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Cross-border health-related activities in Europe

Questionnaire for Euregios, Euroregions, Working Associations
and similar cross-border structures



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Dear Sir or Madam,

You are kindly requested to inform us about cross-border projects and other activities in the health sector in your border region by completing this documentation sheet. This questionnaire has been sent to Euregios, Euroregions, Working Associations and similar cross-border structures. The analysis of the information sent by you and your colleagues will allow us to draw up an overview of existing cross-border activities in the health sector.

This overview is carried out by the Institute of Public Health NRW (Bielefeld, Germany) and funded by the European Commission. The project is being supported by a number of cooperation partners such as the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR) and the Standing Committee of the Hospitals of the European Union (HOPE).

Questions concerning your opinion or assessment of the situation will be evaluated in an aggregate form so that no conclusions can be drawn with regard to individual border regions.

What is meant by "cross-border health-related activities"?

In our survey "cross-border health-related activities" refer to all those activities in the health sector where partners from two or more countries work together along a common border.

Activities in the health sector include for example activities in the fields of health care provision, rescue services, disaster control, health reporting, epidemiology, health monitoring, health promotion, prevention as well as activities for the further training and education of health care professionals.

Hints for completing the questionnaire

In addition to open questions which require text answers, this questionnaire also contains questions for which answer boxes have already been given. Please answer this type of questions by marking only one box with a cross. An exception are questions No 20 and No 44 for which multiple answers are possible. If the given possible answers do not comply with your intended answer, please opt for that kind of answer which comes closest to your intended answer.

If there is not enough space for giving your text answers, please use a separate sheet, giving the number of the question you are referring to.

It may be possible that some of the questions contained in this documentation sheet are of no relevance to you. To save your time, we have therefore structured this documentation sheet in such a way that these questions can be skipped. In these cases you will find a corresponding hint ("Please go on to question xx")

For cross-border cooperation structures various expressions are known such as for example "Euregio", "Euroregion", "Regio", "Working Association" and others. In this questionnaire, all these cross-border structures will in the following be exclusively referred to as "Euregio", "Euroregion" and "Working Association" and these terms be used synonymously.

Returning the questionnaire

Please return the completed questionnaire by post to "Institute of Public Health (Iögd) NRW, Ulrike Wolf, Westerfeldstr. 35-37, 33611 Bielefeld, Germany" by **30 November 2004** at the latest.

If you have any further questions on the questionnaire, please also contact Frau Wolf from the Institute of Public Health NRW (Tel.: +49 (0) 521 - 8007 263, E-Mail: ulrike.wolf@loegd.nrw.de).

Thank you very much for your help!

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General questions

1. Name of your Euregio/Euroregion/Working Association or similar structures*:

* In the following, we exclusively use the expression "Euregio/Euroregion/Working Association", but this also includes all other cross-border structures

2. Website of your Euregio/Euroregion/Working Association:

3. How many countries are represented in your Euregio/Euroregion/Working Association? Please give their names:

- 1 ☐ 2 countries (a) (b)
- 2 ☐ 3 countries (a) (b) (c)
- 3 ☐ more than 3 countries (a) (b) (c)
(d) (e) (f)

4. Which areas does your Euregio/Euroregion/Working Association comprise? Please give us the names of these areas. (If available, please also send us a map, on which the geographic names and borders of the corresponding areas are shown.)

[If you require more space, please use separate sheet]

5. When was the Euregio/Euroregion/Working Association founded?

..... (year)

6. What is the size of the area of your Euregio/Euroregion/Working Association?

about km²

☐ do not know
8

7. How many people are living in the area of your Euregio/Euroregion/Working Association?

about inhabitants

☐ do not know
8

8. What is the unemployment rate in the area of the Euregio/Euroregion/Working Association?

Totally about %

☐ do not know
8

If on this question you have separate data for each individual country, please list them here (e.g. German side: xx%, Dutch side: xy%.) Please give only data for the area of the Euregio/Euroregion/Working Association.

(a) Name of the country: about%

(b) Name of the country: about%

(c) Name of the country: about%

[If your border region comprises further countries, please use separate sheet]

9. What is the rate of foreigners living in the area of your Euregio/Euroregion/Working Association?

about %

☐

do not know

8

If on this question you have separate data for each individual country, please list them here (e.g. German side: xx%, Dutch side: xy%.) Please give only data for the area of the Euregio/Euroregion/Working Association.

(a) Name of the country:

about%

(b) Name of the country:

about%

(c) Name of the country:

about%

[If your border region comprises further countries, please use separate sheet]

10. Do you have your own financial budget?☐

yes

☐

no

If you have, what is the proportion of Interreg-funds in percent? about.....%

☐

do not know

8

11. How many people are working in the project office and/or secretariat? (Please give us full-time equivalents. If there are several project offices or secretariats in your Euregio/Euroregion/Working Association, please give us the full-time equivalents of the total number of staff employed).

..... persons employed on a permanent basis

☐

no permanently employed staff

0

12. Have any cross-border working groups, working circles or similar structures been set up in your border region?☐

yes

☐

no

If yes, how many working groups or similar structures do you have at present ?

..... working groups or similar.

13. What is the total number of Interreg II A projects carried out in your border region?

..... projects

☐

do not know

98

14. What is the total number of Interreg III A projects that were or are being carried out in your border region? (Please give us the total number of ongoing and completed projects)

..... projects

☐

do not know

98

Health: an issue in the border region?

Please let us know which role health plays for you in cross-border cooperation, which activities have taken place in this field and which projects have been carried out or are being carried out at the moment. In the following, we use the term "health". This expression comprises all health-related activities and health care sectors, i.e. also the field of rescue services and disaster control.

15. How important is the health issue in cross-border cooperation in your Euregio/Euroregion/Working Association?☐

1 very important (main area of work)

=> go on to question 17

☐

2 important

=> go on to question 17

☐

3 rather unimportant

=> go on to question 17

☐

4 not important (no issue at all)

16. Why is health no issue in your border region? What is the main reason?

(Please mark only one box with a cross)

1 ☐ We have no cross-border problems in this field3 ☐ We do have cross-border problems in this field, but subject is too difficult2 ☐ We do have cross-border problems in this field, but other issues are more important4 ☐ Other reasons:8 ☐ do not know**=> go on to question 42****17. Are there at present any cross-border working groups, working circles or similar structures in your Euregio/Euroregion/Working Association that have been set up on the subjects of health, rescue services and/or disaster control?**☐ yes
1☐ no => go on to question 21
2☐ do not know => go on to question 21
8**18. How many working groups, working circles or similar structures are there at present on the issues of health, rescue services and/or disaster control?**☐ 1
1☐ 2
2☐ 3
3☐ 4 or more
4☐ do not know
8**19. What are the names of these working groups, working circles or similar structures?**

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.....

.....

[If you require more space, please use separate sheet.]

20. What are the functions of the cross-border working groups, working circles or similar structures dealing with the issues of health, rescue services and/or disaster control?

(multiple answers are possible)

21 ☐ Exchange of information between members26 ☐ (Co-)decision on project approval22 ☐ Consultation of decision makers27 ☐ Development of their own project proposals23 ☐ Drawing up of concepts for action28 ☐ Carrying out of cross-border projects24 ☐ Development of health targets29 ☐ Others:25 ☐ Expert opinion on project proposals

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21. Have over the last four years (since January 1, 2000) any congresses, workshops or other events been held in your Euregio/Euroregion/Working Association on the subjects of health, rescue services and/or disaster control?1 ☐ yes2 ☐ no => go on to question 258 ☐ do not know => go on to question 25**22. How many of these events have been carried out since January 1, 2000?**☐ 1-2
1☐ 3-4
2☐ 5-6
3☐ 7 or more
4☐ do not know
8

23. Are these events being held on a regular basis?☐ yes
1☐ no
2☐ do not know
8**24. If known, please give us the subject and year of the last events.**

(Please list no more than the last three events.)

(A)

(B)

(C)

25. Have since January 1, 2000 any cross-border cooperation agreements been concluded in the fields of health, rescue services and/or disaster control (e.g. cooperation agreements between hospitals)☐ yes
1☐ no => go on to question 28
2☐ do not know => go on to question 28
8**26. How many cross-border cooperation agreements in the fields of health, rescue services and/or disaster control have been concluded since January 1, 2000?**☐ 1-2
1☐ 3-4
2☐ 5-6
3☐ 7 or more
4☐ do not know
8**27. Please describe in just a few words the main content of the agreements and between which parties****they were concluded** (Example 1: Cooperation agreement between professional fire brigade xx and rescue services provider xy on the provision of rescue services in the other country; Example 2: cooperation agreement between university hospital xx and health authority xy on the treatment of cancer patients in the university hospital).

A) Cooperation partner:

.....

Main content of agreement:

B) Cooperation partner:

.....

Main content of agreement:

C) Cooperation partner:

.....

Main content of agreement:

[If you require more space, please use separate sheet]

28. Has the Euregio/Euroregion/Working Association fixed itself explicit health targets?☐ yes
1☐ no
2☐ do not know
8

If yes, please list these targets:

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[If you require more space, please use separate sheet]

Cross-border health projects

29. Are there any cross-border health projects (e.g. Interreg III A projects) that have been or are being carried out in your border region?

- 1 ☐ yes
 2 ☐ no => go on to question 41

In the following, we would like to ask you to give us further information on the cross-border health projects that were or are being carried out in your border region. Health-related projects include all projects in the fields of health care provision, prevention, rescue services and disaster control as well as further health-relevant projects.

Please list completed and presently ongoing projects since 1994 (no projects that are in the planning stage). We are interested in the following three categories.

- A) Interreg II A – projects
 B) Interreg III A – projects
 C) Projects not sponsored under the Interreg programme and started since 1994.

A) Interreg II A: Projects in the fields of health, rescue services, disaster control

30. Are there any health-relevant projects in your Euregio/Euroregion/Working Association that were carried out under Interreg II A?

- ☐ 1 yes ☐ 2 no => go on to question 32 ☐ 8 do not know => go on to question 32

31. Please give us the data on Interreg II A health projects (incl. projects in the fields of rescue services, disaster control) that were carried out in your Euregio/ Euroregion/Working Association.

(A) Project title:
 Project start (month/year): Project completion (month/year):
 Total costs: € Interreg-share: €
 Name of the institution of main project partner:
 Address of main project partner:

 Contact (Family name, first name):
 Telephone: Fax:
 E-mail address:

(B) Project title:
 Project start (month/year): Project completion (month/year):
 Total costs: € Interreg-share: €
 Name of the institution of main project partner:
 Address of main project partner:

 Contact (Family name, first name):
 Telephone: Fax:
 E-mail address:

(C) Project title:

Project start (month/year): Project completion (month/year):

Total costs: € Interreg-share: €

Name of the institution of main project partner:

Address of main project partner:

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Contact (Family name, first name):

Telephone: Fax:

E-mail address:

If further projects have been carried out in these areas, please use separate sheet.

B) Interreg III A: Projects in the fields of health, rescue services, disaster control

32. Are there any health-relevant projects in your Euregio/Euroregion/Working Association that have been carried out or are being carried out under Interreg III A?

☐

yes

☐

no => go on to question 34

☐

do not know => go on to question 34

33. Please give us the data on Interreg III A health projects (incl. projects in the fields of rescue services, disaster control) that were or are presently being carried out in your Euregio/Euroregion/ Working Association.

(A) Project title:

Project start (month/year): Project completion (month/year):

Total costs: € Interreg-share: €

Name of the institution of main project partner:

Address of main project partner:

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Contact (Family name, first name):

Telephone: Fax:

E-mail address:

(B) Project title:

Project start (month/year): Project completion (month/year):

Total costs: € Interreg-share: €

Name of the institution of main project partner:

Address of main project partner:

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Contact (Family name, first name):

Telephone: Fax:

E-mail address:

(C) Project title:

Project start (month/year): Project completion (month/year):

Total costs: € Interreg-share: €

Name of the institution of main project partner:

Address of main project partner:

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Contact (Family name, first name):

Telephone: Fax:

E-mail address:

If further projects have been carried out in these areas, please use separate sheet.

C) Projects in the fields of health, rescue services and disaster control, not financed under Interreg

34. Are there any health-relevant projects that are presently being carried out or have since 1994 been carried out in your Euregio/Euroregion/Working Association and that are not Interreg funded?

☐

yes

☐

no

=> go on to question 36

☐

do not know => go on to question 36

35. Please give us the data on health projects (incl. projects in the fields of rescue services, disaster control) that have not been and/or are not being financed via Interreg. Please list only those projects that have been started since 1994. (Please list only projects, not events).

(A) Project title:

Project start (month/year): Project completion (month/year):

Total costs: €

Name of the institution of main project partner:

Address of main project partner:

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Contact (Family name, first name):

Telephone: Fax:

E-mail address:

(B) Project title:

Project start (month/year): Project completion (month/year):

Total costs: €

Name of the institution of main project partner:

Address of main project partner:

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Contact (Family name, first name):

Telephone: Fax:

E-mail address:

If further projects have been carried out in these areas, please use separate sheet.

Information materials

36. Is there any further information on the projects you mentioned that can be obtained from your office /secretariat?

☐ yes
1

☐ no
2

If further project information can be obtained in the form of documents (e.g. reports, leaflets etc), we would be pleased to receive them by post or e-mail.

Health projects: promoting and hindering factors

In cross-border cooperation there are promoting and hindering factors which might influence projects in the health sector. Please let us know where, in your opinion, major obstacles and/or success factors hinder or promote work in cross-border health projects.

Please put your crosses in the boxes ☒

37. To which extent, in your opinion, is work in cross-border health projects (incl. projects in the fields of rescue services, disaster control) promoted by the following factors?

	very pro- moting 4	pro- moting 3	hardly pro- moting 2	not pro- moting 1	do not know 8
Public knowledge about the projects					
Political support at the local level					
Support of the projects through Interreg-Secretariats					
Experiences of the project partners in cross-border cooperation					
Recognisable benefit of the projects for the population					
Political support at the regional level					
Personal commitment of the project actors					
Border proximity of the project partners					
Political support at the national level					

38. Are there any further factors promoting work in cross-border health projects? If yes, please list them here:

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39. To which extent, in your opinion, is work in cross-border health projects (incl. projects in the fields of rescue services, disaster control) hindered by the following factors?

	very hin- dering 4	hin- dering 3	hardly hin- dering 2	not hin- dering 1	do not know 8
Lacking cooperation agreements between project partners					
Financial problems					
High amount of administrative work during project implementation					
Interest conflicts between project partners					
Staff changes in the project management					
Problems when applying simultaneously for funds from different EU programmes (e.g. Interreg and Phare-CBC)					
Legal problems					
Problems when searching project partners on the other side of the border					
Very bureaucratic project application procedure					
Language barriers					
Too big differences in the organisation and administration of the countries					
Data protection problems					

40. Are there any further factors hindering work in cross-border health projects? If yes, please list them here:

.....

.....

[If you require more space, please use separate sheet]

Further activities in the health sector

41. Are there in addition to the activities covered so far in this questionnaire any further cross-border health-related activities in your Euregio/Euroregion/Working Association?

☐

yes

1

☐

no

2

☐

do not know

8

If yes, please list them here:

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.....

[If you require more space, please use separate sheet.]

The role of cross-border structures in Interreg III A

42. To which Interreg III A programme area does your Euregio/Euroregion/Working Association belong?

If known, please give name of the programme (e.g. D/F – Pamina)

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43. Do you have the Interreg-Secretariat in your Euregio/Euroregion/Working Association?

☐

yes

1

☐

no

2

44. What are the tasks of your Euregio/Euroregion/Working Association under Interreg III A?

(Please also mark the tasks you are involved in; multiple answers are possible)

- | | |
|--|--|
| 41 <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing up of operative Interreg programme | 47 <input type="checkbox"/> Carrying out of your own Interreg projects |
| 42 <input type="checkbox"/> Coordination of Interreg programme | 48 <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation of Interreg projects |
| 43 <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition of Interreg projects | 49 <input type="checkbox"/> Public relations work for Interreg |
| 44 <input type="checkbox"/> Consulting project partners when preparing project proposals | 50 <input type="checkbox"/> Others: |
| 45 <input type="checkbox"/> Preselection of projects | 51 <input type="checkbox"/> No task under Interreg |
| 46 <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperation in project approval processes | |

45. This questionnaire was completed by:

Surname: First name:

Function:

Telephone: Fax:

E-mail address:

Date:

Thank you very much for your help. Please return this questionnaire by

30 November 2004

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