

BOOSTING GROWTH AND COHESION IN EU BORDER REGIONS

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Missing links - Rail

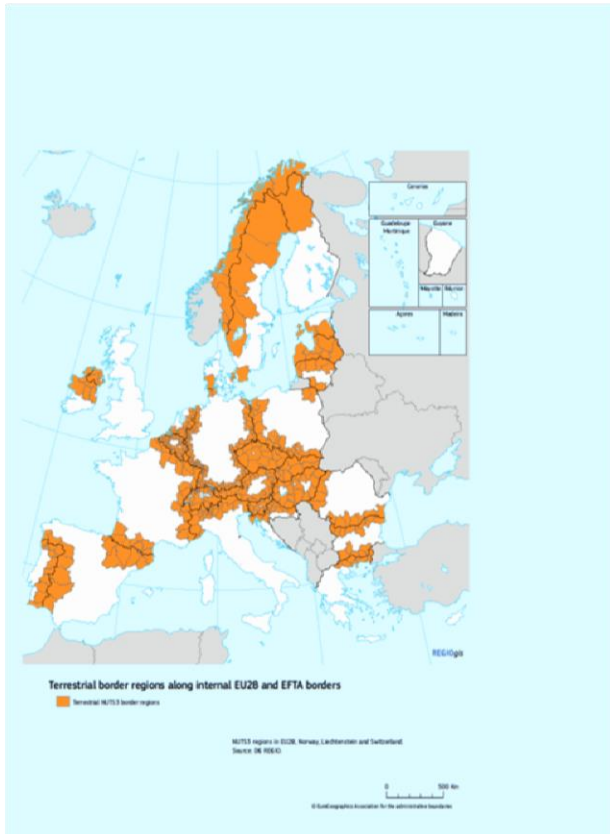


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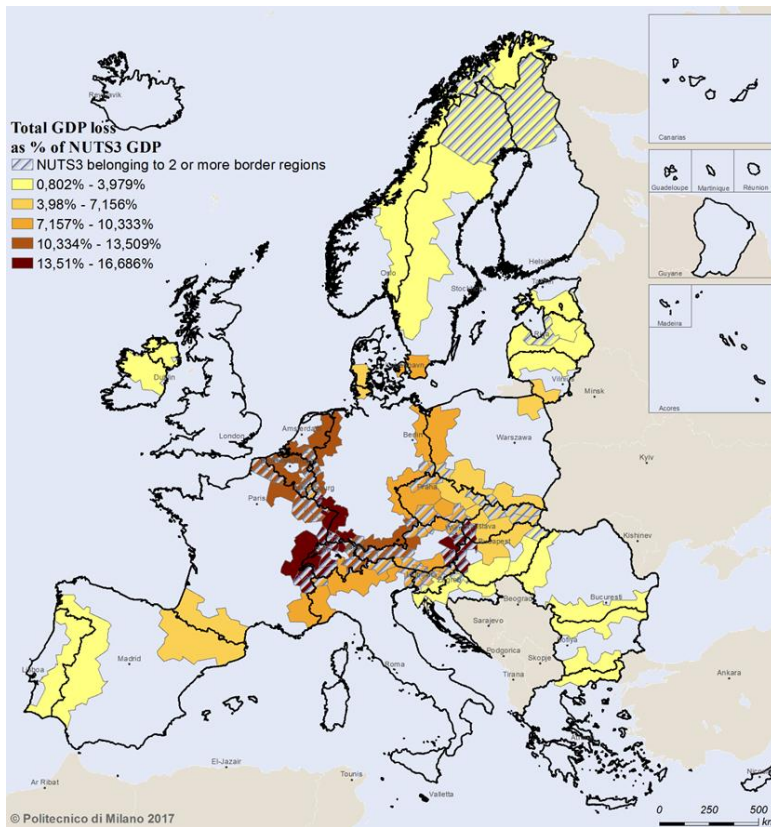
EU Border Regions



- ❑ Importance of border regions: 40% EU territory; 30% EU population (150 million), 30% EU GDP
- ❑ **BUT** less economically developed, lower access to public services
- ❑ Navigating different legal and administrative systems is still complex, long and costly



"Border Effect" – Unused potential



- Border obstacles lead to lost potential GDP;
- Removing 1/5 of all obstacles could lead to +2% GDP in border regions;
- Corresponding to 1 million new jobs
- Problems are more deeply felt where there is a greater level of interaction



What can be done?

10-point Action Plan

MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE

European institutions – MS- regions

Stakeholders

Close cooperation with other DGs

Border Focal Point in EC (REGIO)



10-point Action Plan



deepen cooperation and exchanges



improve the legislative process



support cross-border employment



promote border multilingualism



facilitate cross-border accessibility



**e-government to enable
cross-border public administration**



**provide reliable and understandable
information and assistance**



**promote greater pooling of health
care facilities**



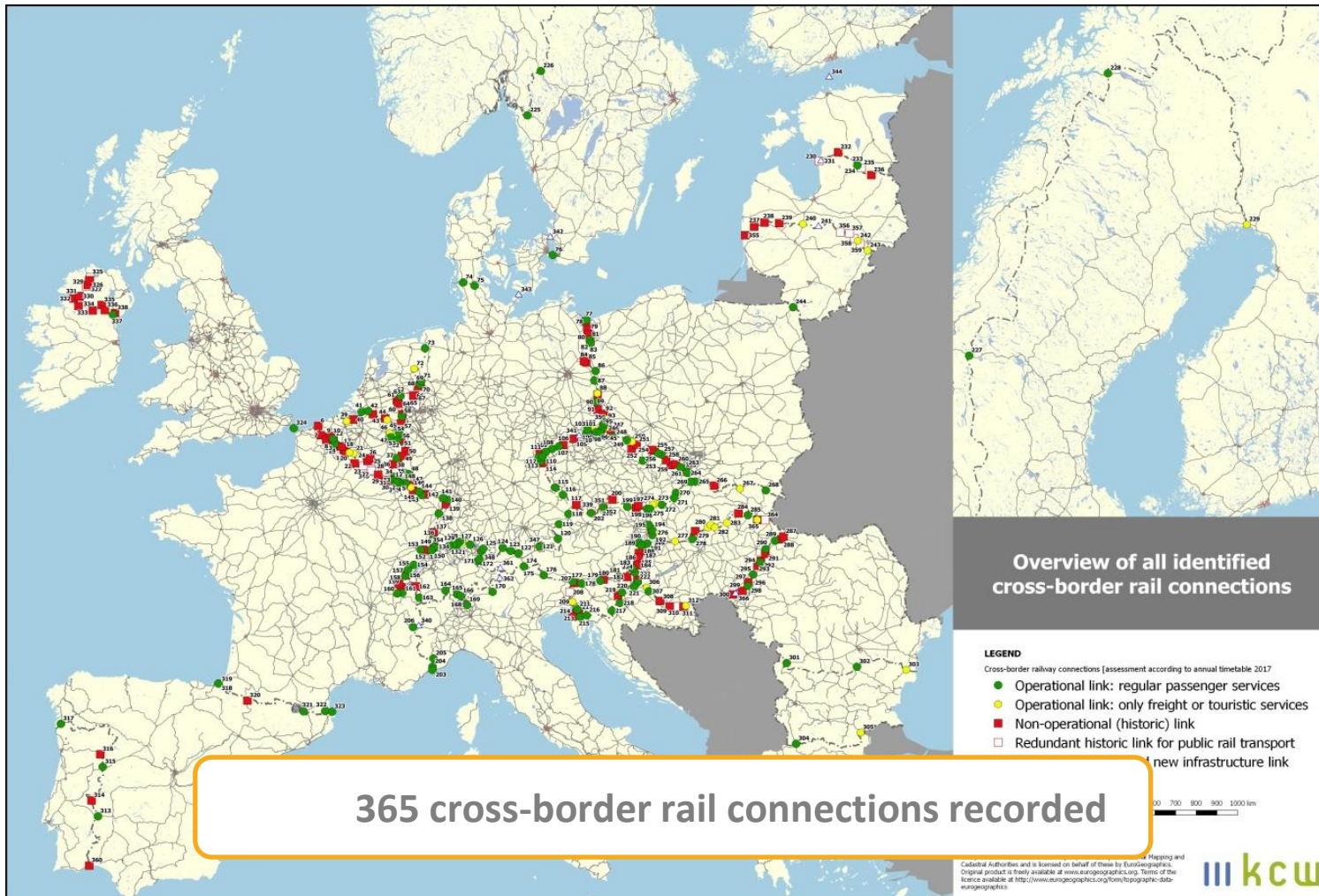
**consider the legal and financial
framework for cooperation**



**build evidence for better
decision-making**



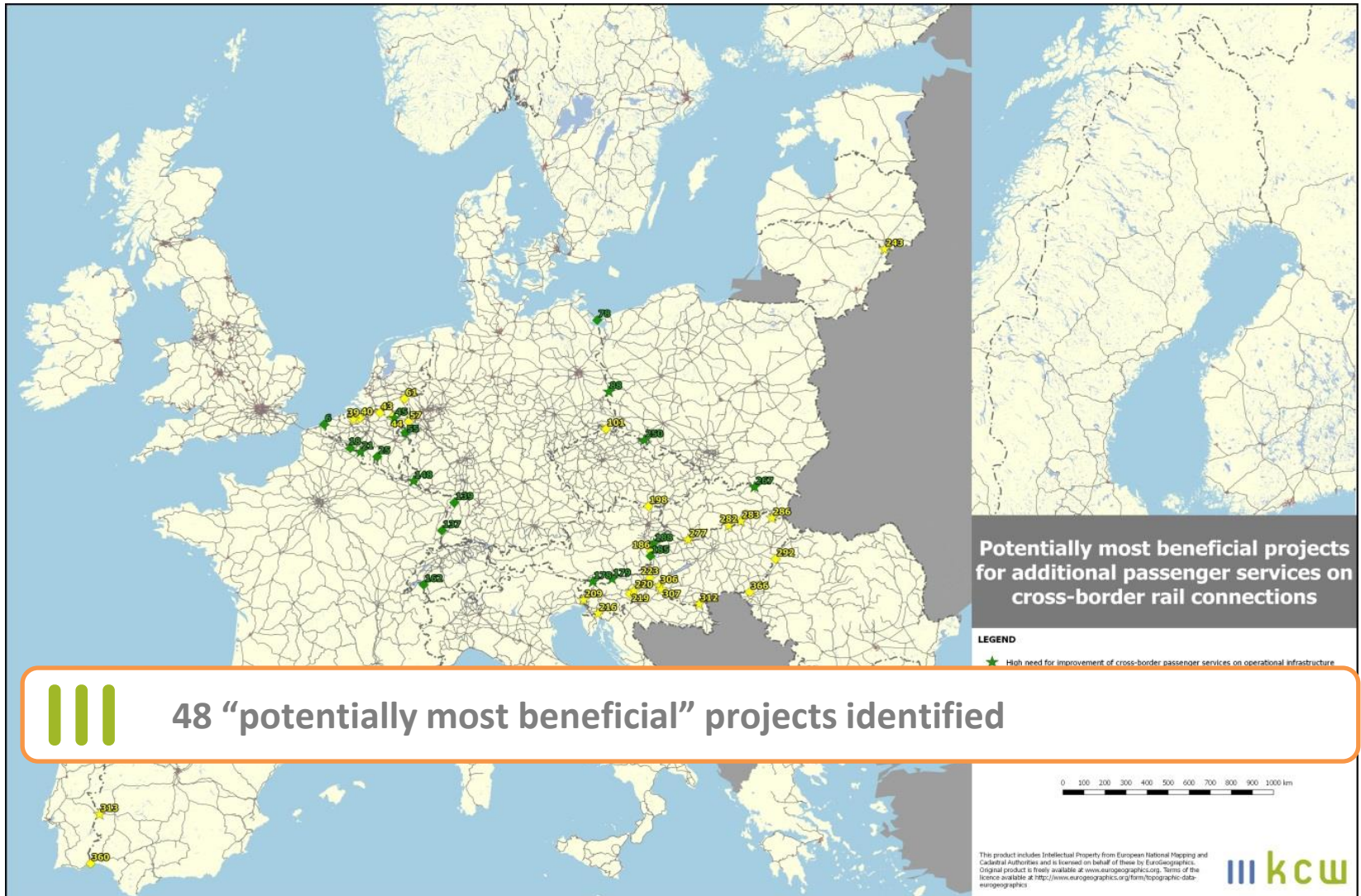
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MOST PROMISING MISSING LINKS

ID	Name of the rail connection	TEN-T: Corridor/ Core Network or Comprehensive Network	Classification according to 2017 timetable	Importance for the border region	Importance for the countries concerned	Importance on TEN-T level	NUTS3 in country A	NUTS3 in country B	The connection could improve TEN-T connectivity between...	The connection could alleviate the following structural spatial effects	Stakeholders' assessment
6	Dunkerque [FR] - De Panne [BE]	-	Elements missing	Medium	Low	No	FR301	BE258	-	Connection would be an additional link north of Lille the, along the French-Belgian coast	Rather positive
18	Valenciennes [FR] - Mons [BE]	Comprehensive Network	Entirely missing: dismantled	Medium	Low	Low	FR301	BE323	-	Connection would be an additional link south of the Lille area where no rail connection with passenger services between FR and BE exist today (gap of approx. 230 km)	Rather positive
21	Maubeuge [FR] - Charleroi [BE]	Comprehensive Network	Freight only	Low	Medium	Low	FR301	BE326	-	Connection would be an additional link south of the Lille area where no rail connection with passenger services between FR and BE exist today (gap of approx. 230 km)	Rather positive
25	Charleville-Mézières [FR] - Givet [FR] - Dinant [BE]	-	Entirely missing: dismantled	Medium	Low	No	FR211	BE353	Comprehensive Network/North Sea-Mediterranean	Connection would be an additional link south of the Lille area where no rail connection with passenger services between FR and BE exist today (gap of approx. 230 km)	Rather positive
45	Mol [BE] - Roermond [NL]	Comprehensive Network	Freight only	Medium	High	Low	BE222	NL414	-	Connection would be an additional link in the border area between Breda and Maastricht where no rail connection with passenger services between BE and NL exist today (gap of approx. 100 km)	Rather positive
55	Aachen [DE] - Maastricht [NL]	-	Proposed link	Medium	Low	No	DEA2D	NL423	North Sea-Baltic/Rhine Alpine/Comprehensive Network	-	Rather positive
78	Ducherow [DE] - Swinoujście Centrum [PL]	-	Entirely missing: dismantled	High	Medium	No	DE80N	PL428	-	Connection would ease the access from Berlin to the Polish and also the German part of the Island Usedom	Rather positive
88	Guben [DE] - Czerwieńsk [PL] - Zielona Góra [PL]	-	Freight only	Medium	Low	No	DE40G	PL432	Comprehensive Network	-	Rather positive
137	Freiburg [DE] - Colmar [FR]	-	Entirely missing: dismantled	High	Low	No	DE132	FR422	Rhine-Alpine/North Sea-Mediterranean	-	Rather positive
139	Rastatt [DE] - Roeschwoog [FR] - Haguenau [FR]	-	Elements missing	High	Low	No	DE124	FR421	Rhine-Danube/Rhine Alpine/Comprehensive Network	-	Rather positive
148	Trier [DE] - Thionville [FR] - Metz [FR]	Comprehensive Network	not fully exploited	High	Medium	Low	DEC02	FR413	-	Improved direct connection would ease rail transport between Trier and Metz. Today detour via Luxembourg or Saarbrücken necessary.	Rather positive
162	St-Maurice [CH] - Évian-les-Bains [FR]	-	Neglected	High	Low	No	CH012	FR718	-	Connection would improve public transport on the southbanks of Lake Geneva where no passenger rail services exist today	Rather positive
178	Rosenbach bei Villach [AT] - Jesenice [SI]	Comprehensive Network	not fully exploited	High	Medium	High	AT211	SI042	-	-	Rather positive
179	Klagenfurt [AT] - Bleiburg [AT] - Maribor [SI]	-	not fully exploited	Medium	Low	No	AT213	SI033	-	-	Rather positive
185	Oberwart [AT] - Szombathely [HU]	-	Entirely missing: dismantled	Medium	Low	No	AT111	HU222	-	Connection would be an additional link in the border area between Sopron and Szertgotthard where no rail connection with passenger services between AT and HU exist today	Rather positive
188	Deutschkreutz [AT] - Sopron [HU]	Comprehensive Network	not fully exploited	High	Medium	Low	AT112	HU221	-	-	Rather positive
250	Wałbrzych [PL] - Meziříčie [CZ]	-	Freight only	Medium	Low	No	PL517	CZ052	-	-	Rather positive
267	Muszyna [PL] - Plaveč [SK]	Comprehensive Network	Freight only	Medium	Low	No	PL218	SK041	-	Connection would be an additional link in the border area of Poland and the Slovak Republic where only few railway connection with passenger services exist at all	Rather positive
320	Zaragoza [ES] - Canfranc [ES] - Pau [FR]	Comprehensive Network	Entirely missing: dismantled	Medium	Medium	Low	ES241	FR615	-	Connection would be an additional link in the border area of Spain and France where only few railway connection with passenger services exist at all	Rather positive
39	(Gent [BE] -) Wondelgem [BE] - Terneuzen [NL]	Comprehensive Network	Freight only	Medium	No	Low	BE233	NL341	-	-	Rather cautious
40	Sint-Niklaas [BE] - Terneuzen [NL]	-	Entirely missing: dismantled	Medium	No	No	BE236	NL341	Rhine-Alpine/Comprehensive Network	-	Rather cautious



Financing CB investments

Interreg Programmes

“Mainstream Programmes”

CEF – EIB – InvestEU

Blending ?



More Information

InfoRegio:

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/information/publications/communications/2017/boosting-growth-and-cohesion-in-eu-border-regions



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Dedicated platform:

<https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/border-regions/forum>