



A European action plan to bring up cross-border agglomerations' interests to the European level

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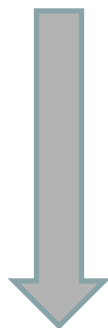
What is the European Action Plan?

3 parts:

1. **Lessons learned** at local level: the solutions to be developed at local level
2. **Recommendations** addressed to the national/regional and European authorities
3. **Synthetic table on the recommendations of actions at all levels** : link between the local needs (1), the solutions to be developed at local level (2) and the recommendations to address to facilitate their implementation (3)

Need to guarantee coherence and articulation between strategies and actions that cover a common cross-border area

Need of CB agglomerations



Potential competition between the different scales of cross-border cooperation

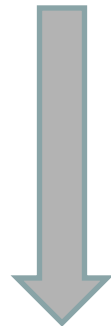
Obstacle

**Recommendation 3:
Recognition and articulation of the different scales of cooperation, euroregions and local, in regional and national policies**

Solution

Need for frameworks, border by border, that facilitate the development of cross-border projects that respond to the inhabitants' needs

Need of CB agglomerations



Legal and financial obstacles to the development of such CB projects

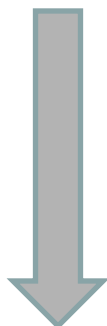
Obstacle

**Recommendation 5:
Articulate national/regional policies and financial tools from both sides of the border**

Solution

Need for an appropriate framework at national level facilitating the implementation of cross-border projects that respond to the inhabitants' needs

Need of CB agglomerations



Lack of dialogue at the highest level

Obstacle

Recommendation 8:
Within each State organization, identify contact persons on cross-border issues in the concerned ministries, coordinated by one person at the highest political level

Recommendation 9:
Launch a large reflection at national level on cross-border cooperation to have an overview of problems and potentialities

Solution

Need to guarantee a continuity of the technical work.

Need to have a high-qualified staff with very specific skills : languages, knowledge of administrative and cultural contexts...

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agglomerations

Obstacle

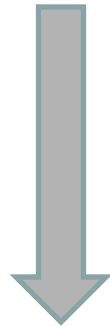
**Absence of a clear
and attractive
statute for personal
within cross-border
structures**

**EUROPEAN RECOMMENDATION 2:
Launch a reflection on the creation a
European statute of cross-border staff in
order to overcome complexity due to the
different national legal statutes**

Solution

Recognition of the specificities of cross-border agglomerations in the future Cohesion policy

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Obstacle

Uncertainty regarding the recognition of cross-border agglomerations in the future cohesion policy

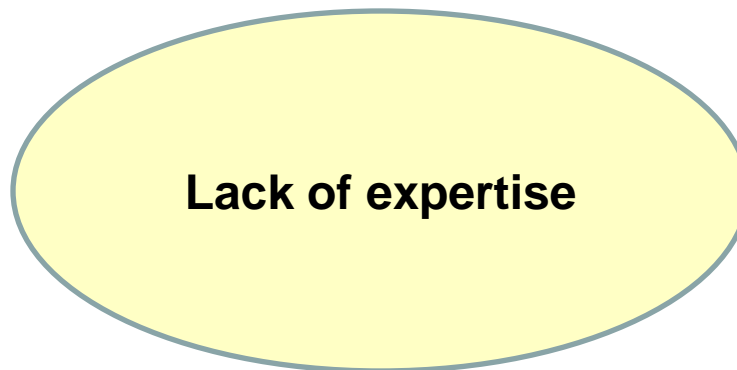
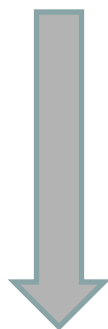
EUROPEAN RECOMMENDATION 3:

Guarantee the access to structural funds for cross-border territories for the period 2014-2020

Solution

Necessity to develop mechanisms to enhance the quality of cross-border cooperation and the legitimacy of cross-border public policies

Need of CB agglomerations



Obstacle

Lack of expertise

**EUROPEAN RECOMMENDATION 9:
Promote the creation of a specific ERASMUS programme, which supports the exchange of elected representatives and technicians from a cross-border conurbation with another cross-border conurbation on governance themes**

Solution



Expertising Governance for Transfrontier Conurbations

Closing session

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Thank you
Merci
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Vielen dank
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Köszönöm
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