BOOSTING CROSS-BORDER REGIONS THROUGH BETTER TRANSPORT

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Socio economic importance of connecting cross-border regions
“Cross-border mobility, an EU need”
OUTLINE

• Why is cross-border mobility by public transport an EU need?
• What happened?
• What can we do next?
WHY IS CROSS-BORDER MOBILITY BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT AN EU NEED?

- Evolution of the EU GHG emissions end EU targets
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Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the UN-Agenda 2030

• "Goal 11: Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable"
• "Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts"
and also...
• „Goal 10: Reduced inequality“
• „Goal 3: „Good health and well-being"
WHY IS CROSS-BORDER MOBILITY BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT AN EU NEED

- 40% of the territory are border regions and almost 1/3 of EU populations lives there
  - But European railway networks remains a patchwork full of gaps at the national borders.
- Enhanced cross-border interactions is essential for European integration
  - best practice Kehl-Straßburg
WHY IS CROSS-BORDER MOBILITY BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT AN EU NEED?

Thesis:

- We need a shift to sustainable transport modes to stop climate change.
- We have to strengthened public transport to ensure public mobility.
- In particular we have to invest in smaller „Missing rail links“!
WHAT WAS DONE?

▪ Green demand for a change of investment policies was successful
▪ On this map we presented the 15 most promising trans-border areas; update in 2019
▪ Since 2017 the COM provides for closures between cross-border gaps
▪ First call was increased from 110 million euros to 140 million euros.
▪ Many thanks to Michael Cramer
WHAT CAN WE DO NEXT?

- Many people are approaching me about “Missing Links”.
- We must keep working together that such positive achievements will not remain singular.
  - Success was not possible without you all!
- This conference is a good starting point for the new term.
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MY POLITICS?

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