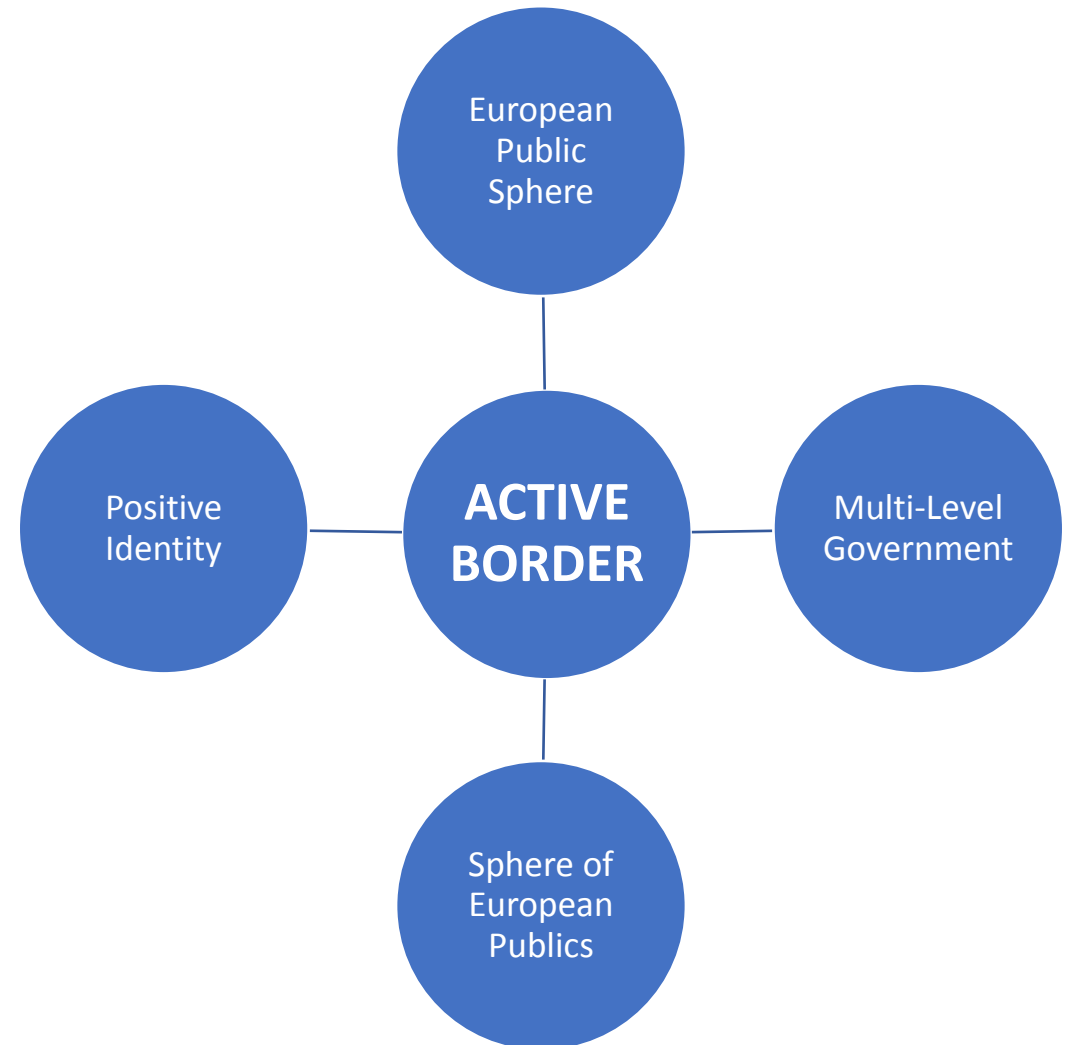
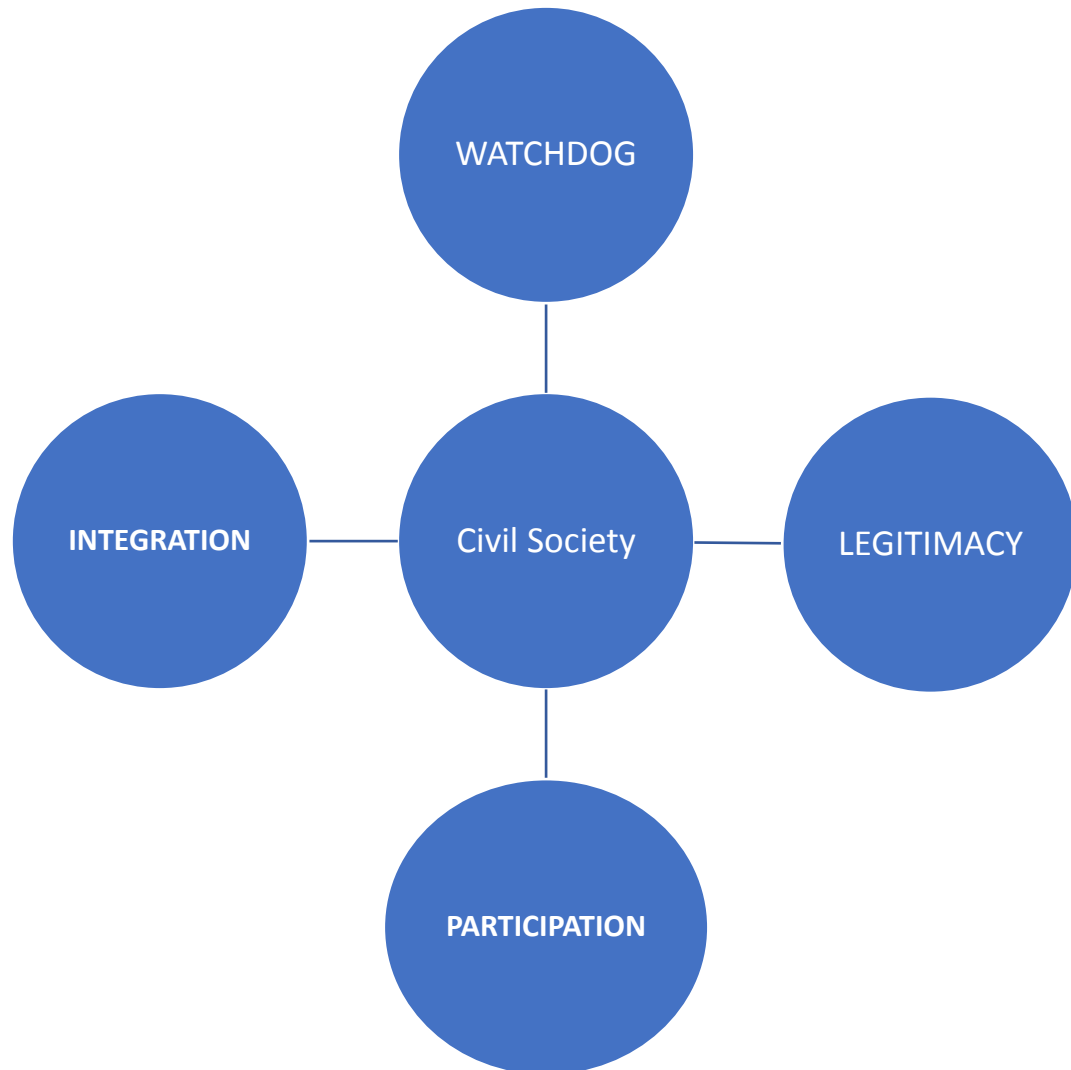


# Active Borders as Key Tools of Democratization/Europeanization

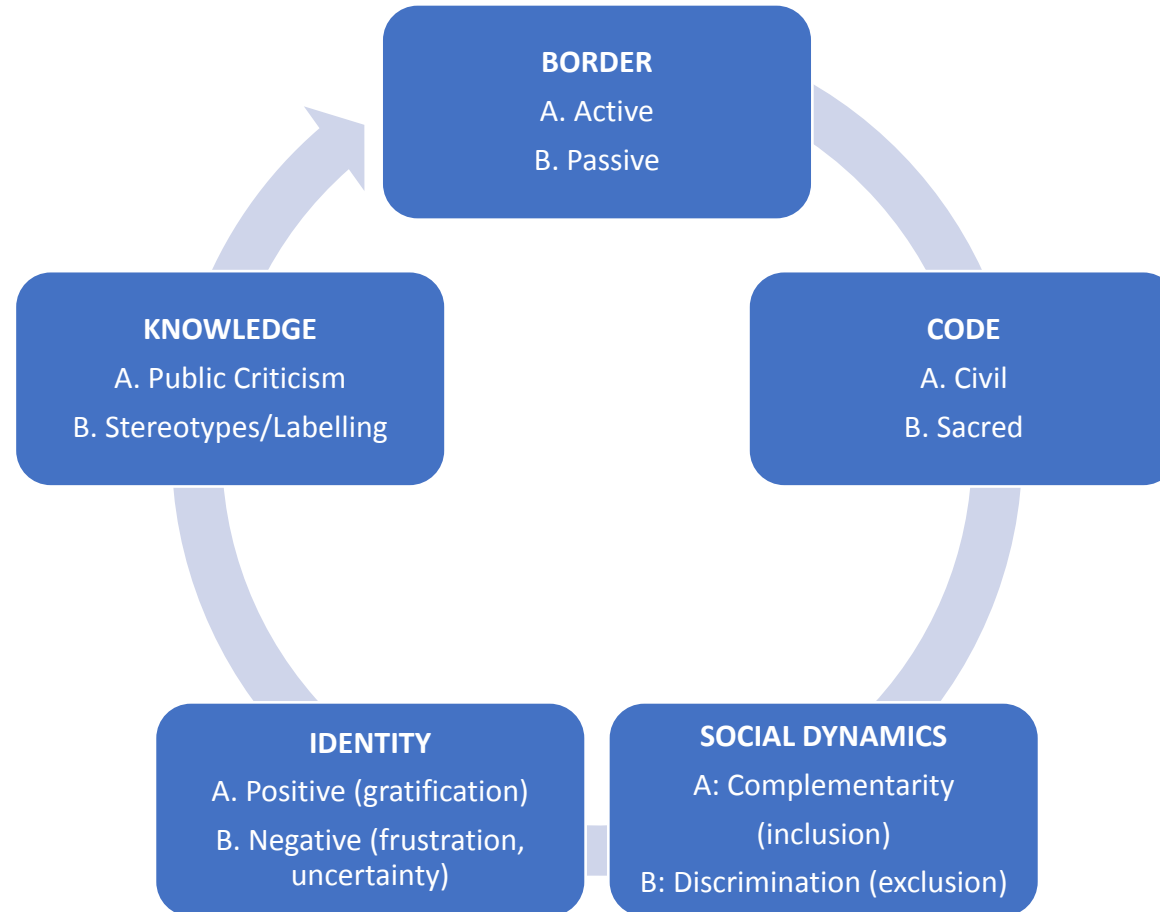
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# BORDERS ARE SCARS OF THE PAST



# Reflective Relationships of Borders, Collective Identities, Dynamics of Social Inclusion/Exclusion and Knowledge



# Active Border – Main Features

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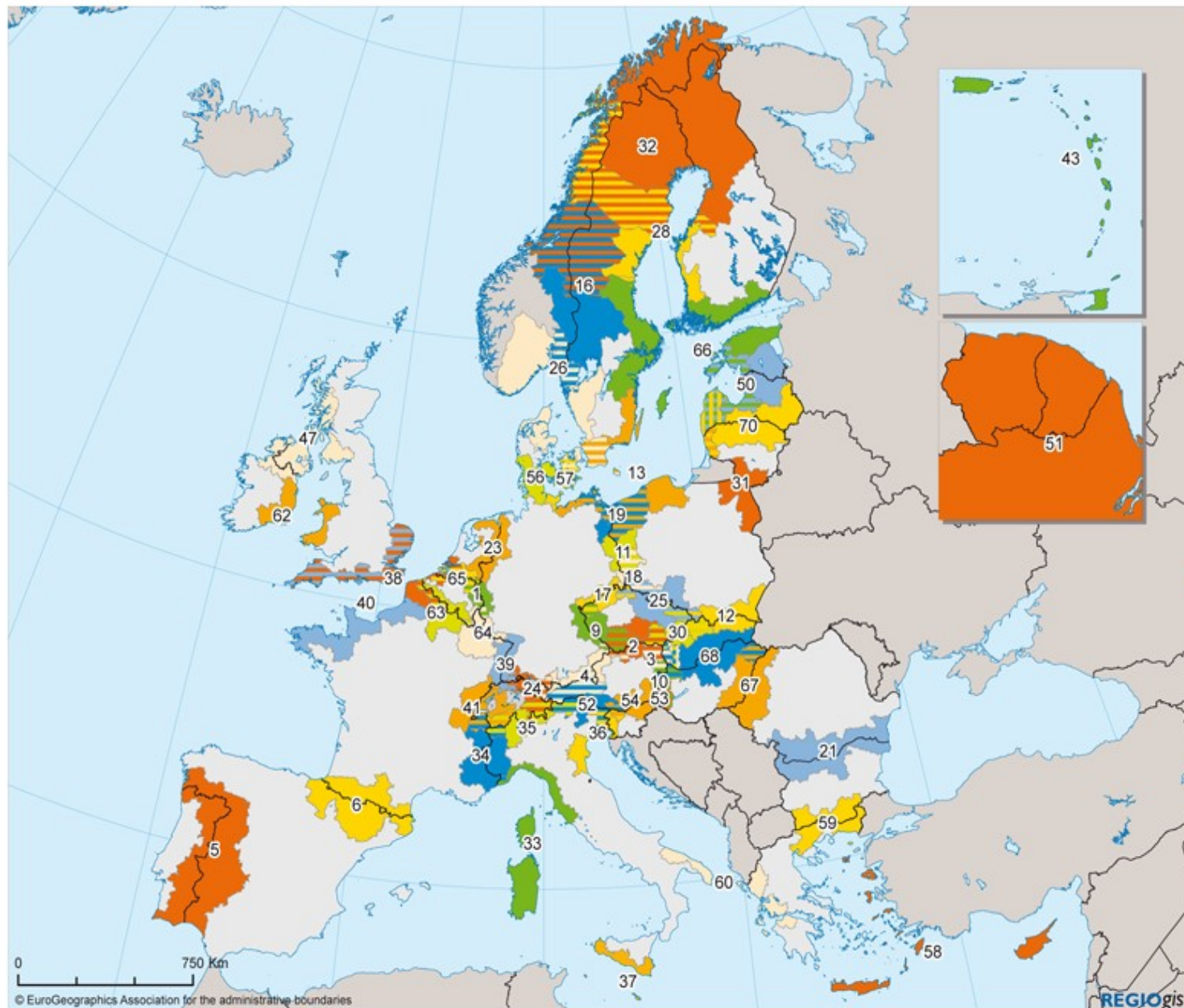
- Very porous, open but still discernible border, border as an opportunity, as a discursive space
- Generates the feeling of unity (attachment) and at the same time allows communicating/understanding diversity and plurality
- Deters/alleviates polarisation between „us“ and „them“
- Constitute cognitive resources for public learning, and for dialog-like dealing with the past
- Strengthens a European (civil/inclusive, positive ) identity
- Requires a thick infrastructure of CBC

Active Borders	Passive Borders
Civil Code of Collective Identity	Sacred Code Collective Identity
Positive Identity/Complementarity	Negative Identity/Discrimination
Inclusion/Integration	Exclusion/Fragmentation
Self/Gratification	Frustration
Unity in Diversity, Homogenisation, Hybridisation	Polarisation
Cognitive Cultural Aspects	Symbolic and Moral Cultural Aspects
Others Oriented	Polarity Us/Them
Fact/Reasoning Oriented	Foreclosure
Future Oriented/ <b>DIALOGICAL FORGETTING</b>	Past Oriented/ <b>MONOLOGICAL NARRATIVES</b>
Critical Knowledge	Stereotyping
Competence/Cooperation	Exploitation/Refusal
Open Opportunity Structure	Closed Opportunity Structure
Life Politics	Identity Politics
Reflexive Modernisation (this and this)	Simple Modernisation (either/or)



European Commission  
DG Regional Policy

# Structural Funds 2007 - 2013: Cross-border Cooperation programmes



## CCI programme codes: 2007CB163PO0..

- 1 Euregio Meus-Rhein
- 2 Österreich - Česká Republika
- 3 Slovensko - Österreich
- 4 Deutschland/Bayern - Österreich
- 5 España - Portugal
- 6 España - France - Andorn
- 9 Bayern - Česká Republika
- 10 Österreich - Magyarország
- 11 Województwo Lubuskie - Brandenburg
- 12 Polska - Slovensko
- 13 South Baltic
- 16 Sverige - Norge
- 17 Sachsen - Česká Republika
- 18 Sachsen - Polska
- 19 Mecklenburg-Vorpommern/  
Brandenburg-Zachodniopomorskie
- 21 Románia - Bulgaria
- 23 Deutschland - Nederland
- 24 Alpenrhein-Bodensee-Hochrhein
- 25 Česká Republika - Polska
- 26 Öresund-Kattegat-Skagerrak
- 28 Botnia-Atlantica
- 30 Česká Republika - Slovensko
- 31 Lietuva - Polska
- 32 Nord
- 33 Italia - France Maritime
- 34 Italia - France ALCOIRA
- 35 Italia - Schweiz / Suisse / Svizzera
- 36 Italia - Slovenija
- 37 Italia - Malta
- 38 Deux Mers
- 39 Rhin supérieur - Oberhein
- 40 France (Manche) - England
- 41 France - Schweiz / Suisse / Svizzera
- 43 Espace Canibes
- 47 Northern Ireland, the Border Region of  
Ireland and Western Scotland
- 50 Eesti - Latvija
- 51 Amazonie
- 52 Italia - Österreich
- 53 Slovenija - Magyarország
- 54 Slovenija - Österreich
- 56 Sydänmark - Schleswig - K.E.R.N.
- 57 Fehmarnbelt region
- 58 EΛΛΑΔΑ - KYΠΡΟΣ
- 59 Ελλάδα / Elláda - Bulgaria
- 60 Ελλάδα / Elláda - Italia
- 62 Ireland - Wales
- 63 France-Wallonie-Vlaanderen
- 64 Grande Région
- 65 Vlaanderen - Nederland
- 66 Central Baltic
- 67 Magyarország - Románia
- 68 Magyarország - Slovensko
- 70 Latvija - Lietuva

REGIOgis

# WHEN THE FIRST EUROREGION APPEARED?



The origins of cross-border cooperation date back to the period after the Second World War, when it began to develop mainly on the border between Germany and the Netherlands.

In 1958, EUREGIO was founded around Gronau on the German-Dutch border: the first advanced institutional form of cross-border cooperation.



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# Active Borders in Europe

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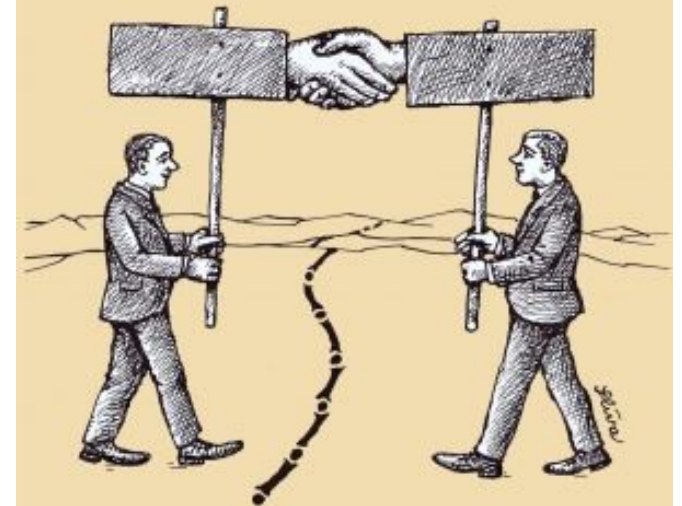
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THELEM

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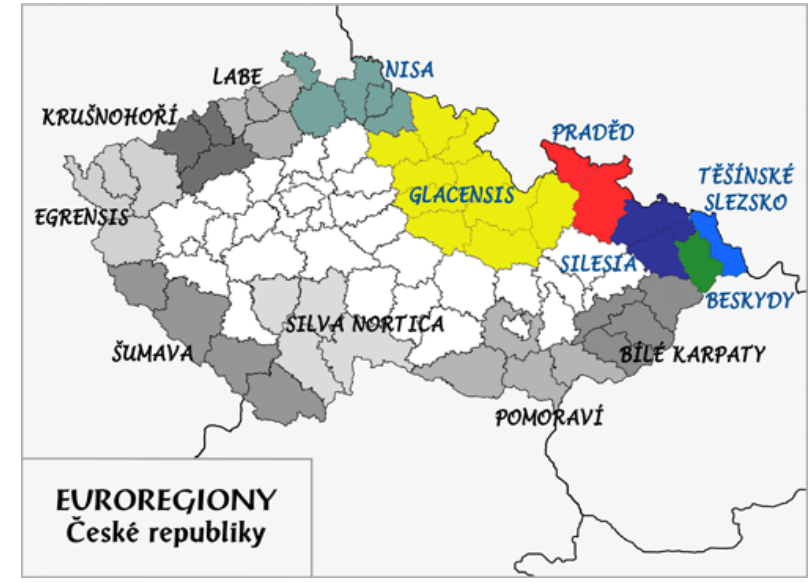
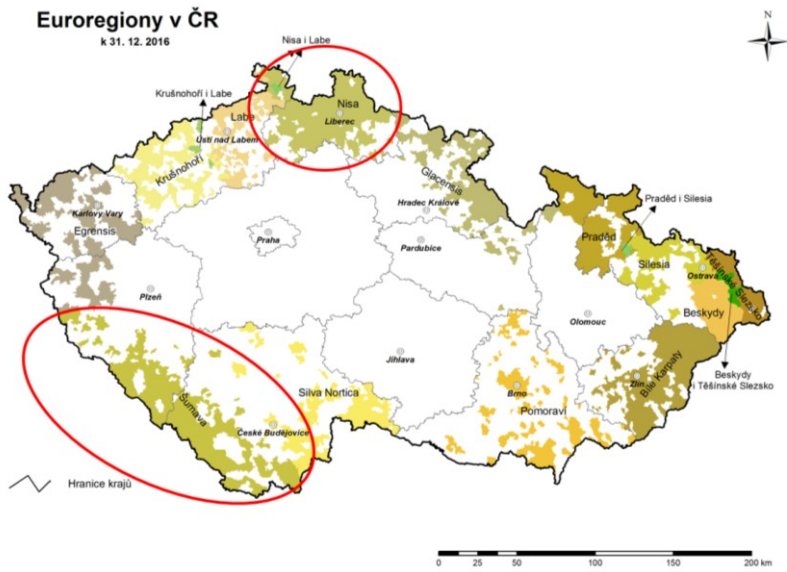
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# Aktive Grenzen in Europa

- Testen des theoretischen Konzepts von ACTIVE BORDER im spezifischen Kontext der CBC in zwei trilateralen Euroregionen
- **Inspiration?**
- Case of Good Governance, Hrádek nad Nisou, DE-DK Beziehungen etc.
- Strong Barrier Effects of CZ – DE Border (EB 2015)



Euroregion Šumava -  
Bayerischer Wald - Unterer Inn  
- Mühlviertel



Euroregion Neisse - Nisa - Nysa



**Trilateral Euroregions  
as Laboratory for  
investigating a  
horizontal  
Europeanization at  
local & regional level**

**Constructing Unity &  
Diversity**

# Incentives for membership of municipality in the Euroregion

Mayors of Cross Border Euroregions, 2018	YES
Cultural enrichment and strengthening of mutual understanding	69,7 %
Overcoming the disadvantages given by the periphery position of the municipality	55,7 %
More opportunities for economic development of the municipality	52,3 %
Mutual Exchange of information and sharing experience in the field of municipality administration	25,7 %
Solution of problems and fulfillment of the tasks of municipalities	18,8 %
Expected increase in job opportunities for the inhabitants of the municipality	8,9 %
Other	6 %



# Dealing with the Past

Mayors from Cross Border Euroregions, 2018

