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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

Statement by Germany

„Deutschland ist der Ansicht, dass Seegrenzen im Sinne von Artikel 2 Abs. 1 des Verordnungsentwurfs („*Diese Verordnung gilt für grenzübergreifende Hindernisse in Regionen mit Land- oder Seegrenzen zwischen benachbarten Mitgliedstaaten*“) nur die deutschen Seegrenzen mit dem Königreich der Niederlande, dem Königreich Dänemark und der Republik Polen betrifft.“

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.