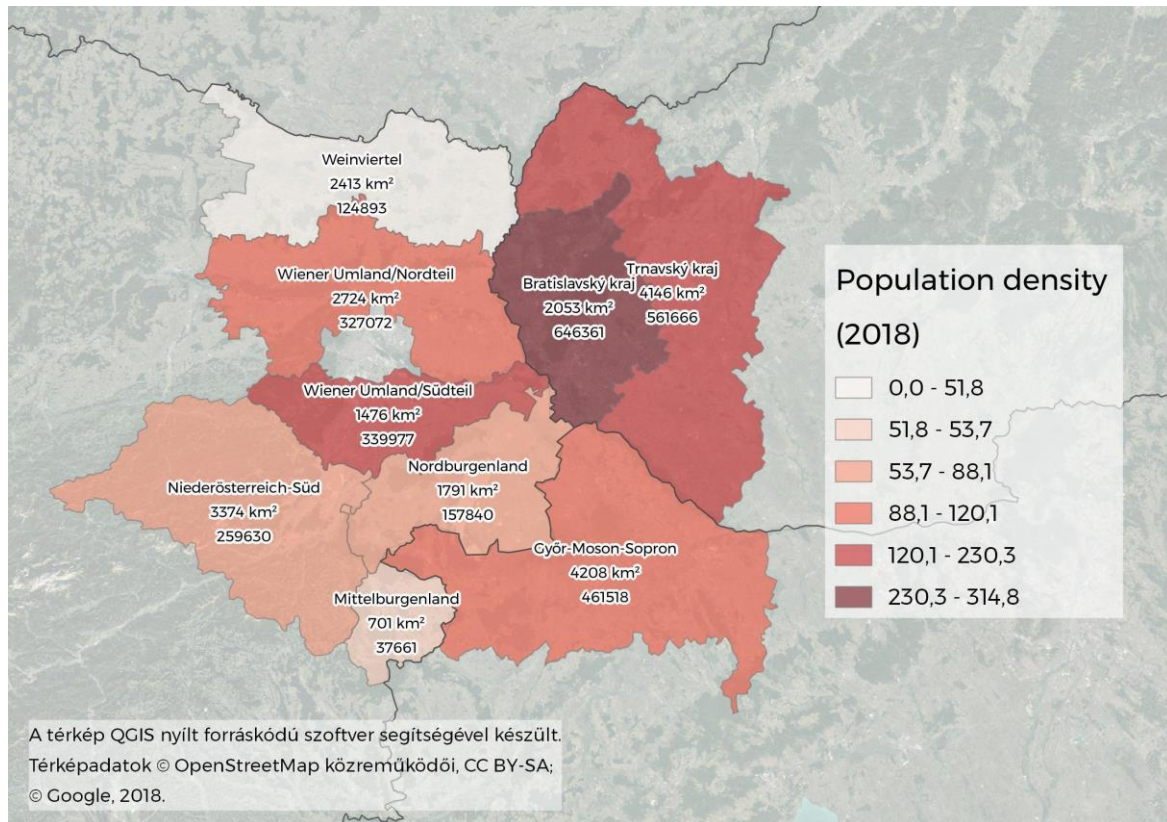


Bilingualism in the Functional Tri-Border Region AT-HU-SK

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The Territory

The regions involved in this project are: the Austrian province of Lower Austria, the district of Bratislava-Nové Mesto in Slovakia, the Austrian province of Burgenland and the county Győr-Moson-Sopron in Hungary. The overall area covers 22,886 km² and has nearly 3 million inhabitants.



The Identified Obstacle

In the border regions among Austria, Hungary and Slovakia pupils cannot attend schools in the neighbouring country. Legal obstacles regarding the insurance, financing possibilities and the recognition of the school career do not allow for children to be accepted in schools in another country. However, this option is possible at the level of upper secondary education.

The Proposed Solution

The project analyses the legal framework and identifies the legal and administrative obstacles in order to facilitate the possibility of cross-border kindergartens and school attendance in the Austrian border regions with Hungary and Slovakia. Within the *b-solutions* initiative, experts will compare the legal framework, provide reports and regularly meet with the stakeholders. Their aim is to find legal possibilities to change and improve the situation, promote multilingualism in the border region and raise awareness of the problem with the respective authorities.