

# SAVE THE DATE

## Reinforcing cross-border governance for development



**When:** 18 June (12:00-20:00, including lunch and dinner)  
19 June (08:30-13:00, including lunch)

**Where:** Thon Hotel Brussels City Centre,  
Avenue Boulevard 17, 1210 Brussels

## “Building More Resilient Cross-Border Regions” project

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## About the event

The European Commission’s DG REGIO and the OECD are inviting cross-border co-operation experts and practitioners from across the EU to participate in this event focused on presenting and discussing a new analytical tool to build more resilient cross-border regions. The tool identifies key areas for consideration and recommendations for action by cross-border regions that are interested in establishing or reinforcing cross-border governance mechanisms. It builds on the preliminary findings of the DG REGIO/OECD “Building More Resilient Cross-Border Regions” project, and in particular on the experiences of five cross-border regions participating in the initiative.<sup>1</sup>

Through a series of thematic sessions and a workshop, the event aims to **facilitate exchange and debate among cross-border experts and practitioners about the pillars and recommendations included in the analytical tool**. These sessions will address topics such as the co-development of cross-border strategies and projects; cross-border service delivery; ensuring sustainable funding and financing for European Groupings of Territorial Co-operation (EGTCs); promotion and advocacy of cross-border issues; and co-ordinating multi-level relationships.

Based on the outcomes of the event, the OECD will refine the tool and ensure it serves as a comprehensive toolkit that policy makers at the national, regional, and local levels can use to build more resilient cross-border regions across the European Union.

## About the project

The “Building More Resilient Cross-Border Regions” project (2023-2024) is helping five pilot regions improve cross-border governance through reinforced multi-level governance arrangements and co-development of cross-border co-operation initiatives. It also aims to build on the knowledge and experience of the pilot regions to develop material that can help other regions set up or further strengthen their cross-border governance mechanism.

The project focuses on the following four aspects:

- **Framework conditions:** How do differences in territorial-administrative structures and decentralisation arrangements in co-operating countries affect their ability to collaborate on a cross-border basis? How do geographic and socio-demographic characteristics (e.g. population density, language) affect a citizen’s sense of cross-border identity and support for cross-border co-operation?
- **Actors:** Which public and non-governmental actors are involved in cross-border co-operation? How do they engage with each other. What are barriers to the effective design and delivery of cross-border policies, plans and services and how can these be overcome?
- **Policy objectives:** What are the development objectives and priorities of cross-border co-operation initiatives? What are critical obstacles/gaps in designing and implementing integrated cross-border policies, plans and public services, and how can these be overcome?
- **Means:** What financial, human and material resources are used and can be further developed to support sustainable cross-border public service delivery? How do cross-border regions support information sharing among levels of government and across sectors, for example to track the success of cross-border service delivery initiatives.

More information about the project and forthcoming activities can be found in our online [brochure](#).

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<sup>1</sup> The five pilot regions cover parts of the following countries: Belgium and France (Eurometropole Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai); Lithuania and Poland (EGTC Niemen-Nemunas); Luxembourg and France (EGTC Alzette-Belval); France and Spain (EGTC Cerdanya Hospital); and Portugal and Spain (EGTC Rio Minho).