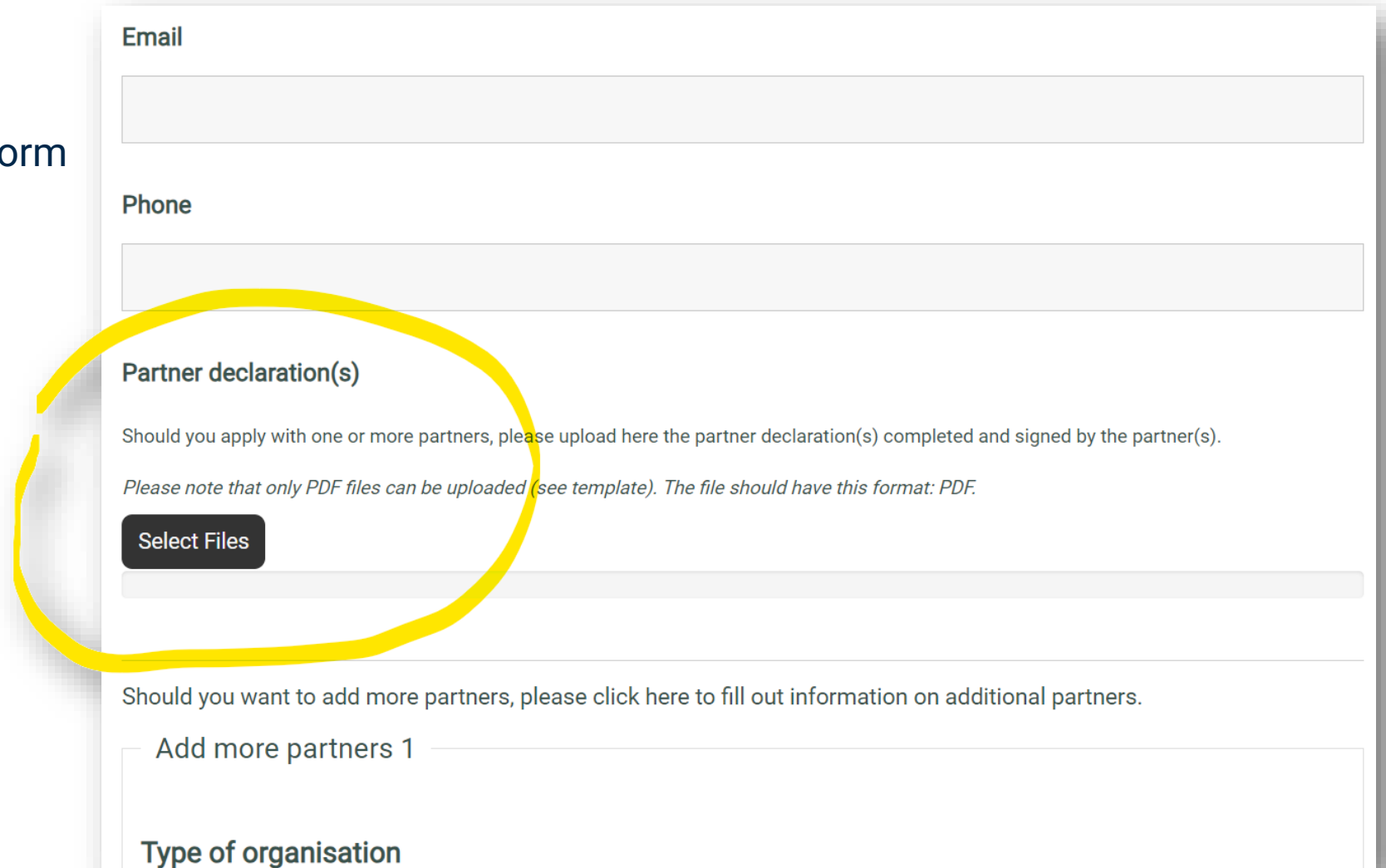
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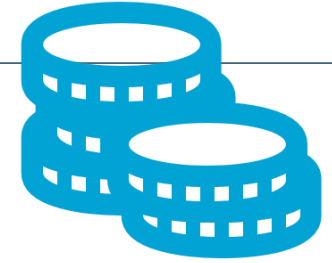
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- ▶ Partner declaration
- ▶ Not mandatory for cross-border structures



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- Phone**: A text input field.
- Partner declaration(s)**: This section is circled in yellow. It contains the text: "Should you apply with one or more partners, please upload here the partner declaration(s) completed and signed by the partner(s). Please note that only PDF files can be uploaded (see template). The file should have this format: PDF." Below this text is a dark button labeled "Select Files".
- Below the circled section, there is a link: "Should you want to add more partners, please click here to fill out information on additional partners." followed by a text input field labeled "Add more partners 1".
- Type of organisation**: A text input field.



Eligible expenditures

- ▶ Sub-contracting cost for the action (for example for procurement of external services and expertise);
- ▶ Travel and accommodation costs and corresponding per diem for the people involved in the pilot action;
- ▶ Purchase of services and equipment for the implementation of the pilot action (including interpretation, catering, communication for meetings and events, translations, and preparation of communication outputs);
- ▶ Staff costs based on real costs, based on the number of working hours that the beneficiary's employees need for implementation of the pilot action (*staff conditions are further detailed in the call*);
- ▶ An overhead of indirect costs up to a maximum of 7% of the direct costs.



INSPIRING EXAMPLES

► More examples on the website



Emergency response across borders

September 9, 2024

The Romanian towns of Aleșd and Șinteu and the town of Szarvas in Hungary have joined forces in the framework of the Interreg project DIRCCES (Development of an integrated response capacity to cross-border...



Cross-border river management

September 9, 2024

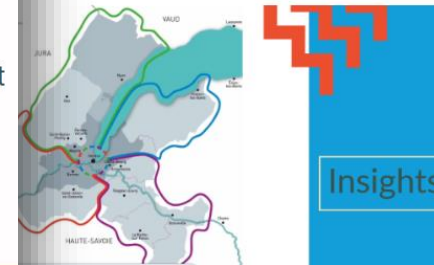
The Interreg project DREAM SK-AT aims to integrate the management of the Danube river between Slovakia and Austria to address ongoing bed erosion and increased sediment



Developing a cross-border project on healthcare facility: the example of Valga Hospital (Estonia-Latvia)

October 3, 2024

Once a single town, the Baltic twin cities of Valga (Estonia) and Valka (Latvia) are now an urban area split by an international border created in 1991 after the two countries gained independence from...



Creating a comprehensive cross-border development strategy: a 2050 Vision for the Greater Geneva

October 3, 2024

To provide a sustainable and effective response

► Lot 2 Spatial planning

► Lot 1 Crisis management

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