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Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on a Border Regions' instrument for development and growth (BRIDGEforEU) **(first reading)**  
- Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons  
= Statements

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**Statement by Germany**

'Germany is of the opinion that maritime borders within the meaning of Article 2(1) of the draft Regulation (*'This Regulation applies to cross-border obstacles in land or maritime border regions of neighbouring Member States'*) concern only the German maritime borders with the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Kingdom of Denmark and the Republic of Poland.'

**Statement by the Commission**

The Commission draws attention to the fact that the co-legislators' amendment to its amended proposal which removes the obligation to set up national public registers on cross-border files and maintains a single register at EU level has budgetary and human resources implications for the Commission. These are described in the Legislative Financial and Digital Statement presented to the co-legislators.