DG REGIO is of the opinion that the time has come to take stock of the implementation of the Action Plan, particularly in light of the arrival of a new Commission with new priorities and the ongoing impact of the current pandemic. The COVID-19 crisis has shown how deeply affected internal border regions can be, but at the same time, this crisis has revealed the diversity of cross-border regions and their dynamics, including the valuable contribution made by cross-border commuters and the positive outcomes of cooperation. With this public consultation, DG REGIO aims to obtain a comprehensive overview of the accomplishments that have been made in the last few years and the remaining obstacles that continue to hamper cross-border interactions; In addition, this consultation will pave the initial path for formulating constructive recommendations on future policy for cross-border regions. The public consultation will be open until 20 September 2020.

Public consultation on overcoming obstacles in border regions