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# IN THE TERRITORIES

## A future cross-border strategic action plan for the Val de Sambre

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An initial Franco-Belgian steering committee on the Val de Sambre and the cross-border territory around the conurbations of Mons, Maubeuge and Charleroi took place on Friday 1 July at the Jeumont digital station.

Chaired by Benjamin Sainte-Huile, mayor of Jeumont and president of the CAMVS until 1 July, and now member of parliament for the 3rd constituency of the Nord, this committee brought together a large number of actors from both sides of the French-Belgian border, including the mayors of Mons, La Louvière and Erquennes, and representatives of the Province of Hainaut, the Hauts-de-France Region, the Nord Département, the Hauts-de-France state representation, and the local municipalities and inter-municipal bodies.

The MOT presented the cross-border diagnosis carried out in partnership with the Agence d'Urbanisme de la Sambre (ADUS) on behalf of the Maubeuge Val de Sambre agglomeration. This work provides an initial overview of the shared issues of the cross-border territory. Through the presentation of various maps, and quantitative and qualitative analyses, the questions related to the integration of the labour markets, joint tourism development, the supply of health care, preservation of the environment and support for the energy transition, mobility of persons and goods, or the agricultural transition and the development of short-distance circuits, were detailed. One of the main conclusions of this work is that these different cross-border complementarities can be seen as resources for strengthening the residential attractiveness and ecological resilience of the entire territory.

Following the political validation of the work presented, the French and Belgian elected representatives will launch the co-construction of the strategic action plan. Its publication is expected for early 2023. The role of the MOT will be to facilitate the elaboration of common projects and the establishment of a multi-level dialogue on this border.

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## France-Belgium: towards the first cross-border hydrogen transmission system

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«Two gas transmission operators, Fluxys and GRTgaz, intend to develop an open-access and low-carbon hydrogen transmission network between the Valenciennes area in France and the Mons area in Belgium. Source: Environnement magazine, 20/6/22.

## France-Spain: the cross-border emergency centre opens its doors

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«After this long episode of Covid and a myriad of restrictions, opening new buildings to the public was not possible. This is the case of the Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port cross-border emergency centre, which opened a brand new building, ideally located at chemin de la Nasse, that facilitates interventions and improves the quality of work for firefighters. Source: Sud Ouest, 16/6/22.

## Launch of the France-Switzerland Interreg programme

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The Interreg France-Switzerland VI 2021-2027 programme was officially launched at an event in Arc-et-Senans (Doubs) on 9 June 2022.

It will have required three years of preparatory work carried out with the French and Swiss partners of the cooperation territory, composed of 7 Swiss cantons (Bern, Fribourg, Geneva, Jura, Neuchâtel, Valais, Vaud) and 5 French departments (Doubs, Jura and Territoire de Belfort for the Bourgogne-Franche-Comté region, Ain and Haute-Savoie for the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region). It is built around 5 priorities:

- Priority 1 - Carbon neutrality, ecological and energy transition

- Priority 2 - Research, innovation and new technologies
- Priority 3 - Sustainable mobility and multimodality
- Priority 4 - Sustainable tourism and culture
- Priority 5 - Reduction of obstacles at the Franco-Swiss border.

Jean Peyrony, Director General of the MOT, spoke at the event about the role of cross-border cooperation bodies and their means of developing a common culture of governance, with the support of Interreg.

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## Joint participatory budget between Pyrénées-Atlantiques and Gipuzkoa: 17 projects selected!

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In January, the Conseil départemental des Pyrénées-Atlantiques and the Diputación Foral de Gipuzkoa launched a new experiment: a joint participatory budget, called *ideiak*, to encourage inhabitants to develop projects that create links between the two territories.

culture, society and living together, youth and education, sport, sustainable mobility and environment, language policy, cross-border cooperation.

- 3 544 citizens took part in the vote
- In the end, 17 projects were selected for funding.

The partners presented their first results:

- 42 projects were put to the vote between 21 May and 17 June, covering seven topics:

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## Extension of the Franco-Swiss agreement on teleworking for cross-border workers

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The agreement between Switzerland and France on the taxation of cross-border workers has been extended until 31 October 2022.

It ensures that frontier workers retain their tax regime even if they are forced to stay at home and telework in the context of the health crisis. The two countries have extended this derogation in order to allow the competent French and Swiss authorities to agree by this deadline on a mutually satisfactory permanent regime. It should be recalled that the amicable Franco-Swiss agreement on social security has already been extended until 31 December. This agreement allows cross-border teleworkers in Switzerland to work from home without being subject to the French social security system.

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**BASQUE COUNTRY COMMUNITY:**

# The Basque Country Community hosts the MOT General Assembly

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The MOT's annual event took place on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in Bayonne and San Sebastián.



Since its creation in 2017, the Basque Country Agglomeration Community has developed an ambitious cross-border public policy and is implementing numerous projects with its partners from Euskadi, Navarre and Aragon and the New Aquitaine Euskadi Navarre Euroregion.

The first major cross-border project, the Hendaye multimodal interchange hub, named Elgarrekin, was inaugurated last June. The Euskotren and SNCF stations have been completely redeveloped and connected and benefit directly from all the mobility solutions of the Basque Country Community network: buses, coaches, bicycles, etc. The project also includes a cycle path connected to the Vélodyssée, along the Bidasoa. Still in the field of mobility, the Basque Country Community and its Mobility Syndicate have developed a new ticketing system allowing users in the North Basque Country to travel on the San Sebastian transport network with their season ticket. They have also encouraged the emergence of 100% electric buses and the preparation of a practical guide to cross-border mobility.

At the initiative of their respective presidents, who are very committed to the dignified reception of migrants currently transiting the roads of the Basque Country, the Basque



Country Community and the Autonomous Community of Euskadi are working together within a dedicated institutional coordination body, which enables them to maintain a permanent dialogue on the subject.

In the field of higher education, the Basque Country Community has co-organised this year with the UIK Foundation, the universities of the territory, the NAEN Euroregion and the Diputacion Foral of Gipuzkoa the first edition of cross-border summer universities. The aim of this initiative is to develop the emergence of joint research programmes and exchanges between academics and students.

Lastly, as a historic event and the result of an initiative jointly supported by the Presidents of the Basque Country Community

and the Basque Government, the start of the Tour de France in 2023 will be in Bilbao. The first three stages will go through Vizcaya, Alava and Gipuzkoa before reaching the Northern Basque Country.

**PROJECTS FACTSHEETS OF THE FIELD VISIT - IN FRENCH ONLY:**

- EDERBIDEA – Mobilité cyclable transfrontalière.
- E-MOBASK – Promouvoir les services de transports publics urbains transfrontaliers.
- SMARTMOB ! – Pour une mobilité durable transfrontalière.
- TRANSFERMUGA-RREKIN – Améliorer l'offre de transport ferroviaire transfrontalier.

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## Jean-René Etchegaray, President of the Basque Country Community



The Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière has chosen the Basque Country to host its General Assembly and we are very honoured. With its 150 km of borders and its position at the heart of Western Europe, our territory has a long history of cross-border cooperation, reinforced by the creation of the Basque Country Community in 2017.

Bringing together the 158 municipalities of the northern Basque Country, the Community has become a natural and privileged interlocutor of the local authorities and the State in this area.

We wanted to take advantage of the MOT's General Assembly to organize the first edition of our «Cross-border meetings», on the 5th and 6th of October in Bayonne. With these

two events, we are making cross-border cooperation one of the priorities of our political agendas. We are indeed convinced that it is an effective and relevant response to contemporary challenges and one of the driving forces of the new Europe.

The MOT is a particularly interesting tool in this respect. The Basque Country Community has been a member of the MOT since its creation, which has enabled us to enrich our reflections and to benefit from its expertise in order to carry out numerous projects.

Let us continue in this direction for the benefit of our fellow citizens, across the border!

## France-Spain: the Euroregion demands the reopening of the border

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«They chose an intense week in cross-border relations to call on the French State to lift checks at border crossings and to reopen those that are still closed. The representatives of the three institutional entities that make up the New Aquitaine-Euskadi Navarre Euroregion put their pens to paper at the end of the executive board meeting held on September 28<sup>th</sup> and issued a press release.

They demand a return to normal after a block that has lasted since January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. It has been more than a year and a half since the then prefect of the Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Éric Spitz, decided to close several crossing points and set up systematic police controls at other border crossings. They are making this request while Dominique Faure, the Secretary of State to the Minister for Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion, responsible for Rural Affairs, was present in Bayonne with the Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière (MOT) on Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup>.»

Source : Mediabask, 06/10/22.

## Portraits of border residents between Strasbourg and Kehl

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«70 people aged 2 to 87 who live, work or enjoy their time in the Strasbourg Eurometropolis or in Kehl, share their views on what constitutes the cross-border living area, the influence of restrictions on crossing the border during the health crisis and their aspirations for the future.»

Based on the compilation of testimonies of border residents, the Eurometropole

of Strasbourg, the city of Kehl, the University of Kehl and the Rhine Foundation have just published a comprehensive bilingual (French, German) work entitled «Grenzporträts / Portraits de frontaliers».

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# French-Italian High Valleys: two new missions for the MOT

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The summer of 2022 marked the launch of two parallel missions for the MOT concerning the territory of the Hautes Vallées Conference (CHAV) at two different territorial levels.

## SUPPORTING THE CHAV IN ITS EVOLUTION

The MOT was chosen to carry out a support mission for CHAV, an associative structure with Franco-Italian governance, straddling the Maurienne, the Greater Briançon area and the mountainous part of the Metropolitan City of Turin. It is structured around three

axes: the evaluation of the actions carried out via the PITer (Integrated territorial plan) CoeurAlp during the ALCOTRA 14-20 programme; the preparation of a cross-border and multi-thematic action plan for the coming years; the study of the evolution, role, structuring and current governance of this local cross-border body.

## MODANE - BARDONECCHIA: TWO «SMALL TOWNS OF TOMORROW» WITH A CROSS-BORDER AMBITION

Commissioned by the town of Modane, the MOT began its second individualised support mission under the Small Towns of Tomorrow programme with a launch meeting in Italy, hosted by the municipality of Bardonecchia (IT) - recognized by the Italian

«Borghi del Futuro» programme - in the presence of the mayors of the two neighbouring towns.

### What are the objectives?

Intended to structure the dialogue between the two municipalities and their multi-level partners, and to co-construct operational action plans (mobility, bicycle tourism, training, bilingualism, etc.), the mission is part of the dynamic of the Quirinal Treaty and its roadmap dedicated to cross-border cooperation.

### What are the consequences?

The institutional consultations, already launched during preparations for the project, will continue, and a workshop bringing together the French and Italian partners will be held in October. In «flash» format, the mission should

be concluded before the end of 2022 in order to include the cross-border actions in the PVD territory project.

Faced with climate change and the conversion of Alpine spaces to tourism, these two examples illustrate that cross-border development is an opportunity to be seized in order to work on the cohesion and resilience of territories!

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### Three Franco-Italian cooperation agreements on civil security

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On July 19th, three agreements on civil security and border security were signed between the prefecture of Savoie and that of Turin.

The first text concerns the setting up of joint patrols between the French and Italian border police. The second addresses the

renewal of an existing agreement between Savoy's fire and rescue service and Turin's fire brigade. Finally, the third agreement outlines a binational rescue plan in the Fréjus road tunnel.

These agreements are in line with the axes of cooperation put forward in the Treaty of the Quirinal, signed in November 2021 between the two countries for «enhanced bilateral cooperation».

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### The study on major retailers in the SaarMoselle Eurodistrict is available

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This study on planning and permits regarding projects for sites intended for major retailers in the SaarMoselle Eurodistrict, on the Franco-German border was carried out by the MOT and the German consultancy Junker+Kruse, for the Saarbrücken Regionalverband.



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# The Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region adopts a «Cross-border cooperation strategy»

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This strategy, adopted by the Region on June 24th, 2022, takes place in the context of strengthened cooperation between France and Italy since the signing of the Quirinal Treaty at the end of 2021, as well as the historical links with the Principality of Monaco.

Considering that 2/3 of the Franco-Italian border is in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region, the strategy highlights five priorities: better cross-border governance; resilience and preservation of biodiversity in the face of climate change; sustainable tourism and economic sectors; accessibility; quality of life for the inhabitants in terms of employment, training and health.

In terms of governance, it plans to play and active role in the future «cross-border cooperation committee» provided for by the Quirinal Treaty and to organise an annual cross-border cooperation day in order

to disseminate a «cross-border reflex» in regional actions and policies.

Among the flagship actions envisaged : the strengthening of the infrastructures included in the Trans-European Transport Network (Marseille-Ventimiglia, Nice-Ventimiglia-Cuneo lines), the promotion of integrated management of natural risks in the face of climate change, the protection of cross-border ecological corridors, the decarbonisation of cross-border economies and mobilities, the development of the use of hydrogen, the completion of a cross-border health agreement to meet the needs of inhabitants revealed by the Covid-19 crisis, the promotion of training mobility and the cross-border labour market, support for innovation in cross-border economic sectors (more modest and sustainable tourism on the coast and in the mountains). It should be noted that the

MOT is cited among the «external» actors involved in its implementation.

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# Towards a shared territorial vision for Greater Geneva

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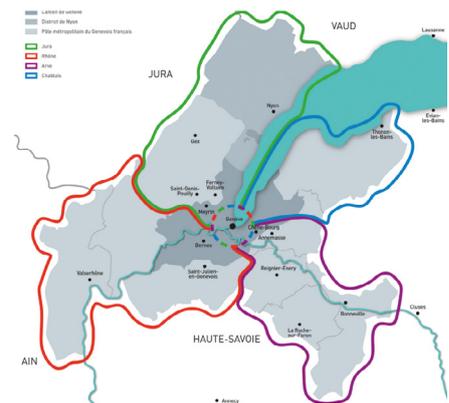
Spatial planning is one of the essential levers for achieving carbon neutrality. This is why the partners of Greater Geneva wished to commit themselves to drawing up a new «cross-border territorial vision» in line with the objectives of ecological transition and to build the territory of tomorrow with a view to being carbon neutral by 2050.

The process was presented on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

In order to develop this vision, Greater Geneva aims to widely involve all the stakeholders of the territory: institutions,

civil society, companies, residents, etc. The kick-off was launched on October 1<sup>st</sup> with 8 open forums organised simultaneously in several municipalities of Greater Geneva, during which the inhabitants were invited to discuss these two central questions for the territory: «How do we live in our territory today?» and «How to prepare for tomorrow?»

In concrete terms, the objective of the «Cross-border territorial vision» is to ensure that the location of future housing, jobs, public facilities and the construction of mobility infrastructures are consistent with the preservation and restoration of resources, the landscape and the heritage. Once validated, it will constitute a reference framework for all the planning documents of the institutional partners of Greater Geneva.



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## Cross-border cooperation as a focal point for the Moselle CLCT's work

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On October 14<sup>th</sup>, the Prefect of Moselle gathered the Local Committee for Territorial Cohesion (CLCT). On this occasion, a participatory approach was proposed to the various participants, via the organisation of five working groups, the objective of which was to identify the engineering needs of local authorities, the existing solutions, and to promote the exchange of good practices and feedback from the field.

One of the five working groups dealt with inter-territorial and cross-border cooperation, and

was co-chaired by Florence Guillemain, of the SaarMoselle Eurodistrict EGTC, and Aurélien Biscuit, representing the MOT.

Although Moselle borders both Germany and Luxembourg, the discussions focused on the latter. After recalling the main cross-border issues and projects, the participants stressed the need for a concerted cross-border strategy between French actors, particularly in order to be able to enter into dialogue with the Luxembourg partners, and for a place to develop it. The Franco-Luxembourg Consultative Committee,

led by the Prefect and bringing together all the Lorraine partners, seemed to be an ideal forum.

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## Luxembourg, Switzerland, Italy...

### This summer, French border shops attracted foreign consumers

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«With a weaker price increase in France, border stores recorded a 7.2% increase in their food sales.»  
Source: Le Figaro, 09/09/2022.

## France Télévisions and RTBF sign a collaborative partnership agreement between their local border stations

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«France Télévisions and RTBF confirm their collaboration by signing a partnership agreement concerning the French-Belgian border area of the Hauts-de-France region and the Belgian province of Hainaut.»  
Source: La Correspondance de la Presse, 23/09/2022.

## A major step forward in cross-border health cooperation

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«A big win for staff training and the care pathways. According to the conclusions of the report by the Health Commission of the Franco-Geneva Regional Committee (CRFG), [...]. Source: La Voix de l'Ain, 12/10/2022.

## Closure of the project «PAMINA Care Provision»

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On 23 September 2022, the closing ceremony of the project «PAMINA Care Services» took place. Concrete and promising results were presented by the PAMINA Eurodistrict, the project leader, as well as by the project partners (hospitals, health insurance funds, ARS, Landkreise, etc.).

Started in 2019, this Interreg project brings together 22 French and German partners, competent in the

field of health, to develop the supply of health care in the PAMINA area, and cooperation in the field of hospital medicine as well as in the field of town medicine.

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## A Franco-German association for the European Archaeological Park Bliesbruck-Reinheim

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On the occasion of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the European Archaeological Park of Bliesbruck-Reinheim, its two historical partners, the Department of Moselle and the Saarpfalzkreis, have initiated an in-depth reflection to make this site «a laboratory for local Franco-German cooperation.»

On the basis of the Treaty of Aachen, this project must be developed jointly within a new cross-border structure in order to involve the French and German partners. This is why a cross-border management association called «Vita Futura Bliesbruck-Reinheim» was officially created on September 15<sup>th</sup> 2022.

The birth of this cross-border structure marks a new chapter in the cross-border life of the Archaeological Park, the only cultural site in Europe located directly on the border between France and Germany.



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## A new electrical link between France and Italy

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As a further step towards the construction of the European electricity network, a new 190 km EHV line, entirely underground, is being built between Savoy and Piedmont. It will increase the electricity exchange capacity between France and Italy by 40%.

The first commissioning is scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2022.

Built by RTE with its Italian partner TERNA, the new link will be the longest in the world at this level of power and voltage: «it is an exceptional project which aims above all to strengthen mutual back-up capacity, improve the pooling of resources and facilitate cross-border electricity exchanges.» With 95 km on the French side, it is integrated into the existing road infrastructure, in order to preserve the quality of the landscape and contribute to the local economic dynamics. It will also facilitate the integration of renewable energies into the French and Italian electricity systems.

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**Pierre-Marc Knaff,**  
President of the Alzette Belval EGTC



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Since its establishment in 2013, the Alzette Belval EGTC has been working daily basis for more than 100,000 inhabitants of four Luxembourgian and eight French municipalities.

On the eve of its tenth anniversary, it will open up to a new Luxembourg municipality: Rumelange. Our field of action to achieve our third strategy will therefore be more extensive and I know that I can count on our members to «build the conurbation together».

The grouping is able to put its work into perspective thanks to the analyses and opinions of the MOT. It also relies on European measures such as «B-Solutions» of the AEBR and DG REGIO and above all the INTERREG Grande Région programme, that has recognised the Alzette Belval territory as a «functional zone». The European funds will help us carry out our strategy and resolve the

obstacles of everyday life: mobility difficulties, problems of access to health care, illicit passage of waste, etc.

Our territory is undergoing major developments (Belval (L), Metzschmelz (L), Micheville (F)) which guide us towards the future. For its part, the EGTC acts as a translitter of local expectations, a faciilitator, an initiator of cross-border projects and a vector of information. Many cross-border initiatives are under way, including the formidable dynamic around «ESCH2022, European Capital of Culture», which is strengthening cultural action without borders in the long term.

The project does not stop at the end of 2022, join us to discover another facet of Alzette Belval!

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# Esch2022, a cross-border European Capital of Culture

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Since its application for the title of «European Capital of Culture», the city of Esch-sur-Alzette, on the Luxembourgian side of the border, has emphasised the cross-border dimension of its territory and has integrated French municipalities and partners.

Traffic between the two countries is part of the daily life of the inhabitants. Every day many French people cross the border to go to work in Luxembourg. Since the beginning of 2022, a strong desire to show this cross-border region in a different light has been put forward: to promote its heritage, its environment and its shared history.

The cross-border Steel Trail, a 22 km walk through the two countries, is a perfect illustration of this initiative. In regard to the idea of a common history, the Institut National de l'Audiovisuel has created a digital fresco recounting the key moments of Franco-Luxembourg cooperation. Esch2022 also made it possible to question cross-border relations, to confront the feelings of the inhabitants, in particular through the exhibition

Frontaliers. Lives in stereo (cf. photo), featuring the lives of a few selected residents.

Finally, Esch2022 has also pushed small local structures to have bigger cross-border ambitions. The French dance school Chor'A'Corps wrote and produced a show specially designed for an emblematic place in Alzette Belval: the Belval blast furnaces.

This was a unique opportunity for this association to proudly highlight the history of its territory and its ancestors. The challenge was enormous: to transform a place that had never been used for a show before, to learn a new practice, weightless dance,

and to pay tribute to those who built this region. The project was a success, with all the performances sold out.

In the end, about a third of the 160 Esch2022 projects had a cross-border character. A great commitment that strengthens the synergies for the cultural future of this borderless territory.

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## Towards a Franco-Luxembourg cross-border development zone?

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The Terres Rouges slag heap is a strategic site for the Alzette-Belval territory.

A binational and cross-border site of more than 70 ha located on the French-Luxembourg border, the Terres Rouges slag heap, whose sole owner is the Arcelor Mittal group, is currently operated as a slag heap. Although located in the heart of an area of intense territorial development, the Terres Rouges slag heap site faces a large number of obstacles linked precisely to its binational nature, which it faces in its development under double legislation, Luxembourgian and French.

To answer these legal questions and questions relating to the operational set-up, the Etablissement Public d'Aménagement Alzette-Belval - Within the framework of a cross-border

consortium with the Luxembourg Ministry of Energy and Spatial Planning and the City of Esch-sur-Alzette - has selected the consortium formed by the MOT, the Luxembourg consultancy Zeyen+Baumann and the urban planning agency Agape, whose mission began in September 2022. After an initial inventory phase, the consortium will consider the options for project management and the action plan to be implemented. The results are expected in 2023.

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## How to finance cross-border mobility?

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At the request of Greater Geneva, the MOT produced a note in September taking stock of the methods of financing mobility and the financial resources allocated.

This comparative analysis between Greater Geneva and other European cross-border conurbations focused more specifically on :

- A selection of case studies: cross-border public transport services in European conurbations of comparable size.
- A comparative analysis of mobility financing methods and the financial resources allocated: focus on Ticino, the trinational conurbation of Basel and the Meuse-Rhine Euregio. The document is only available to members.

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## Creation of an SEML for a cross-border heating network

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In the Franco-German region of Strasbourg-Kehl, the municipalities are in the process of implementing a flagship cross-border cooperation project for the extension of urban heating networks. Soon, the waste heat from the local steel mill will supply thousands of households on both sides of the Rhine.

In August 2022, a decisive step was taken with the creation of a Franco-German semi-public company (SEML) «Calorie Kehl-Strasbourg», in charge of the central element of the project: the construction and operation of the cross-border heat pipeline connecting the BSW steelworks in Kehl to consumers on both sides of the Rhine.

In order to make this construction and operation possible not by an energy operator but by the

local authorities concerned, the legal form chosen for the cross-border structure was that of an SEML under French law, guaranteeing public governance. Since February 2022 and the implementation of new provisions of the 3DS law, the general code of local authorities has allowed a balance between German and French shareholders.

At the end of 2022, the planning and approval processes will begin, with construction scheduled for 2024 and commissioning in 2026.

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# «Bringing cross-border spaces to life»: example of the French-Belgian border

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On September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the closing event of the QUALICANES Interreg project took place.

Implemented from 2019 to 2022, the project focused on the transformation of the former Callicanes customs site on the French-Belgian border into an innovative communal space with the active participation of citizens.

The partners were also interested in the development of cross-border spaces all along the border, from Bray-Dunes/La Panne in the north to the gates of Luxembourg in the south: «a real journey of several hundred kilometres on which the [project] team embarked, enabling it to discover the border from every angle».

The results of this rich project were presented at the closing conference:

- **A white paper**, testifying the initiative of the project, and to a larger extent, the evolution of the border between France and Belgium over the years. Download the white paper.

- **A documentary film «PASSAGE: A journey along the French-Belgian border»:** «What does the border mean in a unified Europe? How do we experience the border? What can borders offer us in the future? We take you along the French-Belgian border in search of answers».

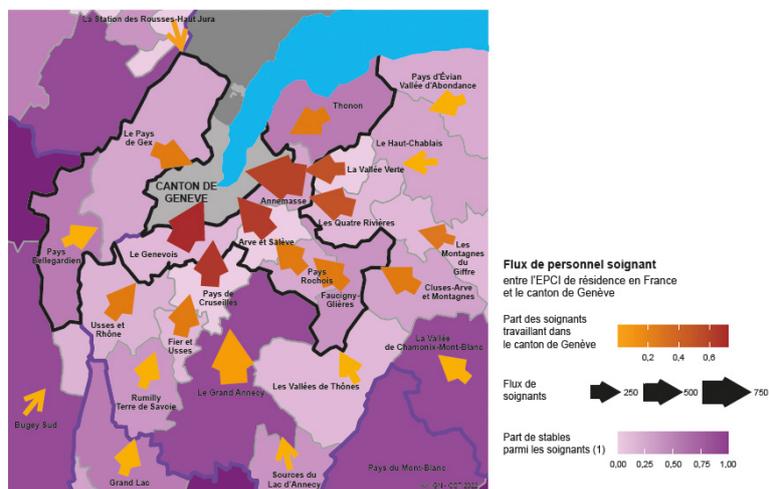
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## «Living Pyrenees Education» cross-border network: a legal mission for the MOT

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With a track record of more than 24 years, the «Living Pyrenees Education» network brings together more than 85 structures specializing in environmental education on the Pyrenean cross-border scale between France, Spain and Andorra. Its objective is to bring together professionals in the field of mediation, share experiences, pool resources and promote innovative projects. Until 2022, the network's activities were hosted by the LPO France association, which coordinates the network and has enabled the development of projects on the French side of the Pyrenees as well as several cross-border initiatives (Interreg Poctefa projects). However, this has not allowed the cross-border network, which does not have its own legal personality, to support a dynamic for the development of initiatives on the Spanish side. The network has therefore asked the MOT to assist it in defining a legal model enabling it to develop and promote, throughout the Pyrenees, joint cross-border actions for environmental education, ecological and energy transitions and appreciation of its heritage.

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## 41% of healthcare workers in Haute-Savoie (France) work in Switzerland

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The Greater Geneva cross-border statistical observatory has published a study highlighting the attraction of Switzerland for healthcare personnel and its consequences in terms of human resources for neighbouring French hospitals.

According to the Observatory, healthcare workers represent 10% of the total number of cross-border workers: «Around 41,000 healthcare workers reside in the Franco-Vaud-Genève territory, made up of the

Ain and Haute-Savoie for the French part, and the cantons of Geneva and Vaud for the Swiss part. Of the 25,000 workers in Ain and Haute-Savoie, 7,200 work in Switzerland, in particular in the cantons of Geneva (5,900) and Vaud (1,100). These significant flows reflect a strong imbalance between place of residence and place of work».

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# Signing of the Franco-German Cross-Border Health Alliance

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On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, the Saarland, the Grand Est region, the Moselle department and the Saar-Moselle Eurodistrict signed an alliance designed to join forces to facilitate access to healthcare for the populations in the border regions.

The Eurodistrict has been working for several years now to develop cross-border cooperation in health between Moselle and Saarland. It is within the framework of its project «GeKo SaarMoselle, structuring and developing cross-border health cooperation in the Saar-Moselle area» that the intention of this alliance, which plans to give new impetus to this cooperation in order to improve and facilitate access to healthcare for the population of this cross-border living area, was introduced.

On this occasion, the Saarland State Secretary for Health, Bettina Altesleben,

emphasised that her government wished «to create genuine cross-border healthcare services. It is important that the European idea experienced at the border is also experienced in the field of health. Together with the health sector, we want to develop solutions that are adapted to the reality of our living space.»

The experimental zone sought by the alliance could expand to a health corridor enabling the population on both sides of the border to test out access to cross-border hospitals and out-patient care.



For Jean Rottner, President of the Grand Est Region: «We are no longer in the realm of metaphors, we are in the realm of action. In the current European context, it is the local authorities that can find solutions for our governments. We must get our States to act. The cross-border fact must be recognised. This issue must be a priority to improve the daily life of our fellow citizens.»

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## The parc des carrières: A new green lung for the Basel Trinational Eurodistrict

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The gradual conversion of a quarry in Saint-Louis, close to the French, Swiss and German borders, offers a promising opportunity for the agglomeration.

The quarry will be phased out until 2029, but work has already begun to create an urban park that will become a meeting point and leisure area, particularly for residents of the surrounding Swiss and French municipalities. The parc des carrières will be equipped with pedestrian and bicycle paths, a playground and natural areas that will foster biodiversity. In addition, the site will be accessible by the tramway linking Saint-Louis to Basel.

Development of the park site began in early 2021 and will continue until 2025, and the inauguration of the three pilot hectares in the northern part of the park took place in November 2022. The unique feature of this project is that parts of the quarry, no longer in use, are gradually being redeveloped into natural and landscaped areas, while gravel extraction continues on the neighbouring plots. Supported and managed by the Association for the Promotion of the Parc des Carrières, this project is exemplary of successful Franco-Swiss cross-border cooperation.

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## European Metropolitan Cluster of the Lorraine Region

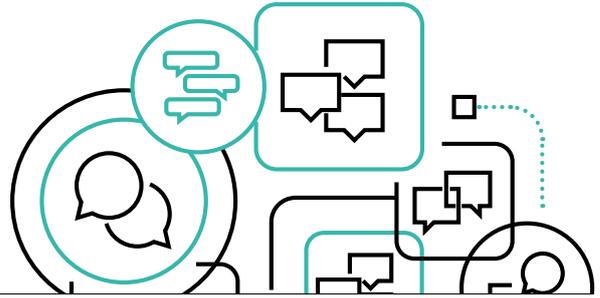
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Following French President Emmanuel Macron's announcement to «ensure that in the major French metropolises that are currently congested, people who commute can do so without a car, thus decarbonising their journeys thanks to these metropolitan RERs», the elected representatives of the European Metropolitan Cluster of the Lorraine Region have called on the President to ensure that the construction of a «European Metropolitan Express Network to connect all the territories of Lorraine, from the Vosges to the Luxembourg border» is included in the State's priorities.

The elected representatives of the Metropolitan Cluster, which is supported by the metropolises of Nancy and Metz, the conurbations of Thionville and Epinal and 12 associated Lorraine inter-municipalities - i.e. a living area of 1.2 million inhabitants - pointed out that «with more than 110,000 daily commuters between northern Lorraine and Luxembourg, 140,000 by 2030 and 180,000 by 2040, the inhabitants of this sector must be able to count on ambitious developments for the Nancy-Metz-Thionville-Luxembourg railway line, which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> busiest railway line in France outside of Ile de France». They ask that the State's commitment be «made official at the next Franco-Luxembourg Intergovernmental Conference, as part of an ambitious co-development project between the two States».

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# NETWORK EVENTS



## RESULTS OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION OF THE BORDERS FORUM

# «We refuse to give up!»

PUBLISHED IN JULY 2022

Bringing together nearly 570 participants, the second edition of the Borders Forum was held on 21 and 22 June at the Cité Internationale Universitaire in Paris on the theme: «Cross-border territories: fatalism or resilience?»



From the outset, Christian Dupessey<sup>1</sup>, President of the MOT, set the tone: «cross-border territories have been on the front line of the health crisis, the first to suffer the hasty closure of borders». After the financial, security and health crises, it is now the war in Ukraine... «These crises lead to a risk of a return of the border in politics and in public opinion», recalling the imperative need for the states to recognise these «cross-border living areas».

But we must now go further: We will no longer be satisfied with a simple cooperation across the border that stops at the first crisis !» he said in support of **the European Cross-Border Citizens' Alliance**, created jointly with AEBR and CESCO, and called to be strengthened today in support of a new **Political Declaration** presented

at the opening, urging the Member States and Europe to put cross-border regions not on the margins but at the centre of the European challenge.

**Representing 40% of the European territory, 150 million inhabitants, (including 2 million cross-border workers), cross-border territories demand to be heard, supported and taken into consideration in line with their immense potential as «laboratories of European experience» in the national and European recovery plans, in which they still figure too timidly.**

<sup>1</sup> Mayor of Annemasse, President of the Pôle métropolitain du Genevois français.



« We refuse to give up. We must now build prosperous, ecological and solidarity-based cross-border living areas, resilient to crises, and develop cross-border public services. When will the states work together, on each border and at European level, to serve the cross-border territories?»

ASKED THE MOT PRESIDENT DURING THE EVENT.

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## MOT GENERAL ASSEMBLY - THE CALL OF THE BORDER ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES IN BAYONNE

# Towards rethinking cross-border governance?

PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER 2022



In the presence of Dominique Faure, secretary of state for Rural Affairs at the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion, around one hundred actors from all the French borders met on the 4th and 5th of October 2022 for the MOT general assembly in Bayonne and San Sebastian, at the invitation of the Basque Country Agglomeration Community.

In the member countries of the Union, the crisis has brought back the borders that had been erased by several decades of integration,» stressed the secretary of state, Dominique Faure. «We have measured collective solidarity. The crisis has demonstrated the specific role of border regions, while revealing their fragility.»

For the MOT president, Christian Dupessey, «the democratic renaissance must take account of the specific nature of our cross-border areas. The last legislative elections revealed growing euroscepticism. We must fight against the deleterious return of the "hard" border in public opinion, synonymous with rejection of the other, whether that be a resident of the neighbouring country or a displaced population fleeing a crisis. France was a pioneer in Europe for taking border territories into account, with the creation of the Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière 25 years ago «.

«The refoundation to which President Macron is calling us must be national, but also European and cross-border», added the MOT president. «**This is the meaning of the call made to the President of the Republic by many elected representatives and members of parliament in the MOT network**, so that our country can implement a global policy in cross-border living areas with a tool that has proved its worth: the Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière.»

**The secretary of state undertook the task of relaying this call to the highest level of the state, announcing the willingness to set up a joint «roadmap» on the actions to be carried out in cross-border cooperation with all the stakeholders, declaring that «there is a lack of real interministerial direction in regard to cross-border issues».**

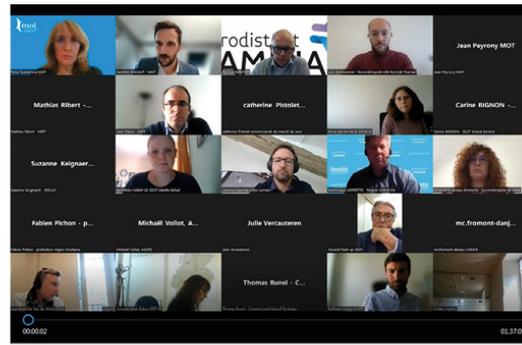
«We must bridge the gap between different levels, particularly those under the authority of the state, and continue the opening-up brought about by the 3DS law to provide more freedom to facilitate cooperation in cross-border territories.»

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## The call of elected representatives of border territories in Bayonne

The elected representatives who signed the appeal specifically ask:

- to continue the negotiations of **bilateral cross-border agreements** [...] on the model of the Aachen and Quirinal treaties, in particular on the French-Spanish border;
- to continue supporting the **European Cross-Border Barriers Mechanism (ECBM)**;
- to better integrate cross-border territories into the **recovery and investment plans**;
- to ensure that our **cross-border living areas** and respect for open borders are recognised at both national and European levels [...] so that our fellow citizens never again experience a situation as deleterious as that experienced in 2020;
- to integrate the French border communities into the framework of the **National Council for Refoundation**;
- to structure **interministerial coordination** regarding cross-border issues, which is lacking in France as elsewhere, and rely on the MOT for support.



# The MOT network launches an experiment on «cross-border living areas»

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On September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the MOT organised a meeting to launch the «cross-border living areas experiment» project.

The objective is to define the concept of «cross-border living areas» and to analyse the needs and expectations of the territories concerned, as well as the legal opportunities and obstacles, in order to arrive at recommendations.

Supported by the partners and members of the network, it emerged during the last territorial meetings at the end of 2021 and beginning of 2022. Several territories had asked the MOT to propose an experiment aimed at the recognition of specific spaces known as «living areas» in one or more pilot cross-border territories wishing to take part in the projects.

Ultimately, the idea is to propose a differentiated model in which public policies adapt to the situations lived in these border areas, which are faced with interdependencies of cross-border proximity as well as distance from their national decision-making centre, and in which cross-border living areas are apprehended and considered as such. This consideration of the

concept of «cross-border living areas» must be the occasion for a more rigorous and shared approach to the border reality, essential for appropriate treatment by public policies, in the service of people, both as economic actors and as citizens, couples, families and users of public services.

This need for recognition has accelerated since the health crisis, when many border crossings were blocked or strictly controlled and some border segments were even closed by fences. On these borders, the crisis has impacted first and foremost the inhabitants, whose daily life, which usually leads them across borders for work, consumption or simply human relations, has been disrupted. The actors of local or national public services, whose operation, or even structure, as in the case of the Cerdagne hospital, are cross-border, have been severely tested.

This return of borders must be an opportunity to question the European and cross-border model. This is what the «experimentation with cross-border living areas» project proposes, and it is also a chance to seize the new opportunities offered by the French legislator in terms of experimentation and differentiation.

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# Launch of a working group on cross-border observation

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Launched on October 17<sup>th</sup> 2022 in the ANCT premises, this new network group is co-led by the Communauté d'agglomération de la Riviera Française (French Riviera conurbation community) and the Agence d'urbanisme Atlantique Pyrénées (Atlantic Pyrenees urban planning agency), with the support of the Pôle Analyse et diagnostics territoriaux (ANCT) and of the MOT. It is made up of a wide range of observation stakeholders: INSEE, Pôle Emploi, urban planning agencies, local authorities,

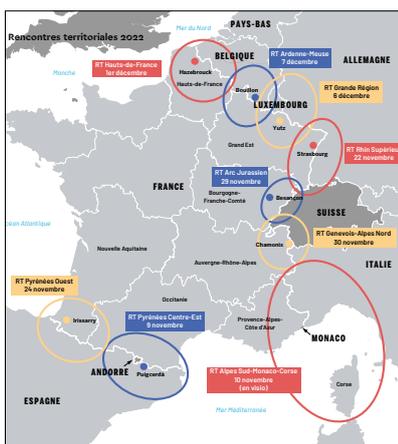
cross-border structures, cross-border observatories, etc. In the morning plenary session, a round table discussion enabled participants to introduce themselves on the basis of an image or a publication emblematic of their activity. The MOT presented the context and the objectives of the group: to create a space for multi-level dialogue for actors of cross-border observation; to have a map of these actors and to participate in improving knowledge of cross-border situations and trajectories.

These objectives include following up on a survey of local actors which revealed priority needs: the establishment of common indicators, the gradual convergence of cross-border data, the production of common data, improved access to data and sharing of work/methods.

The ANCT continued the morning session with a presentation of its studies and publications on cross-border issues. In the afternoon, the work continued with two workshops on the issues of observation and production of knowledge about employment and cross-border economic development. These topics will be the subject of a MOT-ANCT publication devoted to cross-border observation, which will be enriched by the local experiences expressed by the members of the group.

The next meeting will be held in spring 2023. In the meantime, the participants wish to benefit from a better understanding of cross-border flows, under various aspects such as employment, energy consumption and the economy.

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The first 2022 territorial meeting in the Central East Pyrenees territory, on November 9th at the Cerdagne cross-border hospital.

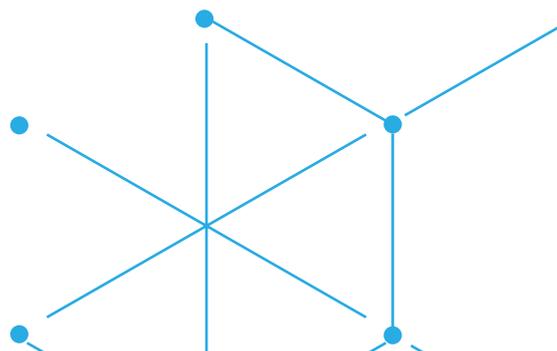
## The MOT's 2022 «Territorial meetings»

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At the end of 2022, the MOT team is getting closer to the ground, meeting its members and partners at ten territorial cross-border meetings. The first - on the Central & Eastern Pyrenees territory - took place on November 9th at the Cerdagne hospital, in the presence of many cross-border actors. It was followed by the «Southern Alps-Monaco-Centre» meeting the next day, and then in November with the «Upper Rhine», the «Western Pyrenees», the «Jura Arc» and the «Genevois-Northern Alps» meetings. In December, four meetings are scheduled: «Hauts-de-France», «the Greater Region», «Ardenne-Meuse», and «Guyana».

**These regular meetings enable the MOT to be closer to its members and to highlight the cross-border issues specific to each territory. They are held at the end of the year with the aim of building a work programme that is as close as possible to the needs on the ground.**

# FRANCE / BILATERAL



## French Government response on the assessment of the EU French Presidency for cross-border territories

PUBLISHED IN JULY 2022

On 12 July 2022, Brigitte Klinkert, member of parliament for Haut-Rhin (FR), questioned the French government in the National Assembly on «the place of cross-border cooperation in the negotiations conducted under the French Presidency ». Specific provisions will be included in the revision of the Schengen code.



The response from the Secretary of State to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs with responsibility for Europe, Laurence Boone, stressed: «The Presidency of the Council of the European Union has indeed just ended and, as you pointed out, all our partners welcome it. We have collectively achieved historic successes at an historic time. [...] You mentioned the cross-border areas - one third of the European population at our borders, and here too the Council of the European Union adopted a general orientation on 10 June, which is at the heart of the revision of the Schengen border code, and which will allow the European Commission - and we are working on this at the moment - to put in place border cooperation instruments at the disposal of the Member States, so that they can adopt legal

arrangements at their borders that allow for border cooperation and the creation of common public services for the benefit of the users of the two countries. »

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### TO BE NOTED

Note also an article published by Brigitte Klinkert MP, co-signed with Rita Schwarzelühr-Sutter, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for the Interior and Territory (DE): «With this article and on the occasion of the French bank holidays, we wanted to stress the importance of cross-border cooperation on the Rhine and of Europe, at a time when certain political forces are promoting withdrawal. We also wanted to underline the driving role of the border territories in the construction of Europe, since it is here that we perceive the advantages of Europe, but also the challenges that we still have to face together.

## Cross-border cooperation at the National Land Tenure Conference

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On October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, the Assises Nationales du Foncier et des Territoires were held in Nancy. Aimed at discussing land issues in all their aspects, from upstream to downstream and from strategy to implementation, they brought together nearly 600 people, elected representatives and professionals, from both public and private sectors, for conferences, workshops and round tables, in 11 thematic sessions.

The MOT took part in the «Promoting territorial cooperation» track and more particularly in the debate «Cross-border cooperation, a long quiet river?» alongside AREP, the Alzette-Belval EGTC and Adeus. This was an opportunity to discuss numerous projects on commercial urbanism, the impacts of teleworking and to debate land and territorial issues in the Greater Geneva area and the Greater Region.

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## Advances for cross-border sports!

PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER 2022



Following the modification of the French sports code (article L231-2-1) by the 3DS law of February 21<sup>st</sup> 2022, sportsmen and women residing abroad, and in particular in a country bordering France, no longer need to present a medical certificate when registering for a sports competition organised partly in a French border department.

Indeed, the French Sports Code was adapted by Article 185 of the law, which provides that «[...] when a competition mentioned in I of this article is organised, for the part on French territory, on the territory of one or more border departments, the participants are subject to the regulations of their place of residence as regards the conditions of registration».



Since then, an obstacle to cross-border cooperation, which prevented foreign border residents from participating in cross-border competitions, seems to have been removed at last. Nevertheless, sportsmen and women residing in France and not holding a specific licence must still provide a medical certificate when registering for a cross-border competition.

**First concrete application: a first Franco-German triathlon with Pamina!**

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## French National Refoundation Council: how to make the voice of cross-border territories heard?

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The National Council for Refoundation (CNR), launched in France by Emmanuel Macron in September 2022, has opened an online consultation so that citizens, as well as associations, professionals, local authorities and elected representatives, can propose ideas and solutions on the major transitions to come for the country.

Seven topics have been defined:

1. climate and biodiversity
2. generations and ageing
3. economic sovereignty ;
4. the future of work;
5. housing ;
6. youth ;
7. digital.

In each health or employment area, the actors can come together to carry out a joint project within territorial CNRs, which at this stage cover the themes of school, health and employment. All these topics potentially concern cross-border territories.

**Following a meeting with the CNR general rapporteur, David Djaiz, on November 17<sup>th</sup>, we invite all our members and partners, representing the issues of cross-border territories, to take an active part in the consultation, and to propose cross-border CNRs! The MOT team can endorse you.**

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## Study on the analysis of the impact of new legislation on border territories

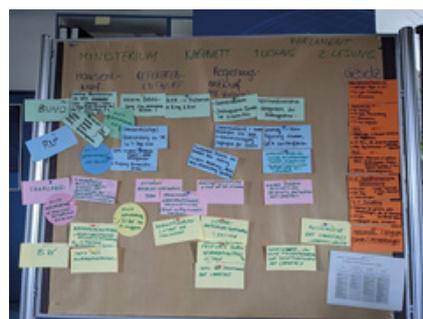
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Impact analyses, provided for in the Franco-German Treaty of Aachen and carried out when new standards are drawn up, could make it possible to avoid future obstacles to cross-border cooperation and the complexities of everyday life for the inhabitants of border areas.

The German Foreign Office has commissioned the MOT, the Euro-Institute and ITEM (University of Maastricht) to explore this provision of the Treaty.

An important part of the assignment, which will run until the end of November 2022, is to develop scenarios for the management and implementation of such cross-border impact analyses.

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# Implementing the Quirinal Treaty: a meeting in Imperia

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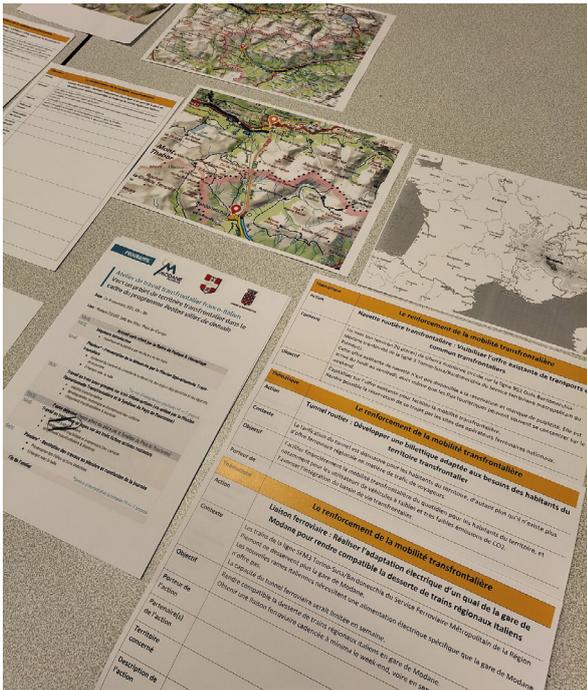
On October 24<sup>th</sup> 2022 in Imperia (Italy), a meeting entitled «The Quirinal Treaty, a signature that unites France and Italy: what opportunities for our territories?» was organised by the DITER research programme of the Université Côte d'Azur.

Hosted by the Province of Imperia, this political meeting was an opportunity for the many local elected representatives of the Riviera to express their expectations for a concrete and territorialized implementation of the roadmap provided for by the Quirinal Treaty and in particular its Article 10 dedicated to cross-border cooperation.

In the presence of the French and Italian ambassadors for cross-border cooperation, the MOT presented its project entitled «Experimentation with cross-border living areas». This initiative, co-constructed with the members of its network and which will soon identify several pilot sites on the French borders, is intended to bring about the emergence of specific public policies for these living areas, with a view to territorial differentiation and the simplification of cross-border life for the inhabitants.

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# «Small Towns of Tomorrow» goes beyond borders

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The MOT provides tailored support to several territories to facilitate the emergence of projects and links with national and European partners as part of the «Small Towns of Tomorrow» programme of the Agence Nationale de la Cohésion des Territoires (the National Agency for Territorial Cohesion).

## LAUNCH OF A MISSION IN MONTMÉDY (FRANCO-BELGIAN BORDER)

At the request of the town of Montmédy and the Community of Communes of the Pays de Montmédy, the MOT began its third support mission under this programme at the end of October!

The aim is to provide the territory with an in-depth diagnosis of its cross-border issues in order to identify the

areas of cross-border cooperation contributing to the revitalization and central role of Montmédy.

The purpose of the assignment is to draw up a cross-border roadmap for this territory located on the Franco-Belgian border and close to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. One of its objectives is to involve the inhabitants in a collective approach and to build a strategic dialogue with the actors on each side of the border.

The follow-up: institutional interviews, a citizen survey, and a cross-border workshop bringing together the territory's partners will run until spring 2023. This mission will make it possible to include several cross-border action sheets in the Montmédy PVD territory project.

## CROSS-BORDER WORKSHOP IN MODANE (FRENCH-ITALIAN BORDER)

Still in the context of the PVD programme, the MOT concluded its second tailored support mission in November with a cross-border workshop in Modane.

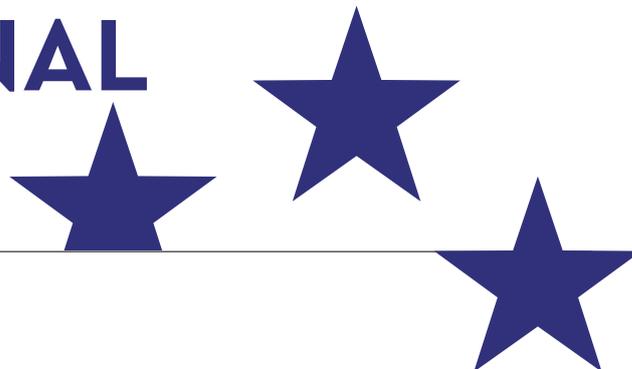
Bringing together some thirty participants, this workshop made it possible to define priority actions in the areas of mobility, citizenship and low-carbon tourism development for the French-Italian pilot cooperation project between Modane-Fourneaux and Bardonecchia.

The action sheets produced during this workshop are intended to be integrated into the action plan of the territorial revitalisation project Small Towns of Tomorrow of Modane-Fourneaux.

The engineering support of the Small Towns of Tomorrow programme, with the support of the ANCT and the Banque des Territoires, has thus enabled new strategic orientations to emerge that are shared across borders!

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# EUROPE / INTERNATIONAL



## MOT intervention at the Oradea Process, on the Romanian-Hungarian border

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At the invitation of CЕСSI and Initiatives France Central and Eastern Europe, the MOT took part on 9 June of the Oradea Process, a series of meetings and seminars aimed at developing cross-border initiatives on the Romanian-Hungarian border.

The MOT presented the lessons learned from the conurbations on the French borders (Geneva, Basque Conurbation, Eurometropole Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai, etc.), and from a report on this subject commissioned by the CЕСSI in 2021. Furthermore, the process of decentralisation in France over the last 40 years is a central component for the inter-territorial and cross-border cooperation that these conurbations can undertake.

Putting these institutional changes into perspective with the ability to take into account functional territories at the borders is enlightening for this territory between Hungary and Romania, which is faced with both the exclusion of Romania from the Schengen area and the significant centralisation of planning decisions at national level.

In addition, other examples of functional integration of territories at the borders were presented, notably thanks to the action of the European INTERREG programmes. The

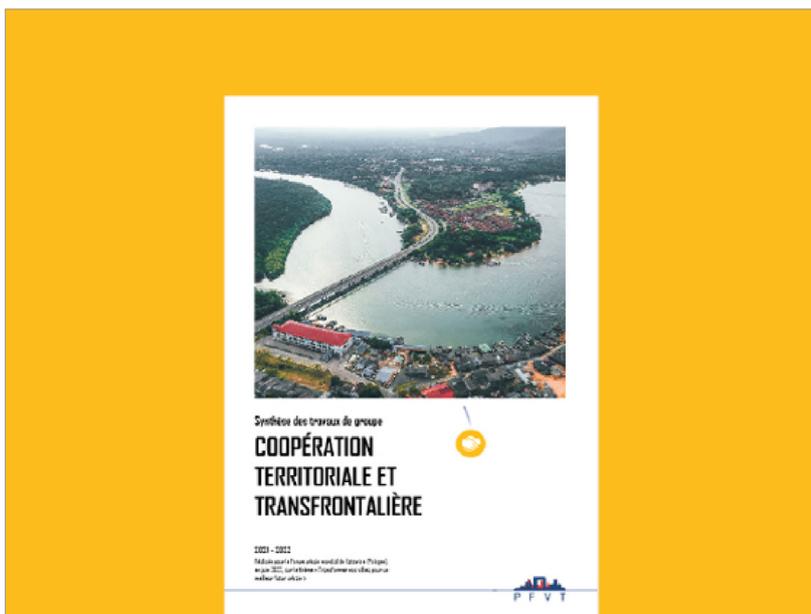


Auvergne Rhône-Alpes Region presented the example of the Integrated Territorial Plans for the French-Italian border, and the Hungarian-Slovakian INTERREG programme detailed the functioning of the TAPEs (Territorial Action Plans for Employment), which are based on a similar model, with a division into living areas along the border.

Concluded by the presentation of two completed Hungarian-Romanian projects in the fields of transport and risk prevention,

the Oradea Process will continue thereafter, and advocates a greater opening of borders in order to strengthen cross-border dynamics.

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## World Urban Forum: a booklet on cross-border cooperation

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Within the framework of the 11<sup>th</sup> World Urban Forum, which took place in Katowice on 26-30 June, the PFVT (the French platform for urban development internationally) has published 14 booklets produced by all of the stakeholders involved in the French partnership during an intensive period of work in 2021. The MOT and the ESPON programme are pleased to inform you of the publication of the booklet «Territorial and cross-border cooperation» (in French). It sets out a forward-looking vision of cross-border cooperation up to 2050, and above all a pathway to achieve it, comprising a series of concrete proposals to be implemented. Among them are:

- key resources (energy, the environment, health and food) to be managed at a supranational level, and in particular that of cross-border living areas to be recognised by 2040;
  - and the establishment of a “cross-border deal” over the course of the 2030s to set out goals with respect to cross-border civil society, and education “for all ages” on the cross-border dimension and Europe.
- To view the booklet, click here.
- It is the product of a collective effort within the framework of a working group bringing together French, European and international partners.

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## European Commission invites proposals for cross-border pilot rail services

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The call for proposals was launched at the «Connecting Europe Days» in Lyon on 30 June. European Commissioner for Transport Adina Valean said on this occasion: «If more people are to choose sustainable modes of transport such as rail, it must become an attractive option for long and cross-border journeys. We need more cross-border rail connections, they must be faster and more affordable. Today, cross-border rail still faces obstacles to the operation and introduction of new services.»

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# Schengen border controls poorly scrutinised during the pandemic

PUBLISHED IN JULY 2022

**The European Commission has not scrutinised enough the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic posed to the right of free movement of people. This is the overall conclusion of a special report published on 13 June 2022 by the European Court of Auditors (ECA).**

«Considering that the free movement of people is one of the four fundamental freedoms of the EU and has been at the heart of the European project since its inception, the Commission should have checked carefully that restrictions introduced during the COVID times were all relevant and justified», said Baudilio Tomé

Muguruza, the ECA member responsible for the audit. «We hope that our audit findings will feed into the ongoing debate on the review of the Schengen system.» The auditors reviewed all 150 Member State notifications of internal border controls that were submitted to the European Commission between March 2020 and June 2021, of which 135 related exclusively to COVID-19.

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# Culture along borders... it's of Capital importance!

PUBLISHED IN JULY 2022

What do Lille, Esch-sur-Alzette (LU), Nova Gorica (SI), Timișoara (RO), Mons (BE) and Novi Sad (SRB) have in common?

First of all, all of the cities have been, are or will be “European Capitals of Culture” for a year of rich and intense cultural programming.

However, these cities have something else in common: their geographical location very close to a border. This particularity enables them to broaden their cultural programme by opening it up to the whole of the cross-border region in which they are located.

Carried out by four research centres (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research, Catholic University of Louvain; University of Lille; West University of Timisoara), the CECCUT project (Capitales Européennes de la Culture et Cohésion

Urbaine Transfrontalière – European Capitals of Culture and Cross-Border Urban Cohesion) aimed precisely to explore this initiative’s ability, through its three core objectives, to become a veritable engine for integration and cohesion in the EU’s cross-border territories.

The MOT, which is a methodological partner in the project, contributed to the “Culture, Europe and borders” roundtable during the event to mark the closing of the project, which took place on 8 June 2022, in Lille. This seminar was an opportunity to present one of the project’s main outcomes: a guide to good practices regarding cross-border culture policy, also including



a toolkit to evaluate all these initiatives. Food for thought for the many French candidates bidding to be European Capital of Culture in 2028!

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## Communication setting out how the EC can follow up on the outcome of the Conference on the Future of Europe

PUBLISHED IN SEPTEMBER 2022

After a year of deliberations, the Conference came to an end on 9 May 2022. In the closing

ceremony in Strasbourg, the Presidents of the European Parliament, Commission and Council

received a final report from the Conference participants containing 49 wide-ranging, ambitious and forward-looking proposals and 326 individual measures.

These proposals, covering nine broad themes, were based on recommendations made by citizens during the European Citizens’ Panels and the National Citizens’ Panels, and who contributed their ideas through the Multilingual Digital Platform.

**This Communication is the first step in the Commission’s follow-up.**

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# DG REGIO's pilot project on multi-level governance

PUBLISHED IN SEPTEMBER 2022

Are you a local authority, a university, an EGTC, a Euroregion? Do you want to improve the multi-level governance of your territory and co-develop cross-border strategies? The call for expressions of interest launched by DG REGIO is for you.

Through this initiative, the European Commission wishes to experiment and develop pilot actions around the issues of «co-development», in particular through integrated territorial strategies targeting cross-border functional areas.

It should be noted that it also mentions the challenges relating to taxation (equalisation mechanisms, joint budgets, negative externalities on neighbouring countries, etc.) as an area of work that could be covered by this initiative.

A total of 5 territories will be selected at the EU level.

This work, which includes focus groups, the development of an action plan for each territory, peer-to-peer exchanges and high-level events, will take place between the beginning of 2023 and the first half of 2024. It will be led by OECD teams, which will provide expertise to the selected pilot cross-border regions.



The OECD will work with the 5 selected territories both individually and in groups.

The experiences will then be shared and will feed the reflections at the European level on cross-border governance and co-development.

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## «Omarjee» Report on Border regions: MEPs want the EU countries to improve cooperation

PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER 2022



On 15 September 2022, the European Parliament approved the resolution «EU border regions: living labs of European integration» prepared by the chair of the regional development committee Younous Omarjee (France).

The adopted text requires more effective use and better coordination of EU funds to better deal with the whole spectrum of challenges such as environmental, administrative, socio-economic and geographical the EU border regions are facing. In the resolution, MEPs highlight additional and news barriers which appeared during the pandemics and note the role of Brexit in disrupting situation in many border regions.

**The report calls on Commission to propose new European Cross-Border Mechanism regulation (ECBM).**

Following the voted, the European Parliament rapporteur Younous Omarjee said: «**The Parliament is reiterating, through this vote, its commitment to cooperation between European regions. Developing public services, facilitating mobility, promoting access to healthcare, developing the labour market, dealing with climate disasters... all these are challenges that call for common solutions. It is time for responsibility and we expect the Council to release the European cross-border mechanism. We are ready for it.**»

[More info](#) →

## European Commission asked to address the issue of cross-border teleworkers

PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER 2022

The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) published an opinion on the taxation of cross-border teleworkers and their employers. Among the possible solutions, it proposes that Member States should agree to tax the employee only if the number of days worked in the country of residence exceeds 96 days per calendar year. In addition, the Committee encourages the European Commission to examine the possibility of a one-stop shop, as for VAT. The EESC's aim is to make the rules on teleworking easier to follow on both sides of a border in order to encourage the development of this new way of working. On the same subject, Anne Sander, MEP, Vice-President of the MOT, spoke at the Parliament in Strasbourg on September 15th 2022 to discuss the obstacles to cross-border working, proposing two ways of tackling this problem: the development of cross-border mobility and teleworking. With other MEPs, she sent a letter to several European Commissioners asking for a permanent solution at the European level on this subject.

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## Analysis of the impact of border-related measures taken by Member States in the fight against COVID-19



THE MOT STUDY FOR DG REGIO IS PUBLISHED!

# Review and lessons learned from two years of crisis management at European borders

PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER 2022

It assesses two years of pandemic-related border management and its impact on border regions; and makes recommendations for future management, also taking into account the current revision of the Schengen Borders Code.

It updates the report «The effects of COVID-19 induced border closures on cross-border regions,» published in January 2021.

The analysis revealed the complex nature of cross-border interdependencies. Public authorities lacked a clear vision, and when the crisis occurred they reacted within their

national frameworks, which turned their backs on each other on each border, leading to great difficulties in cross-border coordination and inappropriate, disproportionate, unfair and even violent border management measures. Thus, border regions have been more severely affected than other territories. Moreover, the real nature and day-to-day functioning of borders have been largely misunderstood by both public and private actors.

Border management needs to be reinvented, considering borders not only as lines, but also as cross-border regions where people live. Future policies should be based on a comprehensive 360-degree vision; a common responsibility of local, national and European institutions towards border inhabitants; horizontal, vertical and diagonal coordination; and a shift from voluntary to mandatory cooperation, with cross-border action mandates

given to institutions. The recommendations address two aspects: local management of cross-border regions and multi-level governance of borders.

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## REVIEW OF THE MOT WORKSHOP AT THE #EUREGIONSWEEK

# Let's develop cross-border university cooperation!

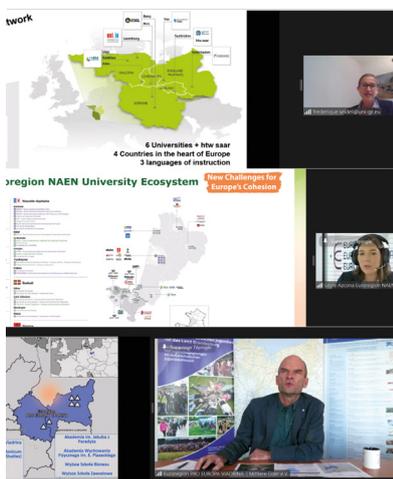
PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER 2022

As is the case every year, the European Week of Regions and Cities, organised by the European Committee of the Regions and the European Commission, is an opportunity to promote new ideas and publicise innovative experiences that can inspire other European local authorities.

In 2022, the MOT wanted to make the voice of territories that have developed

cross-border university cooperation between institutions heard. The challenge was met,

and more than 50 participants were able to come together online for this workshop!



**The first testimony was offered by the University of the Greater Region**, which brings together seven higher education institutions in an area straddling four countries (Germany, France, Luxembourg and Belgium). Initiated in 2008, this cooperation provides free access to training in the partner institutions and support for cross-border mobility, all while offering 30 cross-border study programmes to fully experience the immense wealth of «everyday Europe» as well as the administrative obstacles that still need to be removed.

**The Euroregion PRO EUROPA VIADRINA**, on the German-Polish border, has detailed its action plan for cross-border lifelong learning. Its approach is based on three progressive stages: actions aimed at changing perceptions of the border; initiatives offering the possibility of crossing the border (study trips, internships on the other side of the border); to achieve real «cross-border interaction» (joint cultural activities, workshops on cross-border challenges, summer schools, etc.).

**The Euroregion New Aquitaine Euskadi Navarra**, on the French-Spanish border, has focused on a Euroregional strategy for RSE. Since university initiatives in this territory are poorly coordinated, the EGTC (Euroregion) has taken the initiative of building an overall strategy around three axes: promoting shared knowledge amongst actors; supporting the emergence of Euroregional training and research programmes; promoting and financially supporting the mobility of students and professors within the Euroregional space in a spirit of «local internationalisation».

Although these initiatives are abundant, the challenges for developing genuine «cross-border universities» remain numerous, starting with the recognition of this type of cooperation in European calls for projects!

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## A multidisciplinary center of expertise on borders

PUBLISHED IN NOVEMBER 2022

After the creation of the University of the Greater Region in 2008, its six partner universities have announced the continuation of the first multidisciplinary center of expertise of the UniGR



in the field of border studies: the «UniGR-Center for Border Studies».

Based on the observation that the Greater Region - with its 2,965 km long borders - is an extraordinary territory for experimentation, the UniGR created a cross-border and thematic network to study borders, their meanings and their issues in the form of an interdisciplinary center of expertise. Today, it brings together about 80 researchers from the six member universities of the UniGR, from sixteen different disciplines.

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## The Critical Dictionary on Borders is available online!

PUBLISHED IN NOVEMBER 2022

Published in paper format in 2020, this major publication, to which the MOT contributed, is finally available online. Under the title «Critical Dictionary on Borders, Cross-Border Cooperation and European Integration», the book contains 209 articles, written in English by 124 authors from different countries and scientific disciplines, accompanied by 66 original maps produced by the MOT.

Its goal is to answer the following questions: What is the role of borders in European integration? How does cross-border cooperation work in practice in the EU's border regions? Does it contribute to European integration? Who are the actors and what are their motives, objectives and tools?

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# Towards a strengthening of the Schengen zone better taking cross-border areas into account?

PUBLISHED IN NOVEMBER 2022

The European Commission's draft regulation on the revision of the Schengen area will soon be discussed by the European Parliament.

Considering the crises that have affected the Schengen area in recent years and that have led some Member States to reintroduce internal border controls, the European Commission presented a proposal for a regulation in December 2021, the objective of which is to strengthen the Schengen zone. This is a major advance for cross-border regions: the impacts of border controls are given special attention!

To this end, the proposal aims to clarify procedures by strengthening the capacity of Member States to react to threats and by ensuring that the rules are applied in a uniform manner at both external and internal borders.

The Commission notes that checks at internal borders do not in themselves infringe the right to free movement, but the lack of coordination of national measures has had an impact on economic and social links in cross-border regions, affecting in particular local capacities to provide essential services on both sides of the border.

The Commission is therefore proposing new procedures to ensure a more coordinated approach in the event of a crisis situation affecting a majority of Member States, while respecting the sovereign right of Member States to reintroduce border controls. In concrete terms, Member States will be able to react to an immediate threat by introducing border controls at internal borders for up to one month and for a total period of three months.



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Secondly, in the event of a serious threat to public order or internal security in a Member State, that State may exceptionally reintroduce border controls for a total period of up to two years, with such controls being notified to the Commission.

Finally, the proposal establishes a procedure for authorisation by the Council, following a proposal from the Commission, of the reintroduction of border controls at internal borders in some or all of the Member States affected by the threat to internal security or public order, thus providing a coherent framework, for periods of six months as long as the threat exists.

In order to limit the adverse consequences resulting from the reintroduction of internal border control, it should be accompanied, where appropriate, by mitigating measures, in particular to safeguard the interests of cross-border regions, including, for example, authorisations or derogations concerning the inhabitants of those regions.

The amended Article 39 and the new Article 42b require Member States to notify the Commission of cross-border regions no later than two months after the entry into force of the regulation. This is in order to determine the scope of any mitigating measures to be provided for in an implementing regulation under Article 28 (the coordinated approach decided by the Council) and the areas to be taken into account when assessing the impact under Article 26 of the Schengen Code (when notifying Member States of the reintroduction of internal border controls).

**In October 2022, the European Committee of the Regions published an opinion on the Review of the governance of the Schengen area.**

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## MOOC on European territorial cooperation presented at the Interreg annual event

PUBLISHED IN NOVEMBER 2022



On the occasion of the Interreg annual event held from October 26th to 28th, 2022, the MOT team presented the MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) on European territorial cooperation on which it has been working since 2021 with six other partners and the European Commission.

During an «Experience Room» in Brussels, participants were able to test their knowledge through an interactive quiz and discover the content of the MOOC. The online course is divided into four chapters, ranging from the origins of territorial cooperation to European

policies, including major themes such as health, spatial planning, environment, culture and mobility.

The MOOC is available online.

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## ESPON Call for Proposals for «Targeted Analyses»

PUBLISHED IN DECEMBER 2022

ESPON launched the first cut-off date for the submission of proposals for Targeted Analyses for the ESPON Programme 2030. The deadline for responses is 24 February 2023, but it will be extended.

Since 2007, ESPON Targeted Analyses has been supporting territorial development processes at local, regional and national levels in Europe by bringing together policy makers who share the same kinds of challenges and who are looking for new territorial evidence and a European perspective. Applying sound

methodologies and providing scientific expertise, ESPON Targeted Analyses deliver demand-driven and tailor-made analytical studies in support of territorial decision-making.

Whether you are a national, regional or local authority, represent a major city or local rural community, a Managing Authority or a territorial cooperation body, ESPON can select and fully finance the experts to carry out the analytical work to provide territorial evidence tailored to your needs.

**One of the themes, «governance of new geographies», directly concerns cross-border issues.**



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## EUROPEAN CALL ON CROSS-BORDER RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMME (CB-RES)

PUBLISHED IN DECEMBER 2022

The Cross-Border Renewable Energy programme (CB RES), part of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) programme, opened a call to provide support for financing preparatory studies.

The scope of the CB RES programme covers renewable energy projects that involve physical or non-physical cross-border cooperation between EU Member States, but also a Member State and non-EU countries.

CB RES projects do not have a capacity threshold and are not limited to the electricity sector. They can cover other energy carriers such as hydrogen and end-use sectors such as heating and cooling, power-to-gas, storage or transport. A project developer can seek financing for

preparatory studies contributing to the development of a future CB RES project generation and studies and works.

Financing for preparatory studies is designed to provide technical support to overcome obstacles which prevent cooperation projects from going ahead, such as uncertainty on the allocation of costs and benefits between the involved Member States or the additional complexity of setting up cross-border support.

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## B-solutions: new call for proposals

PUBLISHED IN DECEMBER 2022

**A new element of this call** is that applications are reviewed on a rolling basis with immediate implementation. Deadline to apply is 28 February 2023.

The objective of this call for proposals remains the same: to identify further cases of legal or administrative obstacles which hinder cooperation across land and maritime borders between EU countries, EU-IPA countries and EU-EFTA countries.

Public bodies (cities, regions, hospitals, health agencies, ...) or cross-border structures such as Euroregions and EGTCs are invited to submit cases of cross-border obstacles. Selected cases receive technical assistance from legal experts: after a deep analysis, the expert suggests potential solutions to overcome the obstacle. Participation also helps raise awareness on cross-border cooperation and design better policies for European integration.

1 B-solutions and its extension b-solutions 2.0: Solving Cross-Border Obstacles are initiatives to tackle legal and administrative border obstacles along EU internal borders. They are promoted by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO), and managed by the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR).

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## 12<sup>th</sup> EGTC Platform in Liberec

PUBLISHED IN DECEMBER 2022



The 12<sup>th</sup> Platform of EGTCs of the European Committee of the Regions was organised on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2022, within the framework of the Czech Presidency of the EU, in Liberec (CZ) close to the triple border point between Germany, the Czech Republic and Poland.

Following the awarding of the 2022 EGTC prize to the EGTC GO active on the Italian-Slovenian border on November 24<sup>th</sup> (see below), a round table on the morning of November 25<sup>th</sup> provided an opportunity to take stock of European political progress on cross-border cooperation and future prospects, in particular with the resumption of exchanges on the draft European regulation on the resolution of obstacles (the ECBM). The Committee of the Regions will draw up a report

on the ECBM 2.0, for which Magali Altounian, deputy mayor of Nice, regional councillor SUD and member of the Committee, will be the rapporteur, the objective being the revision of the first proposal for a regulation by the European Commission, also supported by the Parliament.

Following these exchanges, an ESPON study on cross-border public services in Europe (in which the MOT participated) was presented; then a final round table, moderated by Jean Peyrony, director-general of the MOT, highlighted the good practices of EGTCs in the EU. The 12<sup>th</sup> platform ended with a field visit, which focused on mobility and emergency services.

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# Who wins the 2022 EGTC award?

PUBLISHED IN DECEMBER 2022



The 2022 EGTC prize «Building Europe across borders» of the European Committee of the Regions was awarded on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 during the EGTC Platform in Liberec to an Italian-Slovenian EGTC: the «EGTC GO».

The «ITI Salute-Zdravstvo» project led by this EGTC and financed by the Interreg Italy-Slovenia programme, was highlighted at the event for its results obtained in the field of health cooperation: modernisation of health and social establishments on both sides of the border, integration of competences with the training of cross-border health teams.

The EGTC GO was founded in 2011 between the three municipalities of Gorizia, Nova Gorica and Šempeter-Vrtojba. They are now considered as one «conurbation» and act together, thanks to the EGTC, in many areas of cooperation (health, culture and education,

energy, urban planning, sports, transport). The EGTC, which thus serves as an instrument of governance for the whole territory, is very active in the field of local economy, rationalisation of resources, improvement of local services for the inhabitants of the three municipalities, and actions promoting the development of European citizenship. Recently, it supported a project for a «Isonzo-Soca cross-border park» linking the Italian city of Gorizia to its Slovenian neighbours.

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PUBLISHED IN NOVEMBER 2022

In March 2020, Europe was hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. The closure of very open borders from one day to the next has had serious consequences in border areas. This focus provides an overview of the problems and challenges faced in border areas, while also highlighting good practices and recommendations.

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## New on the MOT website!

PUBLISHED IN SEPTEMBER 2022  
Today, territories are faced with major «transition» issues that challenge public policies. To understand how they impact cross-border territories, the MOT offers you three main sections on its website (in French) devoted to economic transitions, ecological transitions and cross-border rural communities.



#Economic transitions [FR] →



#Ecological transitions [FR] →



#Rural communities [FR] →

## New resources on the health crisis in cross-border territories

PUBLISHED IN NOVEMBER 2022  
Following the extensive work carried out since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020, the MOT is publishing a new «Focus» entitled «The health crisis in cross-border territories» and is devoting a new section of its website to this subject.

There you will find a complete analysis as well as numerous resources: news, maps, press articles, bibliographical resources, etc.

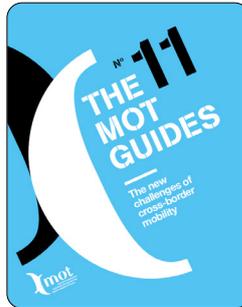
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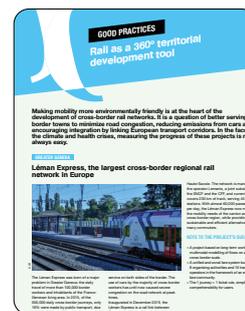
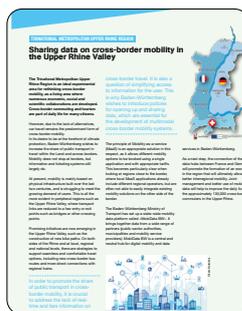
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This thematic guide of 44 pages gives an overview of the experiences and policies conducted in the field of cross-border mobility in various European territories. It highlights a wide variety of projects, but also obstacles, issues and major challenges for the years to come.



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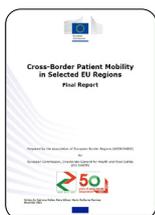
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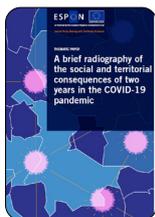
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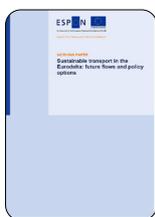
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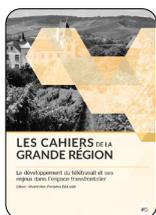
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## A cross-border map every Monday with #lundicarto

The MOT publishes each Monday on Twitter a map on cross-border territories and cooperation in Europe.

All these maps can be consulted on the MOT website:

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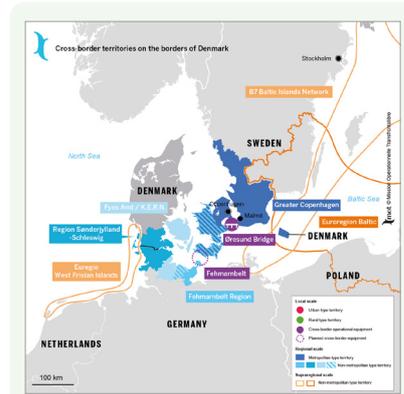
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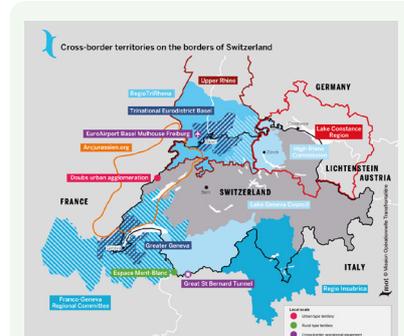
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### CROSS-BORDER TERRITORIES ON THE BORDERS OF DENMARK

DID YOU KNOW THAT? 15,000 people cross the Denmark-Germany border every day to work and 16,000 people living in Sweden work in Denmark

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DID YOU KNOW THAT? the number of cross-border workers in Switzerland has risen from 168,000 in 2002 to over 380,000 in 2022

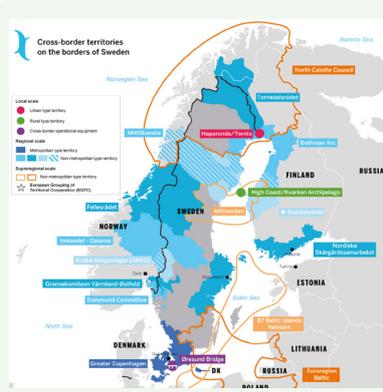
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**DID YOU KNOW THAT?**  
the Portugal-Spain border has 7 Eurocities of which 2 are structured as EGTCs

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Sweden has at least 13 cross-border governance structures

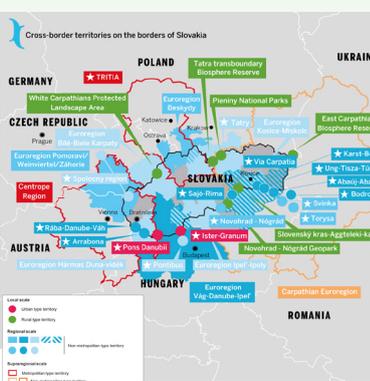
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### CROSS-BORDER TERRITORIES ON THE BORDERS OF SLOVENIA

**DID YOU KNOW THAT?**  
in 2021, Slovenia had more than 23,000 cross-border workers, more than 80% of whom lived in the east of the country

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### CROSS-BORDER TERRITORIES ON THE BORDERS OF SLOVAKIA

**DID YOU KNOW THAT?**  
in 2020, Slovakia had more than 120,000 border workers, 41% of whom lived in the eastern part of the country

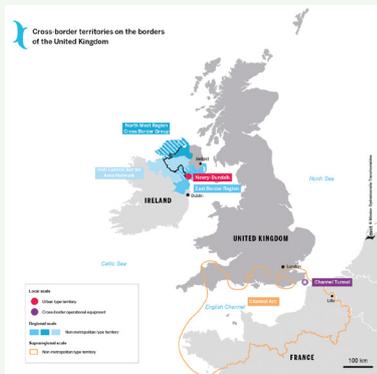
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### CROSS-BORDER TERRITORIES ON THE BORDERS OF BULGARIA

**DID YOU KNOW THAT?**  
Bulgaria had more than 36,000 cross-border workers in 2021

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**CROSS-BORDER TERRITORIES ON THE BORDERS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM**

**DID YOU KNOW THAT?**  
**in 2021, the Channel Tunnel was used by over 1.6 million passengers and over 960,000 passenger vehicles**

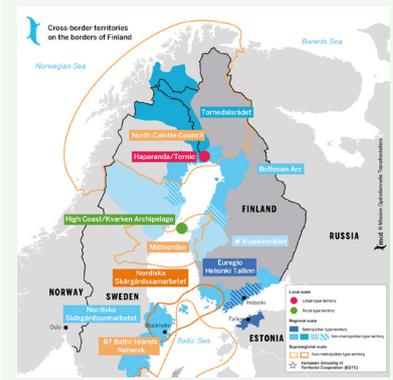
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**CROSS-BORDER TERRITORIES ON THE BORDERS OF CROATIA**

**DID YOU KNOW THAT?**  
**40% of Hungary's border workers – 41,000 in total in 2021 – live in the Adriatic region of Croatia**

The map [FR] →



**CROSS-BORDER TERRITORIES ON THE BORDERS OF FINLAND**

**DID YOU KNOW THAT?**  
**The Finnish government has published a report on cross-border obstacles in the Nordic countries**

The map [FR] →



**CROSS-BORDER TERRITORIES ON THE BORDERS OF GREECE**

**DID YOU KNOW THAT?**  
**Greece had 3,300 border workers in 2021**

The map [FR] →



**CROSS-BORDER TERRITORIES ON THE BORDERS OF THE BALTIC STATES**

**DID YOU KNOW THAT?**  
**Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania had a total of almost 50,000 border workers in 2021**

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