

Overcoming barriers to cross-border economic development

The role of an institutional partnership for cross-border economic development is not only to draw up and implement joint strategies, but also to help to overcome the barriers and obstacles that hamper the improvement of cross-border economic integration in general and concrete regional projects in particular. These barriers are very diverse and different levels of authority must be called upon to eradicate them. Legal, administrative and tax issues fall under the purview of central or federal governments, while cultural, linguistic and cognitive barriers may be removed at the local or regional levels. The role played by partnerships for cross-border economic development may therefore vary depending on the nature of the obstacles faced.

