A multilevel approach of cross-border obstacles: the case of civil security

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MOT's network

A 70 members network, from 10 different countries

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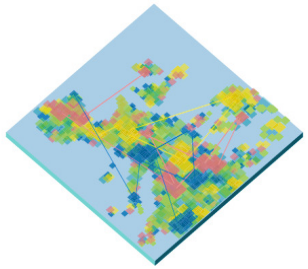
Catégorie d'adhérents Category of members *Mitglieder-Kategorien*

- **Etat** State *Staat*
- **Région*** Region *Region*
  Canton Canton *Kanton*
  Communauté autonome Autonomous community *Autonome Gemeinschaft*
- **Département**
  Province Province *Provinz*
- **Groupement plurinational de collectivités territoriales** Plurinational grouping of local authorities *Plurinationaler Verband von Gebietskörperschaften*
- **Groupement européen de coopération territoriale (GECT)** European grouping of territorial cooperation (EGTC) *Europäischer Verbund für territoriale Zusammenarbeit (EVTZ)*
- **Groupement de collectivités territoriales** Grouping of local authorities *Verband von Gebietskörperschaften*
- **Commune** Municipality *Gemeinde und Kommune*
- **Entreprise** Company *Unternehmen*
- **Réseau** Network *Netzwerk*
- **Autre structure** Other structure *Weitere Struktur*
- **Personnes physiques** (non représentées sur la carte) Natural persons (not shown on the map) *Natürliche Personen* (auf der Karte nicht dargestellt)

MOT is facilitating multilevel dialogue to solve cross-border obstacles

LOCAL LEVEL

NATIONAL LEVEL



EUROPAN LEVEL

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LOCAL LEVEL

- Assistance to CB stakeholders and project leaders in many topics (transport, environment, civil security, etc)
- Carrying studies (diagnosis, legal expertise, etc.)

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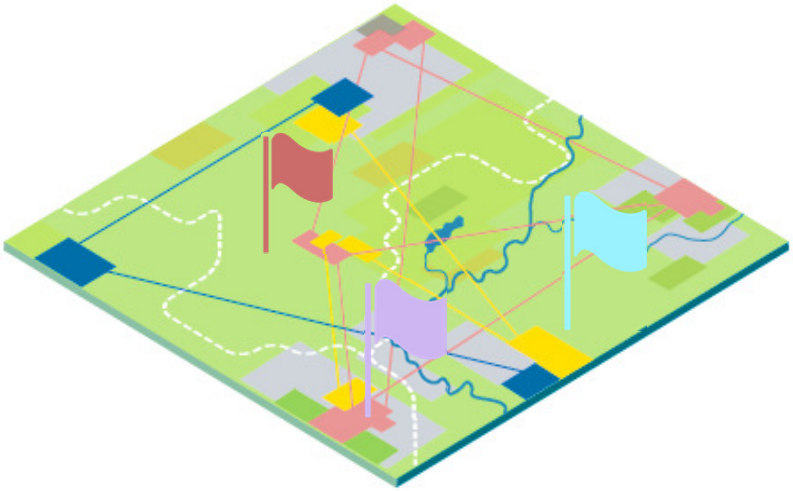

NATIONAL LEVEL

- Assistance to the State services (inter-ministerial dialogue) for a better understanding of cross-border regions and their specifics
- Assistance on each border for the coordination of cross-border State systems

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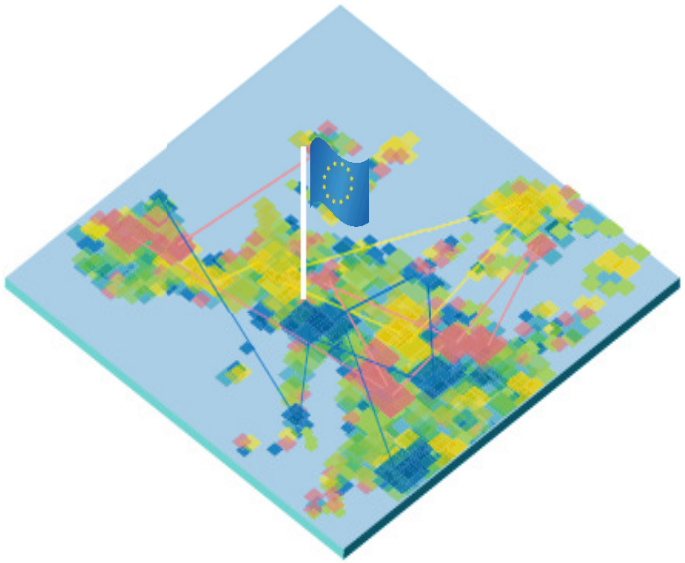
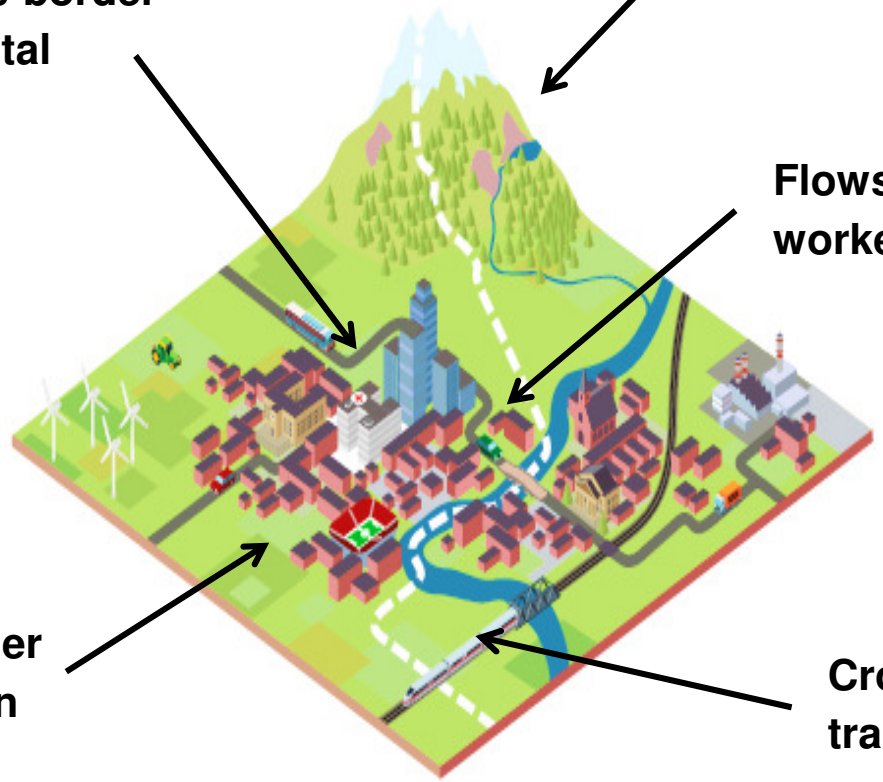


EUROPAN LEVEL

- Network cross-border regions and spread good practices
- Network European member-states on cross-border issues
- Push for a better understanding of cross-border regions by European institutions and policies
- Assistance to European institutions in better knowing cross-border issues and in taking accurate actions

Cross-border regions: cooperation & obstacles

LOCAL LEVEL



The French-Belgium Study in the European context MOT of solving cross-border obstacles

- **A European context favorable to solving obstacles**

  - **Cross-Border Review of the European Commission:** lack of administrative concertation and differences between legal system is the N° 1 Obstacle
  - **Luxembourg Presidency of the EU:** a legal tool for mutual recognition and solving administrative and legal obstacles
  - **Working Group on Innovative Solutions to Cross-border Obstacles Recommendations (to be drafted) :** national approaches, mezzo regional approaches, EU level

- **An initiative to promote: the French-Belgian Parliamentarian Group**

In 2007: 4 working groups including political and technical actors from all levels of governance and both sides of the border to produce an inventory of cross-border obstacles
Updating study in 2012-2014 done by the MOT

➡ **an analysis of cross-border cooperation in different fields, allowing to work on obstacles <u>at the border level</u> with actors of <u>different levels of governance</u>**

The French-Belgium Study (2012-2014)

- **Different topics deepened in working groups:**
  - Land planning
  - Civil security ⇦
  - Sustainable development
  - Training
  - Health
  - Transport
- **4 types of solutions were proposed :**

1. Develop knowledge on certain specific topics and their implementation actions
2. Create and develop concertation in administrative practices
3. Modify internal law (French, Belgian – Flemish/Walloon)
4. Conclusion of new agreement between the Member States

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No French-Belgian legal framework on civil security	Sign a framework convention between France and Belgium and update the administrative arrangements	- Identify guidelines of the convention within the « Good Neighborhood » Commission - Analyze legislative aspects to delete or develop
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Conclusions

- **Different natures of obstacles: legal, administrative, institutional, economic, lack of propensity to cooperate, etc.**

- **Different levels of resolution: local level, regional level, national level, European level**

In consequence, need for a multilevel dialogue on each border involving technical and political actors to cooperate on different topics of the life in cross-border regions.

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