

The impact of European Union Projects on the development of border region

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ABSTRACT

More than 76% of the EU budget is managed in cooperation with national and regional authorities under a system of "shared management", largely through 5 major funds - the Structural and Investment Funds - which together contribute to the Europe 2020 strategy. The study describes a cooperation programme that addresses the key cross-border challenges of implementing the Europe 2020 strategy in the German-Austrian border region. Strategically, the programme promotes better integration of research and development potential on both sides of the border in order to fully exploit the region's economic potential. At the same time, it addresses environmental issues and the growing challenges of climate change, in particular climate management and flood risk. Actions under these two main priorities will be complemented by efforts to promote closer cooperation on legal and administrative issues to create a fully integrated border region. The research shows the effects of cross-border projects in the EU environment using already existing knowledge, but also includes new solutions. The study is a voice in the discussion on cross-border cooperation in the European Union at the level of its structures, finances or security aspects; it describes, diagnoses and interprets it both as a whole and in its various fragments or layers.

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