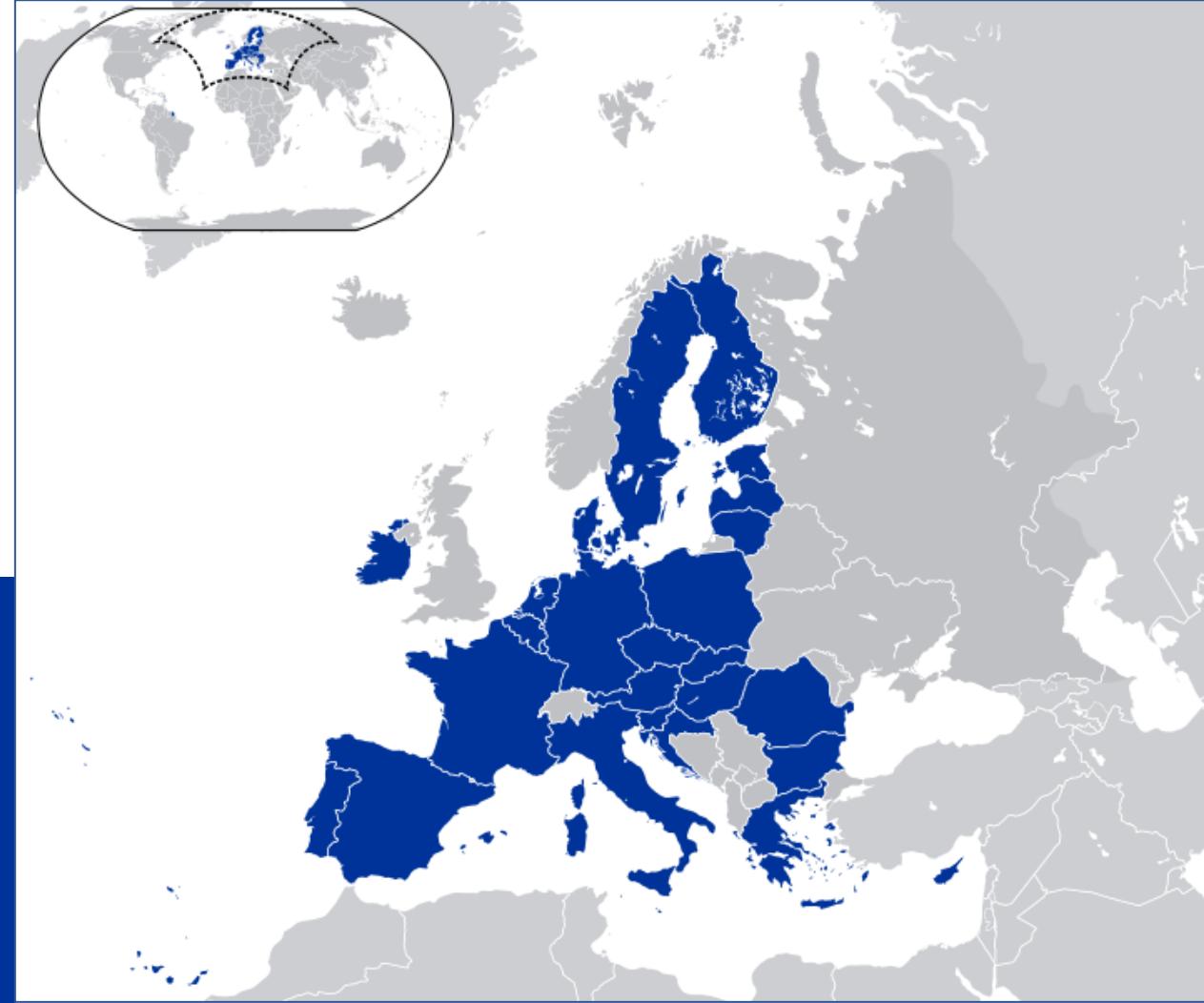


More, Europe  
Resilient, Strong  
Safe, Free

**Notions to learn:**

*Politization, Active Borders, Dialogical  
Remembering*



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# POLITICISATION of the European Union

- Policy without Politics (EU) x Politics without Policy
- Weak Public Sphere, Weak Collective Identity, Weak Narrative
- Absence of Opposition (Alternatives) – Unanimity principle
- Voting system in the Council of the EU

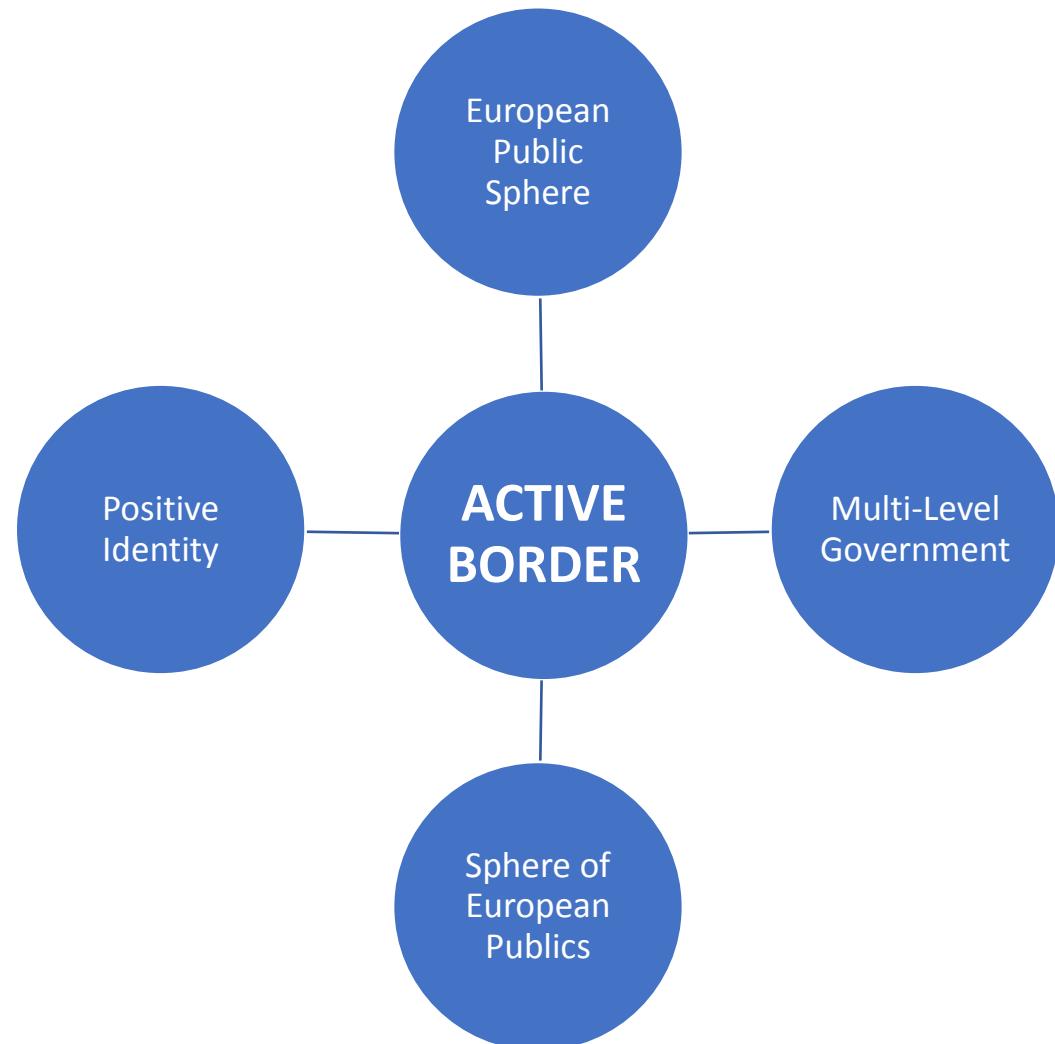
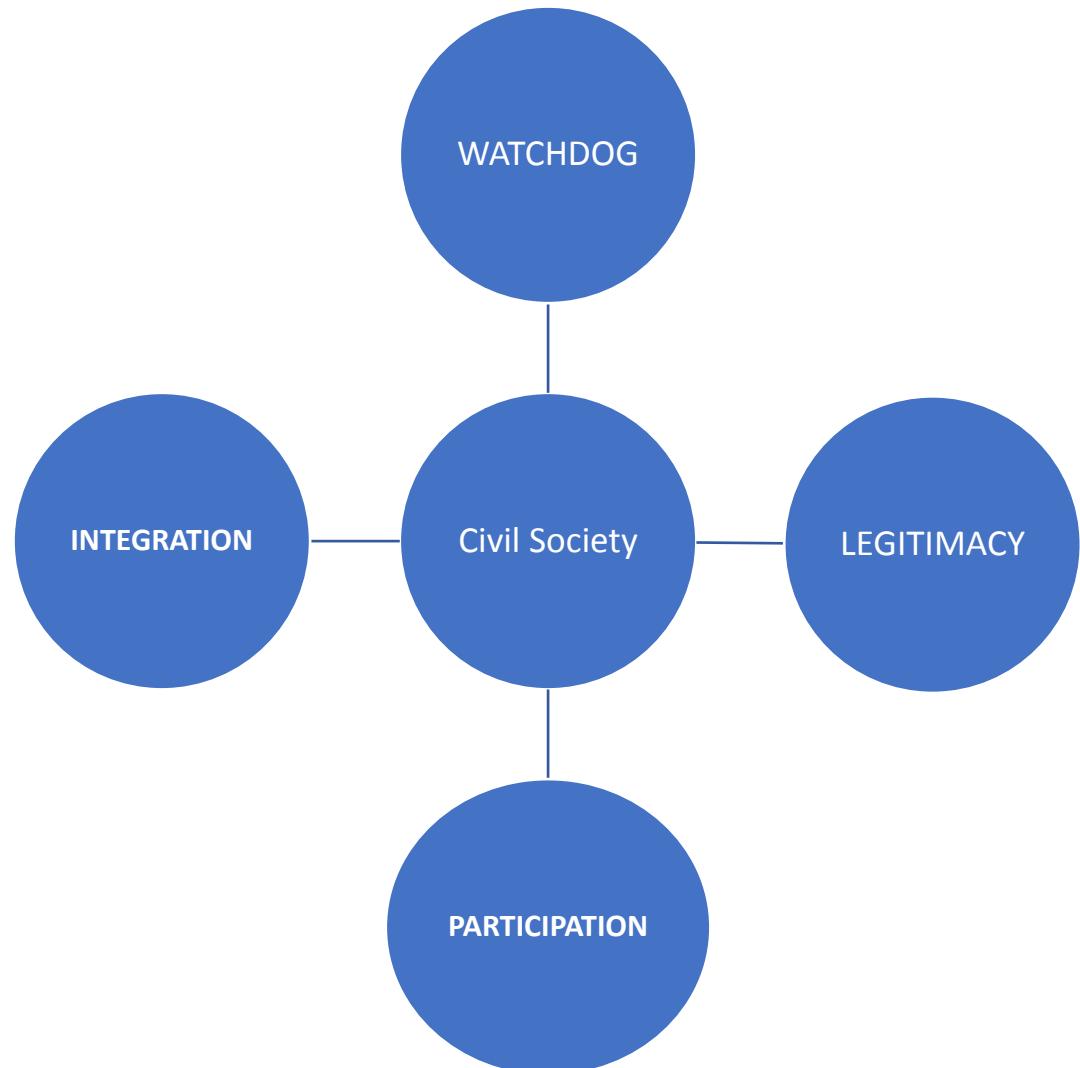
EU Commission or High Representative Proposals: Double (Qualified) Majority (55% of MS – 15 out of 27, and 65% of Citizens)

Member state proposal: Reinforced Qualified Majority (72% of MS and 65% of Citizens)

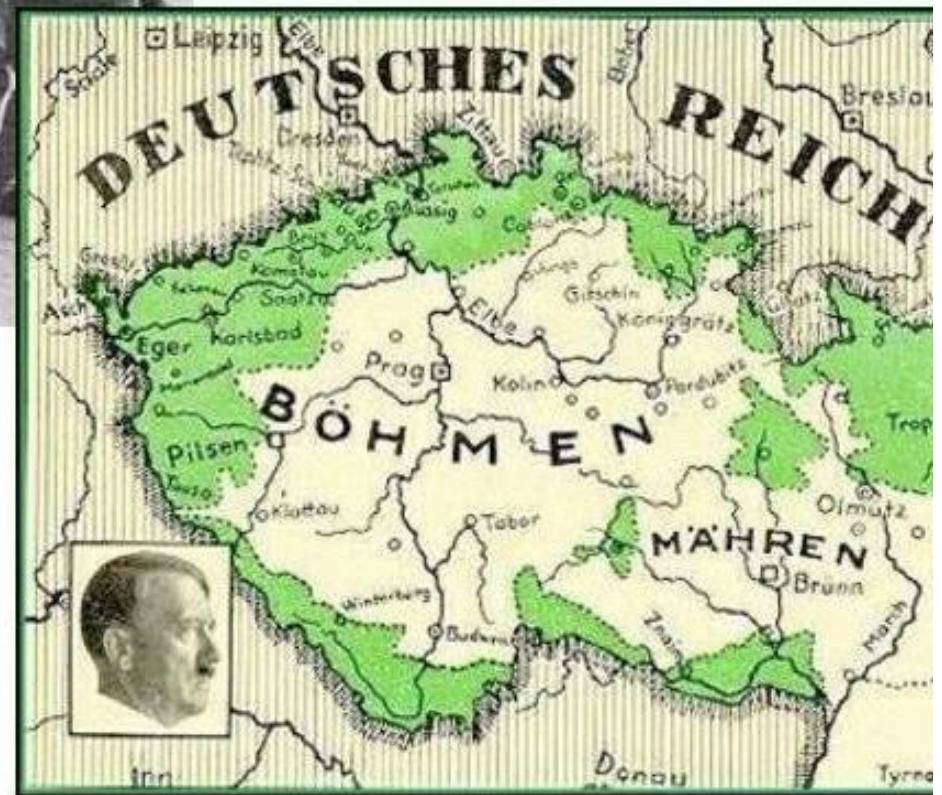
- The blocking minority must include at least four MS representing more than 35% of the EU population
- Lisbon Treaty (2009) → Citizens' Initiative (2012)

# Active Borders as Key Tools of Democratization/Europeanization

*Civil Society Dimensions and their Europeanization*



**BORDERS  
ARE  
SCARS OF  
THE PAST**



# Active Borders x Passive Borders



Active  
Borders in  
Europe

Identity and Collective Memory in  
the Cross-Border Space

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# BORDERing, ORDERing, OTHERing

- WHY BORDERS?
- BORDERS (CZ/DE)
  - POLARISATION, BARRIERS, THREAT,
  - INSTABILITY
- ACTIVE BORDERS
  - POST WWII
  - STABILITY & DEVELOPMENT
  - DIFFERENTIATION WITHOUT POLARIZATION

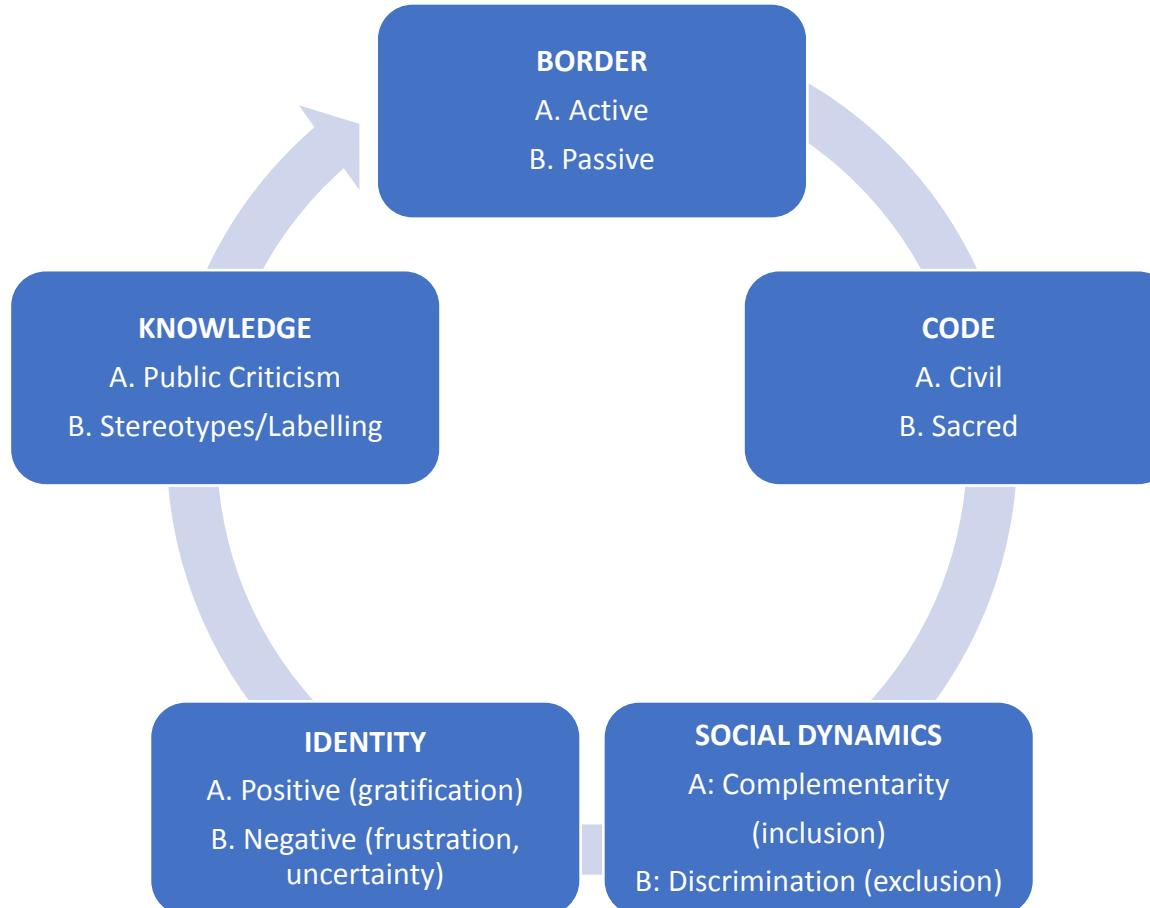


# Active Border – Main Features

MÜLLER, Karel B in *Alternatives* 2018 43 (3): 119–136. DOI: [10.1177/0304375418822894](https://doi.org/10.1177/0304375418822894).

- Very porous, open but still discernible border, border as an opportunity, as a discursive space
- Generates the feeling of unity (attachment) and at the same time allows communicating/understanding diversity and plurality
- Deters/alleviates polarisation between „us“ and „them“
- Constitute cognitive resources for public learning, and for dialog-like dealing with the past
- Strengthens a European (civil/inclusive, positive ) identity
- Requires a thick infrastructure of CBC

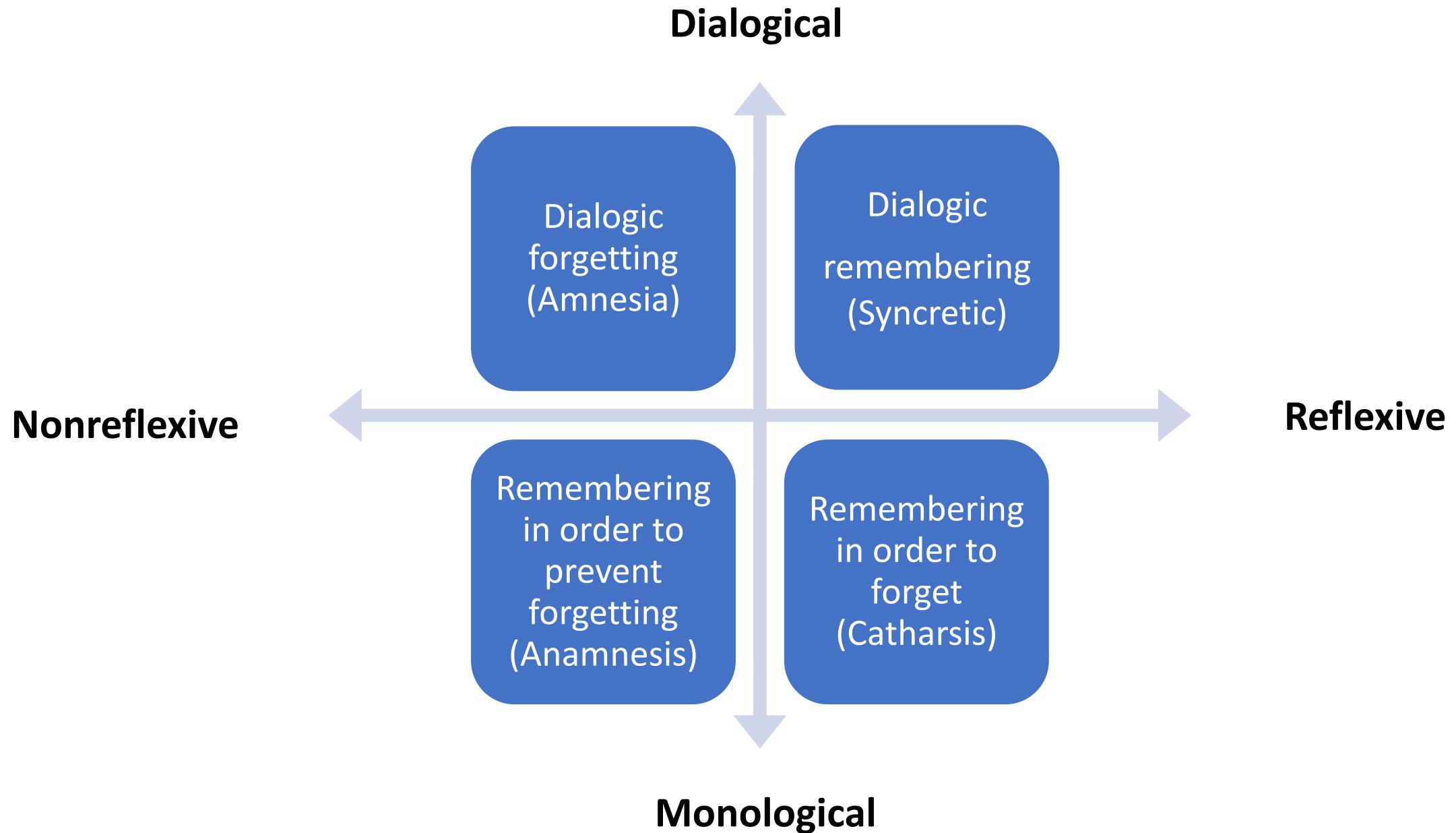
# Reflective Relationships of Borders, Collective Identities, Dynamics of Social Inclusion/Exclusion and Knowledge



Active Borders	Passive Borders
Civil Code of Collective Identity	Sacred Code Collective Identity
Positive Identity/Complementarity	Negative Identity/Discrimination
Inclusion/Integration	Exclusion/Fragmentation
Self/Gratification	Frustration
Unity in Diversity, Homogenisation, Hybridisation	Polarisation
Cognitive Cultural Aspects	Symbolic and Moral Cultural Aspects
Others Oriented	Polarity Us/Them
Fact/Reasoning Oriented	Foreclosure
Future Oriented/ <b>DIALOGICAL FORGETTING</b>	Past Oriented/ <b>MONOLOGICAL NARRATIVES</b>
Critical Knowledge	Stereotyping
Competence/Cooperation	Exploitation/Refusal
Open Opportunity Structure	Closed Opportunity Structure
Life Politics	Identity Politics
Reflexive Modernisation (this and this)	Simple Modernisation (either/or)

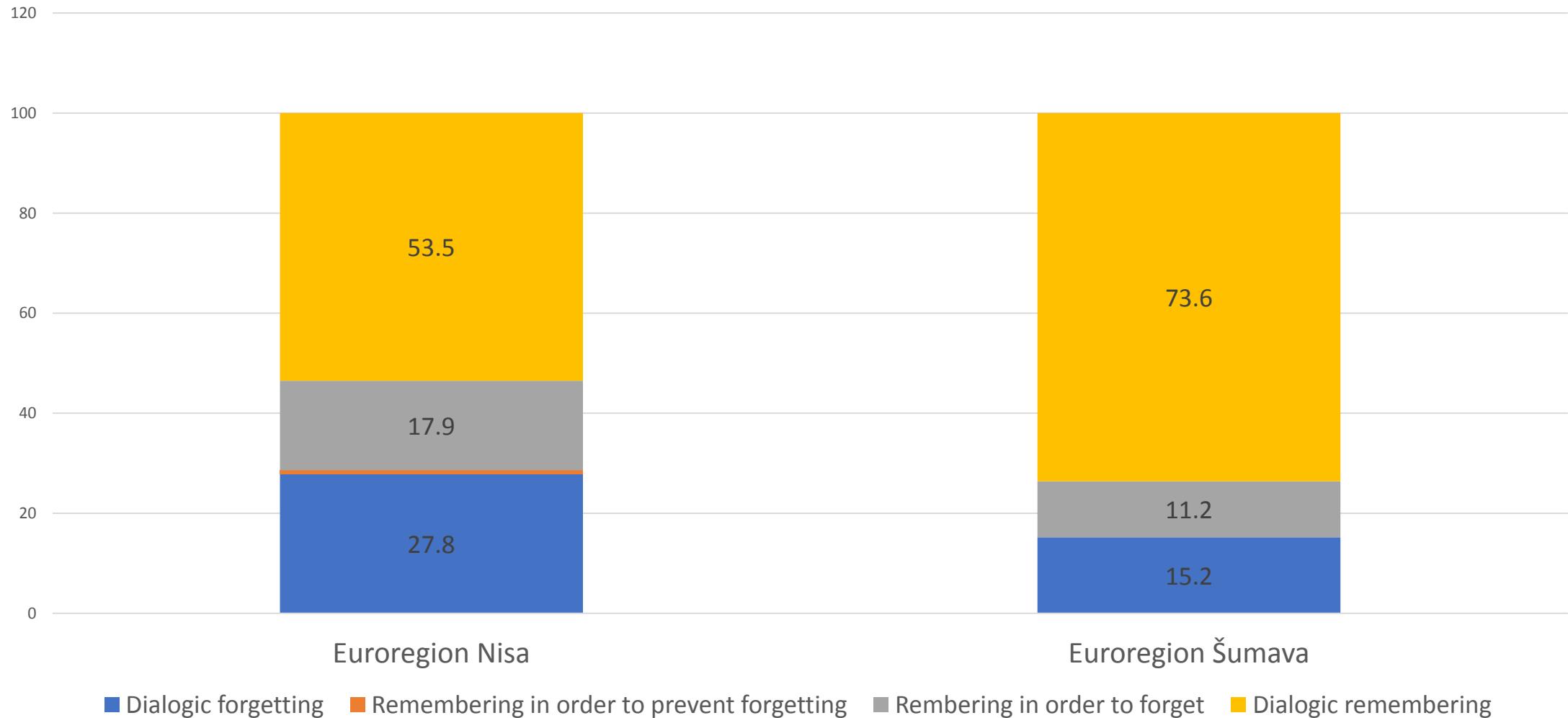
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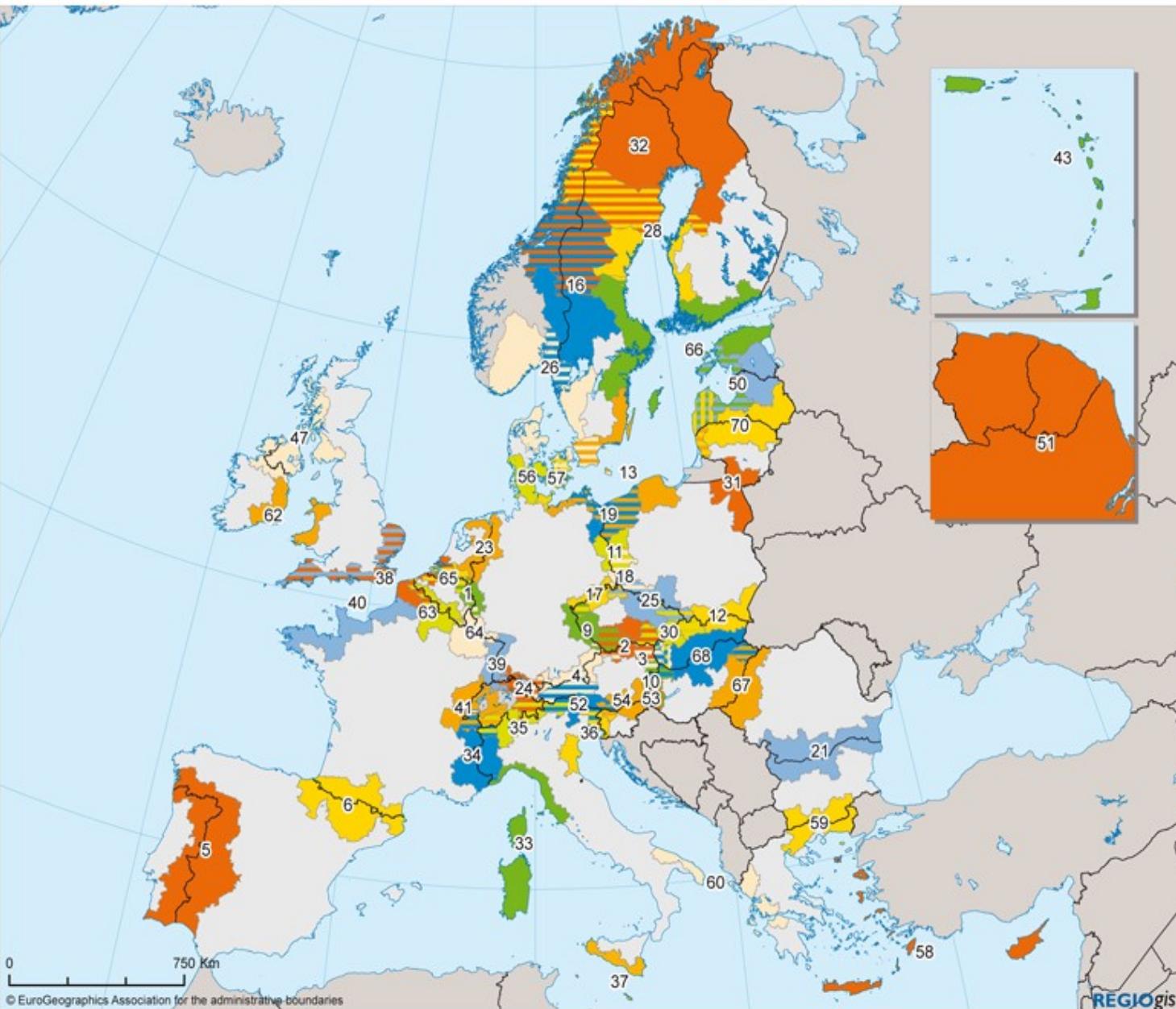


# Dealing with the Past

Mayors from Cross Border Euroregions, 2018



# Structural Funds 2007 - 2013: Cross-border Cooperation programmes



## CCI programme codes: 2007CB163PO0..

- 1 Euregio Maas Rhein
- 2 Österreich - Česká Republika
- 3 Slovensko - Österreich
- 4 Deutschland/Bayern - Österreich
- 5 Espanha - Portugal
- 6 Espanha - France - Andorra
- 9 Bayern - Česká Republika
- 10 Österreich - Magyarország
- 11 Województwo Lubuskie - Brandenburgia
- 12 Polska - Slovensko
- 13 South Baltic
- 16 Sverige - Norge
- 17 Sachsen - Česká Republika
- 18 Sachsen - Polska
- 19 Mecklenburg-Vorpommern / Brandenburg-Zachodniopomorskie
- 21 Romania - Bulgaria
- 23 Deutschland - Nederland
- 24 Alpenrhein-Bodensee-Hochrhein
- 25 Česká Republika - Polska
- 26 Öresund-Kattegatt-Skagerrak
- 28 Botnia-Atlantica
- 30 Česká Republika - Slovensko
- 31 Lietuva - Polska
- 32 Nord
- 33 Italia - France Maritime
- 34 Italia - France AL-COTRA
- 35 Italia - Schweiz / Suisse / Svizzera
- 36 Italia - Slovenija
- 37 Italia - Malta
- 38 Deux Mers
- 39 Rhin supérieur - Oberhein
- 40 France (Manche) - England
- 41 France - Schweiz / Suisse / Svizzera
- 43 Espace Canibes
- 47 Northern Ireland, the Border Region of Ireland and Western Scotland
- 50 Eesti - Latvia
- 51 Amazonie
- 52 Italia - Österreich
- 53 Slovenija - Magyarország
- 54 Slovenija - Österreich
- 56 Syddanmark - Schleswig - K.E.R.N.
- 57 Fehmarnbelt region
- 58 ΕΛΛΑΣ - ΚΥΠΡΟΣ
- 59 Ελλάδα / Elláda - Βιλαρύδο / Bulgaria
- 60 Ελλάδα / Elláda - Italia
- 62 Ireland - Wales
- 63 France - Wallonie-Vlaanderen
- 64 Grande Région
- 65 Vlaanderen - Nederland
- 66 Central Baltic
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- 70 Latvija - Lietuva

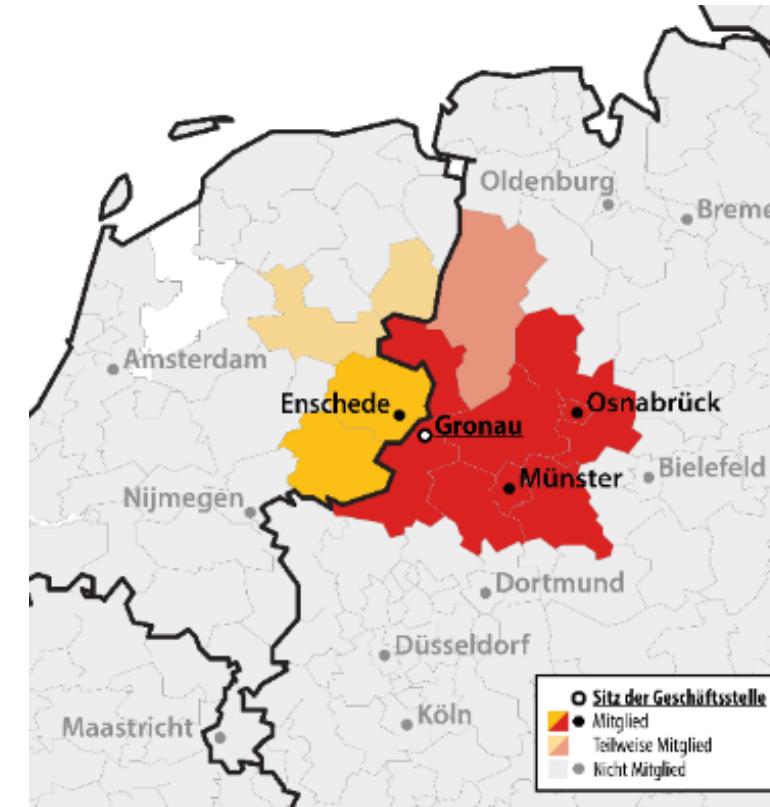
# WHEN THE FIRST EUROREGION APPEARED?



# EUREGIO

The origins of cross-border cooperation date back to the period after the Second World War, when it began to develop mainly on the border between Germany and the Netherlands.

In 1958, EUREGIO was founded around Gronau on the German-Dutch border: the first advanced institutional form of cross-border cooperation.







# European Identity



Aspiration for  
complementary and  
multiple positive identities