Towards a European solution for eliminating cross-border legal and administrative solutions

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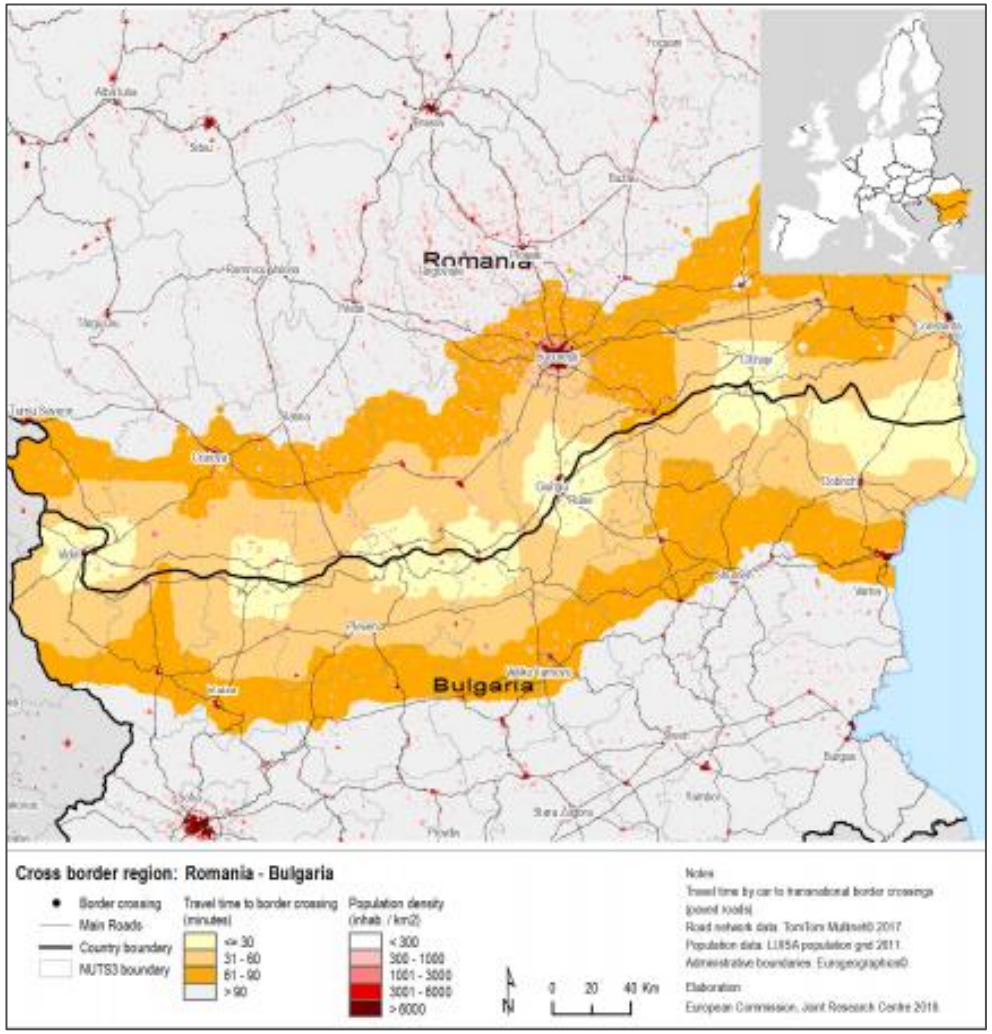
What is a border?



A **line** that divides territories

or

A **territory** with development potential

https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/publication/drive-time-based-definition-cross-border-regions-and-analysis-population-trends

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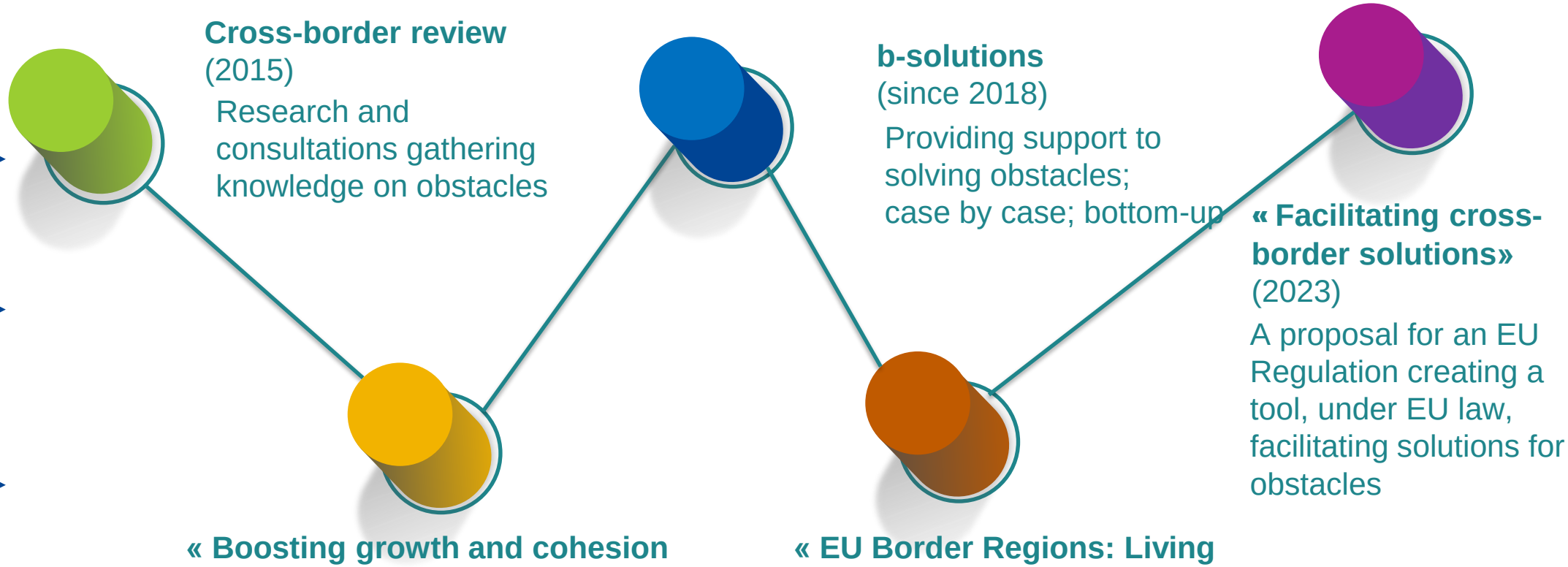
Border Focal POINT – policy base



Cross-border review (2015)

Research and consultations gathering knowledge on obstacles

« Boosting growth and cohesion in EU Border Regions » (2017)

Setting the Border Focal Point. Call for action (EC and MS) to address border obstacles

b-solutions (since 2018)

Providing support to solving obstacles; case by case; bottom-up

« EU Border Regions: Living labs of European integration» (2021)

Demonstrating the potential of deeper cross-border cooperation.

« Facilitating cross-border solutions» (2023)

A proposal for an EU Regulation creating a tool, under EU law, facilitating solutions for obstacles

Facilitating Cross Border Solutions

TIMELINE

- 2015 Council conclusions calling for a “Cross Border Convention”
- 2018 ECBM proposal
- 2023 / 9 - EP own initiative report for BRIDGEU
- 2023 / 12 – EC amended ECBM proposal = FCBS
- 2024 / 10 – Council adopted mandate for negotiations
  Parliament – Council – Commission

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Facilitating Cross Border Solutions

NEW ELEMENTS
(according to Council compromise text 10/2024)

- Voluntary creation of CB Coordination Points
- Natural persons cannot be initiators
- Transfer of files amongst MS and “relevant authority”
- EU single register of files
- Exclusion of maritime borders

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NEXT STEPS

- Trilogues to define final text
- Adoption and entry into force
- MS may create CB Coordination Points
- EP pilot project to support creation of CBCP
- Commission to promote exchanges

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Thank you

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