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IN THE TERRITORIES

Concrete projects for the Upper Rhine!

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125 cross-border projects were officially approved at the plenary session of the Collectivité Européenne d'Alsace (CEA) held on December 8th. The topic of energy took center stage!

Out of 1,200 pre-existing cross-border projects identified by the Collectivité Européenne d'Alsace in the Upper Rhine, 125 were selected, including 50 relating to energy, climate, and transport.

During the meeting, the President of the CEA, Frédéric Biery, also announced his wish to «build a common energy autonomy» to develop renewable energies. In this respect, he suggested holding a deep geothermal energy congress in the Upper Rhine.

The selected projects have already been allocated a budget and a project leader. They can start as early as the beginning of 2023!

HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF THE SELECTED PROJECTS:

- **The construction of a network to recover waste heat from the Kehl steelworks** will aim to deliver the first calories to Strasbourg's urban heating system in the winter of 2025-2026.
- **An Air Climate Energy Observatory for the atmosphere in the Upper Rhine**, supported by Atmo Grand Est, will aim to harmonise cross-border data in a common format.
- **The «5A3F» project** concerns improvements to **motorway-urban access on the three borders**.
- The implementation of a strategic **roadmap on cross-border apprenticeships**.
- Also noteworthy is **the Fessenheim territory project**, which concerns the economic conversion of the site, access and mobility, the energy transition and innovation.

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A Franco-German manifesto for rail

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Representatives of the Upper Rhine met on January 19th in Strasbourg. They called for their territory to become «a springboard for the development of European railways».

«Our desire is to coordinate better, to structure the network and, above all, to make our voices heard by the French and German authorities, as well as by transport operators», explained the mayor of Strasbourg, Jeanne Barseghian. These words were echoed by Pia Imbs, President of the Eurometropolis, who pointed out that

«the European Metropolitan Express Network is an example of concrete action thought out on a European scale».

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MOT involvement in the «Pactesur» study

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Between 2019 and 2022 the MOT was part of the committee of experts in the framework of the PACTESUR project financed by the European Internal Security Fund. This project sought to provide European local authorities with the knowledge and tools they need to better secure their public spaces in the face of danger, particularly from terrorism. For four years, the project focused on standards, legal frameworks and local governance in the ten participating European cities, in order to develop common recommendations and intervention protocols; the development of training programmes for local security officers; the identification, through the sharing of experiences, of local investments adapted to securing public places; and finally the setting up of pilot sites at the local level equipped to prevent terrorist threats and to react rapidly in the event of an attack while preserving the urban environment.

In addition to the city of Nice as lead manager, and the cities of Turin (IT) and Liège (BE) as main partners, the project brought together ten other European cities with specific common problems and knowledge in the field of protection of urban public spaces, along with an expert committee of some thirty members.



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The Scarpe-Escaut Nature Park awarded a European label

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The Scarpe-Escaut European Nature Park, located on the French-Belgian border, has obtained the «Transboundary Park» label from the European Federation of Nature Parks, Europarc.

Structured in the form of an EGTC, the Scarpe-Escaut European Nature Park is made up of two nature parks on the French-Belgian border: the Scarpe-Escaut Regional Nature Park on the French side (created in 1968, it is the oldest RNP created in France) and the Plaines de l'Escaut Nature Park on the Belgian side (created in 1996).

The territory represents approximately 950 km², 300,000 inhabitants and 130 villages

and towns. It is located between Lille, Valenciennes, Tournai and Mons.

The president of the Scarpe-Escaut Regional Nature Park, Grégory Lelong, emphasised on this occasion that this labelling is «a recognition of the cross-border work undertaken. It offers us new opportunities to carry out our missions and the possibility of benefiting from Europarc's support to transform our tourism, consumption and nature management practices, and to defend local issues at European level».

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Health, an issue at the heart of the SaarMoselle Eurodistrict cross-border living area

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The SaarMoselle Eurodistrict, which has been a member of the MOT network since 2005, answers our questions about a subject at the heart of local life in the cross-border living area.

YOU HAVE JUST SIGNED A «FRANCO-GERMAN CROSS-BORDER HEALTH ALLIANCE» WITH YOUR PARTNERS (SAARLAND, GRAND EST REGION AND MOSELLE DEPARTMENT). WHAT IS ITS OBJECTIVE?

The goal of this Alliance is to give a new impetus to improving and facilitating access to health care in the Saar-Moselle living area. It ultimately aims to create a truly borderless health territory and to show the central administrations in Paris, Berlin, and Brussels that cross-border medical cooperation is of vital importance in our territory and that it must be supported. The idea is to create a health corridor along the border to enable citizens to receive treatment on both sides of the border, both inside and outside of hospitals.

THE «GEKO» PROJECT, FOR WHICH YOU ARE THE PROJECT LEADER, HAS COME TO AN END. WHAT ARE ITS RESULTS?

From 2020 to 2022, GeKo, co-financed by the INTERREG V A Grande Région programme, made concrete contributions to health cooperation with the creation of a permanent structure (Interface Santé SaarMoselle), the implementation of the first dematerialisation tool between French and German hospitals and French health insurance companies, a contact point, the drafting of two bilingual agreements: nuclear medicine and emergency medical assistance, and the management



of the COVID-19 pandemic with the setting up of a joint screening centre. Information for the public, health actors and elected representatives of the territory was thus reinforced by the setting up of the contact point, which receives around ten requests per month, but also with the organisation of two SaarMoselle Health Days and the launch of a website dedicated to the project. GeKo has introduced and developed the idea of a common health territory, which now needs to be pursued and put into practice, in the interests of the citizens of the SaarMoselle territory. The GeKo partnership, which has become Interface, will work to meet the needs of the public and health professionals through a cross-border health territory project that will make it possible to sustain the actions under way.

WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES AND THE OBSTACLES TO BE OVERCOME IN TERMS OF CROSS-BORDER HEALTH COOPERATION IN YOUR TERRITORY?

In this cross-border living area, we face difficulties such as the language barrier and the differences between the French and German health systems. During the GeKo project, we were confronted with the

COVID-19 pandemic but also with many political and administrative changes (hospital directors, health insurance fund managers, etc.) which delayed the implementation of certain measures. The main challenge in terms of health in the SaarMoselle territory is to deepen inter-hospital cooperation while encouraging the emergence of a common health territory and putting in place a permanent interface to support it. It is also a question of playing on the assets of our territory to fight against the shortage of health professionals.

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Towards an active Franco-Italian citizenship with the «DAC» project

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Supported financially by the Interreg ALCOTRA programme, the «Developing Active Citizenship» (DAC) project aims to raise citizens' awareness of the challenges of the Green Pact for Europe.

To this end, the Unité des communes valdôtaines Grand-Paradis (Lead Partner), the GAL Valli del Canavese, the GAL

Valli di Lanzo, Ceronda e Casternone, the Communauté de communes Cœur de Savoie, and the Communauté de communes Les Versants d'Aime have set up a series of actions to raise awareness of the challenges to be faced and to encourage an active contribution

to the adaptation of their territories to climate change. The project has resulted in the creation of an e-learning platform to discover or deepen topics related to sustainability and European integration; the organisation of training and face-to-face exchanges for elected officials, technicians, and young people with the aim of co-constructing concrete solutions for the territory; and the restructuring and development of a training and cross-border coworking space in Arvier (Italy) that will strengthen cooperation between France and Italy. With the support and legal expertise of the MOT, the five partners have also formed the cross-border association «TERACTION». Its objective: to perpetuate the cooperation and lead to the creation of an EGTC which will be able to continue the actions initiated under the DAC project.

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The Mont Blanc Observatory's report on climate change is now available!

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Mountain areas are particularly exposed to climate change: the mutations of ecosystems and their consequences on human activities develop more quickly and have stronger impacts than in plains.

In the heart of the Alps, the Mont Blanc area brings together local authorities of three countries around the highest peak in Europe. This emblematic territory, 80% of which is located above 1500m altitude, is a laboratory for the study

of climate change and the implementation of adaptation strategies. The Mont Blanc Observatory, a result of this trinational cooperation, is an online database that shows the evolution of this territory over the last 40 years. It is based

on numerous scientific sources from the three countries and is regularly updated. Its first report on climate change in the Mont Blanc area is now available. It provides a concrete analysis of three indicators: the «Summer days» indicator which expresses the number of days (per year) during which the maximum temperature is higher than 25°C, the «Ice days» indicator (number of days per year with a maximum temperature lower than 0°C) and the «Duration of the vegetation season» which is a key indicator of the ongoing changes in the biosphere.

The Observatory was created thanks to the Integrated Cross-Border Project (2009-2013), then completed with the AdaPT Mont Blanc project (2017-2020), co-financed by the European cooperation program France-Italy ALCOTRA.

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Ecological transition: a charter for Greater Geneva

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On January 26th, 2023, the eight partners* of Greater Geneva signed a «Greater Geneva in transition» charter, agreeing on the ecological transition issues for the cross-border conurbation.

«This is a founding act of the work of Greater Geneva», explained Antonio Hodgers, President of Greater Geneva and State Councillor of the Canton.

Thanks to the charter, «the partners agree on the challenges of the ecological transition

by sharing and expanding their respective experiences developed over many years, particularly in the fields of water management, protection of air quality, and enhancement of biodiversity».

Greater Geneva thus specifies its vision for the future of the cross-border conurbation by setting out the strategic directions and the framework for joint action to respond to the climate emergency and to preserve the shared vital resources.

The political charter includes 10 environmental and social objectives which set a general framework to which cross-border actions must refer.

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Call for Franco-German Citizen Fund projects

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«By studying the past, history allows the present to build bridges to the future», this is the motto under which the Franco-German Citizen Fund has just launched a call for projects entitled «Journey through time».

Its objective is to support projects that address the theme of «History and Remembrance» from a Franco-German perspective. Applications for grants of up to €5000 can be submitted until April 30th, 2023. The projects must be carried out between June 12th and July 16th, 2023. Who can participate? What types of projects are supported?

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A cooperation strategy for the cross-border Sambre-Avesnois

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Around thirty Belgian and French elected representatives met in Mons (Belgium) on February 17th to share their expectations and priorities in order to establish a cooperation strategy for the cross-border Sambre-Avesnois, with the support of the MOT.

In 2021, the MOT assisted the Communauté d'Agglomération Maubeuge Val de Sambre (CAMVS) in carrying out a cross-border diagnosis of the cross-border Sambre-Avesnois. This diagnosis made it possible to initiate a Franco-Belgian dialogue on the territory, with a first steering committee organized in Jeumont in July 2022.

To continue the momentum, the MOT, at the initiative of CAMVS, has been assisting the cross-border Sambre-Avesnois since the fall of 2022 in defining a cooperation strategy.

In order to arrive at concerted and shared strategic orientations, the MOT has collected the political orientations of the institutional actors of the territory during several interviews. The orientations of the citizens were also taken into account through an online survey.



This first phase of co-writing the cross-border strategy was presented at a steering committee meeting in Mons (Belgium) on February 17th. Three areas of cooperation were identified:

- Improving social and territorial cohesion through cross-border services adapted to the public.
- Making heritage and common goods a factor of identity and attractiveness.
- Guarantee cross-border integration through mobility and employment.

These axes now need to be fed with project ideas in order to build, in a second phase, a cross-border roadmap for the territory of the cross-border Sambre-Avesnois. To do this, two days of thematic workshops will be organized in early April in Mons and Maubeuge. Action sheets will be drafted from the reflections of these workshops.

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Three questions for Julien Dauer, director of Frontaliers Grand Est

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With more than 200,000 border workers, the Grand Est region is a laboratory for European mobility. As a member of the MOT network, «Frontaliers Grand Est» accompanies these numerous border workers on a daily basis. Julien Dauer helps us better understand the challenges they face.

What is the situation of border workers in your territory?

Despite a health crisis that may have raised fears in regard to the border phenomenon, we are seeing more and more interest in cross-border mobility. Projections on the occupation of border workers in Luxembourg but also in Switzerland are clear, and numerous

projects in Belgium and Germany - whether for students, health care or the establishment of companies - mean that the cross-border phenomenon in our territory will continue to grow. The Grand Est is a real laboratory for European mobility with more than 200,000 people choosing to work in a neighboring country. This does not include the mobility of consumers or patients. However, there are still obstacles such as the language barrier at the administrative level or the impact of certain national legislations that can affect the unique situation of border workers.

What changes do you recommend to improve their situation? Are there any recent or upcoming developments?

It is necessary that the States - and mainly their administrations - reinforce their exchanges. A legislative change in one country can have an impact on the situation or attractiveness of its neighbor. In our opinion, the development of our territory and its attractiveness is one of the levers to amplify the cross-border phenomenon and contribute to responding to a demand from companies in multiple territories (the Grand Est Region and the Greater Region for us). A quick look at the exchanges within the Greater Region on the issue of cross-border telework are enough to see that positive developments are possible for the workers of this territory.

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WHAT IS THE ROLE OF FRONTALIERS GRAND EST?

Our structure aims to be a facilitator of overcoming challenges. Founded in 1993, and currently benefiting from the financial support of the European Commission and the Grand Est Region, Frontaliers Grand Est is present on the territory to inform employees, students, job seekers and companies about the living and working conditions on both sides of the Grand Est borders. Historically, the creation of our association is simply linked to the establishment of the EURES network by the European Commission. Frontaliers Grand Est has integrated various EURES networks and is now one of the biggest contributors in terms of actions of the EURES Grande Région network. Our expertise covers all the borders of the Grand Est - and because of our expertise, the public contacting us spans from the Hauts-de-France to the Jura. We are also at the disposal of our elected officials and funders to take stock of the legislative obstacles that have been brought to our attention.

Terres Monviso, a forward-looking cooperation

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On March 9th, the MOT took part in the final seminar of the Integrated Territorial Plan (PITer) «Terres Monviso», which was held in Guillestre (Hautes-Alpes), near the French-Italian border.

With Dominique Moulin, president of the Community of Municipalities of Guillestrois-Queyras - which has just joined the MOT network - and Mauro Calderoni, mayor of Saluzzo (IT), this meeting brought together the entire partnership to conclude an ambitious project.

Over the past four years, the PITer «Terres Monviso» has set itself the objective of developing this Franco-Italian territory «without borders». With a funding of 7.83 M€, within the framework of the Interreg ALCOTRA program, the Terres Monviso have demonstrated their ability to work together to be stronger and better connected. The members intend to continue

to actively contribute to the construction of Europe in this cross-border territory.

To this end, they signed a «Terres Monviso» Manifesto on February 2nd, 2023 at the Refuge de la Paix at the Larche Pass, committing them in the long term to further structuring cross-border governance.

On the occasion of this closing seminar, it was time to take stock but also to look ahead to the next call for projects of the 2021-2027 program to which the Terres Monviso partners intend to respond. The local elected officials have unanimously expressed «the need to continue the momentum and be closer to the concerns of the population» to build this joint application.

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Greater Geneva invites the public to contribute to its «Cross-border territorial vision»

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How to live and move in the Greater Geneva of tomorrow? To answer this question, the Canton of Geneva, the Metropolitan Pole of the French Genevois and the Nyon Region are inviting residents to question the territorial development of the cross-border conurbation

during eight citizen workshops to be held from April 24th to May 11th.

The aim of this consultation between elected representatives, technicians and civil society is to come up with a shared definition of the ecological transition adapted to the territory, and to form a common foundation for all the planning documents of the Greater Geneva territory.

Following the example of government planners, participants will have to work on priority actions and set common objectives, such as: aiming for carbon neutrality in 2050, establishing priorities and

Cross-border aid: a Franco-Belgian agreement signed in Metz

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On March 10th 2023, an agreement on assistance and rescue in border areas was signed in Metz between France and Belgium. The territory covers the provinces of Namur and Luxembourg in Belgium and the departments of Ardennes, Meuse and Meurthe et Moselle in France, which together share around 250 km of borders.

The aim of the agreement is to improve the process of aiding victims of road accidents, fires or other risks in the cross-border territory. Four local cooperation agreements had already been signed, but this new agreement is intended to ensure comprehensive and shared monitoring of the cooperation arrangements between all the parties involved. Three levels have been set up: the creation of a steering and monitoring committee, an operational committee, and working groups on different topics.

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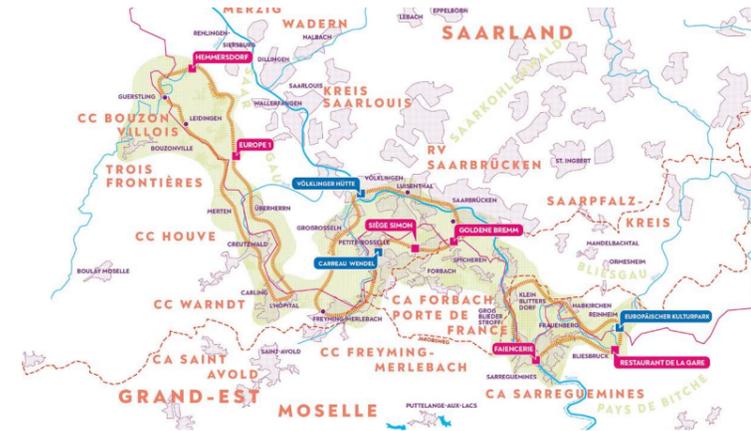
A cross-border IBA for the Greater Region?

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Following the model of the IBA that has been set up in Basel, a laboratory workshop has been commissioned by the Saarland to study the feasibility of an «Internationale Bau Ausstellung» (International Architecture and Urban Planning Exhibition) in the Greater Region.

The laboratory, which was set up at the Saarland University of Applied Sciences (Htw Saar), proposes the creation of a platform that would initiate and support regional IBAs. The first regional IBA will be set up in 2023 on the German-French border between the Moselle and Saarland. Under the motto «(but) we have to cultivate our garden», this border area will be seen as a garden that neighbors will have to sow and protect together before they can harvest. In accordance with the experimental clause of the Aachen Treaty, cross-border infrastructure projects are to be developed here over a period of ten years.

The widely perceived need for a change of era will play a key role in the fields



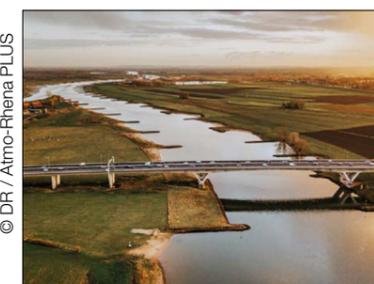
of energy, mobility, food supply and construction and will require exceptional measures. As a tool for cross-border transformation, this IBA will be more than just a construction exhibition. It will help to establish a new way of building, which requires high quality projects with a carbon footprint that respects the environment. This applies to existing buildings as well as to the

desired infrastructure. The political partners are the Saarland, the Grand-East Region, the Moselle Department as well as the EPCs and municipalities of the region.

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France-Germany and the Upper Rhine: measures to combat climate change

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A CROSS-BORDER AIR OBSERVATORY IS BEING BUILT IN THE UPPER RHINE

It is not easy for political decision-makers in border areas to monitor indicators relating to air pollution, climate or energy in a comparable way with neighbouring territories and to implement appropriate actions. This is why the «Atmo-Rhena PLUS» project was launched in early 2023. Supported by the Interreg Upper Rhine program, its objective is to «raise awareness among political decision-makers to act

together against air pollution and climate change by reducing pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions in their territories, whether cross-border or not, by providing them with a harmonized cross-border database of the Air-Climo-Energy inventory of their territories, as well as a decision support tool». Within three years, after the end of the project, an «Air-Climo-Energy dashboard» for the Upper Rhine will be available online, as well as «various maps illustrating the state of play on pollutants, greenhouse gases and energy consumption and production». Actions will also be proposed to reduce air pollution, including their evaluation and impacts.

THE STRASBOURG-ORTENAU EURODISTRICT ADOPTED A «CROSS-BORDER CLIMATE ACTION PLAN»

At the same time, on a more local scale, the Strasbourg-Ortenau Eurodistrict adopted a «cross-border climate action plan» on March 30. Developed in partnership

with the Ortenau Energy Agency, the Eurometropolis Climate Agency, this plan is an adherence to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 13: «Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts».

As the Secretary General of the Eurodistrict, Anika Klaffke, underlined at the launch: «This initiative must be understood as a complementary mechanism to the plans already in place in the municipalities and communities of the territory».

Among the priorities of this action plan: – deepening cross-border coordination for the implementation of climate change mitigation and adaptation measures, with the creation of a cross-border forum of experts; – sustainable mobility, with a mobility plan for the Eurodistrict; – to encourage the involvement of citizens to become actors of climate policy.

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In 2023, the Cerdagne hospital will develop its cross-border healthcare offer

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For almost a decade, the Cerdagne hospital has demonstrated that a cross-border public hospital service can operate within a controlled budget, with an increasing number of patients, and a hybrid legal model, an example of a concrete achievement of the Europe of Health.

Access to a high-performance technical platform for a population in a territory far from urban centers is at the heart of the concerns of the ARS Occitanie. In this region of 35,000 inhabitants, thanks to the Cerdagne hospital, the population has access to an emergency service, imaging equipment (a latest generation scanner to be renewed in 2023), links with referral centers via the SMUR, a helicopter and telemedicine tools.

Despite the low number of deliveries (170/year), the maternity ward has a full team of gynecologists and pediatricians (with the cooperation of Barcelona hospitals and the French SSR operated by Alefpa). The Franco-Catalan cooperation thus makes it possible to mobilize resources on both sides of the border, making it attractive to health professionals motivated by an innovative project.

In the near future, the teams plan to expand the cross-border healthcare offer with a cancer site (chemotherapy, in cooperation with the Perpignan hospital), and to open outpatient psychiatric services with the Thuir hospital, after the hospital expanded its dermatology and ophthalmology

consultations in 2022 with new French and Spanish doctors. At-home hospitalization will also open in Cerdanya in September.

These advances are being made carefully, seeking the consensus of the hospital's dynamic forces, elected officials and our partners in health establishments, and in consultation with our counterparts in Catsalut.

In 2023, the ARS and Catsalut will work with our respective Ministries on the recognition of diplomas to simplify medical recruitment, which is one of the objectives set out in Article 28 of the Franco-Spanish Treaty of Friendship signed in Barcelona on January 19th, 2023.

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The hospital at the heart of a European pilot project

As part of the European pilot project implemented by DG REGIO with the support of the OECD, which has selected five applications from European borders, including that of the Pyrenees Working Community, the Cerdanya hospital will host a mission of experts in June, focusing on new legal tools to strengthen health cooperation in cross-border living areas, based on feedback from the Cerdanya example.



Xavier Faure,
President of the Executive Board of the Cerdanya Hospital EGTC, Project Director at the Occitania Regional Health Agency

Living, working, educating children, and retiring in a cross-border mountain area is inconceivable without a health system that meets the needs of a living area and its population. Aware of this key issue, the elected officials and administrations of the Pyrenean territories have not hesitated to be disruptive and to commit to a cross-border hospital project in Cerdanya, a «bottom-up» project before its time.

Since 2014, the Cerdanya hospital has remained a unique model of a cross-border public health service. The end of this first decade is that of a certain maturity, with new medical projects, in close liaison with a network of referral hospitals in Perpignan, Manresa, Barcelona and Toulouse.

This principle of health subsidiarity is being promoted by the Occitania Regional Health Agency with the signing of a framework agreement for health cooperation with the Principality of Andorra or in support of cross-border primary care projects with the Val d'Aran.

The Franco-Spanish Treaty of Barcelona of January 19th, 2023 sets out our roadmap in the health field, such as moving towards more cooperation (emergencies and preparation for health crises) or deepening the subject of recognition of medical degrees. With the new Interreg program, initiatives are expected to revolve around the issues of aging and global warming, in a global health approach that makes sense today.

«Experimenting with cross-border living areas», an ambitious project of the MOT network

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The MOT, supported by sixteen partners of its network, initiated a «cross-border living areas experiment» at the end of 2022.

Its objectives? To approach a definition of the concept of «cross-border living area», to analyze the needs and expectations of pilot territories, as well as the legal opportunities and obstacles, and to propose an operational toolbox to promote the implementation of cross-border public policies.

- Five pilot sites, members of the MOT network, are taking part in this experimentation:**
- Territory of the Eurometropolis Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai
 - North Lorraine / Luxembourg territory
 - Territory of the PAMINA Eurodistrict
 - Territory of the Greater Geneva
 - France-Italy-Monaco territory

The partners of the experimentation and the MOT are currently working on Phase 1 of the project, which aims to approach a definition of «cross-border living areas» by crossing different bases of reflection, in order to arrive at a cartographic representation of what these cross-border living areas could be in the territories of the five pilot sites.

The aim of this first phase is therefore to build a methodology for identifying cross-border living areas, taking into account their specific characteristics. The methodology developed in this sense aims to take into account the functional as well as institutional reality of these territories.

In the spring of 2023, «territorial brainstorming» sessions will be held at each pilot site to compare these cartographic



representations with the reality experienced and perceived by the actors on the ground in these territories, and to collectively identify the priority issues in these cross-border living areas, as well as the main obstacles and obstacles encountered. These reflections will feed the continuation of the experimentation which will continue until the end of 2023.

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Summit meeting for the High Valleys Conference (CHAV)

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The representatives of the Hautes Vallées (High Valleys) territory* met on March 28th at the Valfréjus mountain resort, just a few hundred metres from the French-Italian border.

This event marked both the end of five years of intense cooperation between the partners of the «Heart of the Alps» Integrated Territorial Plan, and the final stage of the support provided by the MOT as part of a mission whose aim was to:

- To evaluate the projects carried out within the framework of the ALCOTRA 14-20 programming;
- To elaborate a multi-thematic action plan for the future;
- To work to improve the coherence and governance of this cooperation, which is based, since 2007, on an association under Italian law.

This mission identified a major challenge to be tackled as a priority in the coming years: strengthening the CHAV, both in terms of human and financial resources dedicated to this association, to enable it to play a leading role in coordination, structuring governance between the various stakeholders and communication with the inhabitants,

particularly in the context of the future PITER ALCOTRA.

On this occasion, the elected representatives of the Hautes Vallées were able to count on the participation of the two ambassadors in charge of the formalization of the future Border Cooperation Committee of the Quirinal Treaty: Philippe Voiry, French ambassador for intergovernmental commissions, cooperation and cross-border relations, and Andrea Cavallari, Minister Plenipotentiary of Italy and coordinator for cross-border cooperation with France.

This meeting was preceded, the day before, by a time of exchange in Bardonecchia between the ambassadors and the two Mayors of Modane and Bardonecchia on the issues of proximity between the two Communes, to discuss in particular the subject of road and rail transport between France and Italy, the impact of these mobilities on the evolution of exchanges between the inhabitants and the current bottlenecks.

A second time of exchange with a wider scope then took place in the evening at the Museobar -the Museum of the border of Modane-, to discuss the many challenges in terms of intermodality and rail service around the historic and new lines 'Lyon-Turin', in the presence of ambassadors, the MOT and several representatives of leading organizations in the field of transport (CIG, TELT, managers of Alpine tunnels ...)

After the end of this mission, the MOT remains mobilized to continue its actions

in support of local cooperation dynamics around the French-Italian land border, which, as stated in the article of the Treaty devoted to cross-border cooperation, «constitutes a continuous living area, where the French and Italian populations share a common destiny».

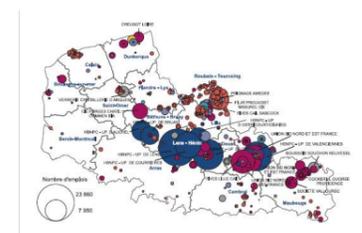


* Maurienne, Grand Briançonnais, Pinerolese, Val di Susa e Sangone.

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A report on employment for the European Metropolis of Lille

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This study, which has just been published by the Institut Montaigne, establishes a detailed diagnosis of the employment situation in the territory of the European Metropolis of Lille, and aims to identify the various levers that would allow action

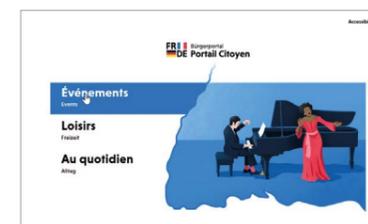
to be taken to better match the Lille labor market. It has produced a unique tool: a non-exhaustive mapping of all the actors and mechanisms involved in employment, professional integration and business creation in the area, which shows the dynamism of the support mechanisms and allows for reflection on the coordination of employment structures, their proper functioning as well as the gaps and duplications in the area. This report makes recommendations such as «building a governance of cross-border employment policies». On this subject, it notes: «the European Metropolis of Lille is not taking advantage of the opportunity

that would be provided by the structuring of a genuine cross-border governance of employment policy with the Belgian local authorities on the border, in particular Flanders, which is a particularly dynamic region and offers significant employment opportunities. Cross-border cooperation would benefit from full political endorsement to boost a broader labor market that benefits people on both sides of the border.»

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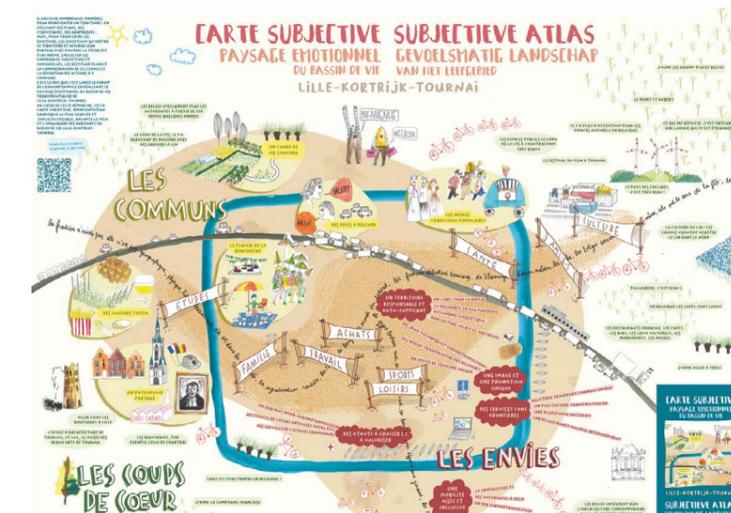
A new Franco-German citizen portal

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On March 24th, 2023, the Franco-German citizen portal «FRED.info» was put online. Developed in the framework of a partnership between the Land of Baden-Württemberg and the Grand Est Region, the tool is managed by the Franco-German Institute (DFI). This new portal is aimed at citizens on both sides of the border and beyond, with the objectives of increasing the visibility of institutions, actors and existing services, facilitating the orientation of citizens throughout the Franco-Baden-Württemberg cross-border region, and finally to allow citizens to participate in the development of this cross-border area, by promoting their Franco-German commitment.

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A subjective map for the Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai cross-border living area

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To produce a map based on the feelings of citizens, the Forum of the Eurometropolis Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai - who constitutes its citizen assembly - launched this project a year ago to capture the «emotional landscape of the cross-border living area». The ambition of the map: to represent not the topography of the territory but its perception experienced by the inhabitants. To do this, volunteers from the three sides (France, Wallonia, Flanders) met during several working sessions to share their vision of the Franco-Belgian living area: what are

the opportunities that reside there, what is the field of common ground, what are the possible assumptions? The map was officially presented at the General Assembly of the Eurometropolis on March 16th. The objective is to distribute it to all the municipalities and tourist services of the territory, as well as during the events of the Eurometropolis and its partners.

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Brice Fauvarque,
Vice-président du Conseil départemental des Ardennes en charge des coopérations transfrontalières et programmes Interreg, président de la Stratégie de l'Ardenne transfrontalière



I was entrusted last March with the presidency of the cross-border strategy of Ardennes initiated in 2019 by the MOT and the Belgian intermunicipal structure IDELUX. The latter covers the territory of the Ardennes department and the Walloon provinces of Luxembourg and Namur.

The cross-border strategy of Ardennes aims to achieve national recognition of the cross-border territory of the Ardennes, to propose new projects covering this French-Belgian area in various fields: higher education and training, economic development, mobility, health, environment and biodiversity, territorial marketing and territorial observation, in connection with the Interreg VI France Wallonia Vlaanderen Program 2021-2027.

Since the beginning of the year, the MOT has been carrying out an evaluation

of the Ardennes cross-border strategy with a view to proposing new ideas for cooperation actions. My missions will consist in collecting and analyzing the recommendations in order to define a common policy that will allow to guide and bring new coherent and efficient projects to life.

Today, several cooperation bodies are already making a significant contribution to the attractiveness of this cross-border area and to improving the services provided to the population. For example, the European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG) «Destination Ardennes» is developing the tourist appeal of the territory and of the Ardennes mountain range, and soon other areas such as economic cooperation will also be expanded. Our territory also hosts the EEIG «Albatros», the only cross-border structure working in the field of disability support.

MOT involved along the entire Franco-Belgian border

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The MOT is currently involved in numerous missions from the south-east to the north-west of the border between France and Belgium. It is working in both metropolitan and peri-urban or rural cross-border territories. Let's take a look at the border from the south-east to the north-west:

– In the department of Meuse, a recent member of the network, the MOT is supporting the «**Small Town of Tomorrow**» of **Montmédy** (2100 inhabitants) in the implementation of a cross-border territory project.

– In the neighboring department, it is carrying out the evaluation of the **Cross-border Ardenne Strategy** which was initiated in 2019. More info in the editorial by Brice Fauvarque, vice-president of the Ardennes departmental council in charge of cross-border cooperation and Interreg programmes, president of the Ardennes cross-border strategy.

– On the 8 km segment that unites the department of Aisne and the province of Hainaut, the MOT has accompanied **Hirson, a «Small Town of Tomorrow»** of 8500 inhabitants, by providing

a report on its opportunities for cross-border cooperation.

– Several other missions are underway in the northern department:

-> In connection with the Communauté d'Agglomération Maubeuge Val de Sambre (CAMVS), the MOT has been accompanying the **cross-border Sambre-Avesnois** since the fall of 2022 in the definition of a cooperation strategy between the conurbations of Mons, Charleroi and Maubeuge. More info.

-> The MOT is conducting an experiment on the concept of «living area» on a cross-border scale, involving several sites, including the Eurometropolis Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai.

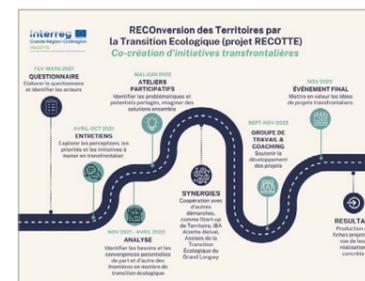
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The MOT is preparing an event on maritime cooperation, particularly in the Franco-Belgian area, on September 15th, 2023 in Lille.

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The RECOTTE project on the ecological transition has revealed its results

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Financed within the framework of the Interreg Grande Région program, the RECOTTE [RECOVersion of Territories through Ecological Transition] project focused on the reconversion of territories through ecological transition on a local cross-border scale.

Its objective since January 2021 has been to support local actors in their transition processes, by bringing out potential cross-border synergies to respond jointly to climate

and energy challenges, while co-constructing with these local actors leverage projects to carry out cross-border actions.

It was carried out by the LISER Institute (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research) with three objectives:

- to propose an innovative methodology to determine the priorities and initiatives to be carried out across borders at the local level in terms of ecological transition;
- to organize the resilience of the cross-border territorial system by encouraging creation and imagination to face future environmental, economic and social risks and to meet the challenges of the ecological transition;
- to test this methodology on three cross-border urban poles in Wallonia, France and Luxembourg in the former industrial basin which have different configurations and intensities of cross-border cooperation: the

cross-border conurbation of Alzette-Beval; Messancy/Aubange/Pétange; Arlon/Steinfort.

The project has published its results in two final deliverables: a summary of the methodology and results, including 26 project sheets, and a roadmap.

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Development of cooperation between the Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolitan Area and the Province of Imperia

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A meeting between Christian Estrosi, mayor of Nice and president of the Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolitan Area, and Claudio Scajola, mayor of Imperia and president of the Province of Imperia, on the 19th of May in Nice, provided an opportunity to present a cross-border coastal development programme between the Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolitan Area and the Province of Imperia, and another programme focusing on the mountains between the Vésubie and Tinée valleys and the neighbouring valleys of the Provinces of Imperia and Cuneo.

The coastal programme focuses on mobility, involving 40,000 cross-border workers. In particular, it aims to improve daily travel between Liguria and the Nice metropolitan area.

The priorities of the mountain cooperation strategy are risk prevention and management, the development of sustainable tourism and the protection of biodiversity, with a common thread: the prevention of climate change.

Finally, the meeting provided an opportunity to return to the question of the cross-border

consultation committee between France and Italy following the signing of the Quirinal Treaty.

For Christian Estrosi: «We have common identity markers: historically, gastronomically, territorial and cultural specificities... Nice is Imperia and Imperia is Nice, the cross-border is us. Over the years, the Nice Côte d'Azur metropolitan area has become a driving force in strategic cross-border development. In fact, it is the first and only metropolis in France to join the monitoring committee of an INTERREG programme, the ALCOIRA programme, which has recognised our added value!

For Claudio Scajola: «We need to strengthen the links between the Province of Imperia and the City of Nice to build projects and implement joint actions for the development of our territories».

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A new cross-border legal access point in Europe

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The conference to launch the new cross-border legal access point, located at the heart of the Strasbourg-Kehl conurbation, was held on May 10th, 2023 at the Strasbourg judicial court. **Its chairman, Thierry Ghera, gives us his view on this new service, the first of its kind in Europe:**

«At the heart of the European backbone and one of the most active cross-border regions, where the beautiful Rhineland spirit has flourished, lies the Strasbourg-Kehl

conurbation. The fact that people on both sides of the river cross it every day to work, do business or spend time with their families is emblematic of a Europe of everyday life. Citizens of the European Union, the men and women living in this Franco-German conurbation are nevertheless subject to civil rights that are often very different. While crossing the border every day without constraint is an advantage and a cultural enrichment offered by the construction of our beautiful Europe, in the event of a dispute or simply a legal complication, the application of two distinct laws can be a source of incomprehension. In partnership with the European Consumer Centre, the courts of Strasbourg and Offenbourg have set up a Franco-German legal access point modelled on the French system. This contact point offers citizens on both sides of the border unconditional free legal consultations, provided in Kehl by French

and German lawyers, notaries and bailiffs, covering all private rights. At the end of the interview, the citizen receives concrete advice on the applicable national law and is directed towards a procedure or mediation. Supported by the European Commission, this point of access to law enhances legal certainty in cross-border family, civil and commercial transactions, and therefore promotes confidence in crossing borders for people, ideas and goods. It can give a label to those who promote this offer. It helps to build European citizenship in everyday life. A first in Europe, this point of access to the law could perfectly well be offered on other borders.»

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Catalonia-Pyrénées-Orientales: The creation of a cross-border working group on the reuse of wastewater

PUBLISHED IN JUNE 2023

On May 17th, 2023, a meeting between the president of the Occitanie region, Carole Delga, and Père Aragones, president of Catalonia, in Barcelona, agreed on the creation of a cross-border working group, the aim of which will be to improve water management and help populations cope with drought. The partnership set up to deal with wastewater management aims in particular to «share best practices» in terms of resource management, and to enable services in the two regions to «work together». Carole Delga pointed out that «there are more administrative standards in France than in Catalonia», which is why «Catalonia is able to use so much recycled water via the 'Reuse' principle». The president of the Occitanie Region would also like the Pyrénées-Orientales department, which has been particularly hard hit by drought, to «experiment with this reuse of wastewater».

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TRISAN, a trinational centre of expertise in the field of health, presents its results

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Initiated in December 2019, the TRISAN project «Trinational action plan for cross-border healthcare in the Upper Rhine», led by the Euro-Institute, came to an end on May 31st, 2023. A closing event was held on May 12th in Strasbourg to present the main results and discuss the challenges and issues of health cooperation in the Upper Rhine. The project is funded under the Interreg programme. It is co-financed by 29 French, German and Swiss partners. TRISAN is now more than just a project: it is a trinational skills centre for cross-border cooperation in the field of health, based in Kehl, which will continue beyond the end of the Interreg project. Among the results presented are a number of guides and publications aimed at cross-border commuters, on subjects such as knowledge of available health care, the conditions of care, etc. But the work is also aimed at the general public, with a view to improving the quality of life of cross-border

commuters. But the work is also aimed at those involved in cooperation, to help them plan projects or produce bilingual information material on the healthcare systems in the three countries. The publication of a «Trinational action plan for cross-border healthcare provision in the Upper Rhine», consisting of an inventory of healthcare strategies, cross-border projects and development guidelines for healthcare cooperation in the Upper Rhine, is particularly relevant. Work has also focused on the demography of healthcare workers, with the introduction of cross-border training courses being considered as a solution for increasing the number of training positions and candidates.

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MOT study «360° Vision of the Jura Mountains: towards a cross-border diagnosis»

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In 2023, the Jura Mountains Development Commission (Commissariat à l'aménagement du Massif du Jura), which is responsible for defining the objectives and actions needed for the development, planning and protection of the mountain range, undertook a cross-border study.

This initiative was prompted by a desire to take greater account of the mountains' proximity to Switzerland, with a view to ensuring consistency between its territorial project (the Schéma Interrégional du Massif

du Jura) and its financial implementation (the Contrat de Plan Interrégional Etat-Régions). The scope of the study on the Swiss side is made up of all the cantons that are members of arcjurassien.ch (Jura, Bern, Neuchâtel and Vaud), to which it was agreed to add the canton of Geneva, which borders part of the Ain department.

The Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière, several of whose members are located on the Franco-Swiss border (Départements of Territoire de Belfort, Doubs and Ain, Canton of Geneva, ArcJurassien.org, Agglomération urbaine du Doubs, Grand Genève, etc.), is supporting the Jura Mountains Development Commission in this process by complementing the Swiss part of the study.

The study is being carried out in three phases:

- a first phase of participatory diagnosis (compilation of existing work, online survey and interviews with key players in the area);
- a second phase of thematic and territorial workshops;
- a third phase, which will involve drawing up recommendations for the Commission of the Jura Mountains and concrete courses of action.

The aim of this study is to strengthen the many dynamics of exchange and partnership in an unexplored area.

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Interview with the Department of Moselle and the Metz Eurometropolis

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On the border between France, Germany and Luxembourg, the cross-border territory hosting the MOT's general assembly on June 27th and 28th, 2023, in Metz is a hub for cross-border news, projects and issues.

Joint interview

François Grosdidier, President of Metz Eurometropolis and mayor of Metz.



Patrick Weiten, President of the department of Moselle and former member of Parliament



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What are the cross-border issues in your territory and the obstacles to cooperation?

Patrick Weiten : Moselle is one of the 4 French departments that shares a border with two other European states. It represented 3/4ths of the external borders of the former Lorraine Region. It includes 4/5ths of the Franco-Luxembourg border. Every day, 100,000 Moselle residents cross the border to go to work. Moselle is the 2nd French department in terms of the number of cross-border workers. This is both an asset and a challenge for all those involved in the region. Moselle is therefore at the heart of a cross-border area where there are real economic opportunities. In choosing to develop an innovative and ambitious cross-border policy, the department of Moselle has drawn

on its strengths in human and territorial solidarity. In a special context that is unparalleled in France, it has developed local solutions, both with the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and with the German Länder.

François Grosdidier : The Metz Eurometropolis balances out its Luxembourgian counterpart, to the south and north of our shared living area. We face the same challenges in terms of higher education, health, training, employment, culture and mobility. With 10% of its working population working in the Grand Duchy, the Eurometropolis is also faced with a growing phenomenon that we need to take into account on a broad scale in Northern Lorraine. These cross-border workers face major mobility problems: congested motorways, overcrowded trains, etc. and have specific needs that we need to take into

account: public service schedules, the need for information on their rights and duties, and so on. In terms of cooperation, one of the key features of our cross-border relationship is that our partner is a sovereign state with multiple stakeholders: the state, the region, the departments, and the local authorities. The question of governance is therefore a major one for building a shared vision of the development of our Nord-Lorraine territory with Luxembourg and for carrying out joint projects. We need, I believe even more than anywhere else, the French State to understand our situation in all its complexity and in all its dimensions, including territorial.



How can we respond to these challenges?

François Grosdidier: The Metz Eurometropolis wanted to offer a specific service to border workers in its area by creating its Maison du Luxembourg. The first task of the Maison du Luxembourg is to answer the questions of cross-border commuters by providing them with individual advice, online resources and events (webinars, themed afternoons, the Border Workers' Village). All this work is only possible because we have managed to bring together and put in contact, in our area, all the institutional players and contacts likely to shed light on specific cross-border issues: CAF, Public Finances, CROUS, CARSAT, etc. In total, around twenty partners are involved in the Maison du Luxembourg initiative. We are also delighted to see our partnerships developing on the other side of the border. At the same time, the Eurometropolis is involved in strategic issues relating to cross-border issues. From developments in teleworking to the work being done to combat double taxation, from support for cooperation in education to the development of suitable transport

What are the latest developments and the cross-border projects you are working on?

Patrick Weiten : Through its participation in various multilateral and bilateral cross-border cooperation bodies, as well as in the Monitoring Committee for the INTERREG VI A Grande Région programme, the department of Moselle is constantly involved in resolving everyday issues. That's why hosting the MOT General Assembly will give us an opportunity to present our range of actions and concrete achievements.

infrastructure and services, the Eurometropolis is committed to serving the interests of the region and its residents on a daily basis.

Patrick Weiten: Since cross-border cooperation is in its DNA, as much because of its geographical location as its attachment to the values on which European integration is based, I proposed that the department of Moselle should be recognised as a French Eurodepartment. At my instigation, the Departmental Assembly unanimously decided on May 9th, 2019 to call for the extension of its powers in order to act more effectively and simplify the many partnerships with its European neighbours. This should facilitate the development of responses that are specifically



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cross-border and pragmatic, since they are linked to the day-to-day realities of its inhabitants. This is already the case for cooperation between fire and rescue services, and for the development of a joint response to the shortage of labour in sectors under pressure. As a legitimate player in human and territorial solidarity, I wanted the department of Moselle to take this cross-border dimension into account in all of its public policies. As part of the Schumann legacy, the department is there for its inhabitants from the first smile to the last breath. It deploys innovative, ambitious and pragmatic solutions for them.

François Grosdidier: Hosting the MOT General Assembly at the end of June, of course! We are delighted to be able to welcome stakeholders from regions that share our concerns and challenges. The Eurometropolis has also initiated a closer collaboration with the 16 public inter-municipal cooperation bodies (EPCI) of the Nord Lorraine region, which share a common set of challenges, foremost among which is the metropolisation of Luxembourg. It is important to have forums for exchange and coordination in order to provide coordinated responses to common problems.

We also have major partnerships with Germany in the fields of business (World Trade Center Metz-Sarrebruck), higher education and culture. The forthcoming opening of new rail links should enable us to increase these exchanges. Metz is a city where you can follow your entire school curriculum, from nursery school to a PhD, in Franco-German courses: from our bicultural schools to the Franco-German campus of ENSAM or ISFATES, our ecosystem is built to take advantage of this cross-border commitment.

To be continued.

What are your priorities for the new Interreg 2021-2027 programme?

François Grosdidier : Interreg is a great opportunity to develop new partnerships. For this new programme, the City of Metz is leading a major project entitled «GRACE» (Great Region Artistic Cooperation), which aims to extend artistic education to all citizens of the Grande Région.

Patrick Weiten: Thanks to the strength of its experience over several decades and after leading the largest cross-border multilingualism project, SESAM GR, the department of Moselle is continuing its commitment to learning the languages of its neighbours through

new initiatives: the ENGAGEMENT GR project, strengthening partnerships between Moselle and Saarland secondary schools, and working towards the creation of a Franco-Luxembourgian secondary school.

In terms of mobility, it is deploying environmentally-friendly solutions, in particular by campaigning for the reopening of passenger transport lines, making it easier for both cross-border workers and everyday users to get around, such as the Saar/Luxembourg rail link via Moselle.

To promote good living, the department of Moselle will also be carrying out a project on the prevention of dependency entitled Senior Activ 2. This project aims to develop a digital component and new practices for senior citizens with

a view to care for them at home, as well as facilitating the work of carers. This is also the case for the Bliesbruck-Reinheim European Archaeological Park, an open-air laboratory for local Franco-German cooperation. Thanks to its recognition as a functional area within the Interreg Grande Région programme and the creation of a multi-level cross-border association, it will be possible to overcome the border effect in the organisation of joint activities on either side of the Franco-German border, thus allowing for the application of exemption and experimentation clauses as envisaged in the Treaty of Aachen.

A conference highlights the challenges of France-Luxembourg cooperation

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On Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023 the MOT hosted a conference on France-Luxembourg cross-border cooperation organised by the Meurthe-et-Moselle department.

With more than 70 participants, elected representatives and technicians from northern

Lorraine and the Greater Region, it was structured around three round tables:

- The first, entitled «Ageing well in cross-border territories», addressed the issues linked to demographic changes in the cross-border territory, ageing, and the problems regarding access to rights and access to healthcare across the border.
- The second, «Sobriety in cross-border territories», dealt with the thorny issue

of preserving cross-border resources and common goods (water, energy, food, land) in a territory with strong demographic and economic growth (mainly on the Luxembourgian side).

- The last session, «Towards balanced territorial development», looked at ways of meeting these territorial demands. It provided an opportunity to hear the conflicting points of view on this aspect, between the co-financing of projects, overall financial compensation or compensation on a case-by-case basis, the need for a cross-border territory project, and individual responsibility.

The day highlighted the awareness that has been raised in recent years on both sides of the border regarding the cross-border challenges at work, and the efforts made to improve cooperation and work together. However, in view of the urgent need for action, the local players have called for greater mobilisation of the State on the French side, and the president of the Meurthe-et-Moselle departmental council has launched an appeal to define together the priority political and cross-border guidelines for demographic, ecological and economic transitions.

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NETWORK EVENTS



MOT GENERAL ASSEMBLY ONLINE

Many projects in sight!

PUBLISHED IN FEBRUARY 2023

The first MOT general assembly of 2023 was held virtually on February 7th, with more than 80 participants online, including many elected representatives from all over France.



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The validation of the budget and the 2023 work programme, the presentation of the new members since the last General Assembly (the Community of Municipalities of Guillestrois Queyras, and the Department of Meuse) and a debate with David Djaïz, General Rapporteur of the National Council for Refoundation, were all on the agenda.

President Christian Dupessey announced that the next General Assembly will be held in Metz, on the France-Germany-Luxembourg border, on the 27th and 28th of June 2023, at the invitation of the Moselle Department and the Metz Eurometropolis.

A REFLECTION ON THE EVOLUTION OF THE STRUCTURE

The president informed the whole network of the follow-up to the call of elected border representatives launched at the General Assembly in Bayonne in October: «following our exchanges with the minister Dominique Faure, and a working meeting held in January, we will draw up a «road map» by June. Its purpose will be to work with each of our national members to specify their commitment to cross-border cooperation, what they expect from the MOT association, and its role». He announced the course to be followed:

- **In the first half of 2023:** a «national» pillar with the drafting of the roadmap and an exchange on the status which will be discussed at the General Assembly in Metz;
- **In the second half of 2023:** a «network» pillar with the launch of an «association

project» which will aim to debate the values, objectives, functioning, and means of the MOT. It will be drawn up with all members and partners. The association's project «towards 2030», and the three-year programme 2024-2026, can then be approved at the General Assembly in early 2024.

DENSE WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2023

The annual work programme was detailed and then voted unanimously. It is divided into three areas. Details of some of the new features:

FOCUS 1: PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK AND AN OVERALL STRATEGY FOR CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION

- Support for the relaunch of the «European cross-border mechanism 2.0
- Follow-up of the draft «Schengen Borders Code» regulation
- Support for the organisation of cross-border NRCs (see page 22)
- Support to the 21/27 programming
- Work on cross-border observation
- Follow-up of the DG REGIO/OECD pilot action with three border sites at the French borders
- Support for cooperation in the framework of bilateral treaties
- Organisation of events (two with the General Inspectorate for the Environment and Sustainable Development, another on maritime borders, etc.)
- Continuation of the European cooperation MOT/ARFE/CESCI

FOCUS 2: FACILITATE PROJECTS AND ACTIONS BETWEEN CROSS-BORDER ACTORS

- Annual event in Metz in June
- A colloquium on France-Luxembourg bilateral and cross-border cooperation
- Publication of a cross-border statistical study with the Observatoire des Territoires
- Preparation of a booklet on health cooperation
- A training course with the CNFPT («The cross-border DG»)
- Undertaking of the redesigning of the website

FOCUS 3: DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT CROSS-BORDER PROJECTS

- Support for the DCP programme (alongside the ANCT) with individualised support for border sites, the setting up of an animation component for border DCPs; and support for the France Services programme
- Numerous supports for territories such as: Ardenne Transfrontalière, Alzette-Belval, Massif du Jura; and participation in Interreg projects (2 Alcotra ISO1 projects in the process of being set up on observation and governance).

→ **AN EXCHANGE WITH DAVID DJAIÏZ TO PROMOTE CROSS-BORDER NRCS**

The General Assembly ended with an exchange with David Djaïz, general rapporteur of the National Council for Refoundation (NCR), who presented the NCR's approach and its methodology based on 3 principles:

- A partnership between the State, organised civil society, and public authorities.
- Differentiation and territorialisation: the major national objectives are based on territories and differentiated analyses according to local issues.

- An objective method based on facts and observation. David Djaïz emphasised the «tailor-made» dimension of each NCR: «once the project is mature, it is financed by a dedicated fund to provide local actors - according to the relevant scale - with the means and tools to enable them to meet the defined objectives».

Four major themes are highlighted: education, health, employment and ecological transition; with a geographical unit recommended for setting up each NCR project: that of the «living area».



Working group

Decarbonizing cross-border mobility, a real challenge!

PUBLISHED IN MARCH



On Friday, March 17th, 2023 the 3rd meeting of the MOT working group «Cross-border ecological transition» was held on the theme of decarbonizing cross-border mobility. The exchanges were organized in two parts.

In the first part, the meeting highlighted the decarbonization issues of cross-border metropolitan mobility with testimonies from

the Eurometropolis of Strasbourg and the Euroregion New Aquitaine - Euskadi - Navarre. In the second phase, the exchanges focused on the problems and solutions related to the decarbonization of mobility in dispersed cross-border territories with testimonies from the Arc Jurassien territory and the French-Italian transalpine border,

at the heart of the challenges of the future Lyon-Turin link.

These exchanges allowed for an enriching sharing of experiences surrounding the common challenges faced by border territories as they aim to decarbonize their mobility and the solutions they can implement to tackle them. The session concluded with a presentation by the Banque des Territoires, which presented different modes of intervention (financing, territorial engineering, etc.) in decarbonized mobility infrastructures.

The next meeting of the working group will be held online on Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023 from 2 to 4 pm to address the following question: «How to better involve citizens in the ecological transition of cross-border territories?»

The presentations of the speakers and the replay link are available on the Members' Area of the MOT website.

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«Mobility without borders», find the proceedings of the MOT-IGEDD seminar!

PUBLISHED IN APRIL 2023

On February 15th, 2023, the General Inspectorate for the Environment and Sustainable Development (IGEDD) organized a seminar in partnership with the MOT, «Border areas, between attractiveness and interdependence». Its objective: to answer questions about the role of mobility and how it is taken into account in public policies. The seminar speakers (elected officials, researchers, technicians) dealt with this issue in two parts:

Firstly, they highlighted the common issues of these spaces that form «cross-border living areas» and the different types of cooperation that are emerging. The «correspondence between living areas and mobility areas linked to the strong development of cross-border work and commuter flows» was emphasized. During the second part of the seminar, the study of the situation in several territories (Jura, Genevois, Alsace, Lille Basin,

Nord-Lorraine, etc.) showed that, although the search for connectivity is on the agenda - in particular via public transport - the performance of mobility still suffers overall from the lack of integration of approaches that transcend borders, and ultimately presents numerous discontinuities. Several speakers emphasized that «efficient treatment of the role of mobility requires better planning to facilitate the structuring of space at the right scale», and that «the willingness of the States, but above all of the local authorities of the territories concerned, to promote approaches at the right level is essential».

The MOT's director general, Jean Peyrony, and its president, Christian Dupessey, spoke respectively at the opening and closing round tables of the event.



NOTE
Find the complete proceedings of the event:

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CNFPT-MOT Training Days

PUBLISHED IN APRIL 2023



On March 2nd and 3rd, 2023, the CNFPT and the MOT organized two days of training in Strasbourg: «The cross-border DG: what strategy for the development of border territories?»

The materials are now available [in French] to the MOT network on the members' area of its website («Formations»).

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This initiative, which was a great success with some forty participants uniting with various experts, is to be repeated!



Working group

Citizen participation to make a success of the cross-border ecological transition

PUBLISHED IN MAY 2023

On May 2nd, 2023, the 4th meeting of the «Cross-border ecological transition» working group of the MOT network, which brought together about thirty participants around the question: «how to better involve citizens in the ecological transition of cross-border territories?», took place.

Four experiences relating to citizen participation in ecological transition projects with a cross-border dimension were shared:

- **The Citizen Space of Europe on the territory of the Eurometropolis Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai**, for which the citizens involved in the process have gradually made the choice to place ecology at the heart of the group's reflections.

- **The project «Klimawandel in deiner Region – engagiere dich jetzt!»** aims to make the voice of young people heard around climate issues in the Bodensee/ Lake Constance region, in a logic of strong inclusiveness.

- **The cross-border participatory budget «IDEAK»**, a first on French borders, jointly supported by the Department of Pyrénées-Atlantiques and the Diputacion de Gipuzkoa: it allows citizens to both propose cross-border actions and participate in their selection.

- **The ambitious citizen participation process «Cross-border territorial vision 2050»**, which is intended to co-construct,

with the inhabitants, the «Greater Geneva of carbon neutrality».

Following these testimonies, the session ended with a time of collective reflection on the obstacles and keys to success of citizen participation processes carried out in a cross-border context. This work will give rise to a synthetic deliverable on the issue. Find the replay as well as the presentation materials in the Members' Area of the MOT website (reserved for members - in French only).

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Working group

Understanding the flows and functioning of cross-border living areas?

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On April 13th, 2023, the second meeting of the MOT-ANCT working group dedicated to observation, co-hosted by the Atlantic and Pyrenees Urban Planning Agency (AUDAP) and the French Riviera Agglomeration Community (CARF), took place. This exchange followed a first session in October 2022 which focused on employment and economic development

for which it is often difficult to find cross-border data. Following this meeting, the group wanted to work on the issue of cross-border flows other than «home-work» flows. Today there is an increased need for better knowledge of the nature of these exchanges, which would allow for an understanding of cross-border territories that is as close as possible to reality.

The session of April 13th made it possible to present various projects, in particular to see those which could be reproduced on other borders:

- Cerema presented the MMUST project, a methodology to observe cross-border travel flows in the Greater Region.
- The Pyrénées-Atlantiques departmental tourism agency and the company Orange

presented «vision flow» data and how it can be used across borders.

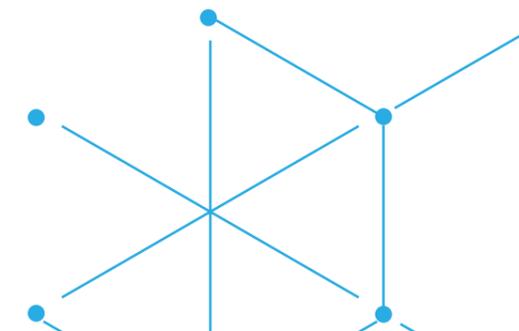
- The CCI (Chamber of Commerce and Industry) of Moselle presented a survey on cross-border consumption between the Grand Est region and its neighboring countries.

Around these three insightful presentations, the many participants were able to express their needs. A new meeting is planned for the autumn!

The recordings of the session and all the presentations are available to members in the Members' Area of the MOT website [in French only].

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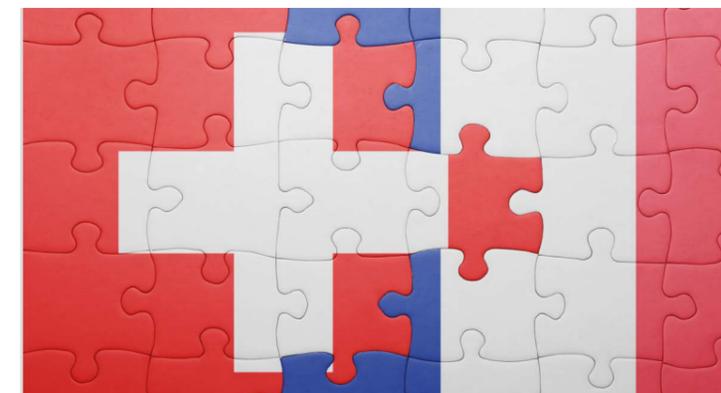
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Franco-Swiss agreement on cross-border telework finally reached

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After many months of negotiations, Switzerland and France have finally reached an agreement on the taxation of cross-border telework, an issue that concerns hundreds of thousands of workers.



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Since the COVID crisis, teleworking between the two countries has boomed. In May 2020, France and Switzerland signed an agreement to ensure that this practice would not affect the taxation of frontier workers. This agreement that was extended several times, but Paris was looking for a long-term solution. The new agreement concluded at the end of 2022, and which came into force at the beginning of 2023, provides for taxation in the state where the employer is located as long as teleworking from the country of residence does not exceed 40% of working time per year. This decision is especially significant

in cantons such as Geneva, where cross-border commuters are numerous and play an essential role, especially in health care institutions. In addition to the more than 200,000 cross-border commuters at national level, other workers covered by the 1966 bilateral tax treaty, which aimed to eliminate double taxation on income and wealth, will also benefit from this approach. This

agreement therefore concerns a significant number of workers on both sides of the border and will facilitate teleworking without the risk of a change of their status.

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A group on observation within the Franco-German CCT

PUBLISHED IN JANUARY



The constitutive meeting of the «Cross-border territorial observation» working group (GT/OTT) of the French-German Cross-border Cooperation Committee (CCT) was held in Strasbourg on December 15th under the co-chairmanship of the Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development (BBSR) and the National Agency for Territorial Cohesion (ANCT).

The MOT attended this kick-off meeting, which provided an overview of cross-border monitoring in France and Germany, and discussed the question of statistics on frontier workers (current situation, issues and prospects). The next meeting is planned to be held at the end of 2023.

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Results of the first Franco-German spatial planning pilot project (MORO)

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On December 14th, 2022, the closing conference of the first Franco-German spatial planning pilot project (MORO) was held in Strasbourg, with Jean Peyrony, director general of the MOT, and other experts sharing their knowledge at several round tables.

MORO projects have been an important instrument of federal spatial planning in Germany for 25 years, as they allow regions and municipalities to test tailor-made approaches and tools with federal support. The pilot project, which was supported equally by German and French partners*, aimed to bring the spatial planning cultures of France and Germany closer together.

The gaps in cross-border spatial planning and the challenges of territorial integration of cross-border regions were the starting points for the French-German MORO project initiative. The working process was based on the Planspiel method (simulation games) applied to border living areas, and more precisely to two territories: the Upper Rhine and the Greater Region.

The Planspiele for the two territories took place in autumn 2021, approximately one year before the closing conference, which was aimed at experts from local and territorial authorities as well as all political representatives concerned by the planning issues of a cross-border or inter-territorial territory (InterSCOT approaches). On this occasion, the results and recommendations for action were presented and discussed with the participants during three thematic round tables and one reflective one. The event was an opportunity to understand the richness of the approach and to discover the recommendations that came out of it.

* On the German side: Federal Ministry for Housing, Urban Development and Building (BMWSB), Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development (BBSR). On the French side: Agence nationale de la cohésion des territoires (ANCT), Région Grand Est, Collectivité européenne d'Alsace, Eurométropole de Strasbourg.

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TWO TERRITORIES ANALYSED

The objective of **the Upper Rhine Planspiel**, piloted by the Grand Est region, was to strengthen the economic attractiveness and benefit from the development potential of the territory. To this end, a first phase consisting of Franco-German political sponsorship following a «policy of small steps» was proposed.

The Greater Region Planspiel aimed to build a framework for the development of a cross-border conurbation concept for the SaarMoselle Eurodistrict in order to better integrate territorial development. It was led by the Saarbrücken Regional Association. The discussions of this Planspiel were informed by the results of a comparative study, to which the MOT contributed, on the management of large-scale commercial projects, which aimed to identify the differences and similarities in the legal framework for development projects in France and Germany. Existing cooperation structures will play an important role in the development of such an agglomeration project, and the human and financial resources obtained through the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC) will also be essential.

Signing of the Treaty of Barcelona: Advances for cross-border cooperation?

PUBLISHED IN JANUARY 2023

On Thursday, January 19th, 2023, President Emmanuel Macron and Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez signed an important Franco-Spanish cooperation treaty, the «Treaty of Barcelona», in the Catalan capital. What advances does it contain in terms of cross-border cooperation?

in 2021 with Italy. One of the objectives of the Treaty of Barcelona is to place Franco-Spanish cooperation in a resolutely European framework.

The treaty provides for, among other things, Franco-Spanish councils for youth, defence and security, a working group on migration issues - the latter being a particularly sensitive subject since the closure of the Banyuls pass in January 2021 - and large-scale projects such as the H2Med hydro-pipeline which plans to link Marseille and Barcelona.

For the territories bordering the French-Spanish border, notable progress can be seen in the «joint definition of a cross-border cooperation strategy», and the creation of a «consultative border cooperation committee».



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This treaty joins the list of recent cooperation treaties signed by France that include a specific chapter dedicated to cross-border cooperation, such as the Treaty of Aachen, signed in 2019 with Germany, and the Quirinal Treaty, signed

ARTICLES 30 AND 31 OF THE TREATY ARE GROUPED UNDER TITLE IX: CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION [IN FRENCH]:

« Article 30

1. Les Parties s'engagent à maintenir des relations de bon voisinage et à coopérer étroitement pour répondre aux défis spécifiques de l'espace frontalier pyrénéen et des bassins de vie partagés, afin de faciliter la vie quotidienne de leurs habitants.
2. Les Parties reconnaissent le rôle que jouent à cet égard les collectivités territoriales dans le cadre de leurs compétences. Elles dotent les collectivités frontalières et organismes de coopération frontalière de compétences appropriées pour dynamiser les échanges et la coopération, y compris pour la création et prestation de services publics communs, en matière sociale, sanitaire, environnementale, énergétique, éducative, culturelle et de transports. Elles soutiennent les projets qui favorisent l'intégration de cet espace et la réalisation de son potentiel humain, économique et environnemental, conformément aux objectifs de développement durable et de la politique européenne de cohésion.
3. Les Parties favorisent l'apprentissage de la langue du voisin et son utilisation dans la vie quotidienne des espaces transfrontaliers.
4. Les Parties encouragent le dialogue entre administrations et parlements sur la transposition du droit de l'Union européenne

afin d'éviter les divergences de droit préjudiciables aux échanges dans les espaces transfrontaliers.

5. Si les Parties rencontrent des différences de législation qui entravent la réalisation de projets de coopération frontalières, elles s'efforcent d'élaborer une solution juridique ad hoc, dans le respect de leurs systèmes nationaux de répartitions de compétences, qui permette de dépasser cette difficulté.

Article 31

1. Les Parties réaffirment les principes du Traité relatif à la coopération transfrontalière entre collectivités territoriales, signé à Bayonne le 10 mars 1995, dont le suivi est assuré par la Commission franco-espagnole de coopération transfrontalière entre collectivités territoriales, mise en place par échange de lettres à Foix le 21 octobre 1994.
2. Les Parties renforcent les cadres de coopération frontalière, y compris par la définition conjointe d'une stratégie de coopération transfrontalière en application du présent Traité.
3. Les Parties créent un comité de coopération frontalière à caractère consultatif, associant les administrations compétentes et d'autres parties prenantes, notamment pour suivre la mise en œuvre de la stratégie de coopération frontalière prévue par le présent Traité, proposer des projets concrets et suggérer des solutions pour permettre leur réalisation. »



A «roadmap» for cross-border cooperation

PUBLISHED IN JANUARY 2023

On the agenda of the working meeting between the MOT and minister Dominique Faure: A «roadmap» for cross-border cooperation. On January 10th, 2023, MOT president Christian Dupessey*, accompanied by director-general Jean Peyrony and secretary-general Aurélien Biscuit, were invited to a work meeting by minister Dominique Faure**.

This was an opportunity to discuss cross-border living areas as well as the concrete implementation of the «roadmap» announced by the minister at the MOT general assembly in Bayonne on October 5th of last year,

designed to «perfect the national information and technical support system offered to local authorities on cross-border issues». This roadmap will be prepared to be presented at the MOT general assembly on June 27th in Metz.

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* Mayor of Annemasse, President of the Metropolitan Pole of the French Genevois
 ** Deputy Minister to the Ministry for Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion in charge of Local Authorities and Rural Affairs



60th anniversary of the Elysée Treaty: French regions and German Länder meet

PUBLISHED IN JANUARY 2023

At the invitation of the Regions of France and the Grand Est Region, a meeting between representatives of the French regions and members of the Conference of Ministers of European Affairs was held in Strasbourg on the 17th and 18th of January 2023. The representatives of the two countries also discussed the regional implementation of the Green Pact for Europe and youth employment in the Franco-German context, as well as the prospects for action that European funds open up at regional level. On this occasion, Regions and Länder committed themselves with a joint declaration to accelerate the green and environmental transition of the territories in light of the European Green Deal.

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A legal framework for cross-border learning

PUBLISHED IN MARCH 2023

On March 8th, 2023, the French Minister of Labor, Full Employment and Integration, Olivier Dussopt, presented to the Council of Ministers the draft law establishing a legal framework for cross-border apprenticeships. This text - which is based on the possibilities offered by the «3DS» law (Differentiation, Decentralization, Deconcentration and Simplification of Local Public Action) of February 21st, 2022 [In France] - «opens up the possibility for apprentices who so wish to carry out part of their practical or theoretical training in a country bordering France, provided that a bilateral agreement exists with the country concerned». Among the proposals: «the management of all cross-border apprenticeship contracts will be entrusted to a single Opco, designated by the minister responsible for vocational training».



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Publication of the IGA report: a new dynamic for cross-border cooperation in France?

PUBLISHED IN MARCH 2023



Following a mission of the Inspection générale de l'administration (IGA) carried out in 2022, during which many members of the MOT network were consulted, an important report entitled «Cross-border cooperation of local authorities» was published on February 16th 2023. **Jean Peyrony, director general of the MOT, highlights the noteworthy recommendations.**

drawing up a roadmap for a cross-border policy for France, a multi-level technical tool to be shared by the relevant ministries and the MOT which would aim to serve local and regional, as well as national and European, actors of cooperation. This roadmap could be presented at the MOT general assembly to be held on the 27th and 28th of June in Metz. This roadmap will be based on the IGA report.

The MOT welcomes the prospect of implementing this report, which has confirmed several recommendations of previous reports, such as the parliamentary report «Blanc Keller Sanchez Schmid» in 2010, or the MEAE's White Paper «Diplomacy and territories» in 2016.

The success of the training course co-organized by the MOT and the CNFPT on March 2nd and 3rd, 2023 confirms the relevance of these recommendations, and shows that these training courses can guide both state services and local cooperation actors.»

* Deputy Minister to the Minister of the Interior and the Minister of Ecological Transition, in charge of territorial collectivities, and to the Minister of Ecological Transition, in charge of rural affairs.



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Among the recommendations contained in the IGA report, we highlight in particular:

- Recommendation No. 2: Extend to each border a coordination mechanism comparable to that between France and Germany, under the presidency of a regional prefect.
- Recommendation 4: Systematize the monitoring of cross-border cooperation issues, under the supervision of ministers for foreign affairs and local authorities, in particular by organizing at least one annual interministerial meeting.
- Recommendation 5: In parallel with the desired modification of the MOT's statutes, include its relations with the State in a multi-year framework agreement specifying the objectives pursued and the missions entrusted.
- Recommendation 6: Before any assignment to a border department, provide training for prefects and sub-prefects in the specificities of working with foreign states or communities.
- Recommendation 11: Provide training for elected officials and local civil servants on border issues (CNFPT) and systematize annual exchanges of experiences and best practices between border elected officials, using the resources of the MOT and in conjunction with the major networks of local authorities.

ARL report on cities and metropolises in France and Germany

PUBLISHED IN APRIL 2023



Following the conference «Cities and Metropolises in France and Germany» on March 14th, this report of the ARL (Academy for Territorial Development in the Leibniz Association) is available in French and in English. It includes a contribution by Jean Peyrony, Franziska Sielker and Thomas Perrin, entitled «Cross-border territorial cooperation between France and Germany: evolution, convergence and perspectives».

Note: Jean Peyrony, director general of the MOT, also led a round table at the event on March 14th.

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Several studies on cross-border cooperation on Germany's borders

PUBLISHED IN MAY 2023

At the conference «Border Region Academy: Border regions of Germany with its neighboring countries» organized by the German Federal Office for Spatial Planning on April 20th and 21st in Berlin, in which the MOT participated, several significant studies for cross-border cooperation were presented.

- A study on the analysis of the impact of legislation on cross-border spaces, carried out by the Euro-Institute, ITEM and the MOT.
- A study on experimental clauses in cross-border cooperation, carried out by Prof. Dr. Michael Frey and Rahel Alia Müller.
- An inventory and potential analysis of «regional councils» (i.e. «cross-border governance structures») in the field of cross-border cooperation, conducted by Prof. Dr. Tobias Chilla and Markus Lambracht.

- An inventory and potential analysis of «border scouts» (i.e. «cross-border information points») in the field of cross-border cooperation, by Dr. Norbert Cyrus and the Viadrina University Frankfurt/Oder.

The conference of April 20th and 21st, moderated by Professor Tobias Chilla (Institute of Geography, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg), brought together the German cross-border network: Länder and border communities, Euroregions, with interventions by senior officials from three German federal ministries, and parliamentarians from various parties.

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Publication of the study on the impact analysis of legislation on cross-border areas

PUBLISHED IN MAY 2023

The Treaty of Aachen mandated the Franco-German Cross-Border Cooperation Committee (CBC) to analyse the impact of legislation on border regions, with the aim of avoiding «the emergence of new legal difficulties in everyday cross-border life».

It is in this context that a study on the evaluation of the impact of legislation on cross-border areas was commissioned by the German Federal Foreign Office to the Euro-Institute of Kehl, the Institute for Transnational and Euregional Cross Border Cooperation and Mobility of the University of Maastricht (ITEM) and the MOT. Its objective: to develop recommendations

for the implementation of impact studies on border areas in the legislative process. The study that has just been published was officially presented on May 2nd in Strasbourg to 70 French and German experts (40 in person). This presentation was followed by an interactive exchange which allowed to develop concrete proposals for the implementation of such impact studies in Germany and France.



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FRANCE-LUXEMBOURG:

7th Intergovernmental Commission

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The 7th Franco-Luxembourg Intergovernmental Commission (IGC) was held in Thionville on April 17th, 2023, in the presence of Laurence Boone, Secretary of State to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, responsible for Europe, and Corinne Cahen, Minister for the Greater Region of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Prepared by a Franco-Luxembourg consultative committee, in which the MOT took part, and chaired by the prefect of Moselle, this 7th IGC was open to French local authorities (region and border departments). Among the topics on the table: teleworking, mobility, health, and training.

With the number of French border workers in Luxembourg constantly increasing - more than 120,000 in 2023 - mobility and employment issues were at the heart of the discussions:

- **Concerning the teleworking of border workers**, the mechanism set up between the two countries that has simplified administrative procedures for Luxembourg employers in cases of crossing the tax tolerance threshold, recently raised from 29 to 34 days of teleworking per year, was highlighted.
- **In the area of transport**, an investment of 440 million euros - co-financed in equal parts by the two countries - has been

approved to improve border transport, particularly between Metz and Thionville. The arrival of new trains will increase the number of seats from 8,000 to 14,000 by 2024, and then to 22,000 by 2028-2030. New cross-border high-speed bus routes (BHNS) from Thionville are being planned by the Moselle departmental council, and a comprehensive study on cross-border mobility between Luxembourg and the cross-border employment area in France is soon to be launched.

- **In the field of health**, a declaration of intent has been signed to create an observatory for health data, monitoring, and warning. Its objective: to anticipate epidemics while referencing the health personnel on both sides of the border. «The ultimate goal is to optimize health care pathways, to ensure that every Luxembourg and every French person can find the specialists they need without too much bureaucracy,» said Laurence Boone.

- Other advances in cooperation include the **development of bilingualism**, the organization and governance of **education and hospitality services**, and **internal security**.

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The MOT at ANCTour

PUBLISHED IN JUNE 2023



The MOT was present on Tuesday, May 23rd, at the Palais des Congrès in Paris for the ANCTour, an event bringing together all the services, programmes and schemes of the Agence Nationale de la Cohésion des Territoires.



In the presence of Dominique Faure, minister for Territorial Communities and Rural Affairs, the Small Towns of Tomorrow programme led the 2023 National Meeting of Small Towns of Tomorrow. On this occasion, the MOT was able to exchange views with a number of small border towns. Today, 1,643 Small Towns of Tomorrow are supported by this national programme, of which the MOT is a partner «in action».

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The MOT invited to the AMF cross-border working group

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In 2022, the French mayors' association (Association des Maires de France) set up a working group on cross-border cooperation, the inaugural meeting of which was held last October.

Co-chaired by Sébastien Populaire, mayor of Touillon-et-Loutelet (25) and Didier Cuijves, mayor of Paulhac (31), a second meeting of the group was held on the 17th of April to which the MOT, and in particular its president, Christian Dupessey, was invited. At the end of this meeting, several paths for cooperation were considered, including: granting the MOT the status of associate member of the working group; scheduling a segment devoted to cross-border cooperation at the next Congress of mayors; initiating joint consideration of the training of elected representatives on these subjects.

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B-solutions: a new expertise for the MOT on the subject of health

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The MOT has been asked to address a new obstacle to cross-border cooperation in the context of the 2022 call for b-solutions projects. It concerns a case brought by its member, the Alzette Belval EGTC, which aims to establish of a France-Luxembourg medical emergency management community.

In the France-Luxembourg territory of Alzette Belval with more than 100,000 inhabitants, in the event of a life-threatening accident on the French side, the emergency number refers to the Service d'Aide Médicale Urgente (SAMU) attached to the French hospitals for an intervention from the French hospitals (30 km from Audun-le-Tiche) and not from Luxembourg (5 km from Audun-le-Tiche). The intervention time is therefore much longer.

However, there is a framework agreement on cross-border health cooperation on this border, signed in 2016, which regulates emergency interventions in border areas and aims to facilitate the crossing of the border and the intervention of the nearest emergency services. However, because the emergency number is geolocated only at national level and not with the nearest hospital, the intervention of the nearest emergency services is rare and highly regulated. The MOT will look for solutions to solve this obstacle to cross-border cooperation.

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The MOT at the annual conference of the TEIN network

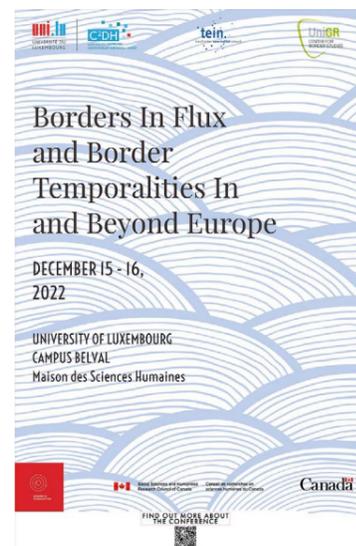
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On December 14th, 2022, the MOT took part, as a member, in the General Assembly of the TEIN (Transfrontier Euro-Institut Network), which preceded the two-day annual conference «Borders In Flux and Border Temporalities In and Beyond Europe», on December 15th and 16th at the University of Luxembourg in Esch-Belval.

This was an opportunity to welcome the University of the Greater Region as a member of the network and to discuss different projects mobilising the members, but also

more globally to evoke the present and future partnerships between the TEIN network and the MOT-ARFE-CESCI cooperation, the three structures being each represented on this occasion.

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PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT ON REGIONS WITH GEOGRAPHIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC HANDICAPS

Three questions for Marie-Antoinette Maupertuis

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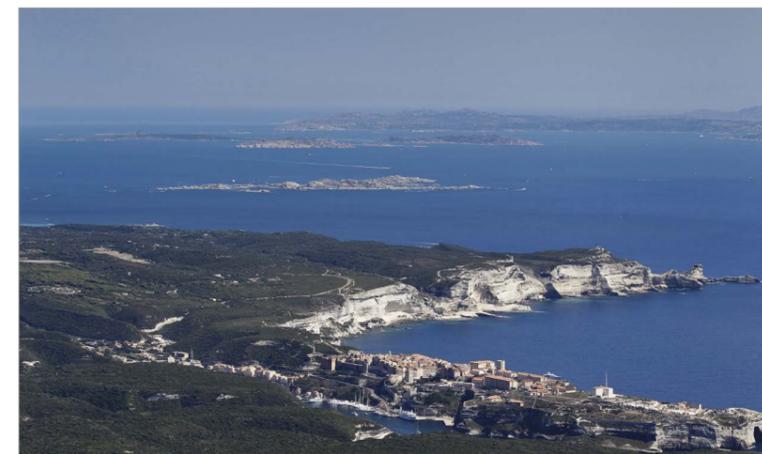


Marie-Antoinette Maupertuis, President of the Corsican Assembly and member of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR), answers our questions following the publication of her report to the CoR on regions with «geographic and demographic handicaps». **What about border areas?**

The report you presented to the Committee of the Regions in December on regions with geographical and demographic handicaps was unanimously adopted. What is the reason for this report?

The aim of Article 174 of the TFEU is to prevent and correct the development difficulties of European territories suffering from structural geographical and demographic disadvantages such as mountain areas, islands, northern regions, etc. It is binding for cohesion policy but also for other European policies such as transport, energy or competition law. However, we can see the shortcomings of its current application. Disparities between these highly constrained territories and the rest of the EU have increased sharply, as highlighted in the 8th cohesion report.

This report is the logical continuation of a long-standing commitment to these territories, notably as a member of the COTER Commission of the European Committee of the Regions.



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In 2020, I had already presented a report to recall the multiple constraints from which islands suffer and to plead for more support from the Union.

This new report contributes to putting the subject of territories with severe disadvantages on the European agenda and is a very useful resource for all those who defend their interests. Its unanimous adoption is a testament to the importance of these issues for many local communities.

What about cross-border regions in particular?

Cross-border regions are rich and complex territories which are the essence of the European Union. The health crisis has revealed the specific problems that affect them and which nevertheless continue to be poorly understood at the level of the Commission.

My report calls for a systematic study of the development of effective and sustainable cross-border public services. This concerns, for example, health care or worker mobility, areas that have been under great strain during the Covid-19 crisis. I also state in the report that the European Cross-Border Mechanism (ECBM) should be unblocked because it would remove 50% of the obstacles to the development of border regions.

At EU level, progress is often achieved through repeated and coordinated action by stakeholders. This is why it is essential to advocate, at each level, the cause of cross-border regions, as we have done with some success for islands.

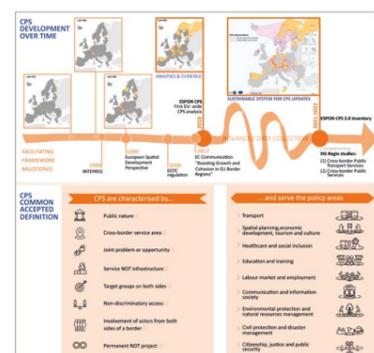
The Interreg 2021-2027 programmes have just been published. What are the cross-border issues and priorities for Corsica?

Corsica is a unique case, because we border all the Mediterranean regions. Interregional, transnational and cross-border cooperation is therefore a fundamental issue. We have set up many partnerships within the framework of Interreg Italy-France Marittimo, in particular around environmental issues but also tourism and culture. At the same time, as President of the Assembly of Corsica and co-president of the Corso-Sardinian Council, I advocate reinforced cooperation with the Italian regions. This is an issue that is particularly close to my heart, and I hope that in the future the MOT will become a leading partner to provide us with its experience and expertise in cross-border cooperation.

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European studies on Cross-border Public Services (CPS)

PUBLISHED IN FEBRUARY 2023



→ **At the end of 2022, the Commission published its report «Cross-border public services: CPS inventory analysis and policy recommendations».**

This report, published in December 2022, presents the final findings of the study on «Cross-border public services» (CPS) and complements the previous reports, with three specific objectives:

- consolidate the conceptual framework used to identify and document CPS
- design a methodology and process for future inventory data input, validation and monitoring
- produce a policy analysis and recommendations on cross-border obstacles and future CPS deployment in this report and 30 case studies.

The analysis covers the 1,551 services in the ESPON-REGIO CPS database. Most CPS are along the borders of the six founding EU Member States and the Nordic countries. Density is the highest at the Belgian-Dutch border, followed by the Austrian-German and French-German borders. CPS are mostly located along borders with a long tradition of cross-border cooperation or with significant pressure for public services in sparsely populated territories.

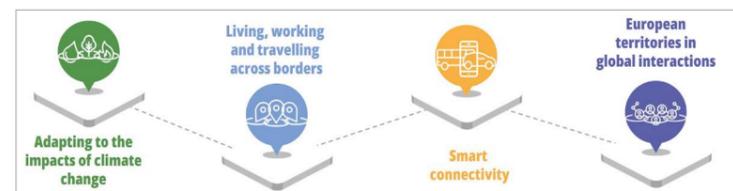
→ **ESPON Cross-border Public Services 2.0 (CPS 2.0)**

Published in September 2022, this ESPON CPS 2.0 study has been implemented in a complementary effort and coordination with the Cross-Border Public Services project by the DG REGIO. This Espo study focuses on updating the CPS inventory by adding new CPS and updating information on existing ones. This inventory is designed with sustainability and robustness in mind for continuous monitoring of CPS. In 2022, it contains information on about 1500 CPS across the EU including borders with IPA and neighbouring countries. An interactive platform will soon allow to browse this new dynamic inventory online. The MOT participated in the realization of this study, together with Spatial Foresight GmbH (Luxembourg), TCP International GmbH (Germany) and AEBR.

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ESPON open consultation: «Living, working and travelling across borders»

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Join the new public consultation for the new Thematic Action Plans launched by the ESPON Programme. The four new Thematic Action Plans:

1. Adapting to the impacts of climate change
2. Living, working and travelling across borders
3. Smart connectivity
4. European territories in global interactions

In this framework, six new calls for Tenders has been published for the first European research territorial studies, under the ESPON 2030 Programme. The objective is to shape the future of European research on territorial development.

These calls cover the four Thematic Action Plans that have been already approved.

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Call for information open to people who live and work in border regions

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In the framework of the «b-solutions initiative», AEBR is collecting cases of cross-border obstacles. To identify more obstacles hindering cross-border cooperation, AEBR has opened a call for information dedicated to people who live and work in border regions.

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EUROPEAN CONFERENCE

«Vibrant Cross-Border Labour Markets»

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The European Commission organized a major conference on cross-border employment on January 18-19, 2023, in Brussels and online. It addressed different key topics related to cross-border employment such as the access to cross-border labour markets, education, the recognition of qualifications, social security aspects, taxation and teleworking. The objective of the conference was to put the topic on the political agenda at all decision-making levels and to raise awareness of the potential but also the remaining obstacles confronting cross-border labour markets.

INTERVENTION OF THE MOT

Among the many participants (about 440 registered) were representatives from academia, cross-border projects, EURES, the European Commission, the European Parliament, employment agencies, national ministries of finance and social affairs, municipalities and regional administrations, NGOs as well as trade unions. **The MOT took part in this event and its president, Christian Dupessey, spoke at the end of the first day to discuss the role of the MOT and give the example of Greater Geneva and its cross-border**

transport network structured around the Léman Express:



« When we create infrastructure, we need the economic needs of workers, but we also serve those who go to restaurants and theatres on the other side of the border », he stressed.



CROSS-BORDER EMPLOYMENT, A KEY ISSUE AT THE HEART OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

Cross-border regions are laboratories of European Integration. Vibrant cross-border labour markets enhance citizens' access to wider job opportunities, while employers can reach a wider pool of skills. All this while allowing individuals to keep on living on the territories they consider home, thus with much reduced social costs. But, cross-border commuting (working and residing on different sides of a border) does not come without challenges for individuals and organisations. It also implies the need for policies at local, regional, national and European levels, that properly take into account such challenges. Access to labour markets, social security, education, recognition of qualifications and fair taxation are policy areas that should deeply take into account the specific context of cross-border regions.

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The Interreg Volunteer Youth (IVY) initiative celebrates its sixth anniversary

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Six years ago, the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR) started the Interreg Volunteer Youth (IVY) initiative. The IVY offers young Europeans between the ages of 18 and 30 the opportunity to work as volunteers for 2 to 6 months on an Interreg project. It has been promoted by DG REGIO with three objectives: support cooperation projects thanks to the involvement of motivated young people, make the benefits of cooperation more visible among local communities, and ultimately empower young people to engage in cooperation. Now AEBR celebrates IVY's 6th anniversary and marks with pride how this unique initiative has grown to become an established and well recognised volunteering programme which has a lot to offer to young people and actors of regional cooperation.

Over 320 Interreg programmes and projects have taken part so far, hosting about 815 young people in 20 different countries. This resulted in hundreds of projects having received support from IVY volunteers, such as the POCTEFA programme, which has hosted many volunteers from the beginning of the initiative. **«IVY is a very valuable investment in current and future territorial cooperation: it helps make it more visible and understandable, it promotes innovation, and it involves and trains potential 'activists' among the younger generations», states Martin Guillermo-Ramírez, AEBR's Secretary General.**



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A pilot project supported by DG REGIO and the OECD

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At the beginning of 2023, the DG REGIO of the European Commission together with the OECD have launched a pilot project for multi-level governance and the development of co-developed cross-border strategies. It applies to five pilot sites on European borders.

Among these five pilot sites, three are located on the French borders:

- the Eurometropolis of Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai,
- the Alzette-Belval EGTC,
- the Pyrenees Working Community.

Experts will develop integrated governance tools and action plans based on the experiences, needs and demands of the five pilot sites, which should then serve as models for all cross-border regions in Europe. The first focus groups of exchanges with the actors of these territories will take begin in spring 2023.

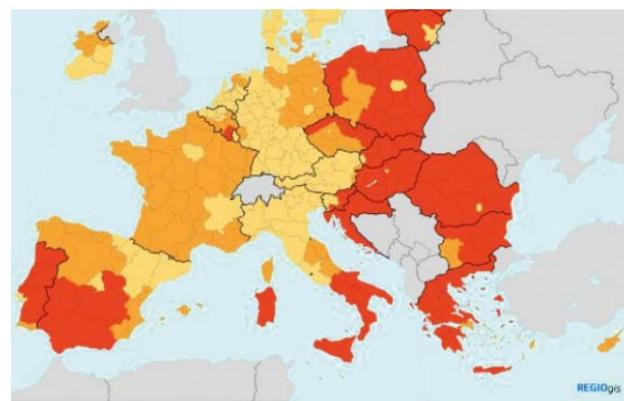
The MOT will participate in various events throughout the study (which is estimated to last about a year and a half) as an expert in order to give the actors and experts involved the benefit of its knowledge and expertise of cross-border governance; the objective of the study being to support and improve the governance of European cross-border regions.

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Commission report on cohesion policy 2021-2027

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At the beginning of May, the European Commission published its report on the programming of the cohesion policy 2021-2027. It foresees the creation of 1.3 million jobs in Europe by the end of the programming period, with an increase of 0.5% of the EU GDP and up to 4% in some Member States. The objectives are to create a «smarter and more competitive», «greener and low-carbon», «more connected», and «more social and inclusive» Europe. To develop this last priority, 2.6 billion euros are allocated to promote cross-border cooperation in the field of inclusive growth within the framework of Interreg. For France, the cohesion policy will provide 17.9 billion euros and aims to address the growing territorial inequalities in the country. In the meantime, the European Committee of the Regions is preparing



Investment for jobs and growth goal (ERDF and ESF+) eligibility, 2021-2027

Categories of regions

- Less developed regions (GDP/head (PPS) less than 75% of the EU-27 average)
- Transition regions (GDP/head (PPS) between 75% and 100% of the EU-27 average)
- More developed regions (GDP/head (PPS) above 100% of the EU-27 average)

an opinion on the future of cohesion policy for the end of November. The debate is therefore launched for the post-2027 period.

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Reflexions on the Conference «Living in Border Regions – Tackling the challenges»

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The conference «Living in Border Regions – Tackling the challenges» was organized on April 17th, 2023, in Brussels, by the European Alliance for Cross-Border Citizens (CoR, MOT, AEBR, CESC). Its objective was to study the possible ways to relaunch the draft regulation on the «European Cross-Border Mechanism» (ECBM).

Despite decades of European integration, legal and administrative obstacles still persist in cross-border territories; but the draft regulation on the ECBM, proposed by the Commission in 2018 and aimed at resolving these obstacles,

is currently blocked in the Council of the European Union.

Martin Guillermo Ramirez, Secretary General of the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR), moderated an initial discussion focused on the challenges faced by residents of border regions. These exchanges were fueled by examples from various territories, from the Euroregion New Aquitaine - Euskadi - Navarra to the border between Norway and Sweden. The b-solutions tool was cited as a key tool for identifying and tackling border obstacles, but the need to go further is clear.

In the second part, with an intervention by Jean Peyrony, Director General of the MOT, the discussion focused on the actions of the EU and Member States to facilitate life in border regions. In the European context, the (unfounded) feeling that the sovereignty of the States was threatened was one of the main reasons for opposition to the ECBM. Croatia is one of the

countries that opposes the tool, but Nikola Dobroslavić, president of the Croatian Dubrovnik-Neretva Region and a member of the CoR, believes it is possible that a simplified version of the regulation could be approved by the Council.

In his closing remarks, Pavel Branda, CoR member and chairman of the CoR Interregional Group on Cross-Border Cooperation, stated: Cross-border cooperation does not happen 'automatically'. It requires borders to be opened, but also the will, money, structures, and legal and administrative arrangements; in regard to this last factor, the adoption of the ECBM regulation will be decisive for the future of cooperation.

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A report and a study of the European Parliament to relaunch the ECBM

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Cross-border obstacles affect the daily development of cross-border living areas and services dedicated to their inhabitants. The reduction of these obstacles requires a high degree of cooperation between Member States. That is why, in 2018, the European Commission proposed a tool, the «European Cross-Border Mechanism» (ECBM), dedicated to the resolution of cross-border legal and administrative obstacles. But the Commission's proposal for a regulation on this tool is currently stalled at the Council. It is in this context that Sandro Gozi, Member of the European Parliament, has presented a draft parliamentary report that aims to relaunch this work. It includes a new drafting proposal for the regulation and should be adopted by the Parliament in September. With the agreement of the Commission and the Council Presidency, negotiations can then be resumed.

The report is based on a study by the European Parliament Research Service (EPRS) entitled «Mechanism to resolve legal and administrative obstacles in a cross-border context - European added value assessment», highlighting different policy options and their effects. The findings argue that the combination of «soft law» measures with the adoption of ECBM 2.0 would generate approximately 123 billion euros per year and more than one million jobs. According to the study, it is precisely this combination of legislative and non-legislative tools that would best cover the diversity and large number of obstacles faced by border regions.

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Call for «targeted analyses» of the ESPON 2030 programme: Bring cross-border issues to light!

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Since 2007, the «Targeted Analyses» of the ESPON programme have supported the process of territorial development in Europe, at local, regional and national levels. These analyses include sound methodologies and scientific expertise to provide tailor-made analytical studies to support territorial decision-making. The new call for proposals for the ESPON 2030 Programme is open until June 23rd 2023!

To apply, projects must fall within one of the programme's Thematic Action Plans:

- Climate neutral territories
- Governance of new geographies
- Territories resilient to crises
- Perspectives for all people and places.

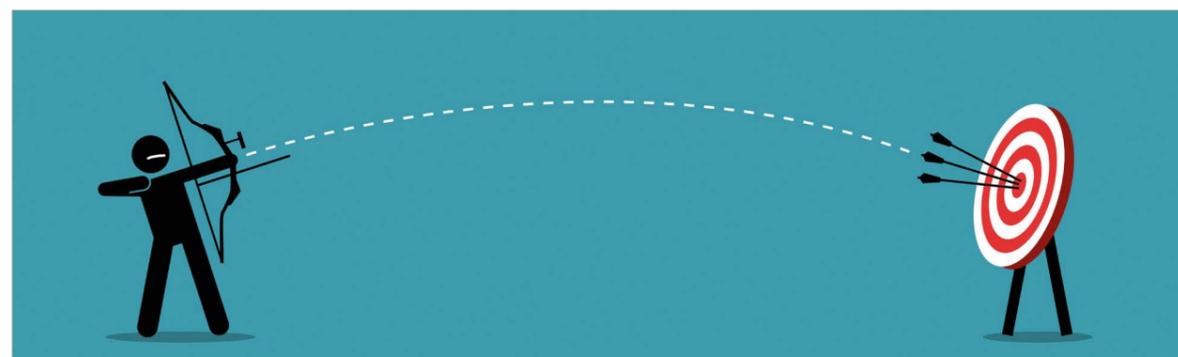
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À NOTER

The theme «Governance of new geographies» is adapted to cross-border issues.

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MOT GUIDES

«The new challenges of cross-border mobility»

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Be it for freight or for passengers, for occasional or daily travel, mobility is at the heart of cross-border life. This 11th MOT thematic Guide 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.



Next edition of the MOT Guides!

Following the recent publication of its thematic Cahiers on cross-border mobility, the MOT is now announcing the launch of a new project: a booklet on the subject of health.

This booklet will be the product of cooperation between the MOT, its members, and its national and European partners. The contributions will focus on the various challenges faced by local authorities and other actors in their cross-border cooperation projects, on the obstacles to cooperation, but also on projects that have been carried out and good practices in the field of health cooperation. The booklet will look back at the Covid-19 pandemic before focusing on health in cross-border cooperation and finally including a chapter on health beyond care.

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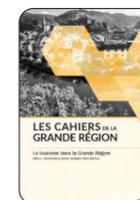
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