

Resilient Borders: crisis management and spatial planning

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Resilient Borders initiative: Crisis management and Spatial planning



INTRODUCTION

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Resilient Borders - Crisis Management - Pilot actions

Recipient organisations

CM1 - HU/HR - Local government of Baranya county in partnership with Virovitica-Podravina county

CM2 - EL/BG - Region of Eastern Macedonia & Thrace in partnership with Regional administration of Smolyan

CM3 - IT/SI - EGTC GO

CM4 - PL/DE - City of Słubice in partnership with City of Frankfurt (Oder)

CM6 - NO/SE - Border region ARKO

CM7 - HR/SI - City of Rijeka in partnership with Municipality of Postojna

CM8 - EL/BG - Municipality of Orestiada in partnership with Svilengrad Municipality

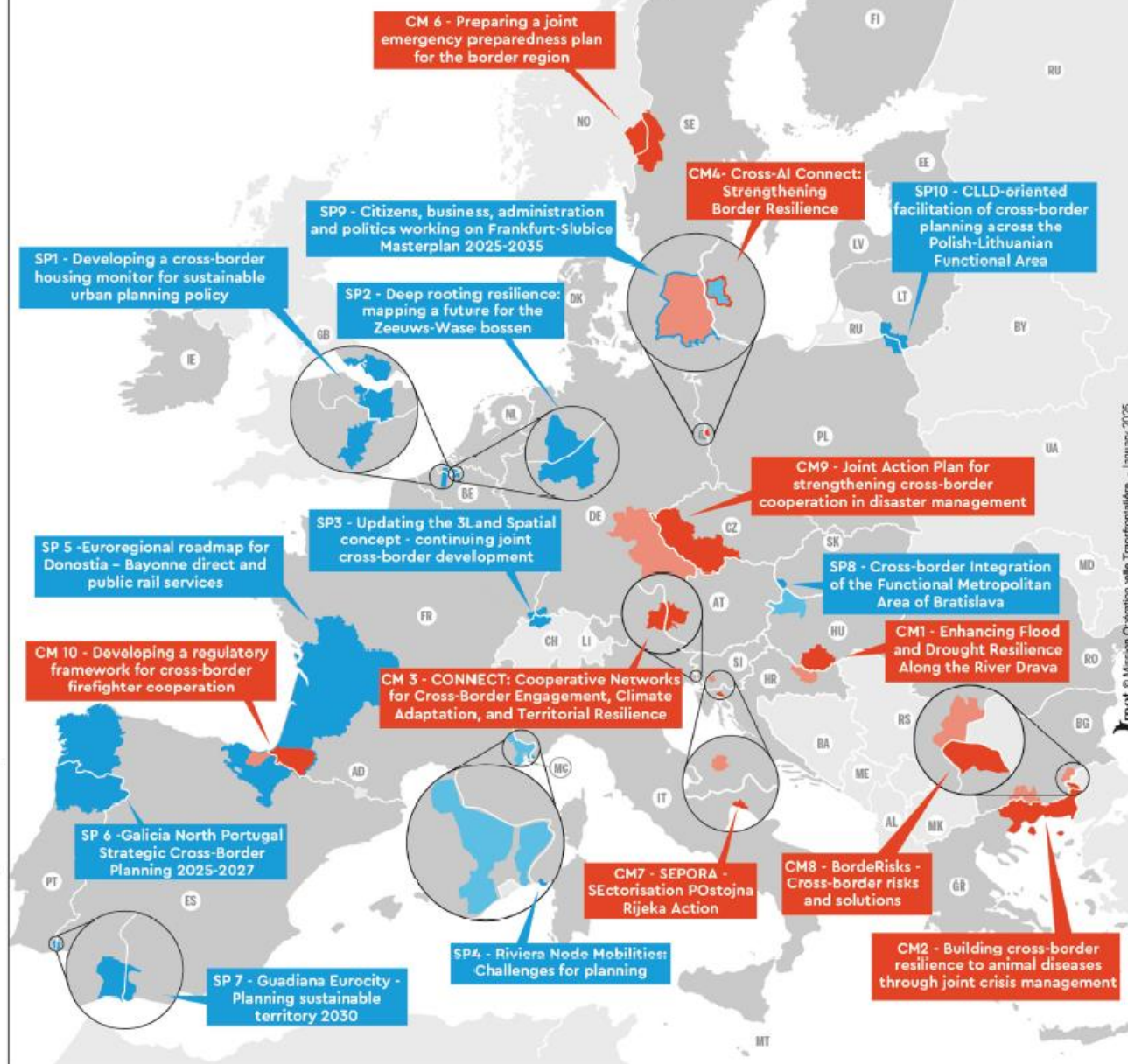
CM9 - CZ/DE - Ministry of the Interior - Directorate General of the Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic in partnership with Bavarian State Ministry of the Interior, for Sport and Integration

CM10 - FR/ES - Pyrénées-Atlantiques Departmental Fire and Rescue Service (SDIS64) in partnership with Provincial Council of Gipuzkoa

■ Main recipient organisation
■ Partner organisation



Selected pilot actions CRISIS MANAGEMENT SPATIAL PLANNING



Resilient Borders - Spatial Planning - Pilot actions

Recipient organisations

SP1 - BE/NL - North Sea Port District BGTC

SP2 - BE/NL - EGTC Lineland van Waas en Hulst

SP3 - FR/DE/CH - Trinational Eurodistrict Basel

SP4 - FR/IT - Ventimiglia Municipality in partnership with Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolis and Community of Agglomeration of the French Riviera (CARF)

SP5 - FR/ES - EGTC Euroregion Nouvelle-Aquitaine Euskadi Navarre

SP6 - PT/ES - Galicia Norte Portugal EGTC

SP7 - PT/ES - EGTC Eurociudad Del Guadiana

SP8 - HU/SK - Bratislava Municipality in partnership with General Assembly of the Local Government of Győr-Ménfőcsanak-Sopron County

SP9 - DE/PL - City of Frankfurt (Oder) in partnership with Municipality of Słubice

SP10 - LT/PL - Polish-Lithuanian Cross-Border Functional Area EGTC

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Resilient Borders - Final Event

Internal workshop - 12 November in Gorizia



Poster
sessions



World cafés



Key lessons from Resilient Borders Pilot Actions

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Building trust and awareness

- ❖ Importance of **persons** & **trust**
- ❖ **One-to-one** communication is most effective
- ❖ Bring **all relevant actors** on board, including academics and experts
- ❖ Involve youth... and elders
- ❖ Real crisis help trigger **willingness** to cooperate at political level
- ❖ Link to **existing events** (local, national) to build awareness

LESSONS LEARNT

Building capacities

- ❖ Pilot actions act as **catalysts**, giving new dynamics to established local cooperation
- ❖ Effectiveness higher when pilots were given a **clear mandate** by public authorities
- ❖ Difficulties: **language barriers**, but, above all, **power asymmetry** between competent levels of local, regional, national authorities
- ❖ Strong **political will** can overcome any kind of obstacle

RESILIENCE & IMPACT

Building resilience for long-term and transferability

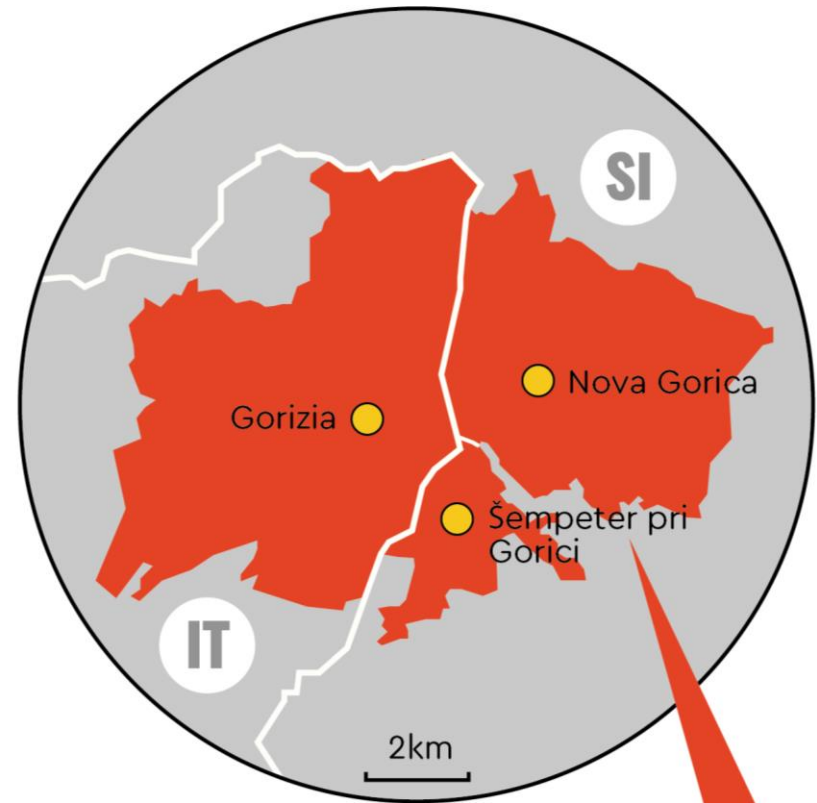
- ❖ Crisis and space management require **planning** – knowledge, data, training, including political stakeholders
- ❖ Combine short-, mid-, long-term vision; from bottom-up; rooted in communities; inclusive; adaptable
- ❖ Cultivating a **shared vision**
- ❖ **Beyond Interreg**: synergies with EGTCs, Leader...; use the **toolbox!**
- ❖ EU should help to challenge national and regional authorities: **BRIDGEforEU**

CONNECT: Cooperative networks for cross-border engagement, climate adaptation and territorial resilience

EGTC GO

GECT
EZTS GO

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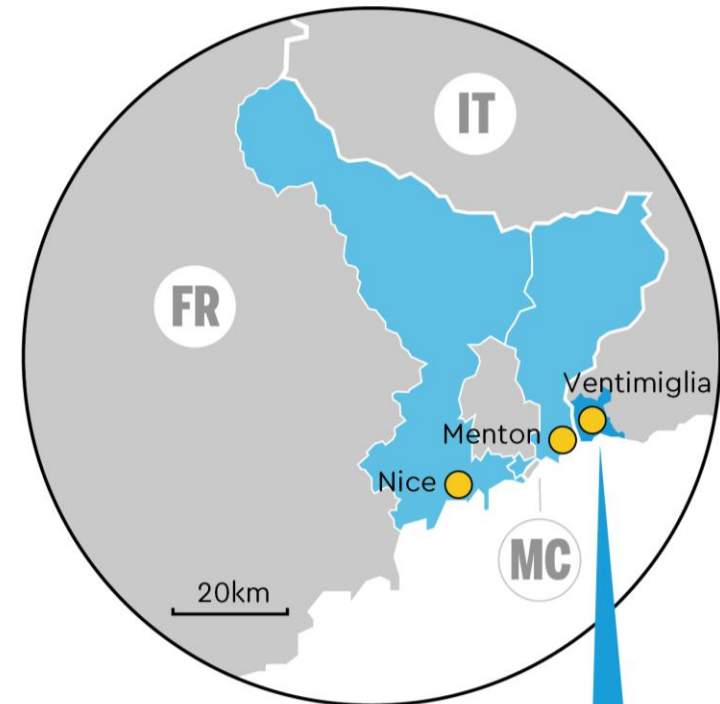
IT/SI – EGTC GO

Riviera Node Mobilities challenges for planning

Municipality of Ventimiglia/ Métropole Nice Côte d'Azur/
Communauté d'agglomération de la Riviera Française



**MÉTROPOLE
NICE CÔTE D'AZUR**



FR/IT - Ventimiglia Municipality

partnering with Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolis and
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DISCUSSION ON RESILIENT BORDERS

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CONCLUSION

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