

# Conference on the Future of Cross-Border Cooperation: Lessons Learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic



WHEN? 18 March 2024, 17:30 - 19:00 CET  
WHERE? European Parliament, Brussels, Room A5F385

This conference is co-hosted by the European Parliament and the Border Focal Point of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy. It aims to highlight the impact of COVID-19 on border regions and explore potential improvements for managing future crises. Additionally, it seeks to raise awareness of the results of the European Parliament pilot action and provide insights into the following steps.

## AGENDA (PRELIMINARY )

- 17:00 - 17:30**     **Registration**
- 17:30 - 17:35**     **Welcome and opening**  
**Anne Sander**, Member of the European Parliament
- 17:35 - 17:50**     **Insight into the impacts of COVID-19 measures and policy recommendations**  
**Jean Peyrony**, Director General, Transfrontier Operational Mission (MOT)
- 17:50 - 18:05**     **Economic effects of COVID-19 border measures**  
**Andrea Caragliu**, Associate Professor of Regional and Urban Economics, Politecnico di Milano
- 18:05 - 18:15**     **State of play of the European Parliament's pilot project 'The Cross-Border Crisis Response Integrated Initiative' (CBCRII)**  
**Jean-Pierre Halkin**, Head of Unit 'Interreg, Cross-Border Cooperation, Internal Borders', DG REGIO, European Commission
- 18:15 - 18:30**     **From COVID-19 Impact to the 'Facilitating Cross-Border Solutions' proposal: What the Regulation means in practice**  
**MEP** (tbc)
- 18:30 - 18:55**     **Discussion, Questions & Answers**  
**Moderator** (tbc)
- 18:55 - 19:00**     **Closing remarks**  
**Jean-Pierre Halkin**, Head of Unit 'Interreg, Cross-Border Cooperation, Internal Borders', DG REGIO, European Commission