

NEEBOR MEMBERS

- Association of Estonian Cities and Association of Municipalities of Estonia
- Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania
- Council of Oulu Region (Finland)
- County Council of Békés County (Hungary)
- County Council of Hajdú-Bihar County (Hungary)
- County Council of Somogy County (Hungary)
- Hungarian Public Nonprofit Company for Regional Development and Town Planning
- Initiatives France-Hongrie
- Košice Region (Slovakia)
- Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments
- Marshal Office of Lubelskie Voivodeship (Poland)
- Marshal Office of Podlaskie Voivodeship (Poland)
- Marshal Office of Warminsko-Mazurskie Voivodeship (Poland)
- Municipality of Burgas (Bulgaria)
- Municipality of Varna (Bulgaria)
- National Union of County Councils of Romania
- Eszak-Alföld Regional Development Agency (Hungary)
- Prešov Region (Slovakia)
- Region of East Macedonia – Thrace (Greece)
- Regional Council of Etelä-Savo (Finland)
- Regional Council of Kainuu (Finland)
- Regional Council of Kymenlaakso (Finland)
- Regional Council of Lapland (Finland)
- Regional Council of North Karelia (Finland)
- Regional Council of Pohjois-Savo (Finland)
- Regional Council of South Karelia (Finland)
- South Great Plain Region (Hungary)
- South-Transdanubian Regional Development Agency (Hungary)
- Union of Cyprus Municipalities
- West-Pannonian Regional Development Agency



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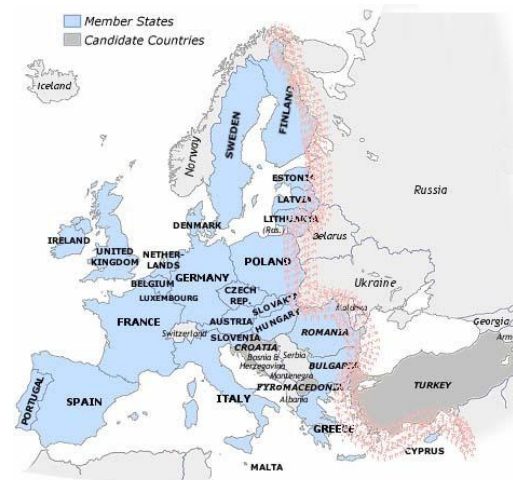
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Network of Eastern External Border Regions



NEEBOR - THE NETWORK OF EASTERN EXTERNAL BORDER REGIONS

The Network

NEEBOR is an interregional and bottom-up initiative that aims at increasing cooperation between its member regions as well as visibility and understanding on external border issues.

The eastern external borderline of the EU stretches from the Barents Sea to the Mediterranean, and along its 5.500 km embraces 12 EU member states (Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia) and 63 of their regions.

These regions share similar, if not identical development challenges, which differ from the position of other EU regions; and their solution requires specific measures and -above all- new approaches.

The fact that they lay on the external borders of Europe also puts them in the challenging position of being "bridges" of Europe with its neighbours.



Cross-border co-operation has been singled out as one of the areas of territorial co-operation and joint efforts on both sides of the border are needed urgently.

Objectives

1. Promote the visibility of eastern external border regions
2. Dissemination of best practices
3. Activation of organisations on both sides of the border
4. Facilitating the use of financing instruments
5. Networking

Mission

NEEBOR aims to increase the awareness of EU institutions, member states, regions and local authorities and the civil society on both parts of the borders of the existing weaknesses and strengths of the cross-border regions.

NEEBOR is a platform of open dialogue and coordination of joint actions and initiatives in order to promote the exchange of best practices, enhance cooperation and synergies in the region and prevent the emergence of new dividing lines.

Activities

NEEBOR activities cover three main dimensions:

1. Co-operation among the regional representation offices in Brussels
2. Co-operation among the individual national regions
3. Multi-purpose co-operation among eastern regions on both sides of the border.