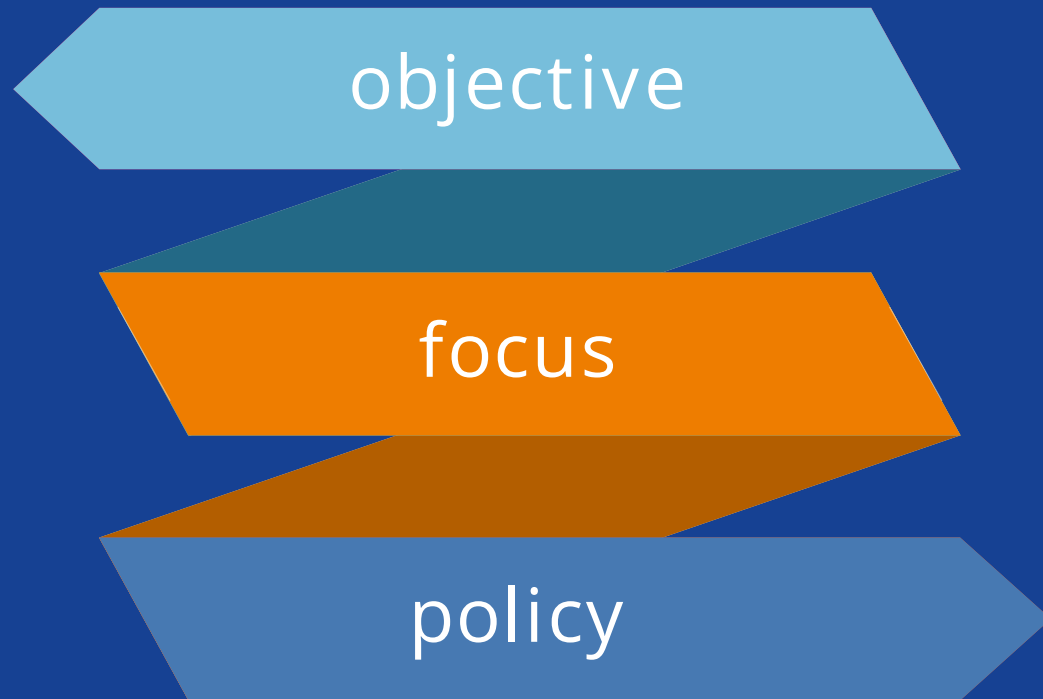


1 Living, working and travelling across borders



develop the knowledge and evidence base about the territorial patterns of upward socio-economic convergence in cross-border regions



enhancing cooperation and cohesion, identifying the instruments for alleviating the specific obstacles (hard and soft) that cross-border regions face



strengthen the capacities and skills of policy makers, reinforcing policy action towards socio-economic convergence, joint services and cooperation ties towards stronger cross-border functional areas



① Move forward with with the public consultation (examples)

Topics for potential new research activities

examples

- Socio-economic convergence across borders
- Addressing border obstacles for enhanced territorial cooperation
- Monitoring cross border flows and interactions
- Integrated development strategies of functional cross-border areas
- Cooperation with neighboring countries
- Provision of joint services across borders (transport, employment, healthcare, environment, education...)

An integrated approach focused solely on cross-border territories