



Cross-Border Cooperation: European Experiences of Regional Development

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GIZ Support for Economic Cooperation in Sub-Regional Initiatives in Asia (SCSI) Programme

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- German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Countries

- PR China, Mongolia, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Viet Nam

Overall Term

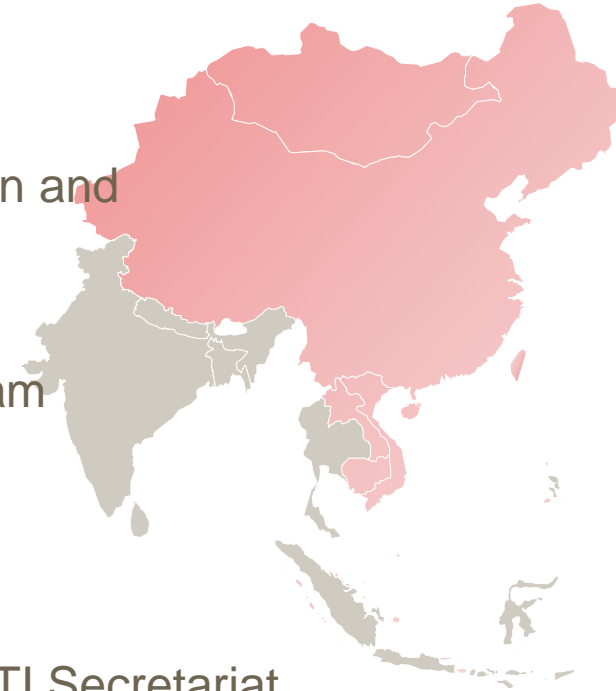
- 2015 - 2019

GIZ Support for GTI

- Since 2010 cooperation and support of GTI and GTI Secretariat

Further Information

- www.connecting-asia.org





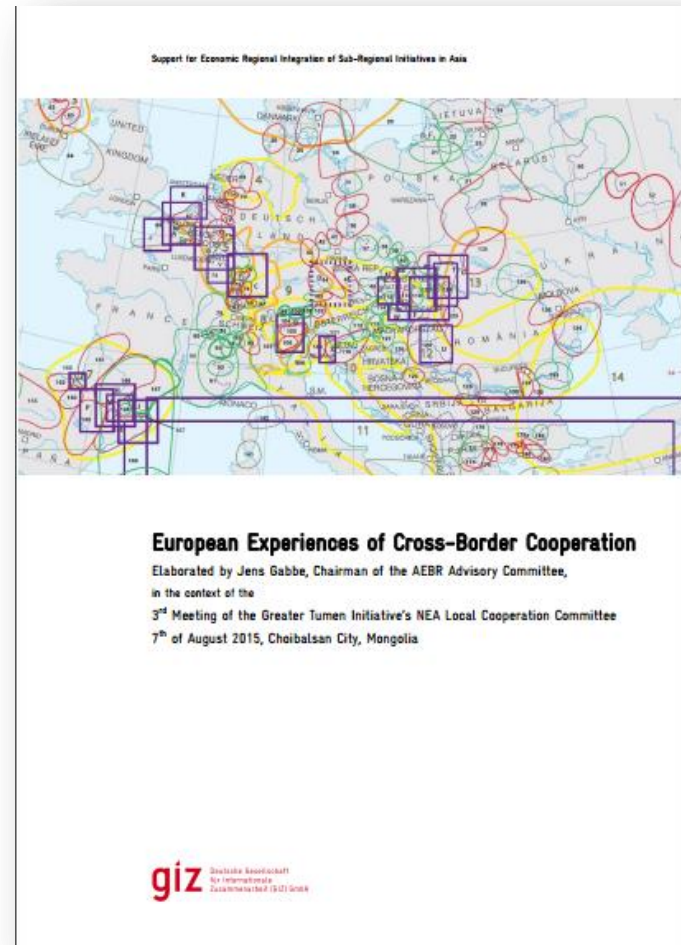
Example of SCSI Support:

European Experiences of Cross-Border Cooperation

- Historical Overview of CBC in Europe
- Characteristics of current CBC in Europe
- Examples of CBC
- Added value of CBC
- Recommendations for the GTR

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<http://connecting-asia.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/European-Experience-of-Cross-Border-Cooperation.pdf>





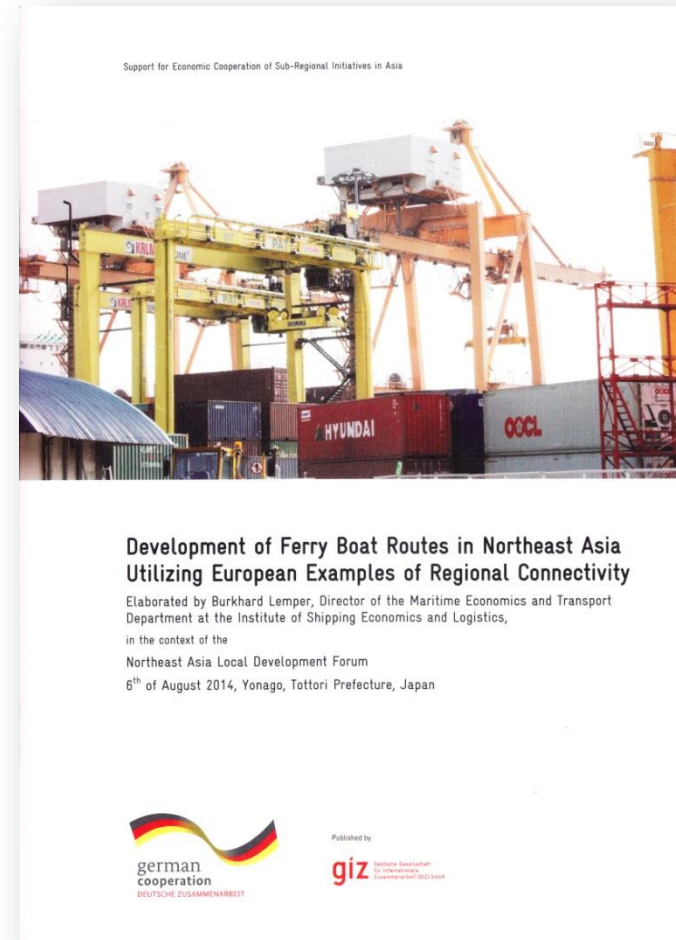
Example of SCSI Support:

Development of Ferry Boat Routes in Northeast Asia – Utilizing European Examples of Regional Connectivity

- Overview of ferry services for regional connectivity
- Example: Development of ferry boat routes in the Baltic Sea Region
- Recommendations for the GTR

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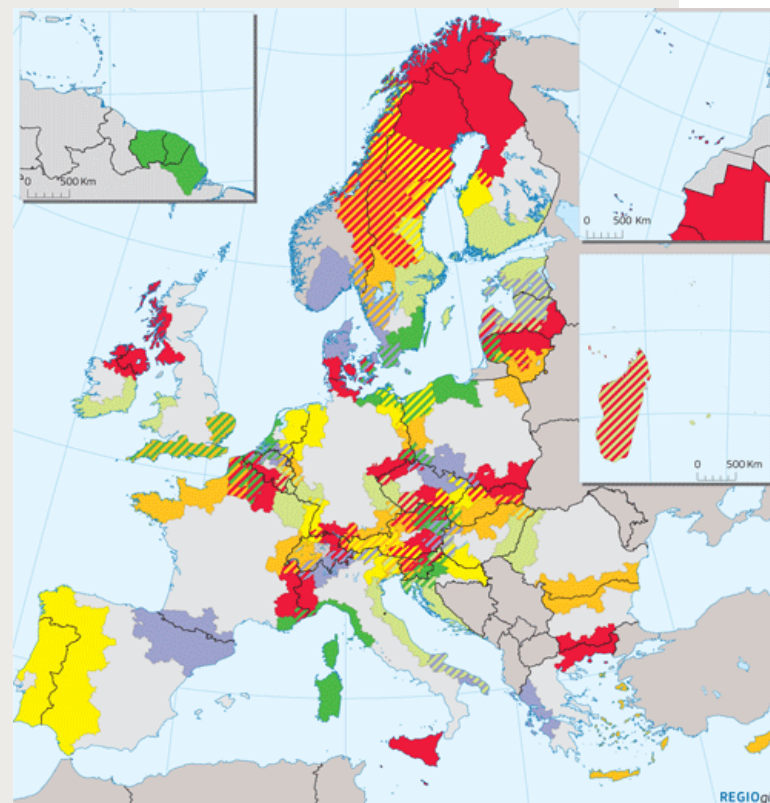




European Integration and Cross-Border Cooperation

Key Figures

- approx. 40% of the European population lives in border areas along 38 internal borders made up of geographic and linguistic barriers
 - 1990: European Commission together with Association of European Border Regions (AEBR) established Interreg as a programme to facilitate and accelerate cross-border cooperation
 - today more than 200 border and cross-border regions exist in Europe
- Euroregions: legal entities of cross-border regions; multi-purpose, rely on own financial sources (first Euroregion: EUREGIO, 1958)
- Working Communities: based on working agreements, limited capacities, depend on external funding



Source: European Commission, 2015.



The Danube-Kris-Mures-Tisa Regional Cooperation (DKMT Euroregion)

Key Facts

- Area: Parts of Hungary, Romania, and Serbia
- Established: November 1997, member of AEBR since 2005
- Aims: (1) Develop and broaden relationships among local communities and local governments in the fields of economy, infrastructure, tourism, environmental protection, catastrophe prevention, agriculture, culture, science, sports, and more.
(2) Help the region to join the process of the European integration.



Organisation

- Structure: General Assembly, Secretariat, Workgroups
- Implementation: DKMT Euroregional Development Agency (est. 2003 by General Assembly)

Achievements

- series of economic development trade fairs and conferences for entrepreneurs and experts
- Euroregional Information Centre ([ERIC](#)), a four-language news portal, updated daily
- cross-border thematic tourist routes connecting special touristic sites
- Triplex international industrial park
- various infrastructure projects (e.g. “Euroregional TGV”)



Baltic Sea States Subregional Cooperation (BSSSC)

- BSSSC: political network for decentralised authorities (sub-regions) in the Baltic Sea Region (BSR).
- Established: 1993
- Area: 10 Baltic Sea littoral states, 162 member regions
- Organisation: Board, Secretariat, ad hoc working groups
- Aim: promote and advocate the interests of the regions of the Baltic Sea area towards national governments, EU institutions and inter-governmental organisations.
- BSSSC policy areas 2017-2018:
 - Sustainable Development and Climate Change
 - Transport and Accessibility
 - Culture, creative industries and regional identity
 - Growth, Jobs, and Innovation



Further information: <https://www.bsssc.com/kopi-av-bsssc>

Source: BSSSC Homepage.



NSB CoRe – North Sea Baltic Connector of Regions

Key Facts

- Area: Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Germany
- Duration: 2016-2018
- Aims: (1) improve the sustainable accessibility of the Eastern Baltic Sea Region (EBSR) to freight and passenger transport
(2) connect the TEN-T core network corridor (CNC) of North Sea Baltic to its catchment area and access routes in EBSR.
- Budget: EUR 3,3 million

Organisation and Implementation

- Lead Partner: Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council, Finland
- Financing: Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme
- Project activities: logistics, long distance commuter services, transnational community building and transport branding.



Source: Kvarken Council Homepage.

Further information: www.kvarken.org/projects/nsb-core/



Key Take-Aways for the Greater Tumen Region

Cross-Border Cooperation and Logistics Networks in the GTR

- transform back-to-back into face-to-face borders
- step by step development approach: “first the task – then the structure”
- involvement of the local and regional level as key to establishment of permanent working structures
- Added value:
 - increased economic and social cohesion, cooperation and thus integration
 - exchange of knowledge and increased mutual understanding and trust
 - further development in fields of infrastructure, transport, tourism, environment, etc.
 - job creation and update of local economic structures.



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