



Update on the Cross-Border Review

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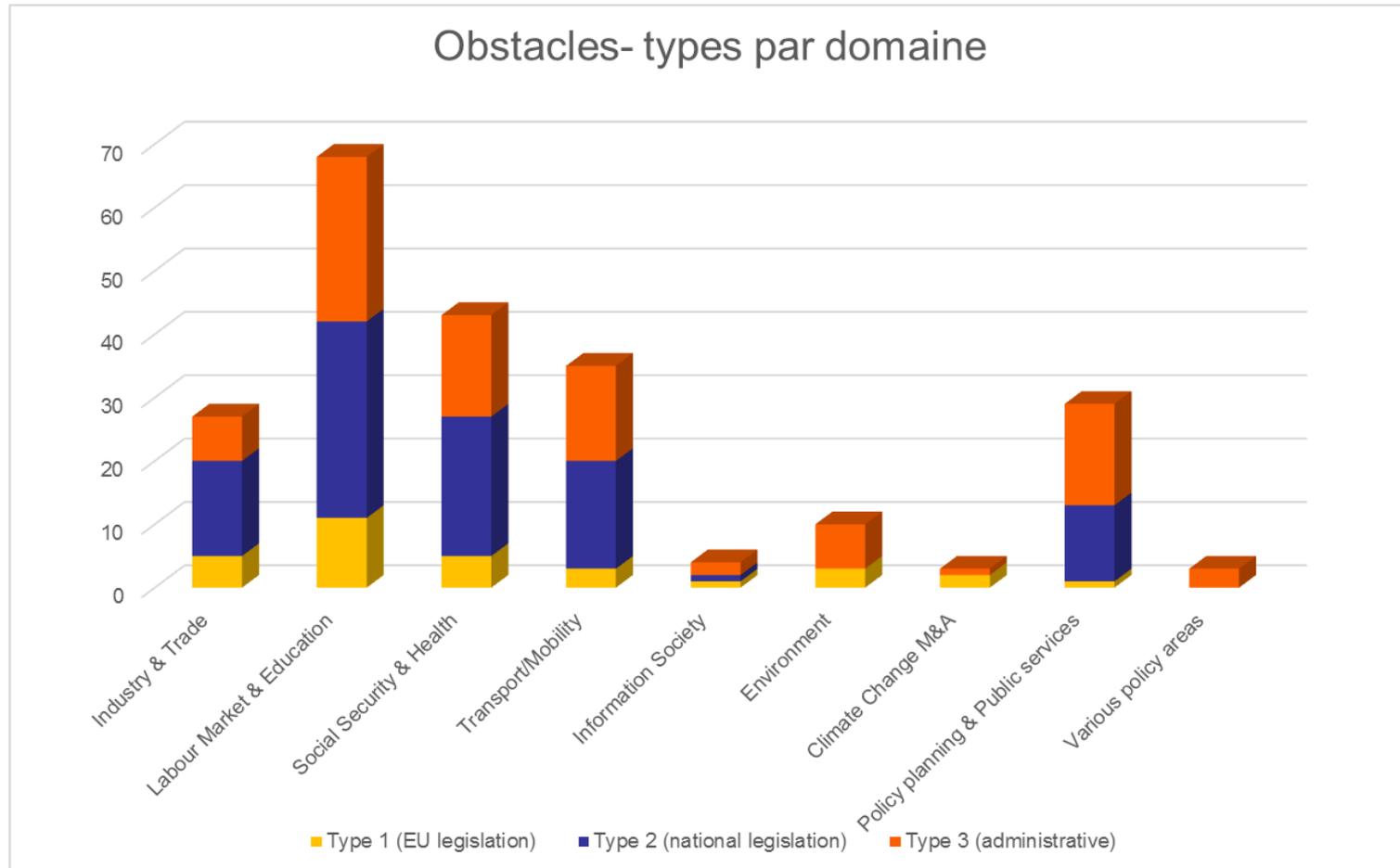
Main Deliverables

Deliverables	Status	Completed by
Inventory of border obstacles	Completed Now on-line - inforegio	
15 case studies	Final round of revisions ongoing	01/2017
Conclusions and recommendations paper	2nd draft under revision (will be discussed in stakeholders' workshop 15/12)	01/2017



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Inventory: now on-line

II. Labour Market Education	Germany-Netherlands	Incompatible national vocational training systems	III. Administrative Obstacle	
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II. Labour Market Education	Germany-Netherlands (esp. euregio rhein-maas-nord)	Asymmetric institutions for recognition of vocational education diplomas	III. Administrative Obstacle	
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II. Labour Market Education	Germany-Netherlands	Difficult national taxation systems of cross-border workers	II. Legal Obstacle MS-related	
II. Labour Market Education	Germany-Netherlands, Netherlands-Belgium	Inadequate Dutch registration provisions	II. Legal Obstacle MS-related	
II. Labour Market Education	Upper Rhine Area Germany-France-Switzerland (especially Germany-France)	Financial burden for social security contributions through Germany's 'mini-jobs'	II. Legal Obstacle MS-related	

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/policy/cooperation/european-territorial/cross-border/review/#3

Some key observations

- The more interaction, the more the obstacles are visible
- Very patchy information – depends on awareness and existing efforts to address obstacles
- How do we assess impact ?
- Differences in national legislation is most common root cause
- However, local manifestation is place-based (territoriality matters)

TRUST is at the heart of the matter...

Hinting at solutions

- Only effective multi-level government actions can help
- **Toolbox**
 - i. More alignment – more flexibility ("agreements")
 - ii. Better info provision (between authorities & to citizens)
 - iii. Multi-lingual education
 - iv. Promotion of good practices: Benelux, Nordic Council, EGTCs, etc
 - v. e-Solutions
 - vi. Preventive measures (TIA, ex-ante coordination)
 - vii. Role of Interreg – scope and governance
 - viii. Innovative ideas ?

Next step: Communication of the Commission

1. Communication adoption foreseen in June 2017
2. Launch event
3. Follow-up actions: pilot solutions (tbc), TIA (Better Regulation), database/platform