



## **New generation of cross-border cooperation : support at national level to overcome obstacles**

**Open Days**

**The Budapest Platform workshop, 9:00 to 10:45**

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## **Program**

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## Venue

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Room JDE 51  
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## Languages

English  
French  
German

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## Introduction

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### Moderator

Jean PEYRONY, Director General of the  
Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière  
(MOT),  
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## Roundtable

# 09:05

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### Integrated territorial tools to support cross-border cooperation at the Hungarian borders

by Gyula OCSKAY, Secretary General of  
the Central-European Service for Cross-  
Border Initiatives (CESCI),  
[www.cesci-net.eu](http://www.cesci-net.eu)

### From national strategies to cross-border cooperation: the Portuguese model

by Nuno ALMEIDA, Head of the Strategic  
Cooperation Unit of Norte Portugal  
(CCDR-N),  
[www.ccdr-n.pt/](http://www.ccdr-n.pt/)

### The coordination between neighbouring states to overcome legal obstacles at the Dutch borders

by Tom LEEUWESTEIN, head of unit at  
the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom  
Relations of the Netherlands,  
[www.government.nl/ministries/bzk](http://www.government.nl/ministries/bzk)

### The German experience on federal support for cross-border cooperation

by Volker SCHMIDT-SEIWERT,  
Federal Office for Building and Regional  
Planning (BBR),  
[www.bbr.bund.de/BBR/EN](http://www.bbr.bund.de/BBR/EN)

### The role of national level in cross-border data monitoring at local level at the French borders

by Jean PEYRONY, Director General  
of the Mission Opérationnelle  
Transfrontalière (MOT)

## Point of view of the Commission

# 09:45

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### European Cross-Border Cooperation beyond Interreg spending programmes

by Agnès MONFRET, Head of Unit  
“European Cross-Border cooperation”,  
DG REGIO, European Commission

## Exchange with the audience

# 09:55

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## Q&A with the audience

# 10:40

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## Conclusion

by Jean PEYRONY, Director General  
of the Mission Opérationnelle  
Transfrontalière (MOT)

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We invite you to participate in the common  
networking event that will take place at 10:45 in  
the atrium of the 5th floor to continue the  
discussions

The Budapest  
Platform

EUROPEAN PLATFORM OF SUPPORT STRUCTURES  
FOR CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION AT NATIONAL LEVEL

## CONTEXT

The members of the Budapest Platform have a long experience within the field of cross-border cooperation. They consider the following points as crucial:

- Multi-level approach is needed in the case of cross-border cooperation
- Integrated strategic approach should replace purely sectoral approach in border areas
- The integrated strategies should be based on proper data which are not available at the moment
- The borderlands face particular problems caused mainly by the differences of legal systems
- The national level should be involved in cross-border cooperation.

The debate will focus on the articulation between the 2014-2020 programming process, the public policies and the governance in cross-border territories.

## ORGANISER

**The Budapest Platform** ([www.budapestplatform.eu](http://www.budapestplatform.eu)), created in December 2010, is a network of support structures for cross-border cooperation at national level representing 4 member states (France, Hungary, the Netherlands, and Portugal). The aim is to support the multi-level approach of cross-border cooperation, from the local to the national level. It is a "top-down" approach in favor of cross-border cooperation.

The founding members are:

- MOT (Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière)
- CESC (Central-European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives)
- CCDR-N (Norte Regional Coordination and Development Commission)
- The Dutch Ministry of the Interior

The Budapest Platform is open to new members.

