



Cross-border territories, regional and national policies: what coordination for 2014-2020?

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9:00 am

Welcome of the participants

9:30 am

Opening

The impact of the European and national contexts on cross-border cooperation

Frédéric Basaguren, Ambassador for intergovernmental committees, cooperation and border issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate European Union

Michel Delebarre, Former French Minister of State, Senator-Mayor of Dunkirk, Member of the Committee of the Regions, President of the MOT

10:00 am

Introduction

Connecting cross-border governance, strategies and financing

Jean Peyrony, Director General, MOT

10:30 am

Pause

Part 1

Rationalise the multilevel governance of cooperation

10:45 am

Best practice

The example of an integrated Euroregion: Upper Rhine - *Charles Buttner, President of the Conseil général du Haut-Rhin*

11:00 am

Round table 1

Introduction and facilitation: *Olivier Denert, General Secretary, MOT*

- ≡ Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region - *Joel Giraud, Vice-president*
- ≡ Haut-Rhin Department Council - *Charles Buttner, President*
- ≡ Eurodistrict SaarMoselle - *Isabelle Prianon, Director*
- ≡ Canton of Geneva - *Anna-Karina Kolb, Director of the Foreign Affairs Service*
- ≡ Préfecture Midi-Pyrénées - *Eric Berthon, Deputy Secretary-General for Regional Affairs*

What are the roles of local authorities at the different scales of cross-border cooperation?

What is the role of States in terms of strategy and support of cross-border cooperation?

How to ensure a good coordination between the different levels?

Debate with the audience

12:30 pm

Lunch

Part 2

Bring cooperation at the heart of the 2014-2020 programming period

2:00 pm

Introduction

Normunds Popen, Deputy Director General, European Commission, DG REGIO

2:15 pm

Round table 2

Introduction and facilitation: *Jean Peyrony, Director General, MOT*

- ≡ European Parliament - *Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, MEP*
- ≡ European Commission, DG REGIO - *Normunds Popen, Deputy Director General*
- ≡ Ministry of Economic Development (Italy) - *Sabina De Luca, Head of the Department for development and economic cohesion*
- ≡ DATAR – *Florence Clermont Brouillet, adviser for developing regional and European policies*
- ≡ Ministry of Interior and Kingdom Relations of the Netherlands – *Wouter Bringmann, Senior policy advisor, Departement EU affairs and local and regional government*
- ≡ Alsace Region - *Olivier Martin, Director of the Europe department*
- ≡ Walloon Region – *Jean-Pierre Robbeets, Inspector General, Wallonie-Bruxelles International*

What place will cooperation hold in the 2014-2020 cohesion policy?

How to enshrine cross-border cooperation in the Partnership Contracts and in the programmes?

Why and how to coordinate the Contract Partnerships on each border?

Debate with the audience

3:30 pm

Pause

Part 3

2014-2020 : Strengthen the position of cross-border territorial development

3:45 pm

Best practice

The example of the Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai Eurometropolis - *Stef Vande Meulebroucke, Director*

4:00 pm

Round table 3

Introduction and facilitation: *Olivier Denert, Secretary General, MOT*

- ≡ European Parliament - *Gilles Pargneaux, MEP*
- ≡ Mont Blanc Area - *Nicolas Evrard, Vice-President of the Communauté de Communes de la Vallée de Chamonix-Mont-Blanc*

- ≡ Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai Eurometropolis - *Stef Vande Meulebroucke, Director*
- ≡ Joint Technical Secretariat of the Greater Region - *Marco Carpi, Director*
- ≡ Pas-de-Calais Department Council – *Pauline Gessant, Head of unit European Territorial Cooperation, European and International Department*

How to reconcile thematic concentration and integrated territorial development?

How to insert cross-border territories into cooperation programmes and regional programmes?

How to implement the new tools for integrated territorial development in a cross-border context?

Debate with the audience

5:30 pm

Summary of debates

Jean Peyrony, Director General, MOT

Conclusions

Emmanuel Berthier, Interministerial Delegate for spatial planning and regional attractiveness

6:00 pm

End of the conference

CONTEXT

The MOT has conducted a study with the aim of improving the connection between the cohesion policy, governance systems and cross-border territorial needs.

Running from June 2011 to October 2012, this project took into account two major reforms: at the European level, the development of the framework for cohesion policy 2014-2020, and at the French level, the redefinition of the cross-border policy within the context of the decentralization process.

The results of the study are based on more than 70 interviews with major players of cross-border cooperation at the French borders. A French-Italian work meeting has allowed to test the recommendations of the study and the coherence of French and Italian cross-border policies.

The findings of this work are aimed at local authorities, national governments, the European Commission, programme authorities, and by and large to all players involved in cross-border cooperation. Their purpose is to improve cooperation at French borders.

The conclusions of the study are summed up in a methodological guide and are presented during the final conference organised on 24th October 2012 in Paris.