Conclusions and looking ahead

*b-Solutions*: border and cross-border regions implementing the Communication

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Call for pilot projects: *b-solutions*

- **Call opened today!**
- Announced through AEBR website, direct mailing and social media.

URL: [https://www.b-solutionsproject.com/](https://www.b-solutionsproject.com/)

- Functional e-mail address: b-solutions@aebr.eu
- End of the call: 30 April 2018
- Start of the implementation of 20 pilot actions: June 2018
- End: September 2019
Main documents

To be found in the site:

• Call for proposals;
• Guidelines for applications;
• Application form.
To keep in mind:

i. Proposals are expected to address a documented legal/administrative problem in one given border;

ii. EU + EFTA neighbouring countries (EFTA countries expenditure not eligible);

iii. Projects' aim is to join involved public bodies to foster, design and agree on, a solution.

iv. Within 5 thematic areas:
   i. Employment
   ii. Health (including emergency services)
   iii. (Public) transport of passengers
   iv. Multi-lingualism
   v. Institutional Cooperation

v. Maximum grant per project: € 20,000
Eligible applicants for pilot projects

1. **Lead Applicant** should be a *public body* (national, regional, local)
2. **Co-applicant** should be a *public body* from the other side of the border.
3. **Cross-border entities** (EGTCs, Euroregions and similar CB structures with legal personality) can also apply (if same conditions above are met in their own structure)
4. **Affiliated entities** of other natures can also be included, only if
   1. they are directly involved in the identified obstacle;
   2. their engagement is vital for design and implement a solution.
Eligibility Criteria

**General eligibility criteria**

- Format issues (correct form; in English; Consortia; timing; budget)

**Specific eligibility criteria**

- Address a real and well documented obstacle;
- ... direct and effective involvement of the partners from the different sides of the border;
- ... one (or more) internal land border(s);
- be clearly within one of the 5 topics eligible under the call;
Selection criteria

• The adequateness and feasibility of the proposal to tackle and **effectively solve** the addressed obstacle;

• The partners’ **mandate** to devise possible solutions for the identified obstacle, in particular how that mandate increases the feasibility of the proposed solution;

• The **replicability** potential of the action in other European internal borders;

• The **contribution** the proposed solution will make to **cross-border interaction** in any of the 5 eligible fields;

• The general **quality** of the proposal;

• The expected **visibility** of the European added value of cross-border cooperation and Cohesion Policy
Thank you very much for your attention!

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