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Cross-border regions: strengthening cooperation through data, evidence and evaluation

Cross-border regions throughout Europe face a wide range of challenges that require reliable territorial evidence, sound programme knowledge and robust analytical methods. INTERREG programmes play a key role in addressing these challenges, yet their implementation and assessment depend on the availability of cross-border data strengthening territorial analysis. In this [online dialogue](#), we will present insights from recent studies and evaluations in a cross-border context.

- ▶ Evaluating cross-border cooperation programmes presents specific challenges. [INTERREG projects](#) often focus on building cooperation frameworks and have more complex governance arrangements than mainstream Cohesion Policy programmes. The evaluation of the [Interreg Programme Saxony–Czechia](#), illustrates a stakeholder participatory approach to policy learning.
- ▶ [Territorial evidence](#) and visualisations play a key role in supporting cross-border governance and policy development. Building on projects such as [CROSSGOV](#), [Core-IB](#) and [TNCOOP](#), the discussion will demonstrate how comparable cross-country data, advanced visualisations and mapping of indicators can support better understanding of cross-border areas and cooperation dynamics.
- ▶ Strengthening cross-border integration requires (among other things) a better understanding of [cross-border labour markets](#). In the DG REGIO [Cross-Border Regional Labour Market Analysis](#), we identified significant constraints for such analysis, frequently linked to data gaps and limited availability of comparable statistics. Responding to those constraints, the current DG REGIO study on [Cross-Border Data Collection](#) develops a [methodology to collect commuter data](#) based on administrative sources, aiming to improve the evidence base for policy-making.

The dialogue will be particularly relevant for Interreg programme Managing Authorities and Joint Secretariats, regional observatories and authorities engaged in cross-border cooperation, as well as researchers.

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Registration per email at team@oir.at until 09.04.2026.

The link will be sent to you via email prior to the meeting.
