



BORDER REGIONS MEASURES TO BOOST GROWTH AND JOBS

The **Single Market and freedom of movement** are EU rights. Citizens enjoy being able to move, work, study or use services in other EU countries.

1 in 3 Europeans live in these regions – **150 million people**

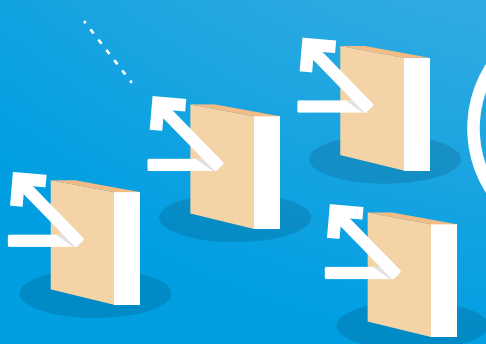


2 million EU citizens are **frontier workers or students** – they travel to work or school across a border **daily or weekly**.

The process should be smooth and easy.
But for many it is not.

Varying **national laws and administrative procedures** hinder access to work, education, emergency services, business, local public transport, and health care.

Removing only **one fifth** of all obstacles could lead to:



GDP +2% in border regions



1 million new jobs

These challenges will be addressed by the following **10 measures**.

The creation of a '**Border Focal Point**' within the Commission will facilitate and support their implementation.



deepen cooperation and exchanges



e-government to enable cross-border public administration



improve the legislative process



provide reliable and understandable information and assistance



support cross-border employment



promote greater pooling of health care facilities



promote border multilingualism



consider the legal and financial framework for cooperation

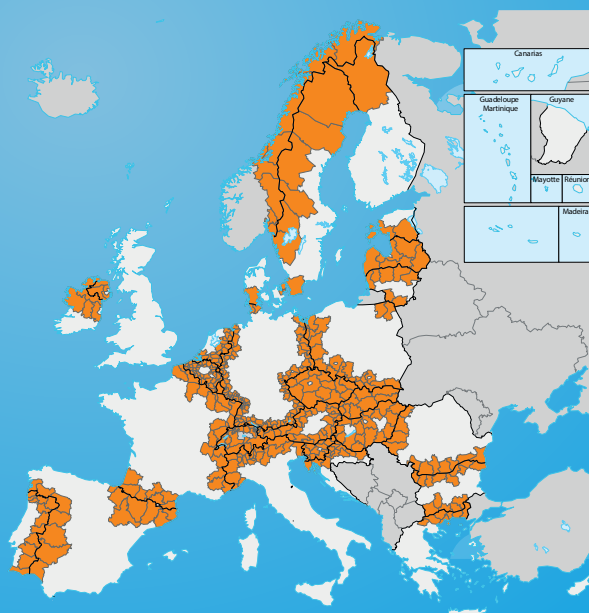


facilitate cross-border accessibility



build evidence for better decision-making

28 EU countries, together with Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein, share close to **40 land borders**, with over **440 regions** located alongside at least one border.



“Border regions are essential for Europe's growth. With more than a quarter of the EU GDP being produced there, we are looking at a gold mine of opportunities.”

