



Support to multilevel governance through EU-funded cross-border cooperation

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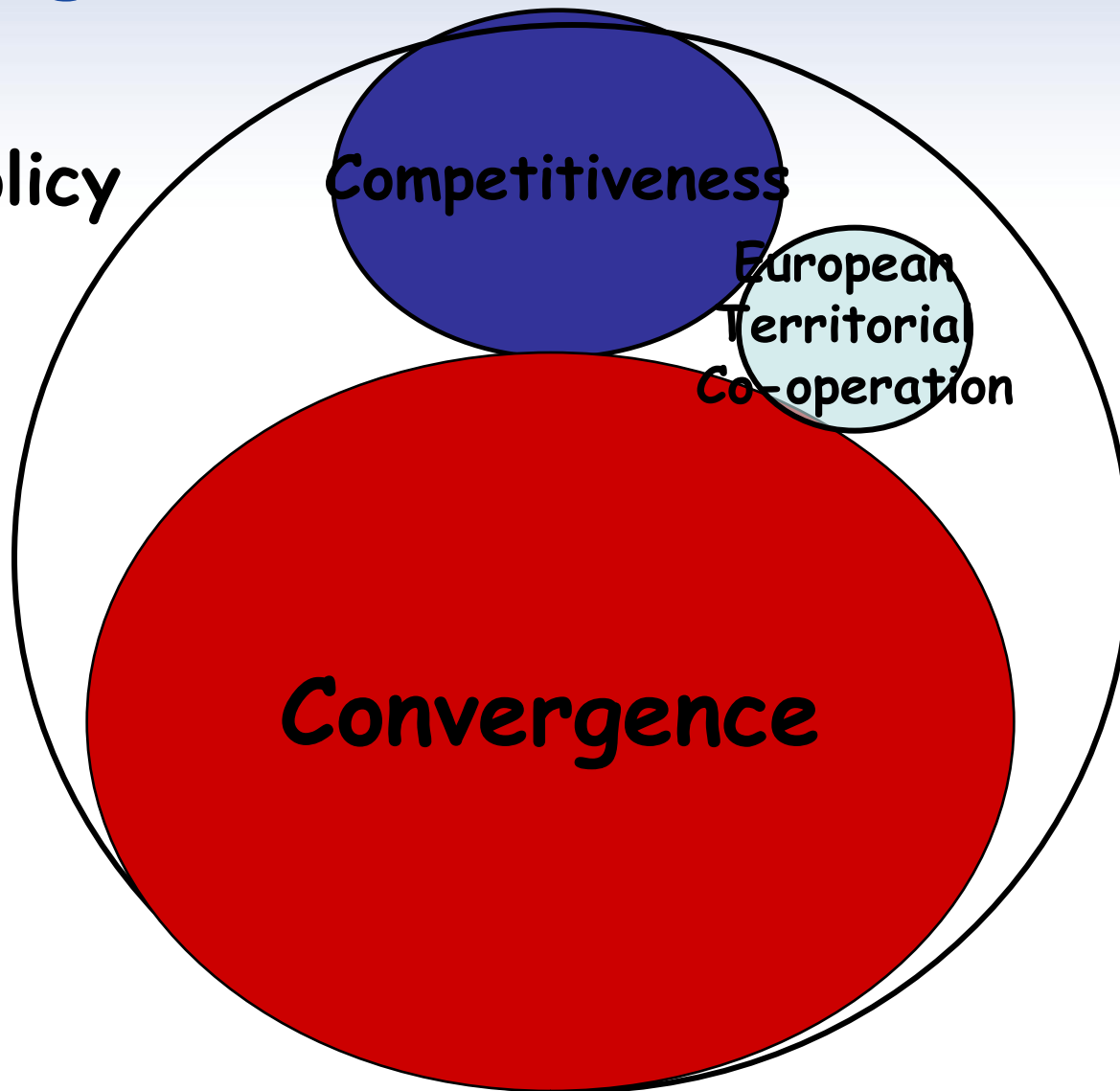


Issues covered

- the role of cross-border cooperation within EU cohesion policy
- Multilevel governance promotion by cooperation programmes
- European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation
- EU Strategy for the Danube Region governance
- Position of the EU towards structures supporting cross border cooperation
- Prospects for the future

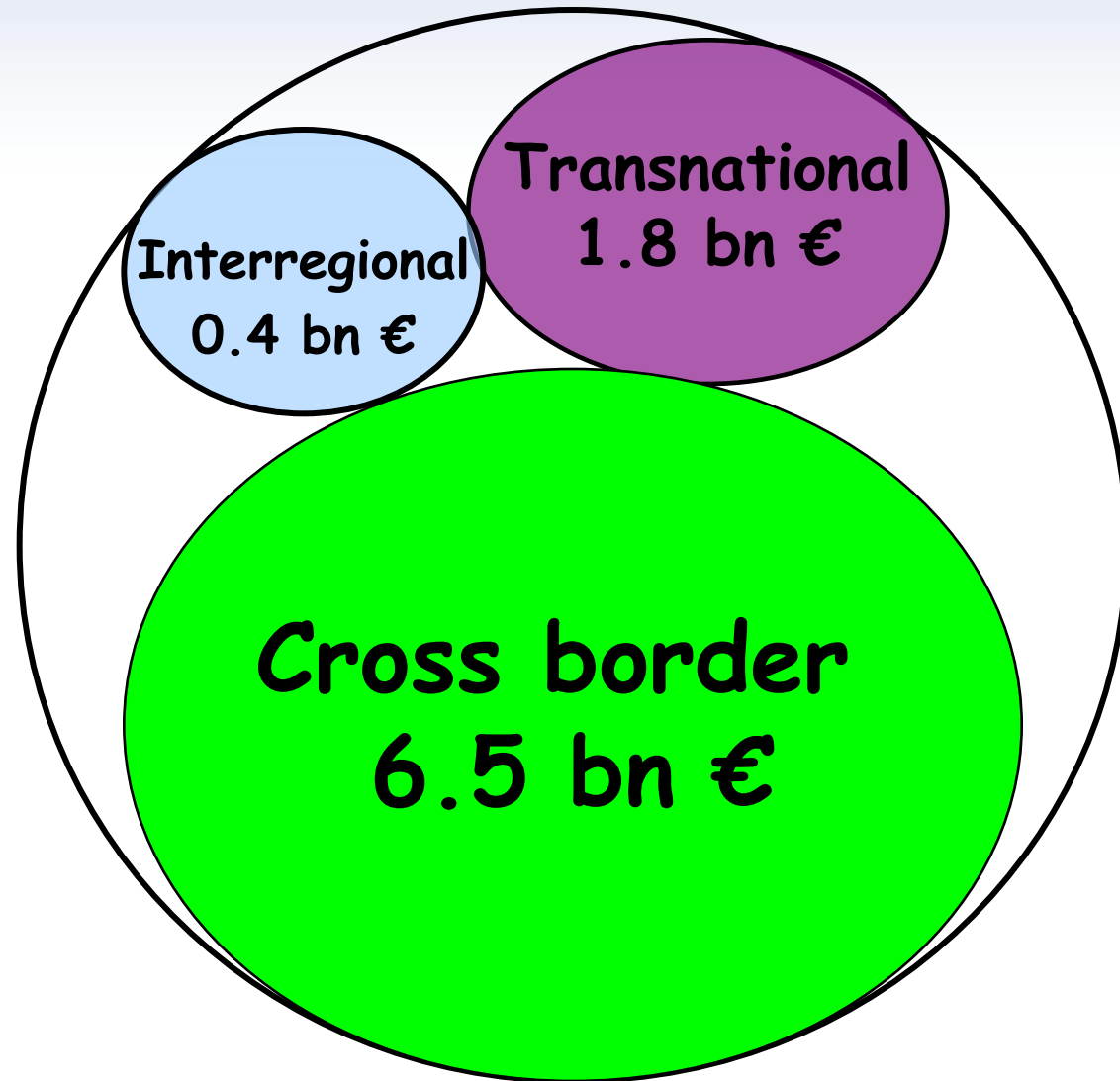
What does the EU do to reduce negative effects of borders?

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Cohesion policy
2007-2013





European Territorial Co-operation





Cross-border cooperation (CBC) – what for?

- To reduce negative effects of borders on local/regional level
- To work jointly on issues that know no borders (environment, risk prevention)
- To enhance cross-border public and private services, labour markets, clusters...
- To establish sustainable partnerships and cooperation across borders
- **Key value added:** governance system of CBC



How? Pillars of multilevel governance within CBC programmes

- CBC programmes facilitate multilevel governance for cross-border territories
- Single authorities responsible for the whole programme – national or regional level
- Joint committees to steer the programmes – all governance levels involved (ministries, regions, economic and social partners...)



Multilevel governance in cooperation – other EU tools: EGTC

- European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation – established by a SF Regulation (EC) 1082/2006
- A legal body on EU level for two or more partners from two (or more) Member States
- Wide variety of use and partners possible
- now: 15 in place, 18 in preparation
- Non-Member States – access difficult – might be reviewed



Macroregional strategies I

- aim: to coordinate funding and policies (including cross-border) on macroregional level
- Support to multilevel governance through cooperation
- EU Strategy for the Danube Region – dealing with the countries around the Danube basin
- Cooperation with non-Member States a strong element
- Priority area 10: „To step up institutional capacity and cooperation“



Macroregional strategies (Danube Region) - governance

- Action plan – Priority Areas – priority actions and projects - endorsed by the European Council
- No new EU funding, legislation or institutions
- National **coordinators**
- EC to monitor and facilitate the process
- Priority Area Coordinator(s) – 1-2 Member States (or regions – e.g. Bavaria)
- Yearly monitoring of progress in the implementation




Support structures for cross-border cooperation

- INTERACT programme – support for CBC programmes on EU level
- Different set ups across the EU
- Support structures on the national level – e.g. MOT – important work, much appreciated
- Platform for all these structures' coordination needed and welcome



Thinking towards the future

- 5th cohesion report published in November
- Territorial cohesion as an EU goal (Lisbon Treaty)

 emphasis on the role of **cities**, functional geographies, areas facing specific geographical or demographic problems and macro-regional strategies

 greater flexibility in organising operational programmes (group of towns, river or sea basin)



What next?

- **public consultation** launched to help shape the future policy and prepare legislative proposals - you can **post comments** until **31 January 2011**.
- **Legislative proposals** to be submitted in summer 2011
- 31 January – 1 February 2011 - the Fifth Cohesion Forum will provide another **opportunity to discuss the orientations in the report concerning future Cohesion Policy**



Thank you for your attention.

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