

Reconfiguring CBC at the External Border of the EU

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Definitions for CBC and CBR (Perkmann 2003)

Cross-border cooperation

- more or less institutionalised collaboration between contiguous sub-national authorities across national borders

Cross-border region

- bounded territorial unit composed of the territories of authorities participating in CBC

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Cross-border regions at the Finnish-Russian border

CBR	Area km²	Population
Euregio Karelia	260 000	1 400 000
Twin City Imatra- Svetogorsk	250	45 000

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- What is a cross-border region?

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Potentially problematic features

- Forged Europe-making from above?
- “Ring of friends” leaves some countries without the prospect of membership in the EU?
- Cutting the authority of the member states in defining priorities and allocating funds?

Euregio Karelia and the New Neighbourhood Policy



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- Euregio Karelia mediating between European, national and regional interests and aspirations connected to the border?