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# Post-2020 European Territorial Cooperation: issues at stake for EU islands

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
# Positive aspects and achievements

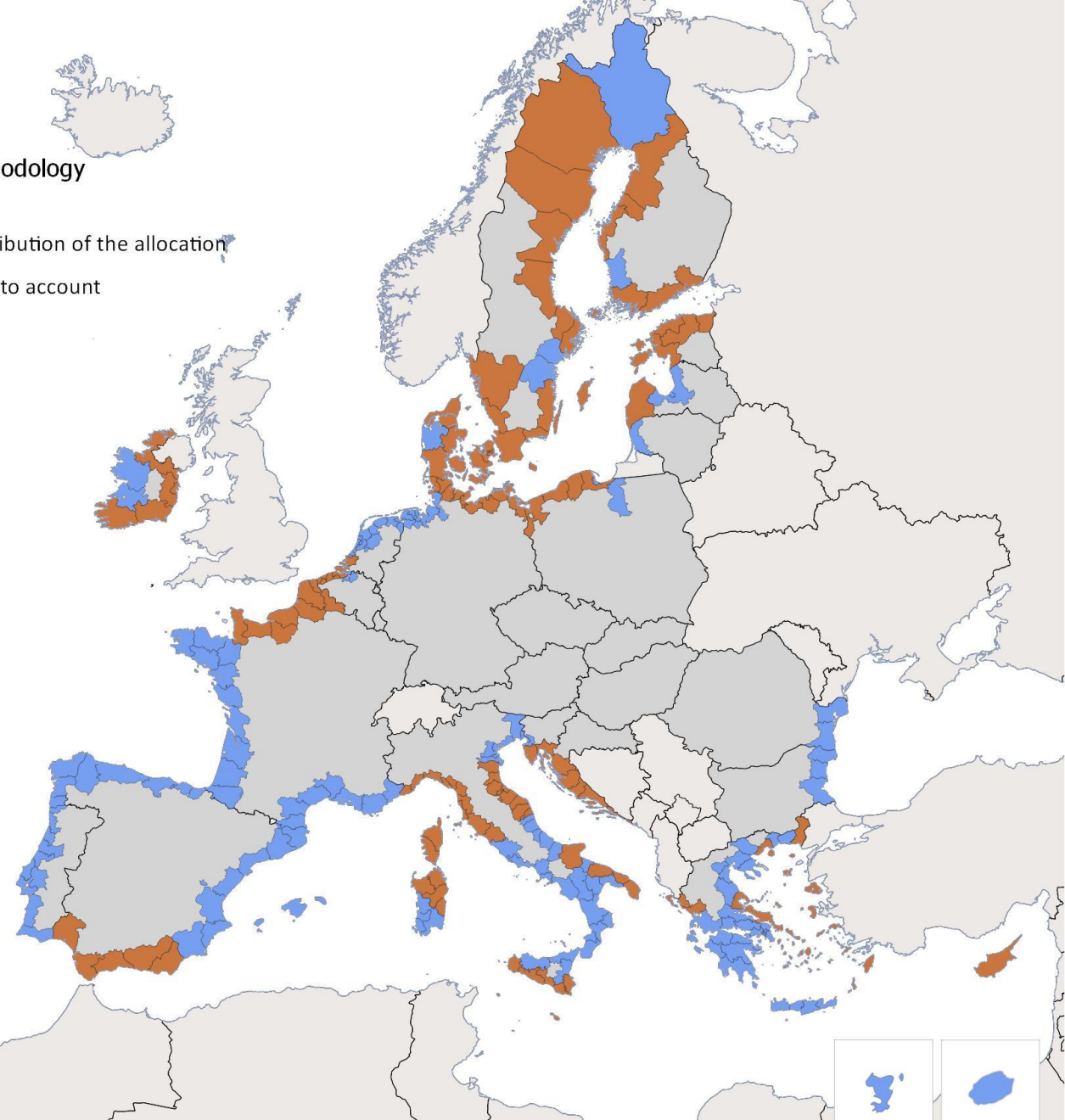
- European Parliament and Council agree to **reinstate maritime cross-border cooperation!**
- **Some innovations:**
  - **Outermost Regions' cooperation** (component 3)
  - **Interregional innovation investments** (component 5)

**Challenge 1 –  
Adequate  
funding for  
INTERREG!**

	2014-2020	EC proposal 2021-2027	CPMR proposal	Arimont report (EP)
<b>Total budget</b>	2,75% of ESI funds	<b>EUR 8.4 bn</b> 2,5 % ESI funds	EUR 11.57 bn 3,5% of ESI funds	EUR 11.16 bn
<b>Cross-border</b>	74,05% EUR 6.6 bn	52,7% (without maritime CBC) EUR 4.4 bn	65,5% EUR 7.6 bn	67,16 % EUR 7.5 bn
<b>Transnational</b>	20,36% EUR 1.8 bn	31,4% (with maritime CBC) EUR 2.6 bn	18,6% EUR 2.1 bn	17,68 % EUR 1.97 bn
<b>Interregional</b>	5,59% EUR 500 million	1,2% EUR 100 million	4,3% EUR 499 million	3,27 % EUR 365 million
<b>Outermost</b>		3,2% EUR 270 million	3,2% EUR 370 million	3,2 % EUR 357 million
<b>Innovation</b>		11,5% EUR 970 million	8,4% EUR 970 million	8,69 % EUR 970 million

Comparative map concerning ETC allocation methodology  
Maritime cross-border cooperation

-  List of NUTS3 regions taken into account for the distribution of the allocation
-  Rest of Maritime NUTS3 regions of EU27 not taken into account



Challenge 2 –  
ETC resources  
for cross-  
border  
maritime  
cooperation

Challenge 3 –  
Addressing the  
150km limit for  
cross-border  
cooperation

*Parliamentary question to the EC from Alfred Sant (S&D), Mercedes Bresso (S&D), Tonino Picula (S&D), Andrea Cozzolino (S&D) – 5 March 2019*

**QUESTION**

“...Can the Commission clarify why the abovementioned 150 km limit is not mentioned in the legislative proposal for the ETC for the 2021-2027 period?”

**ANSWER**

“...The proposed criterion of a maximum distance of 150 km actually is the continuation of the criterion written in the current European Territorial Cooperation Regulation 2014-2020’

Wider  
challenge –  
Recognition  
of islands at  
EU level!

## **SOME OPPORTUNITIES...**

- **Renewal of the EU Territorial Agenda (second half 2020)**
- **Mobilising the new European Parliament & Commission**
- **EC Staff Working Document on Geographical Specificities late 2019?**

# Many thanks for your attention!

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