

# EU Border Regions: Living labs of European integration

By reviewing the progress made in implementing the actions announced in the 2017 and drawing on the lessons learnt during the COVID-19 crisis, the report revisits the 2017 action plan to increase its effectiveness and adjust it to new realities. The European Commission examines how initiatives and programmes under the Multi-Annual Financial Framework 2021-2027 can be used **to stimulate the recovery of border areas**, whose economies have often been particularly severely disrupted by the crisis. The report also considers the EU's **external borders with neighbours** that have an agreed accession path to join the European Union.

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