



AGENDA

***b-solutions* Workshop**
7th June, 09.30- 17.00

**Galicia Norte Cross Border Co-operation:
 Reviewing the Evidence, Progressing the Solutions**

Galicia Norte Portugal EGTC

Venue: Edificio CETMAR, Rúa Eduardo Cabello s/n, 36208 Vigo (España)
<https://goo.gl/maps/wGyUh582GQTiASSD7>

09.30-10.40	Opening Session
	<p><i>Welcome:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuno Almeida – Director, Galicia Norte Portugal EGTC • Célia Ramos – Vice President, CCDR-N • Jesús Gamallo – Director General, Xunta Galicia Cross-Border Cooperation • Rocio Díaz - Deputy Director-General, Ministry of Territorial Policy <p><i>Introduction and overview of AEBR and the b-solutions Initiative</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Guillermo-Ramirez – Secretary-General, Association of European Border Regions (AEBR/AGEG/ARFE) <p><i>b-solutions and the EC push for solving border obstacles</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ricardo Ferreira – European Commission-REGIO – Border Focal Point coordinator <p><i>Implementing b-solutions, making Cohesion a reality, and creating a European Pool of Practice</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caitriona Mullan - AEBR Cross-Border Co-operation Expert <p><i>Short Questions and Answers Session</i></p>
11.00- 13.00	<p>Presentation of findings of the <i>b-solutions</i> Case Studies- PT-ES Moderator: Martin Guillermo-Ramirez – Secretary-General, AGEG/ARFE/AEBR</p>



	<p><u>Rapid presentation of case studies:</u></p> <p><i>THEME: A MOBILE CROSS-BORDER WORKFORCE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Xosé Lago - Simplifying CB mobility of minors to carry out cultural or educational exchanges (Galicia-Norte EGTC) • Nerea Perez - Recognition of nursing diplomas (Chaves-Verin EGTC) • Angel Miramontes - Mobility of high education students from vulnerable groups (CEER GNP) • Teresa Ventín - Simplifying procedures for hiring and teleworking (Galicia-Norte EGTC) <p><i>CROSS BORDER CONNECTIVITY- TRANSPORT</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • José Sousa - Launch of a regular passenger transport between Chaves and Verin (Chaves-Verin EGTC) • Isabel Esteves - Removal or simplification of the procedure to obtain the Car Circulation Guide for Cross-Border Workers (Galicia- Norte EGTC) <p><i>CROSS BORDER ENVIRONMENTAL CO-OPERATION</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marina Piñeiro - Circular economy consolidation of Waste of Electric and Electronic Equipments (WEEE) (Diputación Pontevedra) • Nerea Perez - Cross-Border Emergencies Team (Chaves-Verin EGTC) • Lois Castrillo - Different definitions of natural special protection areas (River Minho EGTC) <p>Panel discussion/questions and answers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel of speakers chaired by Moderator <p>Orientation for afternoon session- how it will work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caitriona Mullan, AEBR.
13.00- 14.30	Lunch and Networking
14.30- 16.30	<p>Planning for Implementation: Session will be opened and closed by Martin Guillermo-Ramirez – Secretary-General, AGEG/ARFE/AEBR</p>



	<p>Breakout Sessions (1 hour 15 minutes): Clusters according to the Three Themes OR Groups can choose to hold a case-specific breakout discussion if they wish (this will be determined over networking lunch)- this choice will be facilitated Breakout Groups to appoint rapporteur and hold a rapid strategy planning discussion, answering the following questions:</p> <p>For each case study: What's working at the moment? What do we want to change in order to implement case study recommendations? Who needs to be involved? What are the immediate next steps and when (to June 2023)?</p> <p>Feedback Session and Panel Discussion (45 minutes): Each case study representative presents a summary of roadmap for implementation. Following feedback from each rapporteur all key speakers from morning session sit on panel for the discussion.</p>
<p>16.30-17.00</p>	<p>Closing Remarks and Next Steps</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EGTC Galicia Norte Portugal - AEBR - European Commission