



EUSDR Priority Area 10 „Institutional Capacity and Cooperation“

# ‘Extended’ PA 10 Steering Group Meeting on cross-border cooperation

16 September 2020 | 14.00-16.00 CET



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- Questions can be asked in the chat.

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- Questions can also be asked directly in the Q&A sessions.  
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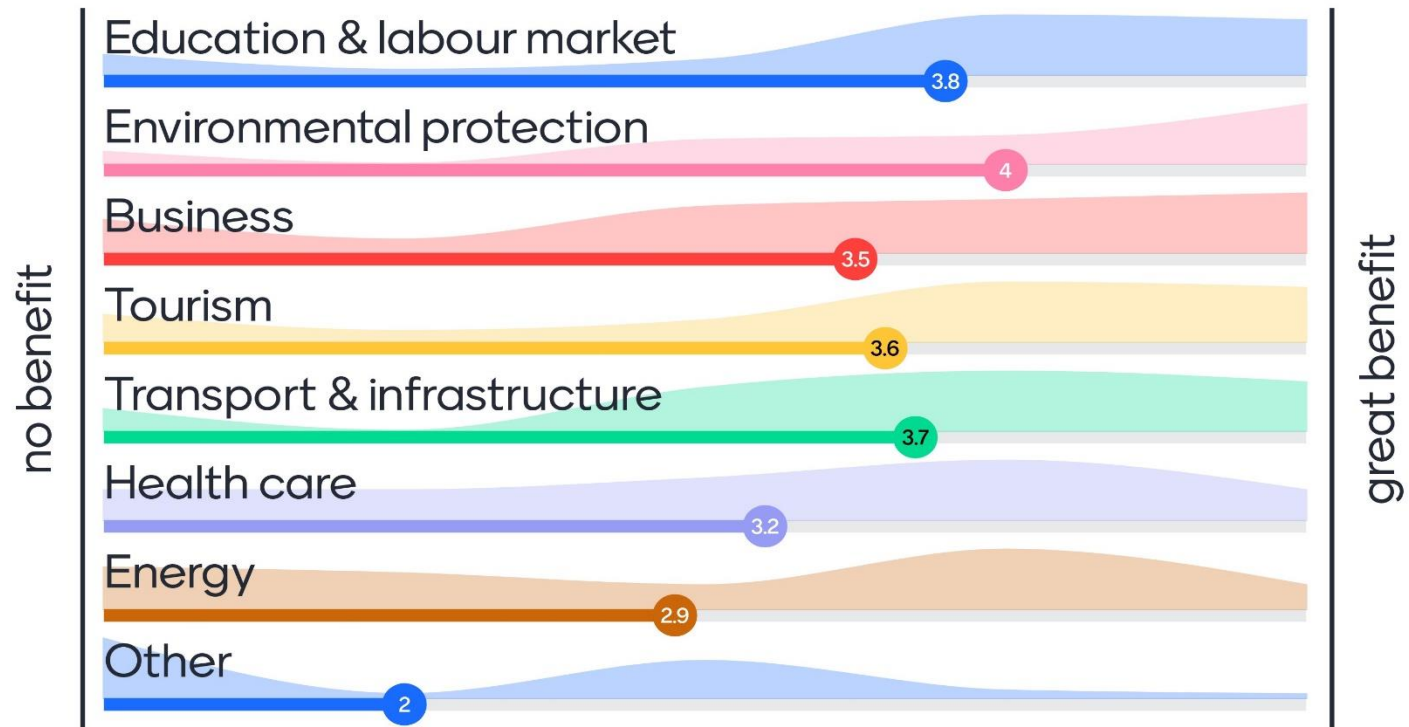
# Agenda

14.00	Welcome & Introduction
14.15	Reducing legal, administrative and governance barriers in cross-border functional areas – an introduction
14.30	Cross-border cooperation in the Danube Region Q&A
14.45	ESPON Territorial Analysis on cross-border services (CPS) Q&A
15.00	The b-solutions initiative – tackling border obstacles and difficulties along EU internal land borders Q&A
15.15	Group Discussion  Which measures do we need / can we offer / need to be developed in order to strengthen cross-border cooperation/services? Who should be involved to facilitate cross-border capacity building?
15.55	Closing remarks

## Poll

Which policy areas would benefit the most from stronger cross-border cooperation?

# Which policy areas would benefit the most from stronger cross-border cooperation in the Danube Region in your opinion?



Reducing barriers in cross-border functional areas. An introduction



# PA 10 Action 2 | To facilitate the administrative cooperation of communities living in border regions

“ Capacity development for high-level public services, healthy regional development and trust building across borders is crucial to support smooth economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Danube Region. Hence, activities such as **diminishing or eliminating legal and administrative obstacles** or **developing joint cross-border public services and governance structures** contribute to improve the competitiveness of border regions. ”

## TARGET 2

Establishing structures to contribute to the facilitation of cross-border capacity building and cooperation through facilities such as cooperation platforms, knowledge transfer, and project development for cross-border public services.

# Operationalising support for cooperation in border regions

Why is cross-border cooperation in the Danube Region relevant? (Gyula Ocskay, CESCOI)

Cross-border public services (CPS)  
(Nicolas Rossignol, ESPON)

Tackling legal & administrative obstacles  
(Martin Guillermo-Ramírez, AEHR)

## What is the macro-regional solution?

Cooperation  
platforms

Knowledge transfer

Project development

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- Policy Paper for “Multi-level Governance in Functional Urban Areas in the Danube Region”
- SECCo2 project
- ...



## ,warm-up quiz‘

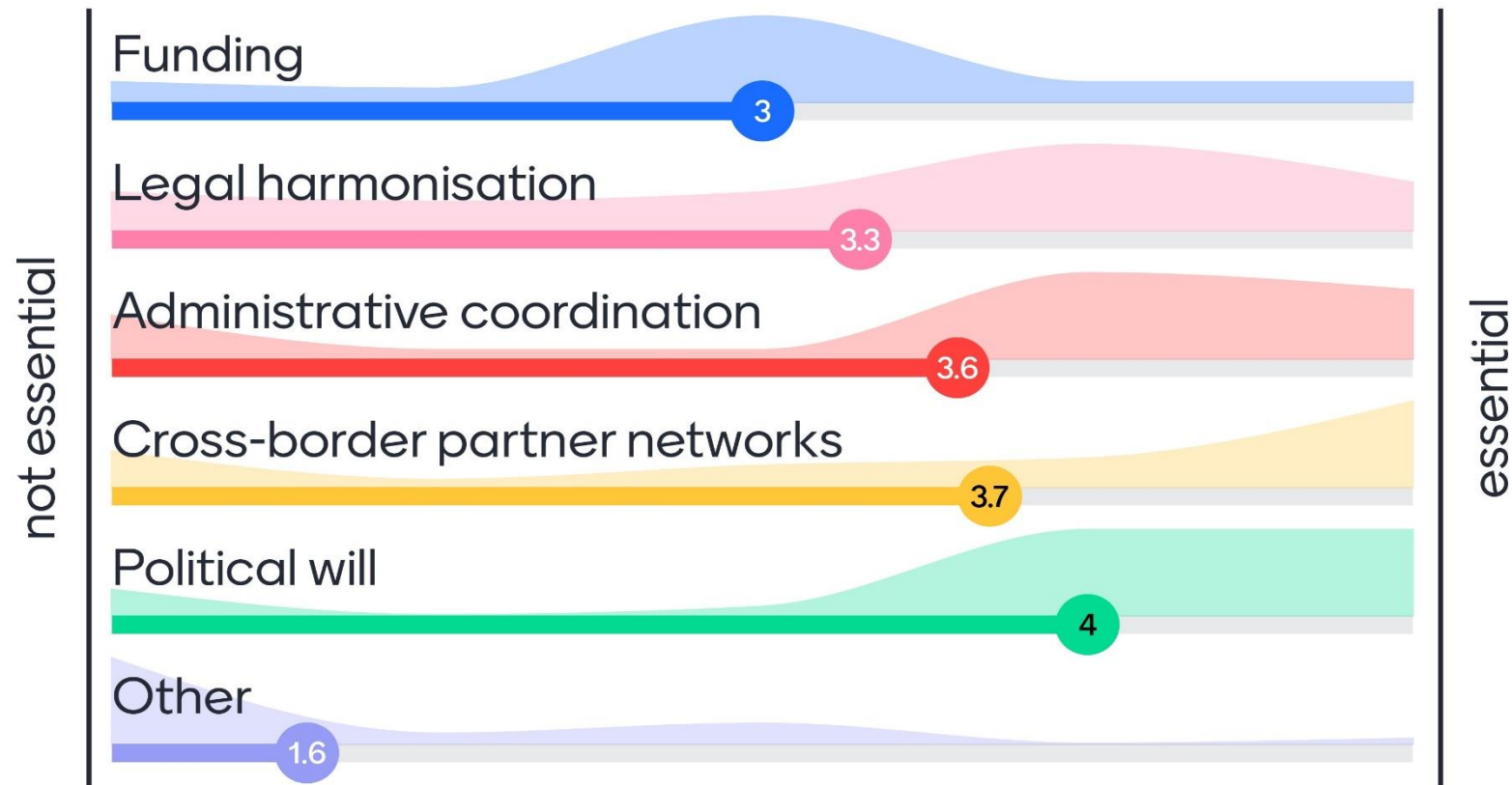
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Group discussion

## Poll

What are the most essential factors for cross-border cooperation in your opinion?

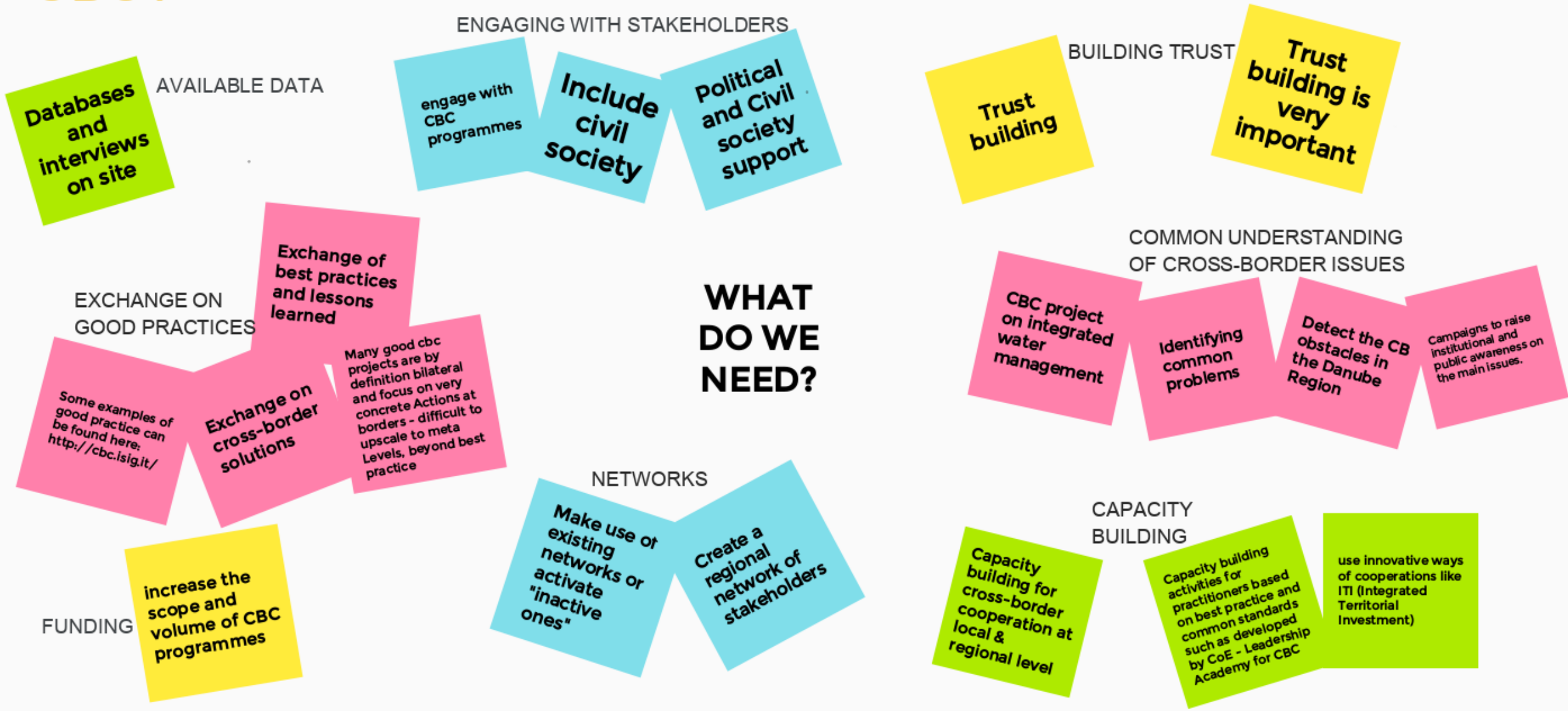
# What are the most essential factors for cross-border cooperation in your opinion?



1. Access the Google Jamboard Link.
2. You have 2 minutes to write your input on a virtual post-it and publish it on the whiteboard.
3. After the 2 minutes we discuss the inputs.

<https://jamboard.google.com/>

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## WHAT DO WE NEED TO DEVELOP?

Firstly, we need to develop our own understanding of what we need and what and how much we can implement.

Relevant Pilot Projects for Exchange in specific sectors (e.g. health / COVID Response)

common ideas for states - thematically + network for their implementation

Raise awareness of benefits of CBC across DR

Promote the participation of border LRAs in CBC networks (e.g. AEHR, CESC)

To identify existing CB stakeholders of the EUSDR

Identify "ambassadors" of CBC at national governments and parliaments

Place-based solutions - developing the idea of functional areas to address needs of place irrespective of border

Opportunities for networking and sharing of experience

To popularise CBC through small-scale actions and initiatives in the EUSDR region

Involve politicians/decision-makers in border areas in discussions at macro-regional level

Closing remarks

## Up-coming events

- 18th European Week of Regions and Cities | 5-22 October 2020  
Cohesion Policy: 15-16 October 2020  
Thu, 15 October 2020 | 12:30 - 13:30: Laboratory for a New Europe: Macro-regional Strategies pushing European Integration  
<https://europa.eu/regions-and-cities/register>
- 7th Danube Participation Day | 21 October 2020
- 9th EUSDR Annual Forum | 22 October 2020  
„Harmonious and sustainable development in the Danube Region“

# Thank you and take care!

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