



Cross-Border Crisis Management in Interreg A programmes

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1. Borders?



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PHYSICAL-NATURAL BORDERS

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CULTURAL BORDERS

ISSUE: UNDERSTANDING, COOPERATION



Implications

- Borders create **discontinuities**, hindering the free flow of people, services and goods.
 - **Discontinuity of governmental/administrative systems has high impact for emergency response and prevention across borders**
- Different types of borders and border obstacles often coincide. Citizens and businesses in border areas usually face a **combination** of obstacles.
 - **Natural borders areas often constitute vulnerable environments with high risks.**
 - **Combined with administrative/legal obstacles, both the prevention of disasters and emergency response are more complex than in national settings**
- **Particular role for the EU** in addressing cross-border risk management issues.

2. EU Cohesion policy and cross-border action

EU cohesion policy and disaster risk management

- €352 billion of EU funds available for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and jobs under **EU cohesion policy** (2014-2020).
- **Thematic objective 5:** Climate change adaptation and risk prevention and management, with 2 investment priorities:
 - Supporting investment for adaptation to climate change, including ecosystem-based approaches;
 - Promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems;

EU cohesion policy and disaster risk management

- Significant funds available to **climate change adaptation and risk prevention and management**
 - Funding for prevention and response actions
 - Funding in other priority areas to increase Europe's resilience to disasters. This includes, among others, funding for innovation, for energy efficiency (e.g. insulation of buildings protect against heatwaves), for water management (e.g. flood protection) or for institutional assistance in cross-border regions)
 - EU Solidarity Fund
- **Around 7,1 billion in 20 Member States**
 - Between 0.3% (BE) and 5.2% (SK) of the budget allocations

Focus on cross-border action - Interreg

- **Three strands of funding:**
 - Cross-border, trans-national and interregional
 - budget around € 10.1 bn.
- no ex-ante conditionalities
- Investment and successful projects since 1989
- **2014-2020 programming:**
 - Interreg V: € 457 mio. in 23 programmes
 - Cross-Border programmes: € 390 mio in 18/56 programmes
 - Further investment through other thematic objectives (esp. 1, 6, 11)
 - Close link to macro-regional strategies

Scope of cross-border action

- Investment:
 - **Prevention (floods, forest fires, landslides) - green infrastructure**
 - **Research, early warning and emergency response facilities**
 - ...
- **Soft actions**
 - **Coordination of services and institutions for risk prevention and emergency response (fire brigades, police etc)**
 - **Research on disasters and vulnerability**
 - **Language learning**
 - **Cooperation in spatial/land-use planning**
 - ...



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Projects financed in the 2007-2013 period

Interreg  in Action

INTERREG IV A – Hungary – Slovakia

SAFETY

TELEDAN - HUNGARIAN HYDROGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM ON THE DANUBE RIVER (SLOVAKIA – HUNGARY)



TOTAL FUNDING
€ 665 750

84% EU funds (ERDF fund)
€ 557 387, 50

11 IMPROVED HYDROSTATIONS along the Danube

7 RECONSTRUCTED operator centres

3 NEW hydrological telemetry stations

9 WEBCAMERAS to monitor the river's level



Citizens and shipping organizations are now well informed on flood and frost risks on the Danube river !



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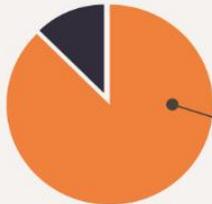
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Interreg  in Action

INTERREG IV-A Italy-Malta

SAFETY

CALYPSO - MONITORING SYSTEM AND RESPONSE AGAINST MARINE OIL SPILLS IN THE MALTA CHANNEL (SICILY-MALTA)



TOTAL FUNDING
€ 1 455 339

85% EU funds
(ERDF fund)
€ 1 237 038



3 HIGH FREQUENCY RADARS
installed in the Sicily-Malta Channel



Several **CROSS-BORDER
SIMULATION EXERCISES** organised

16 JOBS CREATED during
the implementation of the project

EVERY HOUR, production of a map with
real-time information on sea-surface currents

*We are now prepared to intervene
more quickly in case of oil spills and
to preserve our marine environment !*



PROJECT START

MAY 2011

PROJECT END

AUGUST 2013

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3. Looking ahead

EU FUNDING, INCENTIVES

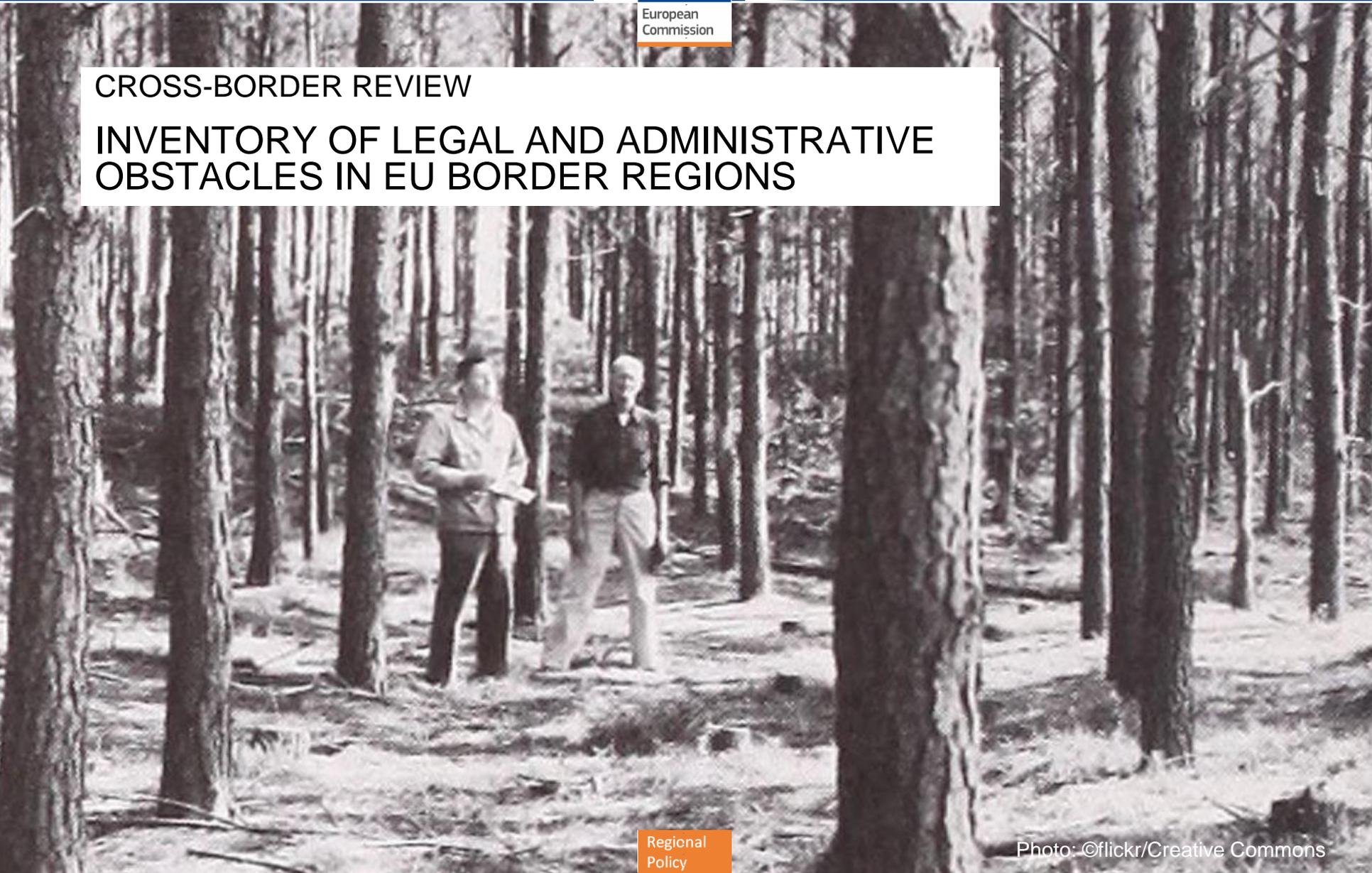
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CROSS-BORDER REVIEW

INVENTORY OF LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE OBSTACLES IN EU BORDER REGIONS





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Affected policy area	Specific EU land borders concerned	Main feature	Type of obstacle	Down	
+	VII_ClimateChange	all internal EU borders exposed to flooding	Non-harmonised legislation on flood risks at EU borders	I. Legal Obstacle EU-related	
+	VIII. Policy Planning Public Services	Belgium-France (except border segment between Nord Pas de Calais and the Province of Hainaut)	Lacking exchange of information on emergency management of risks	III. Administrative Obstacle	

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